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HOTEL FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND

Tourist Resort to Be Constructed By Vancouver Syndicate

A three storey hotel, costing in the neighborhood of \$80,000, with accommodations comprising some fifty bedrooms, is to be erected on Salt Spring Island. The project of the new enterprise is a Vancouver syndicate headed by F. W. Law, and it is understood that the contract will be awarded in Vancouver and all the materials for the construction will be obtained there. It is also proposed to run a daily boat from Vancouver to Salt Spring, and it would appear that the object of the syndicate and its ally, the Island Hotel Co., is to cater to the trade of the new hotel entirely from the mainland city. The syndicate has acquired a tract of land composed of about 800 acres, which will be included in connection with the hotel grounds. On these it is proposed to lay out and construct a golf course. In these grounds other amusements for the frequenters of the hotel will be provided, such as tennis, croquet, etc. The dining facilities on Salt Spring are well known, and the new enterprise promises to prove a great success. The hotel will, it is stated, be up to next spring construction work will be commenced. Mr. Law, who has the enterprise in hand, is at present on a visit to the proposed site.

Robbery of Fresno Bank. Fresno, Cal., Dec. 16.—Robbers last night blew open the vault doors of the Bank of Fresno and obtained about \$7,000 in cash. The robbery was discovered this morning when the officials of the bank arrived and found everything in confusion. Sheriff Collins was promptly notified, and he has offered a reward for the capture of the robbers.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE FARMERS

Bulletins of Department of Agriculture Are Eminent Practical

The eminently practical administration of the Provincial Department of Agriculture is further evidenced by two exceedingly comprehensive bulletins issued today from the Government Printing Office, the first of which deals in 300 well printed and illustrated pages with "Farmers' Pests and their Remedies," and the latter being a handbook of poultry raising, and marketing to the best advantage the products of the modern poultry farm. The scope and purpose of Bulletin 24, which is partially a reprint of a former and much demanded publication of the Department, brought up to date by observations and the incorporation of the latest discoveries of kindred departments in other countries is to afford a description in succinct form of these pests which are prevalent, reported or likely to be introduced in British Columbia, and their natural enemies, with the remedies prescribed by competent authorities, or which have been found in practical experience to be the most effective.

The question of pests, whether insect, disease or animal, and whether of plant or animal life, intimately affects the welfare of every tiller of the soil and breeder of animals to an extent not generally recognized. The running of animals on ranges and the raising of poultry, and the raising of a farm, is not all the business of a breeder of animals or the planter, cultivating and pruning of an orchard all that the fruit culturist has to do to ensure success, or the sowing and reaping of grain all the farmer is called upon to perform. The enemies of the productions of these various avocations, whether of native or introduced origin, all demand close and constant attention. The lack of knowledge or of appreciation of the methods pursued by the successful person, not the least among which is the ceaseless warfare against insect and animal pests and diseases, is too often the cause of failure on the part of the farmer. It is therefore hoped that the information furnished in the just issued bulletin, which is culled from all available authoritative sources, may prove a real benefit to all concerned. In fulfillment, therefore, of a long-standing promise for the publication of a bulletin on this subject, which it is earnestly hoped will interest in renewed efforts in adopting the measures advocated against enemies and the protection of insect friends.

In presenting this brochure to the public, however, it is not for a moment pretended that the contents are all emanations resulting from the compiler's observations. It would be presumptuous to set up the compiler's opinions against those of persons who have made a life-long study of their respective subjects, with all the necessary opportunities to study the life histories of insect and plant life, and the most reliable methods of combating the depredations of the enemies of the stockman, farmer and orchardist. The author has, therefore, endeavored, as far as possible, to culminate the best researches of the most advanced entomologists and scientists of our own and other countries, supplemented by such information as is naturally obtained by constant contact with the subject under review, giving credit to the authorities quoted. Thanks are given to Dr. James Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, and the Rev. Geo. W. Taylor, of Wellington, for assistance rendered in revising this work; also to Dr. S. F. Tomlinson, of "Stock Pests," and Mr. E. P. Robinson, on "Bees Pests."

