

AGRICULTURISTS ARE RUSHED BACK EAST

Dominion Government Only Allows Them Two Hours Ride on Vancouver Island

(From Thursday's Daily)
The Scotch agriculturists, who are supposed to be touring Canada under the auspices of the Dominion government with a view to studying agricultural conditions in Canada, returned yesterday to Vancouver, en route for Calgary, by the noon boat, after being whirled round the Saanich peninsula in motors so fast that they could not get out of the fast motor cars before they were necessary in order to cover the territory in the couple of hours at the "motor" drive of the boat. They called before they boarded the boat.

James Bay is beautiful, and you have some lovely scenery. Also, the roads through British Columbia are better than that I cannot say, save that there was plenty of dust.

They had to go on board without waiting for their overcoats. One of them, Angus Mackintosh, knew better than to take such a hurried trip. He was anxious to learn something about British Columbia and Vancouver Island, and did not think he could do it in two hours' ride at breakneck speed in a motor, according to the schedule outlined by the Dominion government in its keen desire to further the interests of the province. Accordingly he spent the morning quietly in the provincial bureau of information, with Frank I. Clarke, absorbing all the information he could obtain. Mr. Clarke gave him a number of views and also a selection of literature for his party to peruse on the train consisting of selections of the provincial bulletins, which, by the way, the Dominion government has recently taken to reprinting as Dominion literature and as a faint recognition of the fact that Canada extends west of the Rockies.

R. M. Palmer, deputy minister of agriculture, accompanied the party and went on with them to the Victoria wharf where they have about as much time to see the lower mainland and the rich delta of the Fraser river as they had to examine Vancouver Island. They got to Vernon, where they arrive at 10:30 a. m., leaving at 2:30 p. m., giving exactly four hours in which to become acquainted with the vast possibilities and development of the Okanagan.

They have seen about as much of British Columbia as did the British journalists whom the Dominion brought out last fall, who were loud in their regrets that the time spent in the East did not permit them to see anything of the great Pacific province of whose future they had heard and concerning whose resources they were desirous of learning somewhat at first hand.

INSTITUTE EXCURSION

Reception to Be Given in Provincial Building By the Government

As promised to the deputations which waited on the Hon. the Premier on Saturday, the provincial government will entertain the members of the Canadian Mining Institute and their guests, who will be in Victoria next week, at a reception in the Parliament Buildings. The reception will be held on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. This function will be of the nature of a public reception of the visitors and will be open to the public. Formal invitations to it will not be issued, but a notice will be inserted in the local newspapers that the public will be welcome. The arrangements are being made by Hon. Dr. Young. Additional lights will be placed at the main entrance to the buildings, palms and other plants will be placed in the corridors, the legislative hall, in which the guests will be received on arrival, will be decorated, and a good orchestra will render a number of instrumental selections. Refreshments will be served shortly after 10 o'clock, and the company will disperse about 11 o'clock. The buildings will be well lighted throughout, and, including the several museums, will be open all afternoon. The reception is not yet known whether in honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir will attend, but it is hoped they will do so and assist in this public welcome to the visitors, among whom will be a number of influential professional men from Great Britain, Canada and the United States. It is expected that 40 to 50 members of the institute from various parts of the West, including those resident in Victoria, will also attend the reception. Messrs. McBride, Young and Eberts will assist in receiving visitors. It is believed this reception will prove one of the most striking and successful social gatherings arranged in honor of the distinguished visitors anywhere in Canada.

HEAVY REGISTRATIONS AT EMPRESS HOTEL

Need of New Wing Is Further Demonstrated—Hayter Road Coming

No less than 90 rooms have been reserved at the Empress for Monday next, the 22nd inst., and about the same number for the following day leaving no chance at all to take care of the usual exhibition rush in any proper manner. On Monday 70 of these rooms are allotted to members of the Canadian Mining Institute. The addition of the new wing to the eastward and a little to the southward, with possibly 100 and possibly only 75 rooms, will not be finished for two or three weeks yet at the earliest, but if expedition is shown Messrs. Gribble and Skeene, the contractors for the present building, are prepared to guarantee the completion of the proposed addition by the end of September of next year, and before the exhibition will open.

Mr. Hayter Road, the hotel manager in chief, is expected to arrive daily, and his report will advance this proposition a decisive stage. Mr. Hayter Road is further proposed to place in the palm room a handsome and capacious aquarium, which will contain many rare and interesting species of fish. The aquarium is already in "ready" but the "denominations" of the fish are not as yet known with any proper degree of accuracy.

