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THE LAST FURROW.  
Lord Salisbury's Resignation Announced Monday, July 14th.

### KING EDWARD'S CORONATION GIFT

#### HE OFFERS OSBORNE HOUSE TO THE PEOPLE

Hopes It Will Be Converted Into Convalescent Home for Army and Navy Officers.

London, Aug. 10.—King Edward has signified his intention in a memorial manner by the munificent gift to the nation of Osborne House, one of the favorite residences of the late Queen Victoria.

The gift is made in the following message to his people, addressed to Prime Minister Balfour:

"Buckingham Palace, Coronation Day, 1902.

"Under the will of the King's much beloved mother, the Osborne House estate is, as Mr. Balfour is aware, the private property of the Sovereign. Having to spend a considerable part of each year in the capital of his kingdom and in its neighborhood at Windsor, and having also strong home ties in the county of Norfolk, which has existed for nearly 40 years, the King feels he will be unable to make adequate use of Osborne House as a royal residence. He accordingly has determined to offer this property in the Isle of Wight as a gift to the nation.

"As Osborne House is sacred to the memory of the late Queen, it is the King's wish that, with the exception of those apartments which were in the personal occupation of Her Majesty, his people shall always have access to the house, which must ever be associated with her beloved name.

"As regards the rest of the building, the King hopes it may be devoted to national purposes and be converted into a convalescent home for officers of the navy and army whose health has been impaired in rendering service to their country.

"If, in order to give full legal effect to the King's wishes, it is found that application to parliament be necessary, the King trusts that Mr. Balfour will see that the necessary steps are in due course taken."

Privy Council.

London, Aug. 11.—King Edward held a privy council to-day at Buckingham Palace, at which the newly appointed ministers were sworn before the monarch at an investiture of the Victorian Order.

#### CHEMANIUS NOTES.

Bush Fires Are Doing Considerable Damage—Town Hill Had Narrow Escape.

Chemanus, Aug. 11.—For the past few days this place has been seriously threatened by bush fires. During Saturday afternoon no hopes were entertained that the Chemanus Landing school would be saved, but the fire passed it. During Saturday night a crew of men worked all night, taking measures to save the town hall. On Sunday afternoon the fire again threatened the hall, and a large crew of men then set fires all around the hall and burned back towards the bush fire. Had not some such prompt steps been taken, there is no doubt but that the building would have been destroyed.

The Victoria Lumber Company have had a great deal of trouble with fires around their camp, having several bridges burned out, which causes great interruptions to their logging operations.

The Chilian barque Antonietta arrived yesterday afternoon to land a cargo of lumber for the West Coast for South America.

#### SEVEN LIVES LOST.

Hotel Burned—Damage, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars.

San Angelo, Texas, Aug. 10.—The London hotel was burned to-day with a loss of \$75,000. Seven persons are known to have been killed. The guests of the hotel are missing, but are thought to be safe. There were 75 persons in the hotel.

#### DOHERTY'S WON.

New York, Aug. 8.—In the international tennis doubles today, the Doherty brothers, of England, defeated Ward and Davis, the United States players.

## ARE STILL COMING TO THE NORTHWEST

### AMERICANS PURCHASE LARGE TRACK OF LAND

Harvesting Now in Progress in Manitoba — Wharf Collapsed and Many Excursionists Had Narrow Escape.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—A. D. Davidson, Duluth, president of the Land Company, who was here on Saturday, says his company has just sold to Thomas B. Herd and associates, of Central City, Neb., 33,000 acres of their land near Davidson, N.W.T. Mr. Herd purposed putting this enormous tract of land under wheat and will then have the largest wheat farm in America. Col. Davidson estimated that within five years 100,000 American farmers from Western States will settle in Western Canada.

Died From Injuries.

Robert Gilmore, bricklayer, was struck on the head by a falling brick on Saturday, and died of injuries the same evening in Grace hospital.

Fatal Fall.

Goldman MacFarlane, the 12-year-old lad who was seriously injured by falling from Bathurst street bridge on Friday, caused by catching hold of a live wire, is dead.

Both Drowned.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 11.—Chester McCluskey and Walter Pynes were drowned on Saturday while competing in a sailing race, the boat being struck and capsized by a sudden squall.

Wharf Given Way.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—Forty persons were precipitated in the water at Isle Gros Bois, a short distance from the river here, on Saturday afternoon by the wharf caving in. It was the occasion of the city's picnic and the crowd was making for a boat when the wharf gave way. No one was drowned.

