

BUILDING STILL SATISFACTORY

DOMINION RETURNS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Indications That Present Year Will Witness Record Activity

Building returns for February, while indicating as high a percentage gain as the preceding months, show the situation generally to be most satisfactory. Despite the fact that there were more individual losses noted in the present and cities reporting to Construction, Toronto, than at any previous time in the past two years, the monthly nevertheless registers an average gain of 7 per cent, over the corresponding period of 1909, which is indeed most gratifying to say the least, considering that the previous February was an abnormally active month in which a large number of projects matured which were laid out at the time of the money stringency. On the whole, there is nothing to indicate other than that the highly satisfactory and prosperous condition which has obtained for some time past will continue; in fact, the totals in a number of instances are such as to bode a greater activity in many localities than even the most ardent optimist has ventured to predict.

The fortunes of the month seem to have particularly favored the west, aside from Fernie's loss of 50 per cent, the biggest decrease noted—and Edmonton's decline of 74 per cent, the advance was both general and substantial. Saskatchewan soared to the greatest percentage, having by a gain of 1,565 per cent, registered the greatest increase noted. Regina rose a second position by an increase of 821 per cent, while Vancouver, with a total of \$88,795, and a gain of 115 per cent, records the largest volume of work undertaken, and thus becomes the destination for the month of being the premier city in the Dominion in this respect.

A strong forward movement was also manifest in Calgary, which annexed a gain of 117 per cent, and in Victoria, where the total for permits issued was 23 per cent, in excess of the aggregate amount for the same month last year. Amount for the Kingdom of the West Indies, Leathbridge's upturn of 41 per cent, bears evidence of a wholesome tendency, while Winnipeg's gain of 101 per cent, especially considering the amount of work undertaken and the enormous increase made in the preceding month, demonstrates plainly the gigantic strides which are being taken in the upbuilding of the western metropolis.

It might be explained in the case of Fernie that in the corresponding period of last year, the relative advance was at its height, hence the remarkably large total, which could hardly be expected to be repeated under less extreme conditions.

As regards Ontario, the outcropping of decrease was a trifle more pronounced. Fort William suffered a reversal of 99 per cent; London decreased 71 per cent, and Kingston and Windsor fell back to the extent of 69 per cent, respectively. These setbacks, however, should in no way be regarded as alarming, as all these cities show excellent prospects for the future, and will evidently show a steady expansion from now on. On the other hand, Hamilton made an increase of 251 showing registration of 38 per cent, and Brantford and Ottawa notched gains of 80 per cent, and 40 per cent, in order named.

Further east, Montreal reports a gain of 16 per cent, and St. John, with a lead the field in January, registered 225 per cent. Halifax, Toronto and Sydney, were in the arrears to the extent of 34 per cent, and 44 per cent, respectively. Sydney's amount in excess of 484 is extremely small, and the other two figures for the corresponding month, Brantford and Ottawa, netted gains of 80 per cent, and 40 per cent, in order named.

The returns of permits issued in February, 1909 and 1910 follow:

City	1910	1909	P. C.
Calgary	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,350	105.1
Edmonton	128,300	73,600	174.3
Brantford	29,600	117,400	41.7
Fernie	35,000	370,000	9.3
P. William	72,275	25,970	281.8
Halifax	37,450	10,700	351.8
Kingston	4,650	13,200	41.7
Leathbridge	37,450	20,100	71.9
London	20,232	70,800	28.6
Montreal	274,680	336,300	81.4
Moose Jaw	5,000	940	46.7
Ottawa	94,500	409,555	23.1
Regina	28,255	2,065	821.8
St. John	22,600	6,700	339.6
Saskatoon	57,470	25,100	45.5
Sydney	1,175	3,200	46.1
Toronto	880,440	858,035	115.0
Vancouver	181,795	158,250	115.0
Victoria	153,780	122,880	125.2
Windsor	5,200	17,455	30.0
Winnipeg	318,600	158,500	101.0
Total	\$ 3,075,527	\$ 2,399,485	128.2

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Winnipeg, March 30.—All the wholesale fruit and vegetable dealers of the city have signed a petition to the government to have the duty removed from certain fruits and green foods from certain seasons of the year. For some time this subject has been agitating Winnipeg as the result of those excessive cost of vegetables and fruit. The duty is something of this character is imported from the States. The duty forces have always held the price of these foods up abnormally. The idea is to protect domestic fruits and vegetables in season and have the duty taken off when the imported products do not compete with domestic products.

ORDINANCE VETOED.

New York, March 30.—Mayor Gaynor yesterday vetoed the ordinance providing for a system for recording in cold storage when food products are placed in cold storage.

About 70 per cent of human beings have eyes that differ in their strength.

The Woman Who Must Decide About the Moving has a Special Interest in the To Let Ads

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WILSON, JOHN, Architect, 1203/2 Government St., Victoria, B. C. Phone 1024. Res. 1018. P. O. Box 281.

C. ELWOOD WATKINS, Architect, Room 10 Five Sisters' Block, Telephone 2138 and 1258.

L. W. HARGREAVES, Architect, Room 1177 Bannockburn, Broad St. J. F. O.

H. S. GRIFFITH, 14 Promis Block, 1006 Government Street, Phone 1489.

Dentists

DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Streets, Victoria. Telephone 2189. Office, 501, Res. 1121.

Land Surveyors

I. S. GORE and J. M. Mcgregor, British Columbia Land Surveyors, Chamberlains' Chambers, 32 Langley St., Box 112. Phone 4364.

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C. W. BRADSHAW, Barrister, etc., Law Chambers, Bastion Street, Victoria.

