THE PROVINCE'S NATURAL WEALTH

GIVES GOVERNMENT SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUS

Without Effort on the Part of Administration the Revenues Increase.

The year now closing has seen a marked activity in connection with the development of the natural resources of this province. The attention which has been attracted to the West has affected British Columbia advantageously in common with the other provinces included in that term. The tremendous rush of immigration onto the farming lands of the prairies has created a market for British Columbia's raw material, particularly in the way of lumber, which has forced prosperity upon the province.

The government receipts have in consequence been far greater than in any previous year ,with the consequent result that a very substantial surplus is shown in the province's accounts for the year ending June 30th, 1906. This surplus, it is estimated, was just about a third of a million of dollars. The receipts from the sale of lands and timber limits has since June increased very materially, until the government is now able to show a still larger sum to the credit of the province without any effort on their part, but purely as a result of the growing demand for timber and lands in the province.

Close to a million dollars were realized in the sale of lands belonging to the province in the neighborhood of Vancouver, which were placed on the market a few weeks ago. Thus it is safe to estimate that the government must have on hand at the present time at least one million and three-quarters of public money. This all tends to show what the province is capable of producing. The increase in revenue has not been due to any policy pursued by the government, but is the result of the natural growth of the country and the wonderful advantages it possesses, which are now attracting the attention of investors.

The opening up of the northern portion of British Columbia by the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific is to invade it and as a result of the wise policy at Ottawa, is to afford connection by the line with all parts of the Dominion to the eastward has played no unimportant part in the attracting of investors to the province. The sale of lands for settlement and for timber in the north has been very great this year and has added materially to the revenue returns.

In mineral production the provincial mineralogist does not care to venture an estimate of the year's production. He has not yet received the returns from the various sources, and in view of the fact that there was some interference with work as a result of the strike in the Fernie coal mines he does not care to venture a prophesy as to what the production will be. Furthermore, he points out that while it is possible that more ore was mined this last year than in the season previous, it may have been that on account of the higher prices which prevailed there was lower grade ore mined in many cases, so that while the tonnage might have increased the value would not be greater.

A conservative estimate of the output, he thinks, would be to put it at the same as last year. But if this proves to be the case the value will be much greater owing to the higher prices of metals during the past year. Taking into account these higher prices the value of the mineral production of British Columbia during the past year should be about two million and a quarter over that of the year previous.

RETIRING AMBASSADOR.

Large Number of Officials Gather to Bid Good-Bye to Sir M. Durand.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Rumors that Sir Mortimer Durand was not popular in Washington were doubly discounted to-day by the remarkable farewell given the retiring British ambassador and his family.

Secretary Root, Secretary Taft, Secretary Metcalf, Associate Justice Moody, the German ambassador, and the Baroness Sternberg, the French ambassador, the Italian ambassador, the Russian ambassador, and the Baroness Rosen, the Japanese ambassador and the Viscountess Aoki, the Brazilian ambassador, General John W. Foster, ex-secretary of state; Gen. Oilber, assistant secretary of war; Senator Spooner and many others well known in Washington diplomatic and social life, gathered at the railroad station to bid the Durands good-bye. Sir Mortimer was accompanied to New York by Lady Durand and his son and daughter, Miss Durand and Capt. Durand, of the Seventh Lancers, who is just returning from service in India. They will sail for England to-morrow on the Umbria.

SAYS HE IS THE MESSIAH.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Mounted Police have been advised that a family living at Cheyenne, Wyo., and calling themselves Adam 2nd and Eve 2nd, with their son Lee Adam, contemplate immigrating with a party of 31 persons to Western Canada in the spring time to proclaim they are the Messiah. Adam the 2nd said he saw a star fall and felt he was the Messiah, and subsequently he and his wife walked through the streets naked and were arrested. They intend joining the Doukhobors in the spring.

—The death occurred on Wedneday of Miss Winnifred Marion Steele, youngest daughter of the late Wm. A. Steele. The deceased was 18 years of age. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 from the residence of Chas. A. Steele, Queen's avenue.