SURFACE DRAINAGE TO COVER LARGE SECTION

Plans Prepared Show Extensive Nature of the Work Contemplated

According to the plans prepared for the extension of the surface drainage system for which the city council will submit a bylaw to the ratepayers on the 25th of this month to raise \$150,000, the work will be a very extensive one and while a portion of it may not be laid this year a start will be made and a great deal of the system installed. The drains will vary from the large brick and concrete affairs of some six feet in diameter to those of twelve inches in diameter, the latter constructed of the ordinary sewer pipes.

All the necessary data has been compiled by the city engineer's department and should the ratepayers see fit to sanction the raising of the necessary funds, work will commence at once. The first work to be done will be the extension of the Cook street drain, a large six feet brick and concrete drain, from May street, where it now empties into the ordinary sewer, through to the sea, thus affording increased drainage facilities for the low portion along Cook street besides improving the drainage from the higher sections, which have heretofore not been properly drained because of the fact that its small outlet has reduced the effectiveness of this drain to a very great extent. The larger surface drains will be constructed on Cook street, from May street to the sea; on Burnside road; Fernwood road, from Walnut street to Cedar Hill road; St. Charles street, from Chandish street to the sea.

On the other streets the drains will range from twenty-four inches to twelve inches in diameter and will be laid on William street to the city boundary; on Queen's avenue, from the main on Blanchard street to Vancouver street; on Foul Bay road, from David street to Port street; on Dallas road, from San Juan street to Richmond street; on Moss street, from Richardson street to Snowden street; on Niagara street, from San Juan street to Carr street; on St. Lawrence street, from Dallas road to Simcoe street; and along Simcoe street, from Port street, from Oak Bay junction to Foul Bay road; on Gorge road from Market street to the sea; on King's Road from Quadra street to Seventh street; on Sixth street from King's road to Hillside avenue; on Hillside avenue from Sixth street to Blackwood street; from Douglas street through to Tomlinson avenue by way of the brickyard; on Douglas street from Speed street to Francis street.

FALLS FROM CAR

Miss Munroe Slipped and Sustained Serious Injury on Niagara Street

While en route from the Empress hotel to the Empress hotel, Miss Munroe, who was seated in the rear of a motor car, slipped and fell from the car on Niagara street, sustaining serious injuries. The accident happened to her on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. This function will be of the nature of a public reception of the visitors and will be open to the public. Formal invitations to it will not be issued, but a notice will be inserted in the local newspapers that the public will be welcome. The arrangements are being made by Hon. Dr. Young. Additional lights will be placed at the main entrance to the buildings, palms and other plants will be placed in the corridors, the legislative hall, in which the guests will be received on arrival, will be decorated, and a good orchestra will render a number of instrumental selections. Refreshments will be served shortly after 10 o'clock, and the company will disperse about 11 o'clock. The buildings will be well lighted throughout, and, including the several museums, will be open all afternoon. The reception is not yet known whether in honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir will attend, but it is hoped they will do so and assist in this public welcome to the visitors, among whom will be a number of influential professional men from Great Britain, Canada and the United States. It is expected that 40 to 50 members of the institute from various parts of the West, including those resident in Victoria, will also attend the reception. Messrs. McBride, Young and Eberts will assist in receiving visitors. It is believed this reception will prove one of the most striking and successful social gatherings arranged in honor of the distinguished visitors anywhere in Canada.

WILL DECIDE NAME

Royal Institute of Learning to Determine Title of the Victoria Branch

For the purpose of attending a meeting of the board of governors of the Royal Institute of Learning at Vancouver today, George Jay, chairman of the school board, and Superintendent E. B. Paul left this morning for the Charmer. At this meeting it will be decided what the name of the Victoria college will be under the new arrangement and also what will be the titles of the different teachers who have been appointed by the board. Some of the teachers will be named professors and others lecturers. While in Vancouver, Superintendent Paul will take occasion to inspect the manual training department of the public schools there, which is supposed to be strictly up to date and capable of giving the pupils a most thorough training. It is the intention of the school board to make the manual training department here as effective as possible and fully the equal of that in Vancouver.

NEW HELMETS ARRIVE

Police Force Now Attired in the Complete Military Style of Uniforms

The new police bonnets, the styles for fall, have arrived, after a delay of nearly two months, during which time the stalwarts have been wearing the old-style helmet with their new uniforms. Today the patrolmen will appear resplendent in the new headgear with chin straps and on the front of the helmet will be the new badge—a black maple leaf, on which will be the silver beaver, surmounted by a crown. The new helmet is considerably heavier than the old, and has the short peak in front and project further from the back.

A Russian grand duke effect will be given the sergeants, who will wear a cap similar in shape to those worn by army officers, with the broad flat brim. The numbers of bright metal, which will be attached to the collars of the patrolmen's tunics, have also arrived. While none of the patrolmen have any objection to the number handed to them, it was plainly evident that none wished to be given the unlucky 13, and to Patrick Hutchings, who claimed he was in no wise superstitious, it went. Only the fact that the local forces do not yet sufficiently large. The "old" number being issued.

