RAPID PROGRESS OF FRUIT GROWING

INSPECTOR SPEAKS OF ITS POSSIBILITIES

Maxwell Smith Refers to Great Strides Made in Nelson District – Splendid Industry.

Maxwell Smith, Dominion government fruit inspector, spent Monday in the city. He has just returned from a visit to the Nelson district, and to a Times reporter expressed himself astonished at the progress made in fruit growing there in the past year or two. When he began his visits of inspection to that district, about three years ago, it was importing 75 per cent. of its fruit, and was not selling a pound of its own production. Last year the growers there exported to the Northwest $8,000 worth of strawberries alone. This year they have exported $17,000 or $18,000 in strawberries alone, and their total fruit export will probably be $25,000. The inspector remarked that if some enterprising individual came along with an industrial scheme which would put into circulation $25,000 a year, there would be all sorts of agitations for bonuses, free sites and so forth.

Of course the product that Nelson exported, Mr. Smith explained, was small fruit, the orchards being yet too young to permit of a large production of the big varieties. He said he expected great things from Nelson district in a fruit growing way within the next few years, and the advance made by this country in the industry, Mr. Smith observed, was indicative of the progress of the province as a whole in this line. Last year the total provincial fruit producc was $600,000, with about 14,000 acres under cultivation. This year there had been planted 7,000 more acres, which increased the total to more than 20,000.

Mr. Smith is deeply impressed with the fruit growing possibilities of the Saanich peninsula, and in the vicinity of Victoria, as well as along the E. & N. line. In certain varieties these localities cannot be surpassed. The great diversity of climate, and other conditions throughout the province, are responsible for the fact that no two localities excell in the same varieties. For instance, this year, generally speaking, the strawberry crop on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland was a failure, while at Nelson it was a bumper crop.

As to the market, the inspector said the people of the province had not awakened to its possibilities—they had barely scratched it. The fruit growers of British Columbia should control the Northwest, in which they enjoyed exceptional advantages. As long as first class fruit, properly packed, was sent, the local growers had nothing to fear from competition from Ontario, while the duty and freight rates gave them a most material advantage over Oregon and Washington growers. But in spite of these advantages, British Columbia merely sent 25 per cent. of the fruit that was used in the Northwest, instead of 75 per cent., which the inspector contended should be the proportion.

There need be no fear of over production, a cry that had no foundation. The population of the Northwest was increasing far more rapidly than the production of fruit in this province, and they would take all the fruit that could be exported there, but it must be a good article. There could easily be an overproduction of inferior fruit, Mr. Smith pointed out, and the existence of such a market as the Northwest was an incentive for scientific fruit growing. The future of the industry largely depended, he said, upon the question of freight rates and facilities of transportation.

Mr. Smith further pointed out that the market was not limited to the Northwest. A short time ago in Vancouver he had a long conversation with Mr. Larke, the Canadian agent in Australia, who told him that so long as the people of this province, shipped fruit in cold storage and in proper condition they would find no trouble in realizing handsome prices on the Island continent during its off season. There was, he said, a sale there for about $25,000 boxes of fruit annually. Those who had failed to land a profit on their shipments did so because they shipped by ordinary freight. Apples would bring there from eight to ten shillings a box. Mr. Larke spoke highly of the quality of the British Columbia fruit that had arrived there in good condition.

Canada's fruit trade with Australia was dealt a staggering blow by the action of an unscrupulous dealer. He sent a sample of Okanagan fruit and received a substantial order, which he filled with Oregon and Wasnington product. The sample was pronounced the best ever imported into Australia, but the shipment was inferior in quality. If the dealers in Australia, Mr. Larke told the inspector, could rely upon British Columbia fruit being put up strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Fruit Marks Act and shipped in cold storage, they would be perfectly willing to advance the money.

A TURKISH PLOT.

Believed That Attempt Was Made on Sultan's Life by His Own Subjects.

Constantinople, July 25.—The commission which has been inquiring into the attempt upon the life of the Sultan on Friday last is believed to have obtained information indicating that it was a Turkish plot, but as this would never be admitted, even if proved, the authorities are industrially creating the impression that the bomb outrage was the work of European anarchists.

The authorities at Odessa have been anonymously warned that an anti-Jewish rising has been planned for July 28. The soldiers and populace are embittered against the Jews, attributing to them the recent bomb throwing.

