MANY SALES ARE REPORTED

Negotiations on for Site Occupied by Belmont Saloon

VANCOUVER MEN SEEK INVESTMENTS

Local Real Estate in Great Demand—Fort, Douglas and Government Favored

While the demand for property in Victoria is greatest in the business area, there is an expanding inquiry for all kinds of land in and around the city. A number of high priced sales are on the verge of being closed, including business lots in the heart of the city.

The building of the Pemberton block on Fort street, has enhanced the business value of that thoroughfare a fact which is exemplified by the number of purchases which have taken place there during the last few weeks. A renewed interest is also being taken in property on Douglas and Yates streets The majority of business property on the market is divided between these three streets.

The number of sales and the amount of inquiry are steadily increasing the value of business property. A similar increase is being evidenced in values just outside the present business zone, the expectation being that the city will expand rapidly and properties now in the residential area will soon be included in the business section.

Fort Street Frontage.

How owners are rating the value of their properties on Fort Street is shown by an offer of $45,000 made yesterday for a site between the new Pemberton block and Government street with a forty-three foot frontage on Fort street. The offer was refused.

Some indication of the present rating of business property in the city can be guaged from the fact that the price of $60,000 is a standing offer for the lot on the north east corner of Yates and Broad street, but this price has been refused. The would be purchasers comprise a Vancouver syndicate. The lot has only a 30- foot frontage on Yates street, and the offer made is at the rate of $2,000 a foot.

Government and Humboldt.

It is understood that negotiations are on foot for the purchase of the site on the corner of Government and Humboldt street where the Belmont saloon stands, and that if the sale is effected the new owners will erect a handsome six story structure comprised of offices and apartments. The Belmont saloon site is owned by Winnipegers.

The lot on View street known as the McCandless property near by the Institute hall has been purchased by a local man, the price involved being $10,000.

The vacant lot on the north west corner of Vancouver and Fort street measuring 50 feet by 120 has been purchased by A. E. Todd from its former possessor C. G. Wyry.

At the recent auction of Dr. Frank Hall's residence known as the old Jackson Homestead, on Smith's Hill the house was purchased as an investment by the Vancouver Island Investment Company. The consideration is understood to have been $7,000.

Messrs. Currie and Power report the sale of a residence on Stanley avenue and a number of lots on Hillside avenues.

Two business lots situated on Fort street have been put through the market through the agency of Pemberton & Son.

The lot on Fort street whereon is situated the Davies auction mart, has changed hands during the last few days the deal being put through by Gillespie and Hart.

A piece of fruit growing property comprising 10 acres has been sold in the Gordon Head district, the purchase price being $8,000.

MINING PROPERTY SOLD

E. B. McKay Purchases Cascade Copper Company's Holdings

With the bids starting at $100 and moving upwards at a sprightly rate the Cascade Copper Mining Company's holdings on the West Coast of the island were sold by Sheriff Richards yesterday morning to interests represented by E. B. McKay, provincial surveyor for $500.

The sale in the sheriff's office, was well attended and considerable interest in the property, which is generally looked upon as valuable was evinced. The company became involved in difficulties some time ago and the sale yesterday was the result. The property is not developed to any extent as yet and Mr. McKay was not prepared to say yesterday what disposition will be made of the holdings immediately. It is understood however that considerable development work will be done in the near future.

IKEDA MINE SALE

Japanese Property on Queen Charlotte Islands Taken Over by Consolidated Company

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—Confirmation of the report of the sale of the well-known Ikeda mine, Queen Charlotte Islands, is now at hand. The purchaser is the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, of Trail. It is understood that the price approximates $200,000. Mr. A. W. Davis, of Trail, has returned after a trip of inspection which he made of the property in company with Mr. Ikeda. The negotiations lasted a long time, and the Granby company, of Grand Forks, was also negotiating for the purchase. It is understood that a smelting plant will be erected near the claims.

The property is the largest mine worked in this province by Japanese capital. It was discovered some four or five years ago by some fishermen of Japanese nationality, and 47 claims were staked. All these showed great wealth, but only one has been worked to any extent. This, which is known as the Lily claim, has produced values running from $1 to $12.80 in gold, up to 4.08 ounces in silver, and from 1.14 per cent to 17.92 per cent copper per ton. The mine was floated by a syndicate, with headquarters in Yokohama, and was capitalized at $75,000. The cost of shipment and treatment averaged $3 per ton.

