

MEXICAN TRADE PROMISES WELL

FORMER VICTORIAN WRITES ON SUBJECT

Council of Board of Trade Deals With Questions Affecting Transporta- tion and Trade.

The council of the board of trade met Friday. A letter was received from Hon. Senator Templeton stating that the commission on transportation would arrive in Victoria in August.

In view of this it was decided by the council to forward to the Minister of Marine the memorandum prepared in connection with the appointment of harbor commissioners. It will also be used before the transportation commission when it arrives.

After discussing the matters to be laid before the transportation commission, it was decided to put the subject in the hands of a special committee to prepare for presentation to that body. The committee consists of C. E. Redfern, J. J. Shillcross, A. J. Morley, W. G. Cameron, M. P. P., T. W. Patterson, M. P., and Capt. J. G. Cox.

The committee on railway matters has several subjects brought to its attention requiring investigation. The recent order of the C. P. R. making Nelson and Rossland distributing points was referred to. The railway committee will meet early next week to consider this, and also will deal with any grievances which shippers in this city may have. The latter are urged to make their representations in writing to the secretary of the board or communicate with him so that he may be able to advise them as to the meeting.

A communication was received from Superintendent R. Marpole, of the C. P. R., in reply to one written by the secretary respecting the new hotel, and requesting an answer as to when actual work might be expected.

The reply of Mr. Marpole was considered highly satisfactory.

A letter was read from the deputy minister of inland revenue, in which he acknowledged the receipt of the letter written by the secretary, and enclosing a resolution of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association relative to the enforcement of the Adulteration Act. The act is to be enforced.

The committee on harbor and navigation reported upon a letter received from W. A. Ward, respecting berthing vessels in the upper harbor. Mr. Ward had carried a berth to load the John M. Campbell above this bridge. He had found it impossible to get a berth except by paying for each alongside a wharf.

The committee reported: "The depth of water in the upper harbor, averaging as it does from about six feet to ten feet at low water, is insufficient for a vessel of the John M. Campbell's size to lie in whilst loading. That all the surface of the harbor excepting the fairways, which are with difficulty kept open, is occupied by local industries, sealing schooners and fishing boats, and lumber from Oregon and Puget Sound."

The following letter was received respecting the British Columbia-Mexican steamship service:

Apartado 4,
Hermosillo, Son, Mex.,
May 7th, 1904.

To the Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.:
Gentlemen:—Noting in the Colonist and Times and other British Columbia papers mention of the prospective line of steamships between British Columbia ports and Mexico, I take the liberty to suggest that the port of Guaymas, on the Gulf of California, be included in its itinerary, as it disputes the honor for shipping supremacy with the only other two great ports of the Mexican Pacific, viz., Acapulco and Mazatlan.

An immense market would be found for lumber, coke and harvesting and other machinery, and return cargoes would be provided with copper and silver ores, sugar, tobacco, cigars, hides and tan bark.

There are houses here which import coke from the United States by train loads and lumber from Oregon and Puget Sound by the shipload.

In company with British Columbia associates, I am an extensive holder of mining property in this country and copper, coke and lumber interest me greatly.

If you wish I will send you the Mexican shipping law and schedule of port charges, but it will be in Spanish, or if you desire any information in this respect, submit your questions and I will be glad to enlighten you.

I would also respectfully inform you that there is quite a colony of wealthy Englishmen and other Europeans here who spend the hot months in California. The former, surprising though it may seem, only have a dim, misty idea that Great Britain has a colony called British Columbia somewhere on the Pacific Coast, but are unaware of the fact of the existence of the great naval station at Esquimalt.

Now, if your Tourist Association would forward some literature to the great new tourist "Hotel Arcadia" here, it might divert some travel to Victoria this season. The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. operate a line of steamers between Guaymas and San Francisco, and all rail connections are good.

It is of my interest to see closer trade relations between Mexico and Canada, and if I can be of any service to you do not hesitate to command me.

I am from Victoria, and refer you to Royal Bank of Canada or Geo. F. Stelly.