The Duchess of Gramont,, who belonged to the Rothschild family, is dead.

INDIAN TOM HANGED.

On Scaffold To-Day Paid Penalty For Murder of a Girl of His Tribe.

New Westminster, July 25.—Wierdly and plaintively chanting the Lord's Prayer in Chinook, spiritually encouraged by Rev. Thomas Crosby, and supported in a wavering walk by the nervous hand of the public executioner Radcliffe, Tom Kledamikdinuru, the Hope Island Indian convicted of the murder of Kwaitzil, a girl of his tribe, went to his death on the scaffold in the provincial jail yard here this morning.

When the black cap had been drawn over his head and the noose fastened around his neck, the strange plaint becoming less audible all the time was still heard. The shooting of the trap bolt promptly at 8 o'clock stifled the sickening noise, and instantaneously snuffed out the life of one of the most brutal Indians that the extreme penalty of British law has ever been inflicted upon.

Yesterday afternoon the condemned man managed to secure a piece of broken glass and make a gash under his knee in an attempt to cut an artery. He was detected in time to prevent a fatality, and weak from the loss of blood and half crazed by the terror of his approaching execution, he had spent a restless night. He refused breakfast this morning, eating only a couple of oranges, and spent the time from daylight till the fatal hour with his spiritual adviser, professing Christianity and groping for the solace of assured salvation.

DAKOTA HAS PUT BACK FROM SEA

ONE OF HER ENGINES REPORTED DISABLED

The Big Steamer Returned to Port Angeles This Morning From Cape Flattery.

Port Townsend, July 25.—The big Hill liner Dakota, following in the wake of her sister the Minnesota, met with an accident to her machinery when off Cape Flattery on her first westward voyage yesterday afternoon, and returned to this port for an anchorage this morning at 10.35.

The Dakota sailed from here at 10.30 yesterday morning, and would now have been three hundred miles at sea had the accident not occurred.

Purser Bemis, of the Dakota, has just come ashore. He will say nothing as to the cause of the accident or its extent. It has been learned, however, that the big vessel's port engine is disabled, and that the Dakota will most likely be detained for some days.

The Seattle management of the Hill steamship line has ordered the Dakota to proceed there. The Dakota sailed at 1.05 p. m.

PEACE IS LIKELY.

Count Cassini Believes That It All Depends Now Upon Japan's Demands.

New York, July 25.—Count Cassini, formerly Russian ambassador at Washington, expresses the opinion, according to the Herald's Paris correspondent, that all now depends on the Japanese, and that if their demands at the coming peace conference are reasonable, peace is assured. Speaking of the Russian representative, M. Witte, Count Cassini said: "I think this infinitely important task could not have been entrusted to a better representative. He is a man of extraordinary capacity, and of the finest character. He knows the Far Eastern question as few men know it, and is a patriot."

Regarding internal difficulties, Russia has now reached a critical moment in her history, but America has had such a moment, so has France. These difficulties will disappear and Russia will be stronger than ever. They are merely passing difficulties, and it would be unwise to attach too much importance to them.

Referring to the Chinese, Count Cassini said: "I like the Chinese. It takes years and years of worry and trouble to bring them around to your way of thinking or to induce them to enter into any undertaking, but once convinced, they are loyal. A Chinaman's word is as good as his oath."

WELCOMED IN JAPAN.

United States Secretary of War Given a Cordial Reception at Yokohama.

Yokohama, July 25.—United States Secretary of War Taft and party received a demonstrative welcome to Japan, the principal buildings, streets and wharves of this city, and the shipping in the harbor being gaily decorated. A noisy display of daylight fireworks along the streets fronting the harbor announced the arrival of the steamship Manchuria at the quarantine grounds at 1 o'clock this morning, and continued until the vessel was docked.

The American minister and the attaches of the legation, together with the representatives of the Japanese imperial household, foreign officers, war department and the Asiatic society, then boarded the Manchuria and extended formal greetings to the secretary and Miss Roosevelt, who held an informal reception upon the deck. The secretary's party was then driven to the railroad station through the crowded streets, where a special train was boarded, and departed for Tokio at 10 a.m. amid the cheers of the assembled multitude.

GUNBOAT FLOATED.

