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VICTORIA AND THE ESQUIMALT WATERWORKS CO.

It has been intimated that petitions will be circulated praying the city council to enter into an arrangement with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company for the purchase of water.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL'S JUDGMENT

The written judgment of the law lords of the Privy Council is so clear in its terms and so sound in its logical deductions in regard to the position of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, such an admirable document apart altogether from the legal aspects of the case with which it deals, that it is worthy of perusal by the public at large.

The point made by the Judicial Committee that as the Waterworks Company may at any time be called upon to fulfil the terms of the act of the Legislature which calls for the delivery of a maximum quantity of five million gallons of water per diem into the pipes of the corporation, it would be manifestly impossible for the company to meet this demand if the water collected and conserved were appropriated by the city, is the one which will perhaps prove most convincing to the lay mind of the abstract justice of the committee's judgment.

come to terms with the Esquimalt Company. The city has increased in population. Elk Lake in its present state or in the condition to which the municipal waterworks have degenerated is unsatisfactory. But investigation has also disclosed the fact that we are not absolutely dependent upon Goldstream for water.

We do not believe, notwithstanding what has transpired, that the people are in the slightest degree prejudiced against the management and shareholders of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company for the manner in which they have gone about the task of entrenching themselves and their enterprise. On the contrary, we know that a good deal of admiration exists in the popular mind for the masterly manner in which the Goldstream works have been built and managed and for the persistent way in which the ends in view have been prosecuted.

Volume One Number One of the Alberni Pioneer News has made its appearance from the office of publication. The Pioneer News is the first newspaper printed on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and is in every respect worthy of strong public support.

We have offered no suggestion that the property of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company be confiscated by the legislature. We have indicated our belief that if the legislature has taken away in one act rights which it has conferred in another, it might be called upon to re-establish the rights originally conveyed.

The Victoria Musical Society has prepared a very ambitious programme for the coming season, which will carry correspondingly heavy obligations. We doubt whether there is a city of an equal population on the continent whose people are likely to have an opportunity of hearing the leading artists of the day.

Hon. Edward Blake's active work is finished. Mr. Blake is one of Canada's greatest sons, and the news that he has come home worn out will be received with profound regret by his fellow-countrymen, who will join in an expression of hope that a period of peace and rest in his native land will restore to some extent his physical health.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is very anxious to secure a preference in the markets of Australia. But the same manufacturers' association predicted ruin would descend upon the industries of Canada as a result of the Canadian preference to British manufacturers.

The trains of the Victoria & Sidney Railway may be slow and uncertain in their movements, but, according to all accounts, they are lightning expresses compared with the machinery of the Victoria registry office.

SEEKING DATA ON WATER SUPPLY

QUESTIONS FOR THE ESQUIMALT COMPANY

Mayor Morley Wished a Price Quoted on Goldstream and Thetis Lake Holdings.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Another move toward the accumulation of all available data on the water question will be made on Monday evening at the council meeting, when Mayor Morley will recommend that the water commissioner be instructed to write to the Esquimalt Waterworks Company for the purpose of obtaining the following information:

- 1. At what figure the company will sell the corporation the whole of its undertakings and holdings at Goldstream and Thetis lake.
2. At what figure the company will sell to the city all water now running to waste below the power house.
3. At what figure the company will sell water to the corporation, and deliver it to the west side of Victoria Arm within the city limits.

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The building code is a complete and comprehensive work in the form of a by-law or ordinance which can be passed by the city as it stands or modified to meet local requirements. It contains over one hundred and sixty sections, covering every phase of building regulation, and providing an efficient safeguard against such terrible disasters as have attended the destruction or collapse of buildings through fire or other causes from time to time.

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A few hours before his death at Mobile, Alabama, Rev. Harold Fullman, eighty-four years old, finished reading the Bible through for the sixteenth time.

DENONCES PEACE CONFERENCE

Socialist Describes It as "Gathering of Thieves and Murderers." Stuttgart, Germany, Aug. 21.—An interesting discussion of the colonial question developed at to-day's meeting of the International Socialist Congress.

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CAR FERRY SANK AT DOCK

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 22.—Because the portholes were left open, the heavy swells from a passing steamer washed enough water into the forward compartment of the Grand Trunk car ferry Huron to cause her to sink at her dock here this morning.

CANADIAN EXHIBITS

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—Wm. Burns, secretary for the exhibition branch of the department of agriculture, has arrived from Christchurch, N. Z., after winding up all business in connection with the New Zealand international exhibition.

STAPLE FOODS STEADY IN PRICE

PREDICTED ADVANCE IN BUTTER AND EGGS

Autumn Fruit is Coming in Fast-- Few Changes in the Local Markets.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

There is no change in price in any of the staple foods of either man or beast. Hay, oats and flour are still sold at the old rate, and even butter and eggs have not advanced in spite of the scarcity of these commodities.

In vegetables there is a slight depression in cabbage prices; peas are about gone, and any that are still on the market are of poor quality, on account of the drought. Beans are cheaper than was expected. They are cheap at five cents that peas would be at ten, for the whole weight of the former is food, while the latter only a modicum of the whole is eaten.

The preserving peaches are not here yet. Next week probably the first consignment will be on hand, but it may be even later. The prices have not yet been set but they will probably not be very high.

Table listing prices for various goods: Lake of Woods, per bbl. 6.50; Butter (Creamery), per lb. 30.00; Eggs (fresh), per doz. 25.00; etc.

WHOLESALE MARKETS

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SWIMMERS TO FORM CENTRAL BODY

Meeting This Week at J. B. A. for Organization Purposes-- Gala on Saturday.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Interest is growing in the swimming carnival to be held under the management of Ian St. Clair at the Gorge park next Saturday afternoon. Perhaps the feature of greatest moment in connection with the event is the fact that the various clubs throughout the province have decided to form an association, and will in some measure a governing body.

It is the gathering of the exponents of the national art in this city on Saturday which has given rise to the desire to form a central association. A meeting will be held at the J. B. A. at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and will be attended by representatives of each of the eight clubs throughout the province.

At Saturday's gala the Spencer challenge cup for the 100-yard race will be swum for. This will be the first recognized championship event held west of Toronto, and it is anticipated that it will be warmly contested. A number of swimmers from outside points will take part in the various events. Taken all round the programme is an excellent one, and the committee that has charge of the arrangements is hopeful that there will be a large attendance.

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Miss Ethel Harris, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in the city.

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