

# VICTORIA'S GARNERING THE LEVIATHAN CROP

## Details of Whaling Industry, Published For First Time, Show Enormous Extent of Operations.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The whaling industry tributary to Victoria is of an extent hardly realized by the average resident. If the present plans of the Pacific Whaling Company are carried out, it will be quadrupled within a year. Up to date the company has invested the sum of \$260,000 in the whaling station at Sechart, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and each of the three proposed new stations will entail a similar amount. A full description of the whaling plant has already been given in the Times, but details of expenditure were not heretofore available. Under the different heads the expenditure has been as follows:

Land and Buildings	\$20,000
Plant and machinery	75,000
Electric light and waterworks	10,000
Steam whaler Orion	40,000
Refinery, just completed	15,000
Extra machinery	50,000
Rismuller patent rights	50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>

This large sum was met by the issuance of stock to the par value of \$200,000. Of this \$104,000 is preferred \$300,000 common. The common stock has quadrupled in value and the preferred now commands five times its original cost. Both stocks have a par value of \$50, but cannot be purchased at less than \$200 for common and \$250 for preferred. The \$50,000 outlay over the value of the stock has been taken from income.

And what income has been derived from this large outlay? The company

Started Operations

about 1st September, 1905, but owing to defects in machinery and the provision of insufficiently strong cables, work was not actually commenced until about December 1st. In the intervening seven and a half months, 26th instant, 176 whales had been caught. These consisted of 4 sperm whales and 172 of other varieties, consisting of sulphur bottoms and fin and hump backs. The sperm whales produced from 112 to 120 barrels of oil and sperm each (the barrel containing about 43 gallons). This oil is worth, unrefined, at least \$1 per gallon, and as such was sold. When refined it will be priced at about \$1.75 per barrel, and as such, while by the time it reaches the consumer, if Victoria prices are to be taken as a criterion, it cost \$4.50 per gallon.

The other varieties so far obtained, fin backs, sulphur bottoms and hump backs, may be grouped. Sulphur bottoms are the most valuable, running from 90 to 110 barrels of oil, but it may safely be stated they run an average of 75 barrels all round. This is worth \$14 per barrel at the whaling station, apart from the barrel itself, which costs about \$2.50.

Guanos forms an important by-product, each whale on the average producing four tons. A low estimate of price is \$28.50 per ton, as present quotations are about \$1.10 higher.

Baleen, the whalebone of commerce, is another large source of revenue. Although the varieties mentioned are not so prolific in this valuable article as the bow head, or "right" whale, still the Sechart station produces a large amount. Each whale has been found to produce about 200 pounds, and as baleen is worth \$400 to \$500 per ton, it will be seen that the cash value of this article from each is, roughly speaking, \$60.

But these three products do not exhaust the

Merchantable Value

of the whale. Body bone, as it is called, when ground is a valuable fertilizer. Ground it is quoted at \$50 per ton. The company has 500 tons of ground on hand upon which, for the purpose of estimating values, the same price as that of guano is placed, namely \$27.50 per ton. Taking these figures, and they are stated to be conservative, it will be seen that the catch for seven and a half months reaches

the following total, a sum \$5 per cent. larger than the invested capital:

Sperm Whales	
5,190 gals. oil @ \$1	\$5,190
4 tons guano @ \$37.50	150
Whalebone	100
<b>Total value</b>	<b>\$5,440</b>

Other Varieties	
75 barrels oil @ \$14	\$1,050
4 tons guano @ \$37.50	150
200 lbs. whalebone @ \$500 ton	20
<b>Total value</b>	<b>\$1,220</b>

Recapitulation	
4 sperm whales @ \$5,440	\$21,760
172 other varieties @ \$1,220	210
500 tons body bone @ \$37.50	18,750
<b>Total value of catch to date</b>	<b>\$40,710</b>

And still another source of revenue has been discovered. Until recently tails were thought to be a nuisance and cut off diagonally before the whales were dead. But an enterprising Jap came along and offered the company \$50 per ton for the candle appendage of the gigantic mammal. This was accepted, and the tails, which used to be cut off as they stopped the steamer's way, are now regularly brought to the whaling station. When it is mentioned that the first one cut off weighed considerably over a ton, the value of this formerly discarded portion is at once apparent. Had the whole number of tails to date been saved the

Company's Receipts

would have been swelled to the extent of \$9,000 to date. Needless to say this item of revenue is not now being overlooked.

