

The Work of the Victoria Seamen's Institute

THIS Society has been formed to carry on and extend the work of the Seamen's Institute, of which the late Mr. J. S. Bailey was in charge for many years, and faithfully did the work with the limited means at his disposal.

With the developments likely to take place in the harbor accommodation of Victoria and the rapidly increasing business of the Port it is felt that the time has come for a large extension of the work. Preparations have already been made for this by the purchase of a site about two years ago which has since been entirely paid for by the assistance of kind friends, and some \$2,000 in addition has been collected by the Ladies Guild towards the erection of a new building.

The matter has also been placed before the Provincial Government, who have most generously contributed a total sum of \$4,000 towards the work, so that there is approximately \$6,000 already subscribed.

The site at the corners of Montreal and Kingston Streets is a most admirable one and is right in the line of harbor development. The Committee considers that the time has now come when building operations should be commenced.

The great need is apparent when it is remembered 7,832 vessels have passed through the Port during the last ten