Very truly,
FRANK TURNER.

The meeting then adjourned.

A sheriff's posse has had an encounter with three men, supposed to have been the train robbers who held up a Denver & Rio Grande westbound passenger train near Sedgwick. One of the three, it is reported, has been killed and the other two are surrounded.

President Charles communicants in a mass number 112,208.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Wm. Hodge Thrown From Bicycle and Badly Hurt.

A serious accident occurred this morning, the victim of which was Wm. Hodge, a blacksmith, of Johnson street. He was riding home at noon and in descending the hill near St. Joseph's hospital, the handle of his bicycle gave way, throwing him heavily to the ground. A number of spectators rushed to his assistance, and he was picked up in an unconscious condition. Medical assistance was immediately called, and Dr. Fraser arrived soon after, when the patient was removed to the hospital.

A careful examination disclosed injuries of a serious character. In the fall he had evidently struck the road heavily on his head, which has resulted in a fracture of the skull and the breaking of the cheek bone, as well as other bruises about the face. He is in a very critical condition.

Mr. Hodge has conducted a blacksmith business on Johnson street for years. He is about 50 years of age, and is widely acquainted. His many friends will regret to hear of his misfortune.

RIGHT TO LAND IS NOW TO BE DECIDED

Government Grant to D. Hoggan Takes In Private Residences and Jail Property.

The granting of the application of David Hoggan for a crown grant of the land claimed by him under the Settlers' Rights Act of last session has had a somewhat exciting effect upon some of the residents of the city of Nanaimo. The land which Mr. Hoggan claims, which has been surveyed, adjoins the Newcastle townsite, the residential suburb of Nanaimo. The boundaries of the land come right to the Newcastle townsite. Residents of the city when making a selection of building property naturally did not stop at the limits, but purchased land adjoining.

The result has been that some very pretty valuable homes have been built upon the land now claimed by Mr. Hoggan. Among these is the residence of Thomas Kitchen, which runs along the finest of the Coal City. Mr. Kitchen is noted for the love of beautiful surroundings, and his home reflects it. At a great expense and a large amount of labor he has fitted up charming grounds about his home.

The Kitchen residence, together with other private property, by the act of last session passes into the possession of Mr. Hoggan. Stakes have been put up about these homes and the occupiers of them are anxiously awaiting the result. They are anxious about the E. & N. Company, and want to know what rights they possess, or whether or not they are to be evicted from the land upon which they now reside.

The block in question assigned to D. Hoggan includes, in addition to property occupied by private individuals, a part of the provincial jail lands. The jail itself is said to be exempt, but a lot across the street which belongs to the jail is included.

Those interested are anxiously awaiting a final settlement of the question. At the present time the title they hold to their land is not clear, and it is essential that they should know just what rights they have.

The settlers who have been given rights by the government will, it is said, press for remuneration if their claim is upheld in the courts. Under the act the government declares them entitled to the rights asked for. Failing the establishment of their title to the property, the government would have to pay them for the land, which, it is understood, claim in some other way remuneration for the rights to which the act says they are entitled.

SHAKY NERVES.

Suffers From Nervous Troubles Are in a State of Continuous Torture—Suggestions as to How the Trouble Can Be Overcome.

When your nerves are shaky your self-control is shattered; your will power is broken. Sudden sounds startle you; your temper is irritable; your hands tremble; there is weakness in your knees; your skin is pale and parched; you are restless at night and tired when you wake in the morning.

Strong proof is offered in the case of Mrs. Wm. Westcott, of Seaford, Ont., who says: "For a long time my health was in a bad state. I was subject to headaches, dizziness and nervous exhaustion. My appetite was poor, and I was so badly run down I could not stand the least exertion. I tried several medicines, but with no different results, until they did not help me any. One of my neighbors strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and before the second box was finished I began to feel better. The third box had been reached, and by the time I had used a half dozen boxes, to the surprise of my friends and neighbors I was again enjoying good health and my appetite was as good as well. I do not know anything to equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills when the system is run down."