FINE PEACHES GROWN HERE

Some excellent peaches, weighing 2 1/2 lbs. to the box, which were grown by Mr. Gardiner in Victoria West, are shown in a restaurant window on Government street west.

GOOD PROGRESS IN LAYING WATER MAINS

Work on Number of Streets is Now Completed—More Connections

Rapid progress is being made by the city in the laying of the mains for the new system of water distribution, and what with this work and that of making water connections at an average of four a day, besides other incidental work, a large force of men is engaged on the city streets, independent of those employed at the Smith's Hill reservoir.

So far, since the work of laying the pipe was started a month ago, the following mains have been laid, or are now being laid, and will soon be finished: Twelve-inch mains, Burnside avenue from Humboldt street to Cook street; Humboldt street from Douglas street to Government street; Belleville street from Government street to Menzies street; Menzies street from Government street to Store street and along the latter thoroughfare to Tembroke street; an eight-inch main on Vancouver street from Humboldt street to Pandora street; and four-inch mains on Alphonse street, from Douglas street to Douglas street, and on Beta, Delta and Gamma streets, while the work of laying four-inch mains on Frances avenue from Douglas street to Burnside road and on Vilting street from Chambers street to Fernwood road will probably commence today.

A gang of fourteen men is now engaged at the exhibition grounds installing three more hydrants with necessary pipe connection, and when this work is completed, the buildings will be amply protected from fire. Applications for water connection are being daily received, about four connections for dwellings being installed every day.

Wherever possible, the new mains laid are being connected with the old system so that the service in several sections of the city is now being derived through the new mains. As in the majority of instances the new mains are of much larger capacity than those replaced, water users are obtaining a more copious supply. On Belleville street from Government street to Menzies street, and thence to Simcoe street, a twelve-inch main has been laid in lieu of the old four-inch main connection with the old main. Government street being made at the junction of that street with Belleville street. The result has been a larger supply of water for users along the new main evidenced by the increased flow at the taps of the various dwellings served.

A large quantity of the old piping which has been taken up after the new mains have been laid will prove of use. Such portions as can be salvaged are cleaned, trimmed and cut and will be available for water works purposes on other streets where piping of its size is needed.

LOCAL ASTROLOGER ON SIGNS OF TIMES

Influence of the Planets Upon the Weather and Things in General

(From Thursday's Daily)
"I find," remarked a local astrologer yesterday afternoon, upon being consulted in regard to the weather, "that upon the 22nd of this month the moon will be in aspect—rather from the eastward, while upon the following day, the 23rd, the sun enters into the sign of Libra, or the Scales, when the autumn quarter at once commences. High winds will be induced immediately after the entrance of the sun into this sign; in consequence of this falling in the autumn equinoctial period, which really happens, not upon the 21st, as is very commonly supposed, but upon the 23rd, when the sun appears to be more equidistant from the constellation of Libra. Most remarkable and somewhat sudden changes in the weather will almost immediately ensue, and the winds will be more opitely shown than under the influence of rather cold weather for this particular time of the year, and a little bit colder than is usual at that season of the year. The important planet Venus is also rather unfavorable, as respects what may be termed the emotions of young men and of young women. Much cruelty may further be feared, and these happenings will peculiarly concern women, and as the evil nature of man will be more openly shown, it is customary, great danger exists that much sorrow will be occasioned in many quarters."

As the sun enters Libra I expect to hear of severe accidents to ships, including disastrous shipwrecks down on the Pacific coast, while as Mercury is in Aihelion, or in the position farthest from the sun, rain and wind will prevail in certain sections of this province. Mercury reaches its aphelion on the 21st, and then on the 23rd we have the sinister planet Saturn in position to the sun, which will directly lead to the commission of many gross crimes, both in government and in private circles. I confidently expect to hear of many cases of fraud being exposed to public light, both on the part of men who occupy government positions as well as on the part of tradesmen, particularly in other departments in life.

"On the 24th of October, dull, murky weather will set in, and the winds will be laden and most unsettled, and between this date and the middle of this month we shall have all kinds of weather, while as we pass into November the atmospheric conditions will be of such a nature that our surroundings must be very disagreeable indeed."

"On the 14th of November Mercury will be in perihelion, or nearest the sun, and stationary. On the 15th of this month Venus will be in perihelion, which will cause very heavy rains to descend upon the earth. On the 15th we will have Mercury at its remotest distance from the sun, already causing high winds and heavy rainstorms to be very prevalent in western latitudes, while on the 14th this planet will be in conjunction with Uranus, who will judge heavy horses, and W. Staley Spark of England, who will be presiding official in connection with light horses, have called on the horse show would be a fast department. All it is stated, express themselves delighted with Victoria and ready to take on the onerous duties devolving upon them at the earliest possible moment."