THE ORPHANS' CHRISTMAS.

Children Receive Their Annual Gifts—Addresses Were Delivered and a Programme Rendered.

The Christmas entertainment for the children of the Protestant Orphanage took place Friday. During the afternoon the children were addressed by Rev. Bishop Cridge and Bishop Perrin. At the conclusion the following programme was rendered: "The Angel's Song," by the children; recitation, "Bells Across the Snow by Aggie McKetrick; song, "Three Little Piggies," by the children.

Arthur McKetrick and Flora Hazenback were awarded the prizes given by Mrs. Stadthagen for the best behaved boy and girl. Charles Hayward, president of the home committee then distributed the prizes.

At First Congregational.

The annual Christmas fete of the First Congregational church took place on Friday. The school room was effectively decorated in red and white and the attendance was large.

A cantata, entitled "The First Christmas Eve" was rendered by the children in fine style, both solos and choruses proving excellent. A number of recitations were also rendered. Special prizes were given the following four children, who had attended church on fifty Sundays during the year: Lila Nelson, Ethel Wilby, Joseph Astel and Dorothy Astel. The gifts from the Christmas tree delighted all.

At Spring Ridge Methodist.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Spring Ridge Methodist church took place on Friday. The primary class of the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. DeBold gave a cantata. The concert was enjoyed by all.

On Thursday evening the First Presbyterian church Sunday school held a Christmas entertainment. Many prizes were given for work done through the year. All manner of gifts were distributed to the members of the infant class from a Christmas tree, and a programme was rendered.

LOCAL TEACHER WILL GO TO TOKIO

Resignation of Miss C. McGregor B. A. Received by Trustees at Yesterday's Meeting.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The school trustees at their regular meeting yesterday afternoon received the resignation of Miss Clarice R. McGregor, B. A., teacher of the sub-High school class, and one of the most valued members of the staff. Miss McGregor explained that she had been offered a good post in a college at Tokio, and, in order to accept it, she would have to leave the city almost immediately. The resignation came as a great surprise to the trustees, and, in accepting it, they passed an unanimous resolution of regret at losing her services, at the same time wishing her success in her new position.

J. Peirson, who was a witness in the Cameron investigation, wrote the board asking for the payment of certain fees which he claims are due to him for services in the witness box. He had made several applications previously, and the trustees, who do not think the board is responsible for the amount, did not deem his letter worthy of a reply.

Ten applications for the two positions left vacant by resignations at Spring Ridge and the Boys' Central school were received and a ballot was taken on the election of successors. Miss Monteith, formerly of this city, received one appointment, but the other rests between Miss Gibson, of Victoria, and Miss Donovan, of Nanaimo, both of whom received the same number of votes, twice in succession. The matter was finally left in the hands of Supt. F. H. Eaton to look up the credentials of the two applicants and report at a later meeting, when the appointment will be made. The appointment of a temporary successor to Miss McGregor was also left over.

Ruther Wilson, manager of the First Presbyterian church choir, wrote the board enclosing a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the choir and supporting, in general, the proposal to teach singing in the public schools. It recommended that the board make an appropriation in the estimates for this purpose. This communication was referred to the incoming trustees.

For the building committee, Trustee Lewis reported that contracts had been let for improvements and alterations to Hillside school. He also reported that there were several unpaid accounts from contractors and others for work done on the schools during the year, and that these sums totalled nearly $800.

Supt. Eaton announced that there was still $1,500 remaining of the council's grant for the schools, which must be returned to the corporation before Monday. It was decided to retain from this the amount necessary to settle the accounts referred to.

The finance committee presented accounts totalling $560, which were ordered paid. The board will meet again at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

There were present at the meeting Trustee Huggett (in the chair), Trustees Jay, Lewis, Dr. Hall, Riddell, McKeown and Supt. Eaton.