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MR. BERGSTROM BJORNELF, Swedish Massage, 1201 Broadway, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1856.

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MISS E. H. JONES, 721 Vancouver St., m11.

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SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 1109 Broad St. Shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, telegraph thoroughly taught. E. A. Macmillan, principal.

Titles, Conveyances, Etc.

NOTICE—We draw up agreements, mortgages, conveyances and search titles at reasonable rates. Let us quote you on your first inquiries. The Griffith Co., Blain, Bion, City.

Undertaker

HANNA, Funeral Director and Embalmer. Courteous attendance, call, 749 Yates street.

Wood Carving

BROWN, teacher of wood carving, corner Elgin and Fort streets, Victoria, B. C.

Lodges

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway Street, R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec., 287 Government street.

COURT CARIBBOO, No. 742, I. O. F., meets on second and fourth Monday of each month in K. of P. Hall, corner Pandora and Douglas streets. Visiting Foresters welcome. Fin. Sec., L. W. Evans, P. O. Box 519; J. W. H. King, Sec., 151 Pandora street.

K. of P., No. 1, Fair West Lodge, Friday, 8 o'clock, meets at Victoria Hotel, corner St. J. L. Smith, K. of R. & S. Box 344.

VICTORIA, No. 17, K. of P., meets at K. of P. Hall, every Thursday, 8 o'clock, corner R. & S. Box 154.

A. O. F. COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 882, meets every Wednesday, 8 o'clock, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, W. F. Tolerton, Secy.

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511 Cormorant St. Sole Agents for the VANCOUVER-NANAIMO COAL CO.

Coal equal to Old Wellington. PHONE YOUR ORDERS L423 OR 431.

Orders promptly executed and full weight guaranteed. Also Cord, Out and Split Wood.

NOTICE.

NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hon. Justice, Sir J. A. M. McLean, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in that part of the waters of Victoria Inner Harbour between the Seaway and the Point Elliot Railway lands situate, lying, and being in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and known, numbered, and designated as Lot number thirteen (13), Block I, Harbor Estate, and has deposited in the office of the Registrar, General of Public Works at Ottawa, a plan of the works and a description thereof with the consent of the Hon. Justice, Sir J. A. M. McLean, and that the matter proposed to be proceeded with in the said application will be published in the first publication of this notice in the British Gazette.

Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of March, A.D. 1910.

BURCHISON BROS. & CO. LIMITED, Per J. H. MacBACHERN, Secretary.

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FRED. POSTER, Taxidermist and Furrier, 423 Johnson street.

Landscape Gardener

E. J. LAING, Landscape and Jobbing Gardener. Tree pruning and spraying specialty. Residence, 148 Pandora Ave. Phone 1487. Office, Wilkinson Brown's Greenhouse, corner Cook and Fort streets.

Machinists

L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 250 Government street, Tel. 320.

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FRASER & MORRISON, successors to J. McCURRY, Highest grade of serge and worsteds; altering and pressing. Pioneer Building, over F. R. Brown, 1123 Broad St., Victoria, B. C.

Optician

OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY'S EXPERIENCE and fine, modern equipment are at the service of my patrons. Glasses for examination. Lenses ground on the premises. A. P. Blyth, 645 Fort street. Phone 2329.

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Blue Printing and Maps

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THE ONLY SHOE MACHINES that have proven satisfactory are the Champion, made expressly for shoes repaired by Pantages.

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HEATING AND PLUMBING—J. Warner & Co., Ltd., 821 Piquard street, above Blanchard street, Phone 1276; residence, 1872.

Pottery Ware, Etc.

SEWER PIPE, Field Tile, Ground Fire Clay, etc., B. C. Pottery Works, Ltd., corner Broad and Pandora streets, Victoria, B. C.

Scavenging

JOHN PRIOR, Scavenger. Leave orders at 1412 Douglas St., Victoria.

Stump Pulling

WINGS ON & LIU TSUNG ZHUI, 1708 Government street, Phone 23.

Victoria Scavenging Co.—Office

710 Yates street. Phone 62. Ashes and garbage removed.

Second-Hand Clothing Goods

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING and jewelry bought and sold. We pay good prices. J. Katz, 445 Johnson street. Kindly drop a card and I will call.

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Detectives

PACIFIC DETECTIVE AGENCY, 209 Government Street, Victoria, B. C. Undertakes all kinds of legitimate detective work, handled for corporations and individuals. Office Phone 3171. Res. Phone 1383.

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B. C. STEAM DYE WORKS—The largest dyeing and cleaning works in the province. Country orders solicited. 200. J. C. Renfrew, proprietor.

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Gravel

B. C. SAND & GRAVEL CO., foot Johnson street, Tel. 1383. Producers of washed and graded sand and gravel, best for concrete work of all kinds, delivered by train in the city, or on scows at pier, on Royal Bay.

Engravers

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For Rent—Houses

FOR RENT—A new six roomed house, all modern conveniences, \$30 per month. Apply 160 Broadway, Phone 1221.

FOR RENT—A 6 roomed house, fully modern, on Quebec street, \$18 per month. Island Investment Co., Ltd. m1

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TO LET—Furnished cottage, five rooms, all modern conveniences, \$25 per month, at greenhouse on premises, Foul Bay and Victoria. Apply 1203 Cook street, 2nd floor, from Will W. Hall, 1203 Cook street, 2nd floor, Victoria.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SPRING CLEANING—Nurse, of 1211 Blanchard street, buys all sorts of furniture and clothing for cash. Send references. m1

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