The Bennington Is Now Alongside of the Wharf and Being Examined.

Washington, July 25.—A telegram received at the navy department over night from Capt. Drake says the gunboat Bennington was floated yesterday evening and is now alongside the wharf. A thorough examination of the boat will be made to-day.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES

YESTERDAY'S OUTING COMPLETE SUCCESS

Large Crowd Enjoyed Day at Goldstream – Excellent Programme of Sports and the Winners.

At Goldstream yesterday the first annual picnic of the Tramway Company employees was held, there being an attendance of over seven hundred. Both the morning and afternoon trains were crowded. Although it was rather warm especially for those participating in the numerous events included in the programme of sports everyone spent a thoroughly pleasant time. When the picnickers arrived they found all preparations completed. Flags were strung, and an area roped in for the various races. This evidence of thoughtfulness and energy on the part of the management committee created a very favorable impression and enabled the day's events to go forward without the slightest interruption. Among those who went out on the 2 o'clock train were members of the Schl-Bantly orchestra and their musical selections rendered during the afternoon materially contributed to the success of the outing.

The first event was a baseball match between the Oak Bay team and a nine selected from among the employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. They lined up immediately after their arrival, and the contest was witnessed by the majority of those present, a number retreating to the inviting shade of the trees along the banks of the stream. The match resulted in a victory for the Oak Bays by a score of 9 to 8, it being close and interesting throughout the full nine innings. This contest concluded, an adjournment was taken for lunch.

Sharp on the time advertised the first of the afternoon races was called. Among the most exciting of these competitions was the 100 yards gentlemen's race, which was won by D. Munro, the well-known lacrosse player, after a hard struggle. The same sprinter was successful in the 220 yard race winning from Atkinson by a very small margin. The Wenger cup contest, open only to members of the local division, was very close, Messrs. Dewar, Lorimer and Davidson running evenly and crossing the line in the order named. Without a doubt the ladies' competitions were the features of the day. Every one was entered by a large number, and the winners had to do their best to capture the handsome and appropriate prizes offered. In the baseball throwing contest for ladies Miss Pearce, the victor, made the exceedingly creditable record of 50 yards. The ladies also distinguished themselves in the foot race competitions making first-class time.

The endurance race attracted more attention than any other. Its conditions were that the competitors run from Goldstream to the power house and back, a distance of about four miles. There were several entries. Just 26 minutes after the men had been sent off W. Gibson had crossed the finishing line the winner of the beautiful trophy offered, by a considerable margin.

Appended is a complete list of the winners of the different events:

Boys under 5 years—1st, J. Dougal; 2nd, A. Smithers; 3rd, W. Clayton.

Girls under 5 years—1st, V. Bennett; 2nd, M. Brinkman; 3rd, J. Clayton.

Boys between 5 and 10 years—1st, J. Watson; 2nd, A. Middleton; 3rd, O. Speed.

Girls between 5 and 10 years—1st, R. McGary; 2nd, G. Anderson; 3rd, M. Gordie.

Boys' race, 100 yards, under 15—1st, F. Schneider; 2nd, F. Brown; 3rd, E. Taylor.

Girls, 15 years and under—1st, M. Tait; 2nd, R. McGary; 3rd, T. Cameron.

100 yards, open—1st, D. Munro; 2nd, Atkinson; 3rd, Crocker.

Potato race—1st, Mrs. Kennedy and R. Dewar; 2nd, Mrs. Dosedale and H. A. Goward; 3rd, Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. Collins.

220 yards, open—1st, Munro; 2nd, J. Atkinson; 3rd, Crocker; 4th, Collins.

Married ladies' race—1st, Mrs. Kennedy; 2nd, Mrs. Blackman; 3rd, Mrs. Trousedale.

Fat man's race—1st, S. Lorimer; 2nd, H. Stalland; 3rd, T. Roberts.

Fat ladies' race—1st, Mrs. Law; 2nd, Mrs. Gowdy; 3rd, Mrs. Stalland.

B. C. E. Employees' race, 440 yards—1st, R. Dewar; 2nd, Battersby; 3rd, F. Dresser; 4th, Kroeger.

Farmers' race—1st, A. Mansell; 2nd, W. Craig; 3rd, M. Hensahll.

Mechanical and Power Department Employees—1st, W. Dobson; 2nd, E. Gowdy; 3rd, J. Foulds.

