

GOVERNMENT WORK ON WEST COAST

Federal Authorities Commended on Aids to Navigation Established on Island Recently—Recommendations Made.

The establishment of further aids to navigation on the west coast was one of the subjects discussed at a meeting of the council of the board of trade held yesterday morning.

In answer to the following communication from the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo addressed to the honorable the minister, containing suggestions for the improvement of aids to navigation and safeguards on the west coast.

Since your first suggestions were received, a great deal of work has been done in the investigation and publication of results respecting currents and tides and we are advised that mariners are more pleased with the accuracy of our tide tables.

The provision of a harbor of refuge does not come within the functions of this department.

The assistant deputy minister of marine and fisheries, in acknowledging the memorial, in support of the establishment of a hydrographic observatory here, stated that the department has maintained such a station in this city for some years and contemplated improving the equipment and increasing the facilities for the work in the future.

Well Known Sound Steamer Sold by Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company

SEATTLE, June 7.—Announcement was made today by Uri Seely, general manager of the Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company, of the sale of the famous old steamer Flyer, the veteran of the Tacoma-Seattle run, to the Tacoma-Seattle-Everett route, owners of the steamers Indianapolis and Chippewa.

Guilty of Forgery

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Mrs. Inez C. Peterson, of Portland, and Seattle, was found guilty of forgery by a jury in the superior court here today.

Many Immigrants

MONTREAL, June 7.—An unprecedented influx of immigrants through Quebec and Montreal during the month of May is reported, actual passenger transportation showing the total just over 28,000 people, and this does not include children carried free, who have an average proportion to adult passengers of one in five.

Vancouver Strike Situation

VANCOUVER, June 7.—The strike situation in this city showed no new developments today, and precautions taken by the police authorities prevented the slightest appearance of disorder.

CAPTAIN SEARS IS ON TRIAL

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steamer heeling over. Finally it went over so far that a window of the saloon was almost over his head, and he broke the window and climbed through. He heard no warning and saw none of the officers of the vessel warning anyone.

Mr. McLean, witness said it may have been twenty minutes from the time he got out until the steamer sank.

New Vessel Was Loaded

Proper David, of Mayne Island, a stevedore on the Iroquois on the day she foundered, April 10. He had helped stow the freight on the steamer the night before.

Said Vessel Was Safe

Henry James Hartnell of Victoria saw Captain Sears on the wharf just before sailing time. Some ladies asked the captain if he would be safe to go as it was blowing hard.

Story of Disaster

David went on to tell of the disaster. Some of the passengers were coming through the windows. Witness received no orders. Only the upper deck was floating.

Would He All Right?

H. S. Moss, another passenger on the wrecked steamer, also heard some ladies on the wharf debating the advisability of going on board.

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