

Railways and Capital for Fort George

Business men, investors, homeseekers are en route. Everybody has awakened to a keen realization of the coming greatness of Fort George. The papers of British Columbia are full of Fort George. Its name is on everyone's tongue.

The rush of settlers, of homeseekers and business men threatens to overtax the transportation facilities. These are being improved and increased by the addition of more automobiles and the building of more steamboats as fast as possible. Hotel accommodations are being provided by large tents, and the chief demand in the new city is for building material.

Two banks are already established at Fort George—the Bank of British North America and the Northern Crown Bank. The representatives of two other banking institutions are on the ground, and before this advertisement appears the establishment of their branches will probably have been announced.

Railway work is being strenuously pushed. The contracts for the last 400 miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be awarded this summer.

Mr. Chamberlin

Vice-President and general manager of the G.T.P., recently in Vancouver, said:

Rushing Main Line
"Our energies are being mainly concentrated in building our main line. Unless something unforeseen occurs we expect to see the line completed and in operation between Edmonton and Prince Rupert by the end of 1912, or say, two years hence. The task is no easy one, but it can be accomplished if the labor can be secured. The line is now built to a point 125 miles west of Edmonton, and going farther west, the section through Yellowhead Pass to Tete Jaune Cache, at the foot of the western slope of the Rockies is now under contract. This leaves a gap of 400 miles not under contract—the eastern and western ends being Tete Jaune Cache and Aldermere, in the Bulkley valley, respectively."

"Contracts for this 400-mile gap will be awarded during this summer in order that supplies may be rushed in and distributed along the route before the winter sets in. Many lakes and interior waterways beyond Fort George can be utilized for this purpose and boats will probably be built. Thus we expect to see work in progress all winter over the entire 400-mile gap, as well as on those other sections, east and west, already under contract."—Vancouver Province, April 29, 1910.

Capital

put to work in this rich country that big railways and water transportation develops natural resources, creates wealth, attracts homeseekers and raises values to grow. The following item is only one of many, all to the same effect, all showing the exodus to Fort George. This is reproduced from the Vancouver "News-Advertiser" of May 5.

B. C. LAND PRODUCTIVE

WINNIPEG VISITOR SAYS IT IS DOUBLE THAT OF LAND ELSEWHERE.

Victoria, May 4.—Mr. Norman S. MacMillan, one of the most prominent business men of Winnipeg, president of the Dunsmuir-MacMillan Grain Company and senior member of the big real estate firm of MacMillan & Volans, who left for Fort George on Monday night, said before leaving that in the course of a tour of the eastern provinces, which he had just concluded, he was struck with the amount of inquiry as to British Columbia property. Mr. MacMillan stated that eastern Canadians were better informed as to conditions than many residents of the province themselves.

Mr. MacMillan has large business interests here and believes there is no question as to British Columbia's great future. "It is my opinion that the productivity of an acre of land in this province is worth two acres anywhere else in Canada," said he.

Mr. MacMillan is going to Fort George to look over large interests he has there, and he foresees a great future for that town and district.

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PLUCKY SCHOOL TEACHER WAITED FOR TWELVE DAYS

But She Got a Homestead Which Was Valued at Upwards of \$10,000.

Saskatoon, Sask., May 16.—After waiting for twelve days and nights at the door of the land office, Miss Williams, a well known and highly respected young lady, a teacher in a country school, was successful this morning in filing on a half section of land located within two half miles of the town of Kindersley. The property today is valued at upwards of \$10,000. Miss Williams took her position at the door of the land office a week ago last Thursday morning, and from that time until this morning, when the homesteads were thrown open, she never left her stand, but stuck faithfully to her post, notwithstanding the fact that she had a great deal of inconvenience to put up with. She had made up her mind to get a valuable half section that had been canceled and was to be thrown open for entry, and decided to hold her position until today, no matter how difficult the problem would be. She was successful.

The record made by her is the most unique in the history of the local land office, and it is doubtful if ever again a position for a prior offering of land will be held down similarly.

NUN MAY SAVE BOSTON MILLIONS

Mayor Informed of a Discovery Which May Solve City's Garbage Problem.

(From the Boston Post.)
That one little sweet faced nun should solve Boston's garbage problem, a question which six trained men have spent months investigating, seems hard to believe, and yet, if present indications count for anything, that is the case in a problem which has cost the city many thousands of dollars, and the solution of which may yet make up the deficit and in the years to come yield a proportionate profit.

That such a possibility exists, Mayor Fitzgerald confessed, and that the nun's discovery is being investigated and tested, so far with favorable results, he also acknowledged.