What the pills have done for others they will do for you, if you will give them a fair trial. Sold by all medicine dealers, or sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or three boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

LIFE'S A BURDEN—If the stomach is not right, is there nausea? Is there constipation? Is the tongue coated? Are you light-headed? Do you feel sick? Headache? Any and all of these denote Stomach and Liver Disorder. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills act quickly and will cure most stomach and liver troubles. 50 is a whole for 10 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—77.

C. P. R. COMPANY WILL FIGHT CASE HAYE REFERRED THEIR FINE TO WASHINGTON

Action of Collector at Ketchikan Will Result in Important International Ruling.

(From Friday's Daily.)

A dispatch to the Times from Vancouver says: "On her last trip south-bound, the steamer Princess May was fined \$2,000 by the collector of customs at Ketchikan. She was alleged to have carried thirteen passengers from Seattle to Seattle on a previous trip. The collector said he would seize the vessel if the fine was not paid, so it was paid under protest. Representations are now being made about it by the C. P. R. to Washington. The incident may lead to a rate war between the steamship lines on the belief that the collector's action was suggested by favor to other steamship lines."

The above fine is the second that has been imposed on the C. P. R. Company in the last few weeks, the previous one having amounted to \$200. This was taken from the company for a similar reason, the passengers who came south on the Princess May having been taken on from Victoria to their destination on the Princess Beatrice.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Out of the peremptory action of the collector at Ketchikan in fining the steamer Princess May \$2,000 for carrying thirteen passengers bound for Seattle from that port to Vancouver, there is a view of the case that suggests that the company is not well in the straw-patch. Hurrying out side a fusillade of stones greeted the unfortunate Chinaman, and the attack was kept up so long that he had to retreat into the building for shelter.

In the meanwhile the boys helped themselves.

No day John was on the warpath, and threatens now to make it interesting for some of the youth suspected. All, he thinks, came from the Work Estate.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

Students From British Columbia Passed Examination Prescribed in Connection With Rhodes Scholarships.

Dr. Parkin, who is in charge of the Rhodes scholarship fund, has received from Oxford the news that W. A. Donaldson and E. K. Debeck, who competed from this province in the examination, had passed the prescribed examination. The other candidates, as graduates of affiliated colleges, are exempt from the written examination. The selection will be made from these and the two who passed the examination.

A dispatch from Montreal says that Dr. Parkin has received the report of the examination of the candidates for the Rhodes scholarship. The examination was held on April 13th and 14th throughout the United States and in those provinces of Canada which have no colleges or universities.

The candidates have passed from the different states and territories of the union, and thus become eligible for selection as Rhodes scholars. This probably represents about one-third or one-fourth of all the candidates who took the examinations.

The candidates have been accepted from all the states and territories of the union, except four. These were no candidates have passed are Arizona, Florida, Mississippi and Nevada. There was no candidate from New Mexico. The examination was held in the Indian Territory.

In no less than thirteen states only one candidate has passed. Candidates passed from all of the provinces. Altogether 129 candidates have not already been appointed, in Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia. In the Dominion candidates have passed as follows: Prince Edward Island, Wm. G. Cameron; Manitoba, John MacLean, Walter Burman; Northwest Territories, Ralph W. Bellamy; Alberta, H. J. Rayner, Rossland, deputy grand patriarch. While the afternoon session was in progress the visiting sisters were entertained by the officers of the local lodge of Rebekahs, and were driven about the city and shown the various points of interest. An enjoyable time was thus had by all of the participants.

GRAND LODGE MEETING.

The Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., for the jurisdiction of British Columbia, convened in Rossland on Tuesday. After the regular routine business the following officers were elected: James Bell, Victoria, grand patriarch; Thomas Embleton, Rossland, grand high priest; A. Henderson, Victoria, grand senior warden; W. H. Thorpe, Nanaimo, grand junior warden; T. F. Neelands, Vancouver, grand scribe; James Stark, Vancouver, grand treasurer; James B. Webster, Vancouver, grand representative; D. E. Mackenzie, New Westminster, grand marshal; H. F. Fulton, Nanaimo, grand inside sentinel; G. H. McKinnies, Vancouver, grand outside sentinel; H. J. Rayner, Rossland, deputy grand patriarch. While the afternoon session was in progress the visiting sisters were entertained by the officers of the local lodge of Rebekahs, and were driven about the city and shown the various points of interest. An enjoyable time was thus had by all of the participants.

The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of British Columbia, met on Wednesday morning at Rossland. Mayor Clute extended a cordial welcome to the delegates, to which Grand Master E. C. Arthur, of Nelson, replied.

The Grand Lodge degree was conferred upon a number who are attending for the first time.

The officers elected were as follows: Grand master, T. F. Neelands, Vancouver; deputy master, D. E. Mackenzie, New Westminster; grand warden, P. E. Simpson, Cranbrook; grand secretary, David Davy, Victoria; grand treasurer, Thos. Embleton, Rossland; grand representative, H. B. Gilmore, Vancouver.

Expected Vancouver will be the next place of meeting.

Common soaps destroy the clothes and render the hands liable to eczema.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Box

RAIDED CHINESE GARDEN.

Large Force of Boys Stole in on Strawberry Patch and Stopped the Owner.

Plans for the taking of Esquimalt in mimic warfare or even Admiral Togo's landing on the coast have been more thoroughly meditated on or conceived than the capture of a fine strawberry patch by boys in the northern part of the city a fortnight ago, if the story of the Chinese owner can be believed. The fruit in question is located in a garden on the side of a hill out on Fourth street. It is in a perfect state of cultivation, and the owner is naturally very proud of it. Boys of Work Estate, however, have been continually molesting him since the strawberries began to ripen and their encroachments have made John furious. Time and again he has driven them away, but they have persisted in coming.

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We want said Lieut. Bellairs, in conclusion, "every class of vessel in proportion, but for supremacy at sea battleships are the most essential. Cruisers are mainly for the purpose of scouting and look-out work. The fact that a torpedo or submarine boat might succeed in destroying a battleship is simply an argument for having a large number of safety ships, and does not condemn the battleship per se."

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7th June, 1904.

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VICTORIA AMATEURS JOIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Bellevue, Everett, Sedro Wolley and Mammel Lopez Also Included—

Matches Arranged.

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BATTLESHIPS VINDICATED.

Question of Naval Supremacy—Interview With Lieut. Bellairs, R.N.

With reference to the relative values of cruisers and battleships apropos of the launch of the Sapphire and of the remarks made thereat, a representative of The London Daily News called on Lieut. Carl von Bellairs, R.N., an expert on naval affairs, who held that supremacy at sea was a matter of battleships.

"So far," he said, "from the notion that small ships should be built instead of big ones being correct, all nations have practically suspended the building of Sapphires. The Sapphire is a third-class unarmoured cruiser, and would be at the mercy of any armoured vessel; she has twelve four-inch guns, and a speed of 21½ knots. Any modern armoured cruiser of the County class would chase her down, and I am perfectly certain that half-a-dozen Sapphires would not be able to stand up against one of the County class, but would cost a very great deal more."

"It is singular," continued the lieutenant, "that this notion of the efficacy of small vessels persists. Two or three years ago Admiral Makaroff gave a lecture at St. Petersburg, and he made precisely the same suggestion. Admiral Togo bases the operations of his craft on the battleships being always behind them. So that when the Novik and the Askold went out a few days ago to attack the Japanese torpedo craft they found the battleships coming in support, and immediately fled. And Admiral Makaroff was on board."

"The strength of the torpedo boat," said Lieut. Bellairs, "lies in its invisibility at night, but the Sapphire would not be invisible. The torpedo's greatest advantage is that it has a fixed object, such as a fleet at anchor, as at Port Arthur, and it operates under cover of darkness."

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