

80, 1883-84, 1887-88, 1891-92. During these years, the electrical current does not always escape with the same intensity. Abnormal as these quadrennial periods are, as compared with the intervening periods, yet some are distinguished from the others by an extraordinarily large outflow of the current.

The electricity naturally disengages itself through the medium of the most prominent points—the summits of mountains, buildings and trees, etc., all these materials serve as conductors, and in the case of those which are combustible, they become dried up and spontaneously catch fire. The electrical disturbance seems to be either of volcanic origin, or to be intimately associated with volcanic disturbance. Thus the year 1891 was unusually productive of electrical and volcanic disturbances. All the volcanoes of Europe were active in 1891: Etna, Vesuvius, Strombolo, Lipari, Vulcano, etc. Not since 1860-64, had there been such a number of forest fires as in 1891, and so it has been with villages, towns, factories, mines and even explosions in ships. How do these fires occur during the years of excessive outflow of the electrical fluid? Buildings catch fire all over at once: the roofs of farm houses catch fire and instantaneously break out in flames all over: the cattle and sometimes the farmers are burnt alive; in hospitals and hotels exits have to be made through the windows, so rapidly do the flames spread; in the forests, charcoal burners instantly enveloped in flames and smoke, (as at Bordeaux) are suffocated and burnt. The fire catches in locked cupboards, in wardrobes, in places where fire or lights are never used.

It is noticeable that certain buildings have had several fires; this is a fatality of the place, a scientific, not an occult fatality, be it understood. The reason is that some places, owing to the nature of the sub-soil, are more favorable to the outflow of electricity. The places most favorable to the outflow of electricity are in the vicinity of craters, or lines of separation of rivers and, above all, at the point where they meet. Low lying districts are also very much subject to these electrical fires. There are not only particular years when these electrical disturbances take place; there are also particular dates. These dates are generally marked by volcanic disturbances.

"Haven't you noticed that there are men who always have an eye on boys who show signs of promise, which means gentlemanly boys, who try to do their best every time? Well, there are, and boys would be surprised if they knew how they were being watched by men who were on the lookout for brainy, reliable help, and some of them if they knew anything would behave themselves better than they do." These remarks were made within my hearing the other day by a prominent wholesale man and it caused me to think about the matter. Walking along the streets of any of our towns or cities, small or large, the observing man must be impressed with the thought that either there are many boys who do not know they are "being watched by men on the lookout for brainy,

reliable help," or, if knowing this, they must hold strange ideas of what goes to decide an employer of labor in selecting his help. There goes a boy on a message for his employer; what is he doing? He has lost fifteen minutes of his employer's time betwixt staring in a shop window and chattering with an idle companion. There is a young man out on a business commission and with a friend he steps into a corner saloon, and the moisture on his upper lip is the tell-tale of his business in that place. Another indoors gives no thoughtful care to the work in his hand. His heart is not in his work. What employer wants anything to do with any of these boys? THE HOME JOURNAL touches on this matter because it has an interest in the younger generation, as well as those who have climbed successfully over the difficulties of earlier years. We have a strong attachment for the boys, and we want to see them start right.

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Lot 1, block 27, Montreal street, 104 feet front x 109, 5-room house, hard finished, \$2,600; \$1,100 cash, \$1,500 in two years.

Lot 14, part of sections 23 and 24, Beckley farm, James Bay, 30x160, 2 houses renting for \$10 and \$18 per month; \$2,800.

Lots 101 and 102, Edward and Catherine streets, Victoria West, block N, 120 feet on Edward street, 132 feet on Catherine, 2 houses, greenhouse, bathroom, stable, etc., \$4,000.

No. of lot, part of C, block V, Victoria City, 8-room house, bathroom, water, gas, etc. stable; \$3,250; terms half cash; balance 3 years at 8 per cent.

NW 1/4 section 33, range 6, 20 acres, \$40 per acre, Port Angeles, W. T.