C. P. R. Dividend.

At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific railway this afternoon a dividend of two and a half per cent on common stock, was declared. It is expected that a successful John W. Mackay will be appointed at this afternoon's meeting.

Gathering in the Grain.

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—To-day the weather's bright and warm, and coming after the recent rains will certainly hasten on the ripening of the wheat. Already at several points in the province cutting has commenced, and with the present weather harvesting will have started in many localities by the middle of the week. Samples of wheat received here recently from the different sections show that the crop will not only be the largest ever harvested in the west, but will mostly grade No. 1. The same can be said of other grains and roots. Reports from all over the province and Territories show that the farmers are jubilant over the prospects.

Book Styrchnine.

Palmerston, Ont., Aug. 11.—Thomas Lang, an old resident, is dead from dose of strychnine taken with suicidal intent.

Fast Atlantic Service.

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—It is learned that no contract for the fast Atlantic line will be awarded until Sir Wilfrid Laurier's return to Canada. Sir William Mulock has given up the idea of an extended tour, and will return to Canada with Hon. Mr. Patterson in September.

Vallanceourt Dead.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug. 11.—Magliore Vallanceourt, the French-Canadian, who had been under arrest here charged with the murder of Fido Gasparati in February last, and who was removed to the general hospital after being released from jail by order of Justice Falconbridge, is dead.

### POURING FORTH SMOKE.

Three Mountains in Alaska Are Still Active.

Seattle, Aug. 11.—Mounts Redoubt, Katmai, and Augustine, in the Cook Inlet section of Alaska, continue to emit smoke. The peaks were active while the steamer Santa Anna, which has arrived from the north, was at Cook's Inlet.

"It was a pretty sight," Capt. Anderson said, "to see in full view of all three peaks, the farthest being not more than fifty miles distant. The smoke did not appear to be very dense, but enough smoke has been scattered over the snow covered peaks to almost blacken the white surface. There was no flame coming from either mountain."

### LOADING AT NANAIMO FOR SAN FRANCISCO

#### Collier Titania Will Probably Get Away To Night—Progress of Work at Malcolm Island.

Nanaimo, Aug. 11.—The arrival of the Wyfield and the Titania in close succession has again made it busy about the mines. The Wyfield left on Friday night; the Titania expects to get away this evening. They take combined cargo there are about 10,000 tons. Both will return again.

The trader, with Admiral Rose, Sir Richard Masgrave and Forbes Vernon on board, left early on Saturday morning for the north on a fishing expedition. It was remarked by some who visited the shore while the mackerel was in port that a very complete supply of stakes very similar to those used in staking timber limits or mineral claims were on deck.

Dr. O. H. Bickman, after a day or two spent here, left yesterday for his home in Astoria. He came down from Sointula, Malcolm Island, a few days ago, and reports that all is progressing satisfactorily. The doctor says there are about 40 inhabitants on this island at present. Work is progressing satisfactorily. The masonry for the saw-mill is about completed, and the plant is being installed. They are hurrying work in order to get the houses at Sointula completed before winter. The saw recently purchased by them is constant use towing lighters of stone, sand, etc., and in towing logs to the mill site. The logs are taken to the mill by means of the well known system of a donkey engine placed on a scow, which is towed by the mill. The plant is being installed in the mill site. Within the last few weeks a swamp, which will be easily drained, was discovered on the island about five miles from Sointula. It is really a succession of swamps, connected by a stream. A short cut to the sea will drain it and afford splendid pasturage for the sheep. A small settlement where truck gardening is being carried on exists about a mile from this prospective pasturage ground. Other swamps nearer Sointula are now being drained.

The city is enveloped in smoke from the bush fires raging about. The most dangerous one is that on the east Wellington track, which is only about half a mile from the Newcastle worksite. It has been raging since Saturday. Others exist on the Nanaimo river.

### WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL LEAD MARKET

Negotiations in Progress Looking to the  
Combination of the Manufacturing  
Interests of the States.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 11.—The Lead and Zinc News to-day says: "The combination of the industry is now nearing completion. While its promoters are more than ordinarily reticent, it is definitely known that the scope of the merger will include most of the large white lead plants east of the Mississippi River, the principal pipe and sheet lead plants, a number of shot towers and some companies manufacturing products in which lead forms one of the chief components. Included in the merger will be the Union Lead & Oil Company, which was organized last year by the Ryan-Whitney catering capitalists, with a capital of \$10,000,000, which controls the Bailey' process of manufacturing white lead.