ANOTHER INNOVATION.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 28.—Lieut.-Governor Fraser will make another democratic innovation here at New Year's. The governor will hold a levee on New Year's day as has been the custom for years. In the past, however, a private reception as well as a general reception was held, the private taking place fifteen minutes before the public were admitted. The private entree was for the benefit of civic and military officials and other dignataries and other social leaders. This class distinction caused bad feeling. Many prominent citizens stayed from the receptions altogether on account thereof, and an agitation for abolishing the private entree has been going on for years. Lieut.-Governor Fraser is the first governor to abolish the private entree, and on New Year's day there will be one reception, open to all classes, irrespective of official and social standing.

MANY NEWSBOYS DINED LAST NIGHT

SOUNDS OF REVELRY WERE CARRIED AFAR

Annual Treat Given This Year by the Times Was Greatly Enjoyed.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

One hundred newsboys dined at the Poodle Dog restaurant last evening. The occasion was the fifth annual treat, originally instituted by Richard Hall, M. P. P., given this year by the Times Printing & Publishing Company.

It was about 7 o'clock when everybody within a radius of five blocks at least heard the newsboys gathering. One hundred boys, their lungs and vocal cords assisted by numerous mechanical contrivances, proclaimed in no uncertain manner that they were on pleasure bent. For the sixty minutes before the banquet began Yates street pedestrians passed the Poodle Dog to an accompaniment of firecrackers and weird melodies.

John Nelson, managing director of the Times, presided. To his right sat Mayor Morley, to his left Richard Hall, F. Acland, western editor of the Toronto Globe, with Robert Dunn, the editor of the Times. A letter from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor was read, regretting his inability to be present. Messrs. Ellis and Wylde, circulation managers of the Colonist and Times, sat at the ends of the tables, which, arranged in horseshoe shape, were instantly thronged by the eager, jostling crowd of youngsters who fought for positions, supposedly of vantage.

Five minutes later the soup appeared and the combat with the viands, stern but by no means still, began. With zest they attacked the soup, nor did they flinch when the fish appeared. When the cohorts of turkey came upon the table the battle reached its height. Then it was that one boy took off his coat.

It was with the turkey, too, that a belated guest arrived. In his haste to catch up with the other feasters he hurled himself somewhat recklessly upon the viands. While awaiting the turkey he was rash enough to try whit (as he explained to a friend afterward) he thought were plums. Immediately exit belated guest (temporarily), and from beneath the table sounds of disgust, mingled with choking. The "plums" were olives.

But with the flagging energies of all, when the plum pudding had come and gone and in its train, mince pies, oranges, bonbons and apples, the real utility of the olive became apparent. It is doubtful if such an aggregate as was attained by the company last night has ever been made by a Canadian Bisley team.

A short speech from Mr. Nelson, another by Mr. Ellis, a number of recitations by the boys themselves, concluded the programme. With the National Anthem and three cheers for the King, the gathering broke up.

Special thanks are due Mr. T. Fletcher, of Fletcher Brothers, who, with one of the firm's gramaphones, provided a programme during the course of the dinner; also to A. W. McCurdy, of Head street, who provided bonbons for the boys. To each of the boys taking part in the programme Richard Hall presented a knife.

FAILED TO SECURE PILOT.

Additional Particulars Regarding the Wreck of Steamer Prinzessen Victoria Louise.

New York, Dec. 28.—The inability of Capt. Braunswig, of the Hamburg immigrant steam yacht, the Prinzessen Victoria Louise, to obtain the services of a pilot, was largely responsible for the wreck of the steamer and the subsequent suicide of the captain near the harbor of Kingston, Jamaica, about ten days ago, according to stories brought here to-day by passengers and members of the crew of the wrecked steamer who came on the steamer Sarnia from Kingston. The crew will be sent to Hamburg.

The passengers are Frederick Fell, Herman Horle and Herman Reden. The other 61 passengers are expected here next week.

The accounts given of the wreck go to show that Capt. Braunswig steamed up to the entrance of the harbor at night and burned torpedoes and made other signals for a pilot, but failing to get one he decided to proceed up the harbor, but he mistook the lights and the steamer went ashore. On learning the extent of the disaster the captain committed suicide. His body was buried at Kingston.