But bow head or "right" whales are after all the great desire of the leviathan catchers, known also as the Arctic or Greenland species. The bone in the mouth of each is worth alone from \$12,000 to \$20,000, while the carcass is as valuable as most other varieties, outside the sperm whale, or cachalot. And the Orion is now out after bow heads. This variety is easily recognized by blowing a double stream when spouting, and a couple were seen by the steamer passing down the West Coast five days ago. News was carried to the whaling station, and the Orion started off on the chase. With what success is not yet known, but it is safe to say that if possible this, the most valuable variety, will be added to the company's catch.

The forthcoming extension of the company's business, on the authority of Capt. Balcom, the manager, was given a few days ago in the Times. Three new stations will be built this year. The location of one has been decided upon, the place being Esperanza Inlet, the channel to the north of Nootka Island, on the West Coast. While the other places have not yet been definitely decided upon, a shareholder in the company stated on Saturday they would probably be, firstly, at the north end of Vancouver Island, near Cape Commerell, and second, on the East Coast, very likely on or near Denman Island. Operations have already commenced at the Esperanza Inlet site. The land has been partially cleared and a part of the machinery is on hand. A steamer, similar to the Orion, will be

Required For Each Station, and before a few months have passed the Pacific Steam Whaling Company will be in a position to invest in its business.

If the catch continues equal to that of the past, and every month at present it is increasing, a million dollar harvest from the sea will be within the grasp of the company. The increased responsibilities connected with the taking of such large catches, as those at Esquimalt and Halifax, which were hitherto entirely in the hands of the Imperial authorities, calls for the most careful consideration. The presence in Ottawa of a man of the training and ability of Col. English during the next few weeks will be taken full advantage of doubtless by the minister of militia and the militia council in the work of perfecting the organization of the garrisons, which is just now occupying the fullest attention of the Canadian authorities.

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### WEDDING AT SOOKE.

Mr. John Stockand and Nancy E. Charters United in Bonds of Matrimony.

On the 26th inst. the residence of Mrs. W. B. Charters, Sooke, was the scene of a happy gathering to celebrate the marriage of her daughter, Nancy, to Mr. John Stockand, of Happy Valley. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Dr. Campbell of this city, the groomsmen being Mr. Edward Shields, and the bridesmaid, Elizabeth Foster. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. John Charters, one of the bachelor pioneers of Sooke, a gentleman who is popular with all who know him. The bride was beautifully dressed in white liberty satin, trimmed with taffeta silk, and silk applique. She wore a wreath of orange blossoms with a flowing bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of carnations, roses, asparagus ferns and gypsophylla. Her going-away costume was brown broad cloth, with hat to match. The bridegroom was dressed in white Japanese silk, with all-over lace, and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations. The flower girl was Nancy Shute, a pretty little maid of six summers, the bride's niece.

The presents to the bride and bridesgroom were numerous and useful. The bridesgroom to the bride was a present brooch of pearls and rubies; to the bridesmaid a chased gold brooch, and to the little flower maid a gold bracelet.

The ceremony took place under a large hyacinth bell, over-lapped with an artistic canopy of love, decorated with flowers emblematic of love, peace and happiness.

After the marriage ceremony, all adjourned to a beautiful spot under a wide-spreading maple on the shores of the clear waters of Sooke harbor, near the house, where a most tempting wedding dinner was served. The weather being ideal, the scenery ever charming, the lawn the scene of stretches inland many miles, full justice was done to the good things, and toasts full of wit and humor were proposed and responded to.

Mr. and Mrs. Stockand will spend their honeymoon at Harrison Hot Springs, and other points on the mainland, and on their return will make their home in Happy Valley.

COL. ENGLISH HAS LEFT FOR OTTAWA

WILL CONTINUE IN CANADIAN SERVICE

Command at Work Point Barracks Passes to Col. Holmes District Officer Commanding.

Col. English, R. A., left for the East on Friday, and the command at Work Point now passes directly to Colonel Holmes, D. O. C. Col. English in leaving Victoria does not sever his connection with the Canadian forces. He will continue in Canada, having been lent by the Imperial authorities to Canada for a term of two years.