In addition to the immense deposit of ore, the Trail company will acquire ore-bunkers of a capacity of 1,000 tons, which are situated near a wharf 275 feet in length. A tram line run by gravity connects with the mine about a mile inland, and communication with the neighboring settlements of Collison Bay and Jedway is maintained by telephone. The bay at Ikeda is a splendid one and offers every facility as a safe harbor.

A short time ago the property was inspected with a view to purchase by the Glasgow firm of J. F. McArthur.

SITTINGS DELAYED

Wind, Weather and Promotions Prevented Sessions of Court

Circumstances conspired to prevent a holding of the regular sitting of Chambers yesterday morning. The circumstances comprised wind and weather, previous engagements and promotions. Chief Justice Hunter was at Shawnigan, weather-bound and cut off from the city; Messrs. Justices Irving and Martin had been elevated to the court of appeals and Messrs. Justices Clement and Morrisson were in Vancouver where important cases are engaging their attention at present. Messrs. Justices Gregory and Murphy who have been elevated to the supreme court bench have not yet been sworn in. Their commissions will not arrive from Ottawa for several days.

PREMIER LEAVES FOR THE SOUTH

Attorney-General Acting as Head of Government—Provincial Building Plans

Hon. Premier and Mrs. McBride left last evening for Puget Sound and California, a fortnight's complete rest having been decided upon by the First Minister as a due reward after the past strenuous six weeks. Mrs. McBride also has been far from strong during some months past, and notably has occasioned anxiety to her husband and friends since the loss of her only son in his infancy about a month ago. The Premier has made no fixed arrangements for the short holiday, which it is hoped will greatly benefit both Mrs. McBride and himself. During their absence Hon. W. J. Bowser is Acting Premier, and the meeting of the executive arranged for Wednesday next stands over informally. Announcements will be made of re-arrangements and several important appointments so soon as the Premier returns.

Now that the election is over, there is every reason that an early beginning will be made with the completion of what future generations will probably know as Parliament Square. The purchase of necessary properties on Superior street is now in progress, while negotiations have been initiated with the Dominion government, looking to the removal of the Drill Hall, in order that the block of provincial buildings may be in harmony. In the treatment of the government, Superior and Menzies street frontages, consideration will be given the original ideas of Hon. J. H. Turner, with respect to the creation of horticultural gardens, in which all flora of the province shall be adequately represented.

REGARDS ACTION AS SLIGHT TO HIM

Considerable mystery surrounds a remarkable meeting held in Victoria on Tuesday evening last, which is understood to have been the redemption of the announced "early conference" of local Liberal leaders to consider the position of the party in the light of Thursday's overthrow, and decide as to leadership and a future plan of campaign.

The mystery begins with the failure of the originators of this meeting to extend an invitation to Mr. John Jardine, M.P.P., who, having held Esquimalt against assaults that were far from informidable, would certainly be regarded as entitled to recognition above that of a common trooper.

Mr. Jardine was not "among those present," however—and, on his own information, had not indeed been bidden.

In his absence the selection was made of Mr. H. C. Brewster, who is conceded re-elected in Alberni (although the returns are still incomplete) as leader of the remnants of the party in the legislature. The selection and the manner in which it has been made, promise to split the party in twain, for Mr. Jardine is not disposed to meekly follow after having been so discourteously treated.

It would perhaps be incorrect to say that there is trouble in the ranks, the pluralization suggesting something divisible. Unless, however, an explanation more satisfactory to Mr. Jardine than any he had received up to yesterday afternoon, presents itself in the near future, serious disruption is inevitable, the outcome being that absolute unanimity will present itself in the Liberal Opposition —embodied in Mr. H. C. Brewster, M. P. P., leader and following combined.

Why Mr. Jardine, who has held his seat and added to his reputation as a politician while his so-called leaders have shown themselves out of touch with the public, and have gone down to defeat, should be excluded from caucus as well as from recognition in the matter of leadership which he would seem to have as strong claims upon as anyone of his party, are matters which Sam Weller would classify among those mysteries that "no fellow can find out."