CHURCH AND STATE.

The Vatican Replies to Statement Made in French Senate.

Rome, Dec. 28.—An official note issued by the Vatican to-day says: "The comparison between the Prussian cultural law of 1875 and that of the Clemenceau cabinet as made in the French senate was entirely wrong. The Prussian law, although hard and unjust towards the church, explicitly recognizes the Catholic hierarchy as the foundation of the church, while the fundamental principle of the church and state separation law and of Briand's bill is to ignore the hierarchy and to impede in unjustified manner the ordinary practice of religion."

DESIRE INQUIRY.

Efforts Being Made to Compel Authorities to Investigate Russian Naval Scandals.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A strong effort is now being made, with influential backing, to compel the authorities to make an inquiry into the naval scandals of the grand ducal regime, to which the defeat of the Russians at the battle of the Sea of Japan is largely attributed.

Shipping

Steamer Queen City returned from the West Coast on Saturday, with 40 passengers, and a shipment of whale products from the station at Sechart. The voyage was marked by fine weather.

At Bamfield Purser McLaughlin was the recipient of a handsome liquor cabinet, containing three cut glass decanters. The gift was made by Mr. Defenbaugh, of the Seattle Times staff, on behalf of the employees at the cable station. He was commissioned to make the purchase and to give the same in recognition of the many courtesies which Mr. McLaughlin has shown the staff. Mr. Defenbaugh crossed the trail over which Mrs. Paterson tramped to carry the news of the Colonia's condition to the D. G. S. Quadra. He made this trip and found it a most difficult one.

LUMBER FOR NORTH.

On the next voyage of the C. P. R. steamer Amur, which sails from Victoria for Skagway on January 8th, there will be shipped between thirty and forty thousand feet of lumber for the use of the White Horse Pass & Yukon Railway Company. On the way north the Amur will call at Chemainus and will take on 100,000 feet of lumber. The company proposes building several large new barges before the opening of navigation on the Yukon next spring.

CALLED AT CORONEL.

Advices were received by Capt. Balcom on Friday reporting the arrival at Coronel of the whaling steamer St. Lawrence, which he recently purchased at St. John for use on the Pacific Coast. For whose service this vessel was purchased has not yet been announced. She is in command of Capt. Rowe, and should reach Victoria in 40 days. The steamer called at Coronal to coal. Her next stopping place will be Callao.

TEUCER'S ARRIVAL.

The Blue Funnel liner Teucer arrived at the outer wharf on Saturday and after landing 54 Japanese passengers passed on to the Sound. She has 500 tons of general freight for this port which she will discharge upon her return on Thursday. This is the ship's second visit to Victoria, she being one of the liners constructed specially for the round-the-world service.

CARROLLTON WRECKED.

A cable from Midway Island, North Pacific Ocean, says that the barque Carrollton, of San Francisco, 1,372 tons, Capt. Hendricks, from Newcastle, N. S. W., October 7th, for Honolulu, struck the south reef of Midway Isl- and at 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning. All members of the crew were saved. The weather is good, but there is no hope of saving the vessel.

LOCAL MILL SOLD TO GRAHAM CO.

Taylor-Pattison Plant on the Victoria Arm Has Been Purchased From Local Owners.

The B. F. Graham Lumber Company which, as previously described in these columns, has millions of capital back of it to be invested in the lumber business in British Columbia, has purchased the Taylor-Pattison mill on Victoria Arm. The price paid is in the neighborhood of $50,000. It is taken over as a going concern and will, it is reported, be enlarged to meet the requirements to which it will be devoted.

The mill has only recently commenced active work. It was owned by Messrs. Taylor, Pattison, Mackenzie and Dr. Crawford.

This addition to the enterprises with which the Graham Lumber Company is identified on this coast will, it is expected, be used by the company for producing lumber for the Canadian market. The larger concern at Esquimalt will be able also to ship by the E. & N. railway or by the water route to Mexico, South America and Australia.

CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS.