He will proceed direct to Ottawa on a two months' leave. It is not yet ascertained, however, in what capacity the colonel will be called upon to serve the Canadian militia forces. As an expert in gunnery it is altogether likely that his duties will be along that line.

The impression has prevailed that Col. English would likely be attached to one of the batteries, possibly the one at Kingston, where his expert knowledge of gunnery would be of the greatest service in training future officers and non-coms. for the garrison artillery of the Dominion.

It has, however, been regarded as within the range of possibility that Col. English will be given a position at the headquarters staff at Ottawa, where his services could be of the greatest value in an advisory capacity to the militia council. The increased responsibilities connected with the taking of such large catches, as those at Esquimalt and Halifax, which were hitherto entirely in the hands of the Imperial authorities, calls for the most careful consideration. The presence in Ottawa of a man of the training and ability of Col. English during the next few weeks will be taken full advantage of doubtless by the minister of militia and the militia council in the work of perfecting the organization of the garrisons, which is just now occupying the fullest attention of the Canadian authorities.

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## SPECIAL PRIZES FOR FALL FAIR

LARGE NUMBER OF VALUABLE PREMIUMS

Seventy Awards to Be Made in Which Every Division is Included.

The special prize list for the fall fair to be held in Victoria from September 25th to 29th, under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, has just been issued. Mayor Morley, as will be seen by the list, has a large number of prizes, as enemy of the race suicide. He has presented an inscribed silver cup for the largest family at the exhibition on Friday, September 28th, not to exceed three generations.

There are 70 prizes included in the list, appropriated to the different divisions, as follows:

Horses, 10; cattle, 9; sheep, 2; swine, 3; poultry, 4; agricultural produce, 6; dairy, 8; arts and crafts, 10; flowers, 6; honey and apiculture, 1; dairy produce, 2; art department, 2; ladies' department, 6; cookery, 8; bread, pastry and sundries, 6; largest family, 1; and trap shooting, 1. The list follows:

For the best foal of 1906 filly or entire, fifty sovereigns, smokeless cartridges, loaded. Presented by W. H. Adams.

For the best colt, roaster, five volumes Stevenson's works, value \$3. Presented by Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co. For the best draft colt of 1906 bred in the province, Hat, value \$3.50. Presented by Messrs. Sea & Gowen.

For the best pony ridden by girl, Cash, \$5. Presented by G. Bradley-Dyne.

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For the winner of most first prizes at the horse show held at Victoria exhibition, The Corby challenge cup (\$5. P. 50), value \$150. To be won two years in succession by the same owner of horses. Presented by H. Corby, whiskey distiller, Belleville, Ont., through the agents, Messrs. Turner, Beaton & Co., Ltd. Won in 1902 by James Bryce, 1903 by Messrs. J. J. & H. Wilkinson, 1904 by James Bryce.

For the best hackney colt raised in the province, Silver medal presented by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

For the best horse and buggy with lady driver, driven at least once around the race track. One buggy rug, value \$7.50. Presented by the B. C. Saddlery Co., Ltd., A. E. Wade, manager.

For the best turnout, double or single, including everything complete, Six dozen quills, presented by the Victoria-Phoenix-Brewing Co.

For the best draft horse on exhibition, any breed, age or sex. Silver cup. Presented by H. Dallas Helmenken. The cup must be won two years, two years in succession by the same owner, before becoming his property absolutely, and any exhibitor winning the cup one year must give a bond to return it the next year, in the event of his not again winning it.

Cattle.

For the best Ayrshire bull and two females owned by exhibitor. (All animals competing must be recorded in the Canadian Ayrshire Herd Book.) Cash \$25. Presented by Richard Hall, M. P.

For the best type of beef animal on the grounds, Cash \$5. Presented by Messrs. L. Goodacre & Sons.

For the best bull of the dairy breed, Cash \$12.50. Presented by the Victoria Farmers' Institute.

For the cow giving the most butter fat, Cash \$50. Presented by the Victoria Farmers' Institute.

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For the best cow, 3 years old and up, in milk. One tin separator oil. Presented by Messrs. Baxter & Johnson.

For the winner of most prizes in the cattle division, one case Caledonian whiskey. Presented by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.

For the best Jersey bull any age, One Myers L. D. Tank Pump. Presented by Messrs. E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd.

Sheep.

For the best ram in the show. Hat valued at \$3.50. Presented by Messrs. Finch & Finch.