PARALYZED BY STRIKE

Switchmen's Stoppage of Work Affects Many Industries in States

THOUSANDS OF MEN ARE LEFT IDLE

Tie-up Particularly Affects Mining in Montana and Idaho

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 1.—Every line of industry in the Twin Cities, Duluth and Superior, and all cities of the northwest dependent on the movement of supplies, is seriously affected by the strike of railroad switchmen which began at six o'clock last evening. It is estimated that upwards of 12,000 men are idle on account of the strike order. Thousands of freight handlers and teamsters are losing time by reason of the freight blockade in the terminal towns, while a continuance of the strike for several days will throw additional thousands out of work. The railroad yards are filled with stalled freight trains, and an attempt to move a few by the aid of men drafted as switchmen is making no impression. The railroad managers' committee announced today that they were bringing in new switchmen to replace the strikers, and today President Hawley, of the switchmen's union of North America, said: "All right, let them come, we will not object."

Business men generally are beginning to feel the result of the strike. The first to be affected were the wholesale grocers and commission houses. Wholesale grocers report that nothing is moving. Commission houses are doing nothing, and their customers in the small towns who got their supplies from day to day will soon be unable to get vegetables and fruit. Some of the larger commission houses today reduced their working forces, and will make further reductions in the morning if the strike continues. At Minneapolis the flour mills closed down tonight, and it is estimated that 3,500 men employed in them are idle. A continuation of the strike will put out of employment about 7,500 more men who are employed in the cooperative and allied trades.

In the Iron Range country the small towns will soon be facing a famine unless trains of foodstuffs can be brought there. The mines will be affected by the stopping of freight traffic. On the ore docks at Duluth and Superior, within forty-eight hours ten thousand men will be out of employment, and the general loss on account of non-employment for labor and inability to deliver merchandise will run into the thousands of dollars.

Bad in Montana.

The most serious effect will be in Montana, particularly at Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls, where the copper mines and smelters are. In Montana and western Idaho freight traffic is tied up. About sixty freight trains are stationary. The switchmen are in control of all terminal points. This territory is taken care of by the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroads. Unless the railroads can carry coal to the smelters and ore from the mines to the smelters, operations must speedily cease. The smelters will be affected first, for their coke supply is limited. The mines may be able to mine ore and store it on the dumps and in the bins for a while, but not long. The entire town of Butte is dependent on the operation of the mines and smelters. When they stop everything stops. All foodstuffs are imported. Many of the mining companies run stores. A miner's credit is good there only as long as he works. The smelters in Anaconda employ about 2500 men. They are idle. There are also smelters at Great Falls employing about 5,000 men, who are idle.

That all hope of a settlement of the strike at present are at an end was indicated by the departure to Washington tonight of Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and U. S. Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neil. Mr. Knapp said he could do nothing but offer his services, and they were not wanted at present.

SPOKANE, Dec. 1.—Freight traffic was almost completely tied up today on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern lines and all their branches centering here. Eighty of the 200 Northern Pacific switchmen and 45 of the 200 Great Northern men have quit. The total number idle here is estimated at 250. The most serious development here is a threatened shortage of fuel. The Great Northern car shops and repair works at Hillyard, a suburb of Spokane, were closed today. About five hundred men are thrown out of employment. "Shortage of material" is the explanation given by the company.

CUSTOMS RETURNS SHOW INCREASES

Amount Collected Last Month Over $50,000 in Excess of Same Month Last Year

The customs returns for the month just closed show a total of over $50,000 in excess of those of the same month last year.

During the month of November $99,561.52 was collected for duties, $46,522.00 in Chinese revenues, over ninety two newcomers having entered at this port during the month, each paying the capitation tax of $500, and $15.10 was taken in other revenues, a total of $146,098.62 The total collections during November of last year were $985,864.78. During that month the duties collected totalled $82,816.93, and Chinese revenue $13,035.

The duties paid during last month totalled more than the total receipts of the same month last year. The Chinese revenue for November was excelled only by the collections from Chinese in June and July and August, the largest total from this source being collected in the latter month when $65,594 was paid by Chinese.

VAIO SEEKS HONOR IN FOREIGN FIELD

Brook Vaio will represent the Victoria Y.M.C.A. in the Pacific Northwest Championship meet to be held at Tacoma next Saturday. Vaio is a comer if he cannot be fairly said to have already arrived. His performances are fresh in the minds of most Victorians who keep posted on athletics.

W. G. Findlay, the physical director of the local Y.M.C.A., who has acted as the promising lad's godfather almost from the time he made his debut, will chaperone him on the pending expedition. They leave on Friday. Among the events in which Vaio will participate are the following: 25-yard dash, 30-yard hurdles, three standing broad jumps and the 120-yard potato race.

