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GRAND TRUNK ACTIVE HERE

SURVEYORS ARE BUSY AT SITE FOR DOCKS

Understood That Project Will Involve the Expenditure of About \$50,000.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company is displaying great promptness in its preparations to build docks in the inner harbor in this city at the site on the waterfront, which was acquired some time ago for this purpose.

For some days past a gang of surveyors have been taking levels on shore and soundings have been made off shore to determine the depth of water at the wharf approaches. It is understood that these soundings have resulted most satisfactorily, it being shown that there is ample water at every stage of the tide for the largest type of vessels which are accustomed to come into the harbor.

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PROVINCE DID WELL IN FOWLS

GOOD POULTRY AT A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION

British Columbia Made Excellent Showing, Carrying Off Many Prizes.

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PRINCE RUPERT NOW BOOMING

CAMOSUN IN WITH NEWS FROM NORTH

Large Land Sales—Steamer Brings Sample of B. C. Pulp.

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MEETING WILL BE IMPORTANT

QUARTERLY SESSION OF BOARD OF TRADE

A Number of Questions of Great Local Interest to Be Discussed.

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SIX HUNDRED CHINESE SAIL

CYCLOPS LEFT FOR THE ORIENT TO-DAY

Takes Whale Oil and Salmon— Busy Time at Wharf on Wednesday.

A long line of delivery wagons piled high with luggage and Chinese proceeded down Government street all the morning and thence through the James Bay district all the forenoon held the eye of the pedestrian for the moment, and many were the enquiries regarding the apparent outflux of Chinese from Victoria.

Accompanied by a multitude of baggage, packages of delicacies, clothing all done up in nondescript parcels, the departing six hundred, with a multitude of smells, waited the sailing of the steamer. At 8 o'clock there was a large brigade at the wharf. At 9 o'clock the delivery wagons still drew up with luggage, and at 10 and at 11 o'clock the consignments were still arriving on the wagon road from New Westminster and the old Cariboo through the canyon of the Fraser would be utilized.

The Cyclops berth was packed with goods belonging to the departing Celestials. Chinese among the luggage were some of the piggy banks, and Chinese appeared to have a bundle of umbrellas, in addition to the regular consignments of parcels, boxes, packages, and a small quantity of fish and tea was in the atmosphere from the ear terminals to the wharf and out to sea. Even the salt breeze blown in by the wind could not kill the odor.

The six hundred Chinese are departing back to Victoria, and some will return. Altogether there were three hundred and thirty-four, thirty-three of whom went aboard the Cyclops at Vancouver.

Capt. H. C. Harris has had quarters prepared for them, after the hatch has been raised and bunks erected close together beneath. Adjoining the Chinese quarters are the piggy banks, and Chinese appeared to have a bundle of umbrellas, in addition to the regular consignments of parcels, boxes, packages, and a small quantity of fish and tea was in the atmosphere from the ear terminals to the wharf and out to sea.

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VICTORIA TO HAVE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Great Quadrennial Gathering Comes Here Next Year— Rival Cities of Halifax and London Lose to Capital of British Columbia.

Victoria has been selected for the general conference of the Methodist church to be held in August or September of next year, this gratifying and important announcement having been made in a press dispatch from Toronto, where the special committee had the matter of the choice of a city for the great gathering before them yesterday.

That Victoria has triumphed in the keen competition for the honor of having the conference is a tribute not only to the superior advantages and attractions of British Columbia's capital city, when compared with any other city in Canada, but to the energy displayed by the representatives of the church here and the various public bodies whose services were enlisted in the endeavor to bring adequate pressure to bear upon the special committee at Toronto.

Local pastors and other citizens yesterday sent telegrams to Rev. J. W. Sparling, D. D., Rev. T. Albert Moore, Rev. N. Burwash, LL. D., Rev. Solomon Cleaver, D. D., Rev. G. W. Kerby, J. N. Lake, John George and W. Wesley Rowell, K. C., Toronto, Mayor Hall some time ago also forwarded a pressing invitation in his official capacity. That these messages had a good effect and that when the claims of the cities who were rivals in the matter—Halifax, London and Victoria—this city outclassed the others is shown by the announcement of the decision of the committee. The honor which has been conferred upon Victoria is all the greater when it is considered that the arguments which were advanced on behalf of Halifax and London were not very convincing. The maritime province send a big representation to the general conference, and London would score when the matter of expense came to be considered, for it is more centrally situated than either Victoria or Halifax. It has been estimated that the additional cost by the selection of a point so far west as Victoria will be at least \$10,000—so it will be seen that when all these features are taken into consideration Victoria has scored a veritable triumph.