Sunday School Entertainment at Duncans—Indians at Quamichan Observe the Day.

An enthusiastic Christmas entertainment was held in the Knights of Pythias hall, Duncans, on Christmas Eve, under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school. The programme, which was made up of songs, recitations and drills of various kinds, was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience which more than filled the hall.

On Christmas Day the Indians crowded the school house at Quamichan, where they spent the afternoon and evening in speech making and feasting. One of the chiefs said: "Let every tongue that would speak against Christianity be silent. In the days of our darkness we could not have had a happy gathering like this; and in later years when we first heard of Christmas, we thought it was a day set apart for drunkenness and debauchery; but now we know that Christ was born into this world to save us from our darkness and our sin." Rev. Mr. Dever addressed the meeting through an interpreter, after which the missionary carried the interested audience through wonderful scenes in this and other lands by the aid of the magic lantern.

UNITED IN WEDLOCK.

Miss Florence McNeill and Mr. P. Davidson Married on Christmas Day.

On Tuesday evening at 7.30 Miss Florence, youngest daughter of Mrs. Angus McNeill, was united in marriage to Mr. Peter Davidson, of Vancouver. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother, 27 Spring road. The ceremony was a quiet one, only a few immediate friends being present.

The bride was attended by Miss Maggie Jones, of this city, and Mr. Angus McKinnon supported the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. T. Tapscott.

Mr. Davidson resided in the Yukon for some time, but has recently returned. The bride is well known in this city and is very popular. After the marriage the happy couple left by the steamer for Vancouver, where they will take up their residence.

LIBERALS WILL CARRY ISLAND

PROSPECTS BRIGHT IN ALL CONSTITUENCIES

Alberni, Comox and Esquimalt May Be Won From Conservatives at Election.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Vancouver Island will, according to all the prospects at present, be won completely from the Conservatives at the coming election. At the present time three straight Conservatives from the Island sit in the legislature, Speaker Booley for Esquimalt, R. Grant for Comox, and W. Manson for Alberni. It is conceded in the best informed circles now that all three will go down on February 2nd.

Mr. Booley is regarded as an impossibility in Esquimalt. In Comox, opposition to Mr. Grant is shown in an unmistakable way by the nomination of C. A. McKinnon as an independent, brought out by the logging interests. Mr. Grant, who is himself a millman, derived at the last election a good support from that element in his constituency. By nominating a man against him now a protest is entered not only against Mr. Grant, but the government he supported. At the last election, in spite of the fact that the Liberal candidate, F. McB. Young, did not reside in the riding and found it impossible to cover the constituency satisfactorily, Mr. Grant was returned by only 36 of a majority. J. B. Bennett, the Liberal nominee, is immensely popular in the riding. He is a man of marked ability. He manifested his strength this fall when he met Premier McBride on the platform during the latter's visit to the constituency. Mr. Bennett was cheered to the echo when he rose to speak, although the meeting, being held in the Premier's interests, might be considered a Conservative gathering. It may be taken for granted that Comox will return the Liberal nominee.

In Alberni H. Brewster is very popular and may be depended upon to play a winning game.

R. S. Henderson, one of the most active officers of the Liberal association at Duncans, is in the city to-day. He reports that in Cowichan everything is looking exceedingly bright for J. N. Evans, the Liberal nominee. No effort is being spared to ensure his return, and since the announcement of the dissolution and the fact that "Billy" McInnes was returning to the fight, the enthusiasm in the riding has become intense and there is every prospect that Mr. Evans will not only be returned, but will receive his majority over that at the last election.

From Similkameen comes the most encouraging news with respect to the chances of Smith Curtis. Mr. Curtis, who is acknowledged to be one of the ablest campaigners in the province, will, it is said, carry Similkameen and at the same time lend able assistance to the Liberal cause throughout the Kootenays.

CONDITIONS IN NICOLA.

Coal Companies Show Activity as Result of Railway Construction.