Ladies' race—1st, Miss Cameron; 2nd, Mrs. Blackman; 3rd, Mrs. Kennedy; 4th, Mrs. Biddle.

Single motormen and conductors' race—1st, T. Davidson; 2nd, S. Lorimer; 3rd, Target.

Married motermen and conductors' race—1st, A. Bird; 2nd, W. Alliott; 3rd, Palmer.

Ladies throwing baseball—1st, Miss Pearce; 2nd, Miss Clegg; 3rd, Mrs. Smithers; 4th, Miss Kennedy.

Old men's race—1st, J. Johnson; 2nd, Mr. Tait; 3rd, J. Bennett; 4th, R. Falconer.

Wheelbarrow race, employees—1st, Millar and Davidson; 2nd, Mosedale and H. A. Goward; 3rd, Battersby and McIntosh.

Trackmen's race—1st, Kroeger; 2nd, P. Ormston; 3rd, Genshall; 4th, B. Jones.

Egg and spoon race, ladies—1st, Miss Pearce; 2nd, Miss Manson; 3rd, Mrs. Gardiner.

Jockey race—1st, Worrall and Blyth; 2nd, Alliott and Ormston; 3rd, Shoot and Atkinson.

Pie-eating contest—1st, Katie Mallen; 2nd, Flo. Waring.

100 yards race, Wenger cup (to be won twice in succession by a member of the local division)—1st, R. Dewar; 2nd, S. Lorimer.

Chinamen's race—1st, Wong Kay; 2nd, Walter Lee; 3rd, Lim Yet; 4th, Lee Dirt.

Running long jump—1st, McIlmoyle; 2nd, Collins; 3rd Worrall.

Putting shot—1st, M. Doyle; 2nd, Sergt. Dunn; 3rd, Blackstock.

High jump—1st, Dr. Dier; 2nd, Worrall; 3rd, Atkinson.

Three-legged race—1st, McIlmoyle and Herd; 2nd, Shoot and Rogers; 3rd, Alliott and Target.

Ladies' race—(Wives of employees)—1st, Mrs. G. Lewis; 2nd, Mrs. Alliott; 3rd, Mrs. Middleton; 4th, Mrs. Clayton.

Sweethearts of employees—1st, Miss Herbert; 2nd, Miss Kennedy; 3rd, Miss M. Kennedy; 4th, Miss Ross.

Sack race—1st, Frank Palmer; 2nd, Atkinson; 3rd, Kinlock.

Obstacle race—1st, Shoot; 2nd, Mosedale; 3rd, H. A. Goward.

Consolation race for ladies—1st, Miss E. A. Eagle; 3rd, C. Wilders; 4th, A. Clayton; 5th, W. Blackman.

Consolation race for ladies—1st, Miss Faulkner; 2nd, Miss King; 3rd, Miss Astell; 4th, Miss Jewell; 5th, Miss C. J. Clayton.

Endurance race from Goldstream House to power house and return (about five miles)—1st, W. Gibson, time 26 minutes; 2nd, Kroeger, time 27½ minutes; 3rd, Walker, 28½ minutes; 4th, Henshall, 32 minutes.

Everyone who spent the day at the picnic grounds yesterday voted the outing a splendid success, and they are all unanimous in bestowing the credit upon members of the management committee. Not a detail likely to conduce to the enjoyment of those participating was omitted. All the arrangements were completed previously so that the programme was carried through without a hitch and devoid of any of those tedious delays so common to such sports. Each race was called within a couple of minutes after its predecessor, and so the extremely lengthy programme was finished at a comparatively early hour. The personnel of the respective committees responsible for the success of the affair follows:

General committee—Chairman, R. Ritchie; secretary, C. W. Thornton, M. Brinkman, A. Clayton, A. Bird, T. Target.

Transportation — Messrs. Wilson, Thornton and Brinkman.

Finance—Messrs. Thornton and Brinkman.

Sports—Messrs. R. Ritchie, T. Davidson, Target, W. Doyle.

It is the desire of the Tramway Company employees to once again thank those who so generously made donations towards the prize list, and also L. Downes, proprietor of the Goldstream hotel, for his assistance to the management while the picnic was in progress.

The tug-of-war between trackmen and tramway employees was declared off.