For the best Southdown ewe lamb. Semi-Weekly Times for one year. Presented by the Times Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd.

Swine.

For the biggest hog in the show. Trout fly fishing rod, value \$5. Presented by Messrs. John Barnsley & Co.

For the best bacon hog in the show. The Semi-Weekly Times for one year. Presented by the Colonist Printing & Publishing Co.

For the winner of most prizes in the swine division, One case Caledonian whiskey. Presented by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.

Poultry.

For the best Plymouth Rock, male bird in the show. Earthen pipe in case. Presented by H. L. Salmon.

For the best pair of cock and three hens of any breed in the show. Hat, value \$3.50. Presented by Messrs. W. & J. Gowan.

For the exhibitor having the biggest collection of pigeons at the show. Pair of men's slippers. Presented by Fred. G. Maynard.

For the biggest pair of Bronze Turkeys in the show. One pair slippers, value \$2. Presented by the Patterson Shoe Co., Ltd.

Agricultural Products.

For the best 90 pounds of white millings out. Cash \$10. Presented by Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd.

For the best collection of vegetables grown by exhibitor from seeds pro-

cured from Messrs. Jay & Co. Silver cup. Presented by Messrs. Jay & Co. For the best bushel of wheat grown in the province, Silver medal. Presented by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

For the best collection of garden produce grown and shown by one exhibitor. Box of cigars. Presented by Messrs. Meldram & Maloney.

For the best potatoes, late variety, 50 pounds. Two cases stumping powder. Presented by the Hamilton Powder Co.

For the best collection of grain grown in the province by one person. One Verity Disc plow, value \$50. Presented by Messrs. E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd.

Fruit.

For the best collection of apples, by individual growers, 5 varieties, 5 each. Goods to value of \$5. Presented by Fred Carne.

For the best collection of plums, 6 varieties, individual grower. Goods to value of \$2.50. Presented by the Pope Stationery Co.

For the best display of fruit, commercial varieties packed for market in standard packages, not less than two boxes or crates of each variety, apples, peaches, plums, prunes, peaches, etc. Each display to be product of the exhibitor. Silver challenge cup, to be won twice before becoming the property of the exhibitor. Presented by the Messrs. Stewart & Co., of Victoria and Vancouver, through the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange, Ltd. First prize the above cup. Won in 1904 by Messrs. R. M. Palmer & Sons.

Plants and Cut Flowers.

For the best collection of cut flowers, grown by exhibitor, in the show. Sterling silver medal. Value \$50, and to be known as "The Birks' Medal." Presented by Messrs. Henry Birks & Sons, Ltd., of Winnipeg.

For the amateur having the best exhibition of plants and cut flowers in the show. One lawn mower. Presented by Messrs. Walter S. Fraser & Co., Ltd.

For the best collection of foliage and greenhouse plants (professional). Pipe in case value \$2.50. Presented by Percy Richardson.

For the best collection of dahlias in the show. Electric door bell outfit. Presented by the Hinton Electric Co., Ltd., Jno. A. Hinton, managing director.

For the best collection of flowering plants grown by lady amateurs. Ladies' silver mounted umbrella value \$8. Presented by Chas. E. Redfern.

For the best collection of sweet peas in the show. One duplicating value \$4. Presented by Messrs. Baxter & Johnson.

Honey and Apiary.

For the most comprehensive and attractive display in honey and apiary division. Daily Times for one year, presented by the Times Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd.

For the best 5 lbs. of dairy butter in rolls or prints. Two dairy thermometers value \$1.50. Presented by Messrs. F. W. Nolte & Co., opticians. Second prize, 5 lbs. of tea. Presented by J. T. McDonald.

For the best 10 lbs. of butter. Lamp value \$3.50. Presented by the B. C. Furniture Co.

Art Department.

For the best collection of amateur's landscape photographs in the show. Enlarged photograph from exhibitor's negative. Presented by Messrs. Fleming & Co., Ltd.

For the best map of British Columbia by boy under 16 years. Baseball outfit value \$5. Presented by Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co., Ltd.

Ladies' Department.

For the most handsome toilet set. Goods to the value of \$8. Presented by the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

For the best worked handkerchief or other case. Ladies' umbrella value \$5. Presented by Messrs. Henry Young & Co.