The brochure on poultry raising and its care and profits, compiled by the same author, will be published as soon as the selection of a suitable site for the buildings incident to a successful poultry farm, the erection of these buildings, the feeding and general care of the fowl, incubators, care of chicks, handling and marketing birds and eggs. It is everywhere admitted that no section of Western America offers greater advantages in poultry raising than the Island of Vancouver, where there are numerous sites obtainable that are dry, warm, and superlatively well adapted to the requirements of this industry. The information as to the selection of a suitable site for the buildings incident to a successful poultry farm, the erection of these buildings, the feeding and general care of the fowl, incubators, care of chicks, handling and marketing birds and eggs. It is everywhere admitted that no section of Western America offers greater advantages in poultry raising than the Island of Vancouver, where there are numerous sites obtainable that are dry, warm, and superlatively well adapted to the requirements of this industry. The information as to the selection of a suitable site for the buildings incident to a successful poultry farm, the erection of these buildings, the feeding and general care of the fowl, incubators, care of chicks, handling and marketing birds and eggs.

From Poverty to Wealth. MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 16.—M. D. Bryner, a switch cleaner on an electric railroad here, was today notified that he is heir to an estate valued at \$20,000,000 in Posen, Prussia.

New Zealand Wants Line. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Standard's correspondent at Auckland writes that the greatest interest is being taken in the effort to establish a line of steamships between New Zealand and Canada.

Wholesalers Buy Cannery. TILLAMOOK, ORE., Dec. 16.—Tillamook cannery has been sold to E. Kelly, of Winnipeg, who is acting on behalf of a syndicate of wholesalers from the Northwest. The price paid is \$27,000.

To Abolish Swiss Pale. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—The Constitutional Democrats introduced in the duma today a bill abolishing the Jewish Pale. The bill has the approval of prominent Octoberists.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 16.—Robert Rodney, charged with mistreating his niece, under 16 years of age, was sentenced today to a year and a half in the Central Prison. The girl is in bad condition.



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Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Each, 20c to **75c**
Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs. Each **10c**
Ladies' Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs. Each, 20c and **35c**
Ladies' Irish Lace Handkerchiefs. Each, 50c and **60c**

Ladies' Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs. Each \$1.40 up to **\$3.00**
Ladies' Real Lace Handkerchiefs. Each, \$1.40 up to **\$9.00**
Gentlemen's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Each, 25c to **50c**
Gentlemen's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs. Each, 25c and **50c**
Gentlemen's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs. Each **50c**
Gentlemen's Plain Silk Handkerchiefs. Each **50c**

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PROMISING MINE CHANGES HANDS

M. K. Rogers Makes Final Payment on Hidden Creek Property

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—By the payment today of \$40,000 a mining deal was completed in Vancouver which is the largest purchase of real estate in the province since the transfer of the Britannia property at Howe Sound. The payment today was the final one of \$135,000, the price of Hidden Creek property, situated within a short distance of Port Simpson. Originally the claims were owned by R. P. Fawcett, former governor of the Island, who three years ago turned over the property to J. T. Hillis and S. S. Raymond, of Vancouver, on a bond. They did some development work and less than two years ago sold to M. K. Rogers, former manager of the Nickel Plate, at Hedley B.C., for lines of the Canadian Pacific. Since coming into possession of the Hidden Creek property he has invested another hundred thousand dollars in development work, which has exposed enormous bodies of ore. The mine is to be developed immediately on the same lines as the Britannia, except that an electric tram system instead of an aerial will be used. Two weeks ago Mr. Rogers is said to have received an offer of three and a half million dollars from the American Copper Company for the property. He declined to sell.

CREW STARVING LITTLE CURRENT, ONT., Dec. 16.—The big steel lake freighter Wassahickon, of the Anchor Line, is a complete wreck on Outer Duck Island. She was dashed on the rocks last Sunday, and the loss will be \$120,000. Two men were killed and the crew of 32 had to be rescued by a small gasoline launch, brought news of the ship's plight, and that the crew of 32 had been four days without food.