THAT NEW ACT.

Judgment on Case Bearing Upon Land Registry Legislation of Last Session.

An interesting judgment was handed down by Mr. Justice Duff recently which involved a question of the possession of title deeds between husband and wife. It was hoped that in the case argument would arise which would result in a construction being placed upon section 46 of the new Land Registry Act on which a great many people are anxious to be enlightened. Owing to a settlement between the parties interested, this point was not touched. The effect of Mr. Justice Duff's judgment is:

Application was made by a husband, under section 33 of the Married Women's Property Act (R. S. B. C., 1897, Cap. 130), for an order directing the delivery up to him of the title deeds which were supposed to be in the wife's possession.

The wife was, at the time of the application, the registered owner of the property, which she had acquired by conveyance from the husband. Subsequently she had executed a deed which she understood to be a reconveyance, but neither the husband nor the solicitor who prepared the deed had any recollection of it, and the deed itself could not be found.

This deed having been executed before the passing of the Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1905 (Cap. 31 of 1905), His Lordship called counsel's attention to section 46 of that enactment, and asked for argument on the question whether under that section, the deed not having been registered prior to the passing of the act, it was open to the court to consider any evidence as to the existence or contents of the document in the absence of such evidence the application must obviously fail. Section 46 referred to enacts that "Instruments executed before, and taking effect before the coming into force of this act, transferring, charging, dealing with or affecting land or any estate or interest therein, unless registered before the coming into force of this act (except a leasehold interest in possession for a term not exceeding three years) shall not be receivable by the court or any court of law, or any registrar or examiner of titles, as evidence or proof of the title of any person to such land, as against the title of any person to the same land, registered under the provisions of this act, except in an action before the court questioning the registered title of fraud is raised wherein the registered owner has participated or colluded."

His Lordship gave no decision on the point, but said that the construction of section 46, as applied to the facts before him, must be determined before he could decide whether the husband was entitled to the delivery up of the title deeds. That question, involving the plaintiff's title and the construction of this new and apparently far-reaching enactment, was not, in his judgment, one of the class of questions which ought to be decided in the exercise of the summary jurisdiction conferred by section 33 of the Married Women's Property Act. No order was made on this branch of the husband's application.

WON LADY AND FORTUNE.

Street Car Conductor Becomes Heir to One Million Dollars.

Chicago, July 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from San Francisco says: "Judge Sayre at Lakeport yesterday handed down a decision giving the entire Floyd estate worth $1,000,000 to Milos Gorceno, husband of the late Miss Floyd. Gorceno was a conductor on a street car, and his handsome face and polished manner won the rich but eccentric Miss Floyd. She was 15 years older than Gorceno, but despite family opposition, she married him, and a year later she died leaving him all her estate. The will was contested on the ground of the testator's incompetence.

ENTERTAINMENT OF OUR VISITORS

ELABORATE PLAN IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Tourist Association Has Scheme Providing For Winter Gardens on Portion of James Bay Flats.

Many suggestions have been made since the tourist movement was started here as to the best means of entertaining visitors, not only during the summer, but in the winter as well. Among these is the scheme which was mooted a year or so ago, namely, that of winter gardens. The plan was discussed at a meeting of the Tourist Association yesterday afternoon, and the concensus of opinion inclined very favorably towards it. There have been at times various suggestions as to locality, and the most satisfactory arrangements to decide upon, but the association executive has been much impressed by one in particular.

The proposal is to erect a building on some plot of civic property, which could be the centre of a "winter gardens" resort. The idea seems to be based upon similar amusement places in Europe. The land that is considered suitable for the purpose is on the corner of Douglas and Belleville streets, consisting of the remainder of the mud flats. From the standpoint of convenience as well as environment no better locality could be selected.

The present proposal favors a building with a frontage of 550 feet on Douglas street. The structure would be two stories high, and would have an attractive entrance, flanked by towers. To justify the appellation "crystal palace" the building would be surmounted by a striking glass and steel dome. It is proposed to equip the building in the most modern style from the standpoint of amusement. There would be a large pavilion or conservatory immediately under the dome, having a choice collection of shrubbery and flowers. Opposite the entrance on the other side of the hall there would be an up-to-date band stand facing the grounds. There would be special arrangements for seating the throng that would undoubtedly assemble in the gardens, while the pavilion would also be laid out so as to provide ample promenade facilities. The building would have two wings, one being for baths after the style of Sutro's baths in Frisco. In another wing there would be a concert hall or theatre with a capacity for seating fifteen hundred people. In addition the proposal calls for the construction of a skating rink for the winter evenings.