New Attractions.
Of course the horse races will be the principal entertainment during exhibition week. Still it is customary to arrange for a number of side entertainments and this year the secretary

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MORE EXHIBITORS IN THIS YEAR'S SHOW

Entries for Next Week's Fair Establish Record—Special Entertainment Features

(From Thursday's Daily)
As 432 is to 431, so the forthcoming provincial exhibition, to be held from the 22nd to the 26th inst., will compare with the last show held under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association. The time for the receiving of entries closed on Saturday night. As is usual there was a rush of late applications, and J. A. Smart, the secretary, was unable to make a comparison until yesterday. When the totals were available he found that the fair of next week had attracted no less than one hundred and forty-one exhibitors, a record for the fair of last year. Nor was that all. It was discovered, on searching the records, that each individual, striking a general average, had entered a far greater amount in the different classes and that the show, taking it all through, would be the biggest that has ever been held in Victoria.

Detailed Comparison.
"Figures, they say, 'speak' lie," remarked the secretary yesterday afternoon, "and there you have them." He went on in order to show the increased interest manifested in every class, to specify, up to the present there were about the same number of horses promised as were entered last year. But it was pointed out, there were many applications for stall accommodation, and many of these were of the privilege. The floor space in the main hall is all rented. The last was disposed of several days ago, and since then the secretary has been besieged with applications which he had been forced, reluctantly, to turn away. He mentioned this as an instance of the remarkable interest being taken in the exhibition and as but another evidence that the Victoria fair of 1908 is destined to break all records.

PROVINCIAL POLICE FOR THE EXHIBITION

Oak Bay Officials Intend Engaging Their Services—Victoria Responsible

(From Thursday's Daily)
The municipalities of Victoria and of Oak Bay having failed to come to an agreement in reference to the several questions affecting the interests of both it was announced yesterday that arrangements were being made by the latter with the provincial police for the enforcement of the law on the exhibition grounds during next week's fair.

It is understood that the organization mentioned will be asked to provide ample protection in the interests of the general public, that the expenses incurred will be submitted to the civic authorities for payment. Should there be any arrests made or should any important prosecutions be necessary, as a direct result of the holding of the exhibition, Oak Bay will hold Victoria responsible for the financial outlay entailed.

At least such is the stand the representatives of the neighboring district have assumed and they express themselves as determined that, in the event of any of the contingencies enumerated happening, that will be the course pursued.

In explaining the situation, it is pointed out that the exhibition grounds while they are within their municipal

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ity, though belonging to the city, cannot be assessed for taxes and thus become a drag rather than a benefit. Therefore they claim that, during exhibition week, Victoria should provide the police needed and other expenses which might crop up. This they state was one of the questions dealt with in the agreement laid before the city council and which still was in statu quo. It has been hoped that an amicable settlement of all these outstanding matters would have been reached before the annual fair.

WILL NOT GRANT LIQUOR LICENSES

Officials of Oak Bay Municipality Deny Rumor Affecting Exhibition

(From Thursday's Daily)
That an application had been made to the Oak Bay licensing board for the right to sell liquor just outside the exhibition grounds during the progress of the fair for several days in one of the fair grounds was the effect of a rumor circulated about the streets yesterday. Enquiry, however, elicited the information that there wasn't the slightest foundation for the report.

One of the officials of the neighboring municipality stated, most emphatically, that there would be no licenses issued other than those which already have been granted and are in force. The members of the B. C. Agricultural association having decided that there should be no intoxicating drink available on the grounds the only sources of such refreshment would be the places regularly in business.

Furniture in Bulk
"The biggest piece of merchandise freight I have ever met with in all my experience with railroads," remarked E. W. Sars, manager of the Victoria & Sidney railway, scanning a large trunk shaped box which a gang of men were attempting to carry, by means of rollers, from the warehouse. It weighed over 4000 and had been shipped direct from Amsterdam to Victoria. Within that package, it was explained, were all the household belongings of one who had recently settled in this city. "That is the way they do their packing in Europe," Mr. Sars said with a smile. "Put it on wheels and you would have a miniature freight car."

An excellent preventative against scarlet fever or diphtheria, in their season is to give a child a small pinch of sulphur every night and morning.

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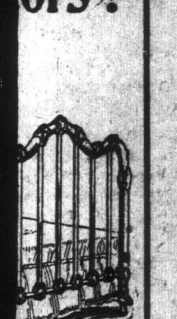


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