The members of the local committee who had the matter in hand had been kept well informed as to the progress of the debate at the special committee respecting the choice of site for the conference, and it appeared that much of the opposition to the selection of Victoria came from Dr. Griffin, the treasurer, who pointed out the greater expense involved in such choice.

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AUTO FALLS FROM ROAD INTO RIVER

Three Occupants Have Great Difficulty in Reaching Banks.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 6.—H. J. King, of the Philadelphia Press courier, brought a message from President Taft to President Childberg, of the exposition, and two companions, are in Seattle to-day after having narrowly escaped with their lives in the final dash of the long overland automobile trip.

Just after dark last evening as Kingston, a parson, machinist and Hugo Dotzer, driver, were rushing along the road near North Bend and following close to the bank of the Snoqualmie river in the big Studebaker car, the machine slid from the muddy road and turning over landed in the river. The men were all hurled into the water, which at the point, where the accident happened is 20 feet deep. Heavily dressed as they were the automobilists had great difficulty in making their way to shore. The car with all its equipment sank out of sight.

Kingston was brought to Seattle in a passing automobile. Arrangements were at once made to complete the journey in a new car, and the message to President Childberg will be delivered to-day.

The accident last night is the second of the attempt to reach Philadelphia by Press to deliver the message. On September 18th a car was wrecked shortly after leaving Philadelphia and two of the occupants lost their lives.

ASQUITH SUMMONED TO BALMORAL BY KING

Premier Leaves House During the Debate on the Budget.

London, Oct. 6.—Premier Asquith left London unexpectedly last evening for Balmoral, whither he was summoned by telegraph by the King.

The premier left the House of Commons in the middle of the debate on the most important clause of the budget.

The summons followed an interview between his Majesty and Earl Cawdor, one of the most influential of the opposition lords, and it is generally believed that the royal influence is being exerted to avert a grave constitutional struggle.

MONTREAL'S NEW SCHOOL.

Montreal, Oct. 6.—The new mechanical school, the corner stone of which was laid last night at a ceremony in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Lomer Gouin, F. D. Monk, M.P., and others participated, is being built at a cost of \$800,000. Instruction is to be given in both English and French. The school will have accommodation for 1,000 boys, day and night schools combined.

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NEW ENGLAND FISH COMPANY SELLS OUT

Canadian Concern Has Taken Over Control of Affairs.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 6.—The plant, good-will and vessels of the New England Fish Company, an American concern, operating out of Vancouver, has been purchased by a Canadian concern, the Canada Fish Company. The price was in the seven figure column.

TO HOLD CONTEST.

Boys' Work in Y. M. C. A. to Be Pushed Vigorously.

A meeting of the boys' work committee of the Y.M.C.A. was held Tuesday evening in the association rooms when it was decided to hold a membership contest in the boys' department. This is an annual affair and the members generally take a great amount of interest in the competition. It will start in about two weeks' time and remain open for a few weeks.

For the closing night a social evening and gymnastic exhibition will be given. Any boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years can be brought in during the contest.

The boys' department has now been organized under the cabinet system, having five committees. The committees and chairmen of each are as follows: Membership, B. Ely; social, W. Sprout; Bible classes, J. Frankton; literary and educational, A. Willis; and physical, C. Baker. The secretary of the cabinet is G. Williams.

The winter season has now opened and all the boys of the department are turning out in large numbers to the physical classes being held. A number of basketball teams are to be formed in the various classes of the association, and everything is being done to make a successful season being done.

CHINESE REFORMS BEING CARRIED OUT

Steamer Keemun Brings News From Flowery Kingdom— Military School.

News from China was received by the steamer Keemun of continued reforms in the government of China. The most important of these was an edict recently promulgated by the emperor, through the minister of justice, making judicial appointments good for life.

This is thought to have a good effect in preventing the exploitation of those who appear before the courts for redress.

Another movement which will be of interest to shipping men is the appointment of a delegation to make a study of the shipping question with a view to its encouragement. While this may not mean much, yet considering the present humors of the Chinese leaders it is probable that the delegates are competent men, much good may result.

The military and naval movement is still progressing. The latest development along these lines is the appointment of His Excellency Nai Chin to the work of organizing a military schedule for the nobles of the country. Nothing can be done at present in China without the co-operation of the nobility, and therefore the enlisting of them in the military movement is a prime essential in the organizing of the country.

The Prince Regent has turned the cold shoulder to a proposal emanating from the president of the Pekin university to defer the reorganization of the Chinese navy on account of lack of funds. It is understood that the matter will be proceeded with at once and that funds must be forthcoming.

At the time of the Antung-Mukden trouble between China and Japan it was feared that a boycott would ensue, but now that the matter has been peacefully settled no action has been taken and the boycott has been