Dead Alive. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16.—Miss Nellie Burns, 16 years old, who was declared legally dead on Monday by the circuit court, appeared in offices of an insurance company today. She was later identified by Miss Annie Bosne, her foster mother, who has not seen her since 1898 when it is declared the girl was kidnapped.

Canadian Flotations in London. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce has invited public subscriptions for \$250,000 of six per cent first mortgage sinking fund bonds of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Coal Company, of which Senator Watkinson is president, and Second Vice-President, of the Canadian Pacific is a director. The Times says the information given concerning the company's financial position is meagre. The city of Fort William is offering here 4 1/2 per cent debentures for \$294,500 at 102 1/2.

H. G. Gamble, C. P. R. engineer, Vancouver, is at the Empress.

VANCOUVER BURGLARS

Four Men Implicated in Raid on Dresser Establishments in Chinatown as Receiver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—It has developed after police investigation that four men, instead of two, committed the burglary of the men's furnishing shop kept by James Brewster at 187 Jarvis street. A week ago this place was broken into and \$128.50 worth of goods taken. Magistrate Williams sentenced George Taylor, and Charles Preston to serve five years in the penitentiary for the crime. Originally the claims were owned by R. P. Fawcett, former governor of the Island, who three years ago turned over the property to J. T. Hillis and S. S. Raymond, of Vancouver, on a bond. They did some development work and less than two years ago sold to M. K. Rogers, former manager of the Nickel Plate, at Hedley B.C., for lines of the Canadian Pacific. Since coming into possession of the Hidden Creek property he has invested another hundred thousand dollars in development work, which has exposed enormous bodies of ore. The mine is to be developed immediately on the same lines as the Britannia, except that an electric tram system instead of an aerial will be used. Two weeks ago Mr. Rogers is said to have received an offer of three and a half million dollars from the American Copper Company for the property. He declined to sell.

COBALT ORE THEFTS

Arrests Made in Toronto May Clear Up Mystery of Stealing Millions Taken From Mines

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—By the arrest this afternoon of John E. Wilkinson, a manufacturer of Toronto, and Alexander Littlejohn, alias Macfarlane, a miner of Cobalt, the police believe they have struck at the heart of the gang which for the past five years have been stealing from the various Cobalt mine owners at the rate of more than a million dollars a year. Both men are charged with receiving stolen property and before twenty-four hours there may be a number of other startling arrests. That thefts to the extent mentioned have been going on almost openly for so long is hard to believe. The proprietors of the mines themselves knew that they were being robbed, but it seemed impossible to get the men who were doing it. Thousands of dollars were spent in employing private detectives, and it was only recently that the slightest headway was made. To illustrate to what extent the thefts have been carried on, the police say that Wilkinson's books show that within the last four years he has received in the neighborhood of \$800,000 worth of ore, and they further state that Wilkinson admits that he is only one of a number who have been carrying on the business in Toronto.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Magistrate Williams, of the police court, who leaves Friday morning for the old country, celebrated his last day of police court this morning by doing out with a "last" hand Christmas Hanover to William I. McQuire, Joe Merrill, Archie Thomson and Harry Buchter, all of them penniless men. They were all found begging and the first named was given a month in jail, while the other three got three months.

James Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, with headquarters at Vancouver, is at the Empress.