George Armstrong, of Nicola, is a visitor to Victoria, spending the holidays with his brother-in-law, George Snider. Mr. Armstrong reports that there is marked activity in the Nicola as a result of the railway construction into the district. The Spence's Bridge-Nicola branch of railway has now been completed, and early in the year a regular train service is expected to be provided by the C. P. R. over the fifty miles of track. This will be a mixed train running three times a week. The scarcity of labor has interfered somewhat with the work on the line, which would have been in operation before this.

The railway construction has been followed by general activity in connection with the coal interests in the Nicola. Three companies have pushed forward work on their properties preparatory to putting them on a shipping basis. These are the B. C. Amalgamated, the Nicola Valley Coal Company and the Diamond Vale Company.

Mr. Armstrong is the president of the Liberal Association for the district. Before he left he took steps towards having a convention called for the selection of a candidate. The prospect is that Stuart Henderson will be the candidate, being very popular in the district. R. Fraser, editor of the Nicola Herald, will likely be nominated by the Conservatives.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Agreement Has Been Reached Between Edmonton and Strathcona.

Edmonton, Dec. 28.—A delegation of three from Strathcona city council visited Edmonton yesterday and had a two-hour conference with the commissioner, as a result of which an agreement between Edmonton and Strathcona for a 15-year telephone franchise in the south town was reached and will be submitted to the councils of both towns. The terms of the franchise are not given out for publication, but it is understood the Edmonton people propose to string a 350-line cable to Strathcona, and erect the whole Strathcona service and connect to the Edmonton automatic board direct, making one big central for both and giving Strathcona exactly the same telephone service at the same price as Edmonton gets.

SENTENCED TO BED.

The new juvenile court at Boston, Lincolnshire, has sentenced a boy who stole a bicycle to spend his Saturdays in bed. He is to attend school as usual all the week, but after supper on Friday nights he must say his prayers and retire to his bed, there to remain in a reclining position until at least cock-crow on Sunday mornings. This is to continue until further notice.

BIBLES MUTILATED.

The British and Foreign Bible Society's agent at Bagdad reports that in the last consignment of English Bibles which he received there all the maps had been torn out which referred in any way to Armenia. The dragoman of the British consulate at Bagdad explained that the name of Armenia on a map is forbidden in Turkey.

FUNERAL OF WRECK VICTIM.

Remains of Chief Stoker Whiting, of H. M. S. Shearwater, Buried With Full Naval Honors.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The funeral of Chief Stoker Whiting, of H. M. S. Shearwater, who died at Kamloops this week from burns received in the C. P. R. railroad wreck some weeks ago, took place at the cemetery, Esquimalt, this morning. The body was brought to the city this morning and conveyed from the E. & N. depot to Esquimalt, and at half-past ten was buried with full naval honors.

A service was conducted in the Esquimalt church by Rev. Mr. Payne, and six sailors from the Shearwater then bore the massive oak coffin to the burial ground. Capt. Allgood, of the Shearwater, together with the officers and men of that vessel, were in attendance, and a large number from H. M. S. Egeria were also present. Service was read at the grave side, and a firing party of twenty-six fired the regulation three volleys immediately after interment. Four beautiful wreaths were received, two being presented by the crew of the Shearwater, one by the crew of the Egeria, and one by Mr. Logan, an old naval man, who also attended the funeral.

A NEW FIRM.

L. Conyers Will Take a Partner and Continue in Real Estate.

L. Conyers, who is retiring from the real estate firm of Grant & Conyers at the end of the year, will not remain out of harness in connection with the realty business for any time. On the contrary, he will open a new office on View street, in the Vernon block. The necessary alterations are now being made to the building preparatory to Mr. Conyers occupying these quarters. J. A. Cameron, who is a resident of Victoria, and who before coming to this city has had a good training in the real estate and banking business, will enter into partnership with Mr. Conyers. Mr. Cameron was formerly cashier of the Cain National Bank in Port Angeles.

The real estate market continues to feel the effects of the holiday season and there are no large deals reported. There continue to be smaller transactions in the suburbs of the city. Pemberton & Son report during the past few days a number of such sales, covering lots on Oak Bay avenue, on Foul Bay road, North Pandora street and at Shoal Bay.