BUT FIVE SURVIVORS IN BILLIARD TOURNEY

With but five remaining of the original forty entries, the Empress hotel billiard handicap nears the final and deciding game. Interest has increased as round has followed round and man after man has been put down and out. The survivors are Messrs. Taylor, Ford, Macdonald, and Youle. When the grand finale will take place is uncertain. However, it won't be long, and when it does take place, Victoria's billiard enthusiasts will be out in force as, if conclusions may be based on the class displayed thus far, the last should be an exhibition of sorts.

MANSON WILL HAVE BIG MAJORITY

Returns in Comox Indicate Unsuccessful Candidates Will Lose Deposits

With seven polling places to hear from in the Comox constituency, Mike Manson (Conservative) has now a lead of 159 votes. The districts to be heard from will probably total some eighty votes, with indications that Mr. Manson's final majority will be over 200. The Conservative M.P.P. elect arrived in the city last night and is registered at the Dominion hotel. He states that the three candidates who opposed him, namely Cartwright (Socialist), Duncan (Ind. Conservative), and Forrester (Liberal), will likely all lose their deposits. When Mr. Manson left Comox the figures stood Manson 359, Cartwright 200, Duncan 171, and Forrester 141. The outstanding districts to be heard from are Cortez Island, Read Island, Bold Point, Granite Bay, Roy, Port Harvey, and Hardy Bay.

Mr. Manson makes his headquarters at Cortez Island and is only spending a day in the city. Owing to the heavy rainfall of the week end and the dislocation of the Island railroad, Mr. Manson was compelled to travel to Victoria via Vancouver.

PUBLIC DOES NOT SHOW INTEREST

The thirteenth annual meeting of the B. C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in the city hall Tuesday evening with C. N. Cameron, president, in the chair. The reports presented showed that during the year the affairs of the society had been in a flourishing condition and much good work had been done. The secretary, Thomas W. Palmer, presented his report, in which he pointed out the fact that the society's usefulness would have been augmented had those who might have served as witnesses in cases come forward.

The treasurer's report showed gross receipts of $852.18 and expenditures of $605.50, leaving a balance on hand of $246.68. The retiring officers were all re-elected and the following gentlemen elected as a committee: Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Rev. E. G. Miller and Messrs. C. Davie, A. J. Dallain and Arthur Rea. The necessity of having a duly qualified uniformed inspector was discussed. Such an official is necessary if the numerous cases of cruelty are to be properly dealt with. It was the opinion of the meeting that if the public realized the extreme importance of the question, funds would be forthcoming to meet the expense of maintaining such an official.

The Local Zoo

Another point brought up was that of the imperfect protection afforded animals at Beacon Hill park and a sub-committee was appointed to confer with the parks board on the matter. An appeal will be made to the public in an effort to raise the society's revenue to $1,000. The Bishop of Columbia, Mr. Justice Martin, Rev. E. G. Miller, A. J. Dallain and others took part in the discussion.

The annual report submitted by the secretary referred to the necessity of the appointment of a paid inspector, whose duty it would be to watch for, and investigate on the spot, cases of cruelty to animals in the streets and suburbs. Last year for seven months an inspector was appointed at $20 per month, but the lack of funds necessitated dispensing with his services. The non-support of the public has been the cause of the apparent failure of the society to carry out the objects for which it was formed. During the year a total of sixty-eight cases were investigated and several lectures were given at the Sunday schools by Rev. E. G. Miller with a view of educating the young in the importance of the society's work. The report also refers to the "barbarous practice by which egret feathers are procured to supply the dictates of fashion."

The cricket supremacy of South Africa is about to be disputed by the M.C.C. team, under the captaincy of Leveson-Gower. It left Southampton for Capetown over a week ago. South Africans have clearly demonstrated their right to compete with England on even terms and an interchange of visits henceforth appears assured.

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TRAINS COME TO VANCOUVER

C. P. R. Service to Coast Is Restored—Trouble With Large Mudslide

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—Train service on the C. P. R. is being re-established today, and the first train to reach Vancouver since last Saturday arrived at 7:30 o'clock tonight. It was closely followed by two others of the stalled westbound trains, and before midnight hundreds of people and a great mass of delayed mail and express matter will arrive in the city.

The main line of the C. P. R. was reported clear at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and stalled trains were promptly started for the coast. This morning three passenger trains, two of them regular trains and the third a Chinese special, left Vancouver for the East.