"Overtures made to induce the International Lead Company into the merger are said to be favorably looked upon by a portion of the directorate. Behind the merger are the Ryan-Whitney and American Smelting & Refining Co. interests. Options have been secured on a number of corrodng plants of the country, notably the Gandwick Co., of Boston, and the Raymond Industry, direct and indirectly, gives the province half of its revenue, yet the mining localities which properly nursed, would transiently augment our revenue are starved, and there is a continual outcry against the government for its unscrupulous policy of the New South Wales course towards mining. The trail up the Gordon river, where the best claims are, is very poor, responsible for back losses. The trail to the botanical station should be widened, so that trucks and luggage may be taken over it. I could not hear of any other news of the kind. Most of the roads and trails have been built by private enterprise. The New South Wales syndicate. The government wharf went to pieces. The syndicate built a new one at a cost of \$3,000; it built a wagon

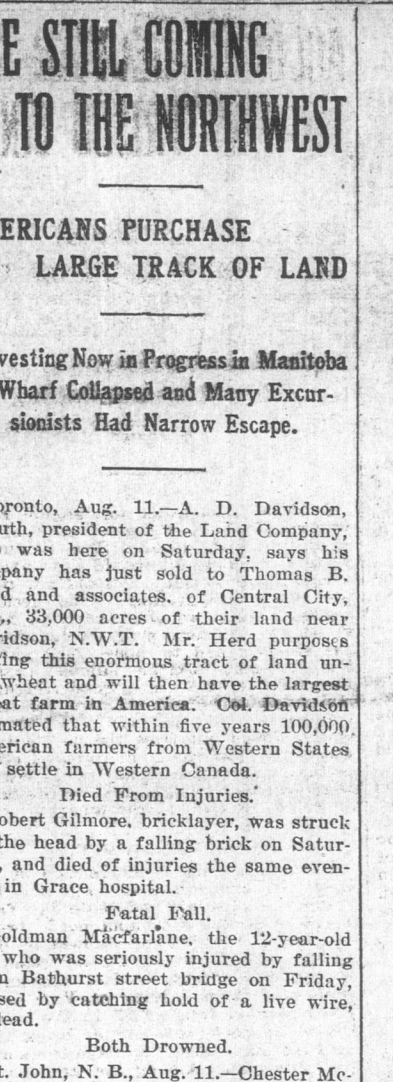
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### DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST COAST

#### SMITH CURTIS BACK FROM A VISIT THERE

#### He Tells the Times What He Saw While Away—Roads Are Badly Needed.

Smith Curtis, M. P., returned on the Queen City this morning from a visit to the West Coast. He made the round trip in the C. P. R. steamer, and in an interview by a Times reporter this morning, he said:

"The San Juan district has some splendid surface showings of mineral, but work alone cannot be done. There is magnetic iron ore, which is being hanged one being limestone and the other probably diorite. I saw the Conqueror group owned by Beatty McGregor and others. Bugaboo creek, a tributary of the Gordon river, several miles above the harbor, has cut the lead and made a great showing of high grade magnetite. The hanging wall to a depth of about 60 feet, exposing the vein to that depth. This is a prospect of undoubted merit.

"On another property of Gordon river, owned by H. G. Newton's syndicate, a crosscut was in solid run some 30 feet, without the hanging wall being reached, with every indication of the deposits of iron ore, and the plant is energetically carrying on operations which will eventually determine the value of the iron ore. No other men are doing more than assessments.

"There are some localities on two gullies in the valley and in the valley, and should add considerably to the growth of the place, as there are many a large quantity of merchantable timber."

"There is a beautiful sand beach extending for two miles between the mouths of Gordon and San Juan rivers, with breakers continually rolling in, making it an ideal place for surf-bathing, especially in the winter. The water is deep coming through dark waters and biting off her (or his) pedal extremities. I visited the botanical station, established last year, by Prof. McMillan and Miss Tilden, of the Minnesota University, and found some 30 students in attendance. I found no educational work in progress, but it might be well for our education department to look into the benefits to be derived and induce some of our teachers and students to spend a month there in future seasons.