McCarter & Drysdale, the Dominion Real Estate Exchange, and various other firms report sales of acreage in small lots in the fruit growing sections.

COLONIZATION IN SIBERIA.

Russian Government Making Great Efforts to Stimulate Settlement.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Taking advantage of the present and increasing famine in Russia, the government is making great efforts to stimulate colonization in Siberia on a scale hitherto never attained. The minister of finance, M. Koksovoff, after consultation with his colleagues, has decided to place $3,000,000 to be spent in 1907 at the disposal of colonization officers. This office has 200,000 homestead lots in readiness for settlers. These lots are situated largely in the sparsely settled provinces along the Amur river, where the government is eager to strengthen its hold.

THE NEW MILL AT ESQUIMALT

START TO BE MADE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

Company Will Operate Its Own Tugs and Will Bring Timber From San Juan.

Within thirty days a start is to be made on the new sawmill to be erected in Esquimalt for the B. F. Graham Company. By August next, if present plans materialize, the proposed plant will be installed ready for operation. This statement is given on the authority of Charles R. Betterton, who represents the company in this city. The new mill will be located near the Four-Mile House, and while possessing splendid facilities for deep water shipping, will also have the advantage of a connection with the E. & N. railway at that point. Foreign trade will be that to which the company will particularly devote its attention.

The mill is to have a capacity for cutting 100,000 to 125,000 feet of lumber a day, and will give employment to over one hundred men. The timber to be cut will be brought from the company's limits at Port San Juan, by the company's own tugs. These vessels will be either built or purchased, according to what can be done. One or two steamers, Mr. Betterton says, will be secured at once.

The B. F. Graham Company has a number of other sawmill enterprises on hand. As stated yesterday, it has taken over the Taylor-Pattison mill at the head of the harbor, which concern is also to be supplied with timber from San Juan district, and it has commenced construction of a mill at San Juan. This latter in a very short time will be cutting the timber that will be required for use in its own completion and also that for use in the erection of the mill at Esquimalt.

The company is a separate organization from that which intends erecting a large mill on Queen Charlotte Islands.

JAPS SENT TO MEXICO.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Immigration officers have arrested five Japanese at Port Hancock out of a large number smuggled over on Christmas night, and all were deported to Mexico to-day. Some of them had previously been rejected by immigration officers here, as all came under the pauper classification.

Nine Japanese applied for admission at the immigration bureau to-day, and all were rejected under the contract labor clause, the officers being satisfied that the Japanese are under contract to work at Barstow.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Canada has again opened negotiations with Australia looking to preferential trade between both countries.

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a flower which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. Few young women appreciate the shock of the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

As surely as the general health suffers when there is derangement of the health of the delicate womanly organs, so surely when these organs are established in health the face and form at once witness to the fact in renewed comeliness. More than a million women have found health and happiness in the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. Ingredients on label—contains no alcohol or harmful habit-forming drugs. It is made wholly of those native, American, medicinal roots most highly recommended by leading medical authorities of all the several schools of practice for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments.

For nursing mothers, or for those broken-down in health by too frequent bearing of children, also for the expectant mothers, to prepare the system for the coming of baby and make its advent easy and almost painless, there is no medicine quite so good as "Favorite Prescription." It can do no harm *in any condition of the system*. It is a most potent invigorating tonic and strengthening nervine, nicely adapted to woman's delicate system by a physician of large experience in the treatment of woman's peculiar ailments.

Bad Symptoms. The woman who has periodical headaches, backache, sees imaginary dark spots or specks floating or dancing before her eyes, has gnawing distress or heavy full feeling in stomach, faint spells, dragging-down feeling in lower abdominal or pelvic region, easily startled or excited, irregular or painful periods, with or without pelvic catarrh, is suffering from weaknesses and derangements that should have early attention. Not all of above symptoms are likely to be present in any case at one time.

Neglected or badly treated and such cases often run into maladies which demand the surgeon's knife if they do not result fatally.

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