The open air grounds would occupy about half the site, and would be laid out with five courts, racquet courts, tennis courts, an American bowling alley and an English bowling green. In addition to these there would be a children's play ground, merry go rounds, swings, goat and donkey tracks skirting an artificial lake. The programme calls for two band concerts a day, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

The total charge for admission to everything in connection with the palace and winter garden it is proposed to place at 10 cents, with the exception of the concert hall. This, of course, will be regulated by the nature of the afternoon's or evening's entertainment, and naturally there will be a small charge to those who bath or indulge in any other of the side amusements, such as donkey-riding, bowling, etc. For the benefit of Victorians, season or family tickets will be issued at reduced rates, so that the one place in all Victoria where people can congregate and enjoy an evening together with their fellow citizens will be within the delightful surroundings of this winter garden.

Mr. Cuthbert is highly enthusiastic over the scheme. "This proposition," he said, "has been shown to many private citizens outside of the Tourist Association, and all who have seen the plans are enthusiastically in favor of the project. It has been suggested that it might be constructed by a private corporation—and there is no doubt about it being a financial success, as there are other means of revenue, such as the renting of the portions of the building not required for any of the objects already named.

"As, however, the property is city property, and as many other up-to-date cities in other parts of the world own their places of amusement, it was thought better that this should belong to the city entirely, so that the nature of the attractions and entertainments are under strict control and supervision; and that, if there is any profit to be derived from it, the same shall belong to the city. In this way it will never be under the domination of any outside attraction, clique or syndicate, but will always be available for the citizens for any class of entertainment they wish to have."

WANTS TO BUY.

Washington Man Anxious to Acquire Kootenay Coal Lands.

Andrew Hackett is in town to attend a meeting of the Kootenay Coal Co., to be held on Monday next. The object of the meeting is to consider a proposition from E. Harvey, of Pullman, Wash., who wishes to acquire six sections of the coal lands of the company for $3,000. It is said that the offer is not favorably received, and will be rejected with thanks. Mr. Hackett is the locator of the property and one of the directors and chief stockholders, and he certainly does not think the offer a reasonable one. The coal lands in question adjoin those of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., and are about seven miles from Michael, and equi-distant from the Crow's Nest and Northern Pacific railway systems. There are thirteen well-defined leads on the lands, some of the seams being 53 feet, and all above water level. This is the property, it will be remembered, that was made the test case when the title to the coal lands was in dispute a few years ago, and the one which established the rights of locators.

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THE TOURIST SEASON IS AT ITS HEIGHT

All The Local Hotels Taxed to Utmost Capacity—Cuthbert Party Arrived To-Day.

(From Yesterday's Second Edition.)

The tourist season has reached its height. To-day all the hotels are filled to their utmost capacity and, from indications, will remain so for a week or more as a number of parties are scheduled to arrive within that period. Quite a few visitors reached here from outside points this morning, and these were augmented by a large contingent of American tourists from the Sound by the afternoon steamer. Among the latter was a party of 110 belonging to the Cuthbert house party of tourists who have been making an extensive pleasure tour of the western States. This is the first time the Cuthbert excursionists have included Victoria in their itinerary, a marked demonstration of the value of the advertising crusade carried on for the past several years by the Tourist Association.

Although the accommodation of all hotels is taxed to its utmost—and Victoria boasts of more good hotels than in past years—officials of the tourist association assert that it would be possible to comfortably house between 200 and 300 more visitors. During the last few months they have perfected the system of keeping in touch with all private boarding houses and, in a pinch, could dispose of the overflow to the extent mentioned. Secretary Cuthbert, however, does not anticipate such an emergency this year. He believes that travel will continue heavy for several more months at least, and that it will increase perceptibly during the fall, when the New Westminster exposition will attract crowds of Eastern Canadians to British Columbia.