Following the report of a commission that last year's garbage removal cost nearly \$800,000, came a letter from the little nun. It was signed with the name "Mother Mary." Mary F. Ward of Newport, R.I. That name shelters another name, that of a little black hooded, black garbed sister, who daily says her prayers and teaches her infant fingers the mysteries of elementary chemistry.

The little nun was born and brought up in the North End of Boston and when she was a girl and John P. Fitzgerald a youth she knew him. So the letter was addressed to John P. Fitzgerald, mayor, and it told him of her discovery and that she wanted Boston to be the first to profit by it.

Coming as it did from the little Newport miss who used to be a Boston North End girl, the mayor took a second thought and decided he'd give it a chance, anyhow, which he did. It was sent to one of the engineers who not knowing that it came from a woman, gave it a consistent trial, made a favorable report to the mayor, who in turn passed the formula on to another man to experiment upon, and if all the reports are favorable it will mean that Boston will have solved a problem that American and European cities have been trying to solve for many years.

CENSUS TAKING IN SEATTLE

Anxiety for Big Showing Leads to Circus Poster Methods.

(From the Chicago News.)
In the new cities of the remotest West the present season of Federal census taking is a time of anxiety and acute stress. Intense persons who see in an official record of bigness for their respective communities further growth and accelerated prosperity during the next decade are busily exhorting their more phlegmatic fellow citizens by all they hold dear to be as numerous as possible. Thus we find an earnest newspaper of Salt Lake using huge type extending all the way across its first page to implore persons who fear they have been missed by the enumerators to hasten to the local chamber of commerce and report that catastrophe. Then there is Seattle. A not entirely unprejudiced correspondent of the Portland Oregonian thus describes what Portland's chief rival is doing: "Every street car is bedecked with a sizable sign, inscribed with this pitiful appeal in large, black letters: 'Help Seattle. Be sure you are counted in the census.' The fever to arouse interest in the big count extends to billboards and valuable space in newspapers. On top of a brick block fronting toward the totem pole is a huge sign eight feet high, and 40 feet long, lettered as tall as a man, entreating and demanding, persuading and commanding Seattleites to hustle up and get counted. The chamber of commerce has secured several stands around town and has hired men to attend these stands, passing out census blanks and listing names."

These and other circumstances lead the correspondent to conclude that beyond question "Seattle is going to get counted." Indeed, he suspects, that many of that city's residents are going to be counted twice if not oftener. However, the Portland Oregonian further says that Seattle, claiming 300,000 inhabitants, may be allowed perhaps as many as 225,000 without the rest of the Pacific coast's demanding a recount in that city, though it cannot consent to believe there are more than 200,000 persons in Seattle.

Newspapers of Seattle urge the citizens to get counted and be quick about it. "If the enumerator does not call on the citizen," says the Post-Intelligencer, "the citizen should call on the enumerator." It declares that "too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of an accurate count of Seattle's population." It prints harrowing reports of persons overlooked by enumerators and otherwise points out the peril of the moment. Meanwhile the Seattle Chamber of Commerce has provided 250 volunteer workers to see that nobody's name is omitted.

Every sympathetic soul must hope that all ambitious cities will get an accurate count of their inhabitants into the census. However, their enthusiasm should not lead them to over-shoot the mark. There will be another census in 1920, and they should leave themselves room for growth in the next ten years.

Manitoba Elevator Commission

Winnipeg, May 17.—The Manitoba government's elevator commission was announced today. E. B. McLennan, grain merchant; D. W. McCuaig, president of Grain Growers' association, and W. C. Graham, manager of Mutual Grain Insurance Co., are the three gentlemen appointed.

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CANADA'S TRADE WITH MEXICO IS GROWING

In Two Years the Trade Has Doubled This Year Likely to Reach \$500,000.