Lot 220, block 44, Michigan street, James Bay, 60x120, 5-room house; cash price \$1,700.

Lot 5, block 3, Howard and Charles streets, 50x115, 4-room house, bath-room, stable, etc. \$575; terms \$50 cash; \$15 per month.

Section 109 Beechy Bay, Sooke District, good land, some rock, beautiful situation, \$1,600.

Lot 32, Chandler street, Gonzales Farm, half acre, \$1,000; terms, \$400 cash; balance in two years, quarterly payments at 7 per cent.

Lot 26, section 69, Oak Harbor, Mount Baker Avenue, 68ft 7in x 154ft 1in x 122ft 5in; 7-room house, shed, etc, fenced, \$1,600, terms \$650 cash; balance 2 years at 10 per cent.

Lot 5, block 3, sub-div of suburban lots 75 and 76 section 71, 50 x 115, 4-room house, No. 8 Edmonton Road, \$800.

Section 10, range 6, South Saanich, 80 acres good land, 30 acres cleared, 20 acres slashed, 30 acres cultivated, sea shore; \$8,000; terms, \$100 cash, balance 8 per cent.

Lot 81, Lake District, 6 acres good land, not cleared, \$2,100; terms \$1,550 cash, balance 1 year at 8 per cent.

Lot 42 Johnson street and Fernwood Road, 60 x 114, two-story, 8-room house, 24x41, woodshed, chicken-house, \$3,500; terms \$2,000 cash, \$1,500 in 1 year at 8 per cent.

Lot 4, Battery street, 8-room house, bath, pantry, hot and cold water, \$4,200.

Lot 16, block 73, Edmonton Road, 47x146, cleared, not fenced, cash \$475.

Section 100, Lake District, 1/2 of lot 5 and whole of lot 6, \$2,130; 7 1-10 acres of land, 1/2 acre cleared.

Lot 18, subdivision 70, West Fernwood estate, 51 x 135, \$400; terms \$150 cash, balance \$35 quarterly at 8 per cent.

Lots 23 and 24, Cadboro Bay Road and Oak street ea. 40 x 120, two 2-story houses, 6 rooms, bath, closets, etc., \$4,200; terms \$1,000 cash, balance \$30 per month without interest.

Lot on Cadboro Bay Road, corner of Oak st, 40 x 120; \$450.

Lot 63, Whittier avenue, Cloverdale, 1/2 acre, 2-story house, 10 rooms, plastered, good well, \$2,500; terms \$300 cash; \$500 quarterly, or \$500 cash, \$200 quarterly.

Lot 24, Richmond avenue, 40 x 135, \$2,100; 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.

Lot 19, Moss street, 65 x 90, \$700, terms 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.

Lot 21, block 10, Powderly Avenue, \$525; half cash, balance 3 and 6 months.

Lot 16, part of section 38, part of lots 34, 35 and 38, Esquimalt District; \$1,000.

Lots 12 and 13, Springfield estate, 6-room house, \$2,100; terms \$100 cash, balance \$25 per month without interest.

Lot 15, Alberni District, 150 acres, black loam, all crab apple, 2 acres of orchard, 30 acres seeded with Timothy and clover, small house, 12 x 14; \$3,200.

Lot 15, block 31, Springfield estate, 4-room house, bath and pantry, \$1,400; terms \$200 cash, \$15 per month.

Lot 8, section 74, Victoria City, \$20,000. 15-room house and 1/2 acres land.

Lot 30, Oak street, off Cadboro Bay Road, very easy terms, \$450.

N 1/2 of S 1/2 of block 43, Cloverdale estate, \$350, 1/2 cash, balance to suit.

Section 107, Lake District, 10 acres, \$85 per acre.

Part of section 16, S. Saanich, 50 acres, 4 cleared and fenced, at \$60 per acre or \$50 cash.

Lot 20, Springfield estate, No. 20 Front street, Victoria West, 5-room house, pantry and c, \$1,250