In the meantime Victoria's summer attractions are being slowly but surely augmented. The Dallas road swimming resort is rapidly nearing completion, and should be ready for use within a week. The cofferdam has been finished for some time and the pavilion, which will afford bathers every modern convenience, only needs a few finishing touches before being thrown open to the general public. It has been contended by many that it would be impossible to popularize a swimming pool in that locality owing to the coldness of the water. According to those who have tested it since the completion of the cofferdam the objection was not well-founded. The temperature of the water within the enclosure is just about right for bathing purposes. A number of those interested made a practical comparison the other day, first going into the open water and then into that within the bounds of the cofferdam and, it is said, they were very thankful to get into the latter warmer area. When the pavilion is ready large numbers are expected to make daily visits. Should the popularity of the resort warrant it the Tourist Association intends recommending the construction of a water toboggan running from the top of the pavilion to the surface of the pool. This could be done at comparatively little expense, and would provide splendid entertainment for pleasure-seekers.

There is a possibility that officials of the association will take some action towards stopping the prevailing objectionable practices of Gorge bathers. Many of those in the habit of taking an afternoon swim in the waters of the Arm wear nothing but the ordinary trunks, and quite a number, clad in this scant attire, spend their time floating through the Gorge rapids with the stream, the most public spot of that beautiful resort. All interested in the establishment of Victoria as a tourist resort of extreme respectability express the opinion that something should be done to make it unlawful for bathers to use anything but the full-bathing suit at the Gorge. Some steps along this line will be taken immediately, and meanwhile it is to be hoped that all who have the interests of their city at heart will assist, if in no other way by force of example, in eliminating such an objectionable practice. In most cases it is thought the bathers are only to blame because of their thoughtlessness, and may be depended upon to adopt the more respectable bathing garb now that its necessity has been explained.

These and other matters of some importance will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Tourist Association.

TO PROTECT INSURED.

British Policy Holders in Equitable Assurance Society Organized For Mutual Advantage.

London, July 25.—Preliminary steps have been taken to form an association of British policy holders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. A provisional committee has issued a circular setting forth the aims of the organization, namely, representation of the British policy holders in the mutualization, annual audit by British accountants, and the distribution of the surplus to policy holders. The circular in conclusion says that no proceedings will be advocated which are likely to prove harmful to the society.

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The objects for which the Company is established and licensed are:

To carry on the business of life assurance in all its branches and in particular to grant or effect assurances of all kinds for payment of money by way of a single payment or by several payments or otherwise upon the death, or marriage, or birth, or failure of issue of, or the attainment of a given age by any person or persons, or upon the expiration of any fixed or ascertainable period, or upon the happening of any other contingency or event dependent upon or connected with human life, or the occurrence of any contingency or event which would or might be taken to affect the interest, whether vested, contingent, expectant or otherwise, of any person or persons in any property subject or not to any such events as aforesaid happening in the lifetime of any other person or persons, or upon the loss or recovery of contractual or testamentary capacity in any person or persons:

To carry on the business of fire insurance in all its branches and to grant insurances against injury or damage to or loss of property caused by or resulting from lightning, hailstorm, tempests, earthquakes, explosions, the overflow or inundation of water or other misfortune whether of a like or of a different kind, and to grant insurances against injury or damage to or loss or damage of property during transit by land or sea, and against loss or damage of property by burglary or theft.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Section 53, Highland District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title issued to Edward Cooper Arden on the 18th March, 1897, and numbered 3281c.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, B. C., July 3rd, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the following described land: Commencing at the southeast corner post on Dease Lake, Cassiar, near Porter's Landing, of Lot 206, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south to the lake shore, thence following the lake shore to the point of commencement, and containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 19th May, 1905.

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF ADVENTURERS OF ENGLAND TRADING INTO HUDSON'S BAY.

SECOND-HAND PIANO FOR SALE—$135. This instrument has been used by a teacher and is thoroughly well made. Will be delivered free to any wharf or railway station in B. C. Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., 88 Government street, Victoria; 123 Hastings street, Vancouver. We have others. Write us for catalogue.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Organization at Ottawa Is Almost Completed—Major Walsh Is Dead.

Ottawa, July 25.—The organization of the transcontinental railway commission is about completed. Ex-Premier Parent is as good as appointed chairman and Mr. McIsaac, M. P., will represent the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Brunet retires.

Major Walsh Dead.

Major Walsh, at one time commissioner of the Yukon, died at Brockville at noon today.