Ottawa, Ont., May 16.—Canada's trade with Mexico is gradually growing in importance and Capt. Worsnop, manager of the Canadian steamship line on the Pacific, has great faith in its continuance. Capt. Worsnop was in the city today en route to Vancouver from Great Britain. His mission across the Atlantic was to secure new steamers for the route. At present, there are two steamships in the company's employ making monthly sailings between Vancouver and Mexico ports. One of these is to be replaced by a larger ship and it is possible that a third vessel will be added so as to enable the company to make sailings from Vancouver every three weeks. A considerable quantity of freight finds its way from the Canadian Atlantic seaboard to B. C. ports by steamship to the east of Mexico, thence by the Worsnop line. Steel rails for the mountain section of the G. T. P. are being shipped from Sydney N. S. to Prince Rupert, B. C., by this route and at present there are some six hundred tons of freight in Montreal awaiting shipment. It is a class of freight that cannot profitably be transported by rail across the continent. From Vancouver the chief commodity shipped is wheat grown in Alberta no less than 20,000 tons of this grain having been carried to Mexico during the past four months. These cargoes are not destined for Europe, but are for the supply of the Mexican domestic market. In two years the trade with Mexico has arisen from \$200,000 to \$400,000 and it is estimated that the trade for the current year will reach at least \$600,000 when sufficiently commodious elevators shall have been erected at Vancouver. The shipment of grain from Alberta by the Mexican route is expected to reach substantial proportions.

BLAINE SAVED THE SITUATION

The American Statesman, Entertained by Edward, Said the Right Thing.

(Boston Transcript)

It is a good story which Chauncey M. Depew tells of a dinner that the late King Edward as Prince of Wales once gave in honor of James G. Blaine, on one of his visits to England before he had even been a candidate for the presidency.

The one disagreeable man at the dinner was a duke of the royal house, who had a reputation for lack of tact. During a lull in conversation he blurted out: "The greatest outrage in history was the revolt of our people against King George III. There was no justification for it then, and there is no excuse for it now." The prince, according to Doctor Depew, was plainly embarrassed.

The one man who had the tactfulness to carry off the situation was Mr. Blaine, who, in a carefully modulated voice, replied: "Perhaps George III. had possessed as much diplomacy as his great grandson, America might still be English." The Prince of Wales, after the subject was passed, gripped Blaine's hands with a twinkle of admiration.

THE LAUREATE'S FAILURE

Criticized for Not Rising to Occasion of King's Death

It is not strange that the muse of the poet laureate has failed to rise to the occasion. Since Mr. Alfred Austin has occupied the post once filled by Tennyson, he has produced nothing of consequence. His muse has failed him always. There is no need of moping words about Mr. Austin. A man of culture, whose prose style is excellent who has written some respectable verse, he has borne himself in the office thrust upon him by Lord Salisbury's government, as to justify the idea that poet laureate nowadays is an anachronism. Even an anachronism may have a beauty of its own and a fair share of dignity, too. But Mr. Austin's "occasional" verses are never beautiful and rarely dignified.

To be sure, King Edward VII. was never an inspirer of poets, though the epilogue to "The Passing of Arthur," addressed to Queen Victoria, contains noble lines relative to the public rejoicing over his recovery from illness in 1872, beginning:

O, loyal to the royal in thyself,
And loyal to the last as this is close
Bear witness that memorable day.

The advent of the Danish bride stirred Tennyson to verses of undying charm, but Edward himself was not the sort to impel the minstrels to song. Perhaps he had all the qualities of his forebears on his mother's side—Plantagenet, Tudor and Stuart—which, if he had been born in another age, would have made him the glorified theme of poetry. It is doubtful if any English king ever looked better on horseback. The blood of great warriors flowed in his veins. But he was a man of the modern world and a peaceful epoch, fond of sport and dress and social gaiety, with no visible heroic side. The coronation poetry fell far short of the mark. William Watson's ode was eloquent only with the expression of the doubts and distress of the Little Englander.

Nevertheless, there must be some thousands of poets in Great Britain who could turn out something more fitting to the sad occasion of the king's death than Austin's "The Truce of God." What contribution of verse to the odd corners of daily newspapers would care to father this hopeless passage—
For peace he wrought.

His constant thought
Being how to shield his realm against
strife's baleful star.

Mr. Austin's perennial thought "being how" to earn his wages by producing acceptable verse to suit great national occasions, he ought by this time to have skill enough to avoid that "being how." We do not remember anything in recent verse of a supposedly respectable character quite as bad as that "being how."

Almost as bad a verse is
Round royal shroud
A mournful crowd
Is all now left of one but yesterday a king.

While as a statement of fact it is open to serious criticism. How the mournful crowd standing around the shroud is possibly be accounted a part of what was yesterday a king we do not believe the perplexed poet can explain. The subject perhaps is too serious for the poet's touch. Mr. Austin's verses are printed, and must excite comment, and humorous comment is the most generous they are likely to get. The laureate is, indeed, an anachronism.

Celebrated Architect Dead

London, May 16.—George Aitchison the architect died today. George Aitchison was for a time, professor of architecture at the Royal Academy, from which position he resigned in 1905. He was past president of the Royal Institute of British architects.

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