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ANTI-COMBINE TEA, in lead pkts., 3 lbs. for **\$1.00**
RED LABEL COFFEE, ground on bean, 1 lb. tin **25c**
CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEE, 1 lb. tin 40c, 2 lb. tin 75c
PURE GOLD PREPARED ICINGS, per pkt. **10c**
CORN STARCH, 3 pkts. for **25c**
PURE BLACK PEPPER, per lb. **25c**
ISLAND APPLES, per box \$1.90, or 4 lbs. for **25c**
OGILVIE'S ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR, the best flour made, per sack **\$2.00**
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WHITE MEALY POTATOES, 100 lb. sack **90c**
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JOHNSON'S FLUID BEEF, 16 oz. bottle **90c**
CORN FOR POPPING, 3 lbs. for **25c**
TARTAN BRAND TOMATOES, the finest packed, 2 large cans for **25c**
PEAS, BEANS AND CORN, Tartan Brand, per can **10c**
FRENCH PEAS, per can **15c**
CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, per lb. **15c**
NEW SHELL ALMONDS OR WALNUTS, per lb. **40c**
CALGARY RISING SUN BREAD FLOUR, per sk. **\$1.75**
TRAVERS' ENGLISH SAUCE, 3 half-pint bottles **25c**
CHIVER'S ENGLISH MARMALADE, 1 lb. glass jar. **15c**
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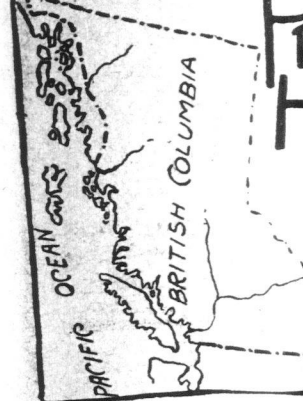
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The Hume hotel at Nelson by W. C. Wells will be on line.

During the present year the permits of Greenwood have reached the \$100,000 mark.

William T. Ennis was killed the premature discharge of a Mother Lode mine on Friday.

The building of the railway between Kootenai and Penticton cost \$11,000 less which cost 25 cents.

Work upon the Westhorn bridge in the District has been most completed.

Two candidates for reeve in the District of Salmon K. Scales and W. J. Kew.

R. A. Chester is the new of the branch of the B.N.A. in wood in succession to H. who is transferred to Rossland.

The British Columbia Company reports its production month of November as having reached \$54,000 net for the month.

John Morrison formerly of the Kootenai district, was drowned recently in the Cobalt district, Ont.

Henry Clark who broke school at Alice Sliding and broke up the furniture sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

Gunsyack Murphy is dead brook from pneumonia. At he owned a group of claim Kootenai country near the mine.

Stanley Dykes was committed at Nelson on a charge of knocking down Lena, a year old girl and robbing a point a mile out of the city.

Work has commenced upon the present at Fernie, a temporary str the board of trade of that gard this as a victory, has been agitating for the accommodation.

A special committee of the Westminister Board of Health is considering a proposal from the Safety Blasting Powder Co. to establish a powder works at and owned by the board of the the Cootnam river.

Cocquitiem Dam Ca Tomorrow evening the New Westminster case a Vancouver Power company guard to the proposed help the dam. Cocquitiem dam is sent to the Dominion g will be received by the New Westminster. The heightening of the dam its water supply in that will be contaminated.

Fernie's Roads. Twenty-five miles of have been built in Fernie, the past year. The road drive from Fernie to fording the mouth of the A bridge will be built there. Next fall the automobile will on its way prairie road brook. One party has also filed his intention to build a garage and an automobile.

Hunter to Appeal. Herr Oberland the Bo game hunter, has been right of appeal by Just from a \$150 fine received by magistrate W. Whimsie for violation of the game laws. Oberland says a commission from the government to collect British fauna for public museum has granted a special provincial secretary. This was made this year waiting Oberland went through the woods with hand. He declares he did

Vancouver Magistrate. It is understood that a magistrate is soon to be Vancouver. Magistrate yesterday on a long trip he does not intend, it is said to his old position. Tem C. J. South, J. P., is of police court bench. A det the police force waited on at his home, 1632 Burnaby asked him to accept a hat gator leather suit case silver mountings as a token in which he is a member of the police de

Goes for Evidence. City Prosecutor Kenne couter left yesterday for evidence against a man who is charged by son with converting to his money from the wooden chair to deliver to parties in Vancouver. Magistrate Oney, it is charged, instigating the cheats as a them himself and used considerable facility evidence, the Chinamen being willing to quit and come new for straighten on this matter of Mr. Kennedy's.

It is claimed that Oney has \$200 in the Chinamen accounted for a amount.

The Passing of the. There died on South Monday last, 13th inst., kin, better known as L. ripe age of 96. He is the al Kanakas who se