"I found the great grievance of San Juan to be the same as that of other mining regions, and that is the failure of the government to build trails and wagon roads. Wagon roads on all our road money go? The mining industry, directly and indirectly, gives the province half of its revenue, yet the mining localities which properly nursed, would transiently augment our revenue are starved, and there is a continual outcry against the government for its unscrupulous policy of the New South Wales course towards mining. The trail up the Gordon river, where the best claims are, is very poor, responsible for back losses. The trail to the botanical station should be widened, so that trucks and luggage may be taken over it. I could not hear of any other news of the kind. Most of the roads and trails have been built by private enterprise. The New South Wales syndicate. The government wharf went to pieces. The syndicate built a new one at a cost of \$3,000; it built a wagon

### TRIDENT DEFEATED TECUMSEH BY SIX MINUTES IN THE FOURTH RACE.

Beaconsfield, Que., Aug. 11.—(Of yacht race course.)—The fourth of the series of the international yacht races for possession of the Seavanhaka cup started at 2:30 this afternoon, when Trident, the defender, crossed the line, followed three minutes and a half later by Tecumseh. A fresh wind was blowing.

The Result.

Later—Trident won the fourth and final race of the series. The Seavanhaka cup remains in possession of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht club, for another year. Trident finished at 4:28:30, and Tecumseh at 4:34.

### TEST CRICKET MATCH.

Last of Series Between Australia and England Now in Progress.

London, Aug. 11.—The last test cricket match between the Australian and English teams was begun to-day on Kensington Oval before 20,000 spectators. The Australians were all out in their first innings for 324 runs.

### THE ROYAL MINT.

Work Will Commence on Building This Fall.

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—Work on the Royal mint will be commenced here this fall, and will be finished in two years. The building will be located on Nepean Point.

### EDISON'S OPINION.

Electric Motors and Automobiles Will Replace Locomotives and Horses Within Thirty Years.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug. 11.—The official organ of the press exhibition, which was opened here on June 14th, prints a letter from Thomas A. Edison in reply to queries as to his opinions concerning motor traction and aerial navigation. Mr. Edison's letter read as follows:

"I believe that within thirty years nearly all railways will discard steam locomotives for electric motors, and the electric automobile will take the place of the horse entirely. In the present state of science there are no known factors that would promise a commercial future to aerial navigation."

### QUEEN HENRIETTA.

Her Majesty Was Slightly Better This Morning.

Spa, Belgium, Aug. 11.—Marie Henrietta, Queen of the Belgians, had a good night and was able to leave her bed this morning for breakfast. Serious rumors were in circulation last night that the condition of the Queen was dangerous, but at a late hour Her Majesty's physicians reported that she had revived and that there was no cause for anxiety.



## Baby's Own Tablets

### For Weak, Sickly Children in Hot Weather.

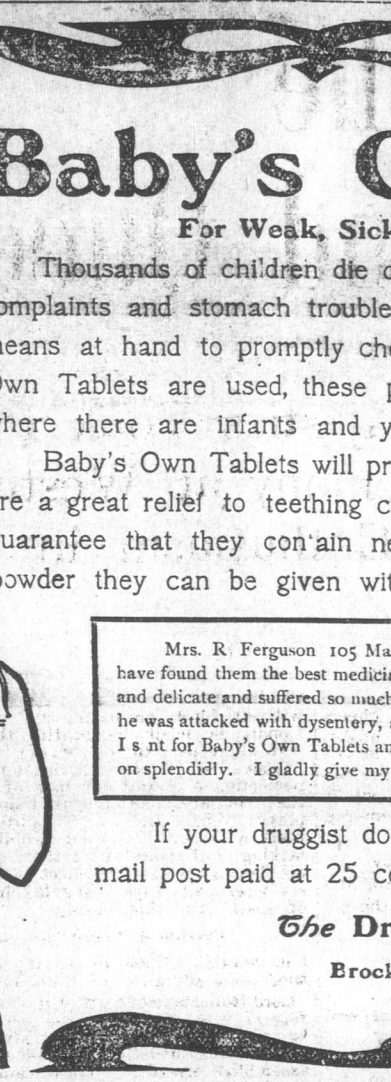
Thousands of children die during the hot, weather months, because summer complaints and stomach troubles come suddenly, and mothers do not have the means at hand to promptly check and cure them. In homes where Baby's Own Tablets are used, these precious little lives can be saved, and no home where there are infants and young children, should be without them.

Baby's Own Tablets will promptly cure all stomach and bowel troubles, and are a great relief to teething children. The Tablets are sold under a positive guarantee that they contain neither opiate nor harmful drug. Crushed up a powder they can be given with absolute safety to a new born babe.