For the best ladies' knitted jersey. Cash \$12.50. Presented by the Victoria Farmers' Institute.

For the best pair of knitted socks by lady over 70 years of age. Box of soap value \$1.50. Presented by Messrs. Terry & Maret.

For the best collection of fancy work (amateur). China tea set. Presented by Messrs. Weiler Bros.

Cookery.

For the best loaf of bread made by young lady under 18 years. Ladies' hat value \$10. Presented by D. Spencer, Ltd.

For the best white bread made by girl under 16 years. Ladies' hand bag value \$4. Presented by Cyrus H. Bowes.

For the best brown bread made by girl under 16 years (winner of section 940). Ladies purse value \$3. Presented by J. J. Wenger.

For the best baked beans and Boston brown bread, made by girl under 16 years. Goods to value of \$5. Presented by Messrs. Barber Bros.

For the best plum pudding. One dozen tins our choice baking powder. Presented by Messrs. Johns Bros.

For the best assortment of homemade candy. Rival fountain pen. Presented by the Standard Stationery Co., per J. Huxtable.

For the best two loaves of white bread baked in one pan. Pair of kid slippers. Presented by the Baker Shoe Co., Ltd.

For the best dozen plain biscuits. Two tins Swiss milk baking powder. Presented by W. A. Jameson.

Bread, Pastry and Sundries.

For the best dozen cookies made from B. & K. rolled oats. Cash \$2.50. Presented by the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd.

For the best dozen Scotch oatmeal cakes from B. & K. fine oatmeal. Cash \$2.50. Presented by the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd.

For the best loaf of bread made by non-professional out of the Woods Milling Co.'s "Five Roses" flour. First prize \$25; second prize \$10. Presented by the Woods Mills Co., Ltd.

For the best loaf of bread made from Three Star flour. One half barrel Three Star flour. Presented by the Columbia Flouring Mills Co., Ltd.

For the best cake made from Drifted

Snow flour. One half barrel Drifted Snow flour. Presented by the Columbia Flouring Mills Co., Ltd.

Miscellaneous.

For the largest family at the exhibition of Friday, September 28th, not to exceed three generations. Competitors must present themselves on the stand in the main building at 3.30 p.m., where judging will take place. Inscribed silver cup. Presented by A. J. Morley, mayor.

For trap shooting, to be shot for under the management of the Victoria Gun Club; open to any member of a gun club in the province of British Columbia or States of Washington or Oregon; entries can be made on the grounds; to be won three times before it can be held. The Four Crown challenge cup value \$200. Presented by Robt. Brown, Ltd., Scotch whiskey distiller, Scotland (Turner, Beaton & Co., Ltd., agents). Won in 1902 by J. Weiler; 1904 by E. E. Ellis, Seattle, Wash.; 1904 by Wm. N. Lenfestey.

LEAVES FOR MONTREAL.

Chinese Youth of This City Will Study for Consular Service of China.

Peter Hing, an intelligent Chinese boy of this city, has left for Montreal to enter the McGill University. The event is a noteworthy one, inasmuch as Peter is said to be the first youth of his race to enter a Canadian university, although there are quite a number of Chinese in the Harvard university, and one at least in Cambridge. This latter is Chu Poy, son of Chu Lai, who died here a few weeks ago. Chu Poy is expected home next month.

Peter Hing is the son of a missionary now in Toronto. He is well known in Victoria, having resided here for nine years. He has acted as Chinese interpreter in the Supreme court, and has been a valued contributor to the Camosun, the High school medium of publicity. He received his early education in Victoria and has been recognized as brilliant in his studies. He is now qualifying for the diplomatic service of China, and will take a course in law with the expectation of securing a consular commission. With the opening up of China there are now many opportunities for the young men of American education, for whom a preference is shown for consular service.

While the total results show only 15 per cent. passed, Victoria is much above the average. Its percentage works out slightly over 50. New Westminster is away below with only 38, and Rossland still lower with 25 per cent. Though Victoria came out at the tail end in the High school entrance examinations, it takes first place among the large centres for matriculating High school pupils. E. B. Paul, M. A., the principal, and his staff have to be congratulated on this splendid showing. On a percentage basis the High school here is twice as good as that at Rossland.

Teachers' papers will be examined next week. The results will be published as soon as available.

STATISTICS RELATIVE TO FEEDING VALUES OF HAY.