Yesterday afternoon a mudslide about 80 feet long buried the railway tracks in the vicinity of Hammond. This obstruction was cleared away at noon today, and one hour later the break in the line near Lytton had been repaired. The trains which will reach Vancouver tonight from the east are those which have been stalled at Kanaka, just east of North Bend.

The Great Northern line between Vancouver and Seattle is still out of business, and it is not expected that through connection will be re-established for two or three days. Five miles of telegraph wire washed out.

NEW DISPOSITION ST. JAMES STABLES

The St. James' stud, owned by Irving H. Wheatcroft, of Victoria, is being removed from Woodburn Farm, at Spring Station, to the Oakland Farm, near Lexington, Ky. It consists of the stallions Cesarion, Yorkshire Lad, and Go Between, 61 brood mares, 41 weanlings, and about 25 yearlings. A few yearlings are at the Kentucky association track, and others will be put in the December sales. These changes are being conducted by Mr. Wheatcroft in person, who, in company with Mrs. Wheatcroft and son, has just returned from England.

The Wheatcroft horses in training will be raced in two divisions during the winter. Those now at Latonia will go to Jacksonville in charge of trainer Marion, who has won about $30,000 in stakes and purses for the master of St. James stud this year. The others, to the number of about a dozen, including French Cook, the winner of the Victoria Derby, will go to Jaurez, in charge of James Headley, who now has them in British Columbia. About March 1 Headley will bring his string from Jaurez to Jacksonville, where the stable will be united. Another negotiation into which Mr. Wheatcroft has entered is for the lease of a small farm near Hamilton, Ont. It is his intention to send there in January about a dozen of his mares now in foal to Cesarion and Yorkshire Lad, that their produce may be born in Canada and be eligible for province-bred horses. Thus far, Mr. Wheatcroft, who is virtually a beginner, and in no sense a betting man, has realized handsomely on his investment in thoroughbred horses, and his plans are an indication that he considers breeding and racing profitable enough to justify his investing more thoroughly.

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Blame for Collision

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 1.—The investigation into the disaster at McNeil's creek some weeks ago when two I. C. R. trains met in a head-on collision, killing five persons, ended tonight. No blame is thrown upon any party except Driver Whalen of the freight, who was killed, and Conductor Thompson of the freight, wso escaped.

Winnipeg Mayoralty.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 1.—Ed. Martin, president of the Martin-Bole-Wynne Drug company, is being urged to oppose Mayor Sanford Evans in the civic election to be held next month. Mr. Martin is president of the board of trade, and would be a strong candidate. The fight will be on the segregation question.

Found Frozen

HUNTSVILLE, Ont., Dec. 1.—Lying in the bush, frozen stiff, the body of John Middleton was discovered by a searching party. Middleton left his shoe shop at Sprucedale on Tuesday last, when busily engaged in packing his effects for removal to Cochrane. Searching parties have been engaged scouring the woods ever since he disappeared.

Booth Company's Case

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Announcement was made here today by the state's attorney that the cases against W. V. Booth, formerly president of A. Booth & Co., together with Frederick Robins, former assistant treasurer of the fish company, would be tried this month. The defendants were indicted on a charge of conspiring to defraud the Continental national bank of $100,000. False statements of assets of the Booth Co. are alleged to have been made in obtaining credit for A. Booth & Co. from the bank.

Pays Large Tax

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—A cheque for $11,999.60, being payment of their school tax for one year, was remitted by the E. B. Eddy Co. to the Hull public school board. For twenty years the Eddy company enjoyed almost total exemption. They paid $1,300 each year. A month ago the school board refused to renew the exemption, and the E. B. Eddy company were taxed at the rate of 10 mills on the dollar on their property, which is assessed at $1,100,000. The entire appropriation for school purposes in Hull is only $28,000, so that the Eddy Company's contribution will represent nearly half the entire amount.

QUEBEC, Dec. 1.—The steerage passengers who arrived in port on Nov. 14th last by the steamer Dominion, and who were subsequently taken back to quarantine at Grosse Island on account of smallpox developing on board the vessel on its voyage here, came up to Quebec this morning and were forwarded to their various destinations.

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Religious Mania

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Dec. 1.—O. Swarts, a prominent lawyer here, jumped into the icy waters of St. Mary's river from the pier of the American ferry. He was fished out by emigration officials and returned to the Canadian side. Asked why he had done so he replied: "The Lord told me to." He had been regularly attending evangelical services in the American Soo, conducted by Shelton and McEwan, and when crossing on the ferry last night was down on his knees all the way across.