Mrs. R. Ferguson 105 Mansfield St., Montreal, says:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets and have found them the best medicine I have ever given my children. My baby has always been small and delicate and suffered so much last summer with his teeth that I did not think he would live. Then he was attacked with dysentery, a feverish skin and a cough. As the doctors' medicine did not help him I tried Baby's Own Tablets and they did him a won'erful amount of good, and he is now getting on splendidly. I gladly give my experience for the benefit of other mothers."

If your druggist does not keep these Tablets they will be sent by mail post paid at 25 cents a box by writing direct to

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co.,  
Brockville, Ont. or Schenectady, N. Y.



### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

#### Carnival at San Francisco—Visitors Pouring into the City.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—The grand carnival of the Knights of Pythias opens to-day, though the official business of the order will not receive attention until to-morrow. Thousands of visitors have already arrived from the East, and by Wednesday morning it is expected that from 50,000 to 75,000 strangers will be here. The decoration of the city has been carried out on a scale never before attempted, especially in the way of electric light effects. The Mechanics' Pavilion will be the headquarters of the Knights. It has been almost transformed into a military camp with many tents and thousands of cots. The headquarters of Major-General James R. Carnahan, who is in command of the uniformed rank forces, are in the pavilion.

### THE CABLE CUT.

German Intend to Land Force in Venezuela to Protect Their Interests.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Minister Bowen has called the state department from Caracas, Venezuela, and the revolutionists have cut the cable at Barcelona. Minister Bowen says that the cable was cut immediately after the receipt of a message stating that the revolutionists were entering the city. Minister Bowen has also advised the state department to-day that the Germans intend to land a naval force at Porto Cabello to protect German interests which are threatened by the uprising now in progress. The minister advised that the United States follow a policy of non-interference on occasion of officials of the state and navy department instructions were cabled to Commander Nicholas, in the United States, to proceed from Lagnaira to Porto Cabello and to land a naval force in case of attack. The Topoka has already left for Porto Cabello.

### THE MINERS' STRIKE.

Struggle in Coal Fields Has Entered Upon the Fourteenth Week.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 11.—Three collieries were started in this vicinity to-day. This is the beginning of the fourth week of the miners' strike.

The mineworkers in several of the smaller settlements met to-day to take up matters pertaining to the relief of members. Officials of the union say there is very little distress, and this is being looked after by the relief committees.

In speaking of the conditions in this immediate vicinity, Col. Hoffman, of the 8th regiment, said to-day that many members of the military and civil police are camp daily and take away with them the scraps of food thrown out from the collieries. The soldiers and the police are foreigners, but a good percentage belongs to the English speaking classes.

### THE WARM WEATHER.

Temperatures During the Past Week—Indications Favor Less Heat This Week.

A visit to the meteorological office this morning discloses indications that cooler weather may be anticipated during the week that Victoria was treated to during the last few days. Indications, judging from the prevailing atmospheric pressures down the western coast, are that a southwest wind will come along presently. This morning there was a distinct lowering of the temperature, although the wind is still blowing from the east, and there is a good deal of smoke hanging over the city from the various bush fires round about. From the observation point of the office, the bush fires have a considerable effect upon the temperature.

The warm spell commenced on the 5th inst., when the maximum temperature registered at the meteorological office was 81 degrees. The highest temperature was 84 on the 7th, and 9th insts., the maximum on Sunday being 82. Following are the temperatures registered since the 4th inst.:

Date.	Max.	Min.
August 5	81	54
August 6	84	59
August 7	84	59
August 8	81	53
August 9	84	55
August 10	82	59
August 11	82	55

Average of 6 days, 81.56.

It must be remembered that the temperatures are somewhat lower than the temperatures in the streets of the city, the instruments being placed at a considerable elevation, where the reflected heat of stone buildings and sidewalks is not felt, and where the effect of slight breezes from the sea, hardly perceptible in the city, affects the instruments. Such a breeze occurred on Sunday, which many people supposed to be

Up the B. & N. Line and in the Lake District.

Bush fires are threatening destruction of valuable property. Up the line, Chemanus itself is threatened. Arrivals from the west say that the whole district is one hot of fire. The Victoria, Port Moody, and Sloker railway, and men were constantly employed on Friday and Saturday nights.

Nearer home, a big bush fire is now raging in the Lake district, along the road between Elk Lake and Cowlor Bay, burning the residences of John Perry and Mr. Watt. Residents were engaged Saturday and yesterday evening to keep the fire within bounds, but the task is a thin shellier than usual. In the afternoon, a smaller bush fire was burning near Cordova Bay, and it is estimated the campers will probably have to make for town. A heavy rain is sadly needed.