

WARM WELCOME FOR EARL GREY

Former Governor General Lands at Liverpool with His Family—Journey to London by Special Train

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 20.—Earl Grey, accompanied by Lady Evelyn and Evelyn Grey, was given a royal welcome on his arrival here today.

"It is impossible to be too sanguine as to the future development of Canada. It is a splendid country, and it is going ahead as fast as anyone could wish.

"As to the Canadian climate, I can only say I thoroughly enjoyed it, whether in summer or winter, and I am not sure that before the present winter is over I shall not wish to be in Canada again."

Continuing, Earl Grey said he ventured to disagree with the report that the Canadian editors returns did not show as well as had been too hastily assumed in some quarters.

Lord Grey and family later journeyed to London by special train in which was reserved a royal saloon decorated with choice flowers, the gift of the Canadian club, the Allan line and the C.P.R.

STIRRING PLEA FOR NAVY BAZE

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that a tangible act on the part of the people that would show that we sympathize with the authorities at Ottawa in their effort to construct and maintain a Canadian navy would be that large employers of labor in canneries, sawmills and other industries should regard, should supplement the Ontario law they have now in their employ, with white men, (loud applause). Then, when the moment arrived when these bills and other legislation could be obtained from our local watermen from our own environment, and our own maritime ports and commercial shipping. This would secure the necessary complement of men being available to make up powerful shippers of British Columbia, that the fisheries of this province, which should be in the hands of the white people of B. C., are almost entirely in the hands of Asiatics. I put it to the people of B. C., without prejudice, if they are buying up great wealth and if tomorrow international difficulties should arise, they could never look to the Chinese and Japanese in their employ for protection. These men would then have them on the slightest excuse. These men would not be better for them to arrange so that they could look to their own flesh and blood, who could be counted upon in time of trouble? If there are some who think this appeal might be directed in vain, may I put it another way, as a matter of blood-blooded business to insure their wealth and secure its protection? No insurance in British Columbia or Canada could better shield the protection to property and life as that provided by the agency of a powerful navy. I say to you, that if not on national grounds, then for simple cold-blooded business the construction and maintenance of a navy to protect life and property on this Pacific seaboard of Canada?"

Concluding, the premier referred to the good work being done by the navy league, and of his own ambition as a member to take some part with the people of British Columbia at some time not far removed, in connection with the movements in our own waters of a powerful and efficient unit that would be part of the Imperial navy in the event of international difficulty. Prolonged applause marked the close of the premier's remarks.

Queens Will Must Come On SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—All Chinese wearing queues after midnight, October 21, will be adjudged Manchus sympathizers, according to a proclamation issued by Li Yuan Hung, forces in China, today.

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C. F. E. Steamer Beatrix from Noble Island Will Reach Repair Yards This Afternoon

The steamer Princess Beatrice will reach Esquimalt this afternoon about 4 o'clock conveyed by the steamer Salsbury of the B. C. Salvage company to be hauled out on the ways of the B. C. Marine Railway company for repairs.

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GREAT INCREASE IN TELEPHONE SERVICE

Company's Present Plant Cannot Fill Requirements—New Exchange Will be Adequate—Underground System

The growth and progress of Victoria during the past year is demonstrated in a remarkable manner by the returns issued by the local office of the B. C. Telephone company, a growth which, in fact is hardly done justice by the figures. Owing to the congestion in the company's system consequent on the lack of accommodations pending the completion of the commodious new quarters now in course of erection at the corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets, the company is unable to take care of all applications for service which have been received and there are now on hand some 300 requests which cannot immediately be filled. But even with this disability the growth in the number of services now in operation since the beginning of the year is 387, services were in use, has been 1926, making the present total 4970, an increase in eight months of twenty-eight per cent.

In fact so rapid has been the increase in the company's system under the tabulation of subscribers in the regularly issued books cannot be kept up to date. A new subscriber's book was issued a few days ago but more names have gone on the lists since that date. Every effort is being made to have the new central exchange building in complete running order by January 1 next. The necessary apparatus to be installed therein is on order and in fact much of it has now arrived. The exchange board which will be an important feature is designed for a capacity of 10,000 telephones and is as large as any now being placed in telephone exchanges. It will be capable of handling the work which has been done in the past and when it has reached its limit of capacity the city will have grown enough to warrant the erection of sub-stations.

The company is now busy rushing its underground conduit system under agreement with the city which last year submitted a bylaw to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 to place the telephone service below surface in the business section lying west of Blanchard street and between Herby and Humboldt streets. This will do away with the aerial system now in use. The money has been loaned to the company which shall repay it and meet all interest charges within the period of fifty years. In addition the city agreed to carry the underground system outwardly from the downtown section on such streets as were necessary, the cost of such extensions being borne by the company. Already a large amount of this underground work has been done and the company, which has until August next to complete the installation of the conduit system has every confidence that the work will be completed and the aerial system dispensed with before that time. The underground system is wholly a new one and the overhead system will be entirely done away with. A large gang of men is now engaged in putting in the wires.

To date permission of about fifty per cent of the owners in those downtown blocks into which laterals from the main feed lines will run to supply service to users in such blocks, has been secured and the work of securing permission from owners in other blocks is now progressing. In case where owners refuse to sign the necessary agreement giving the company the right to lay its conduits into the blocks the city will take action under the legislation secured at the last session of the legislature—legislation which permits the city to expropriate such right of way.

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The company's present quarters have become so congested that temporary quarters have been secured on the top floor of the Bank of Montreal building in the basement of which the plant heretofore sufficient for Victoria's needs is located. With the completion of the new exchange the company will be possessed of one of the most up to date plants of its kind on the Coast.

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REAL ESTATE IS MOVING STEADILY

Many Deals Passing Through Hands of Local Realty Agents With Prospect of an Even-Brisker Season.

A decided and emphatic revival of activity in real estate transactions characterized the local market during the week just closed, and while there has been no cessation in the steady daily sales of small holdings all over the city, there were a number of notable transactions pointing to the fact that another busy period of development and progress is at hand. An ever-present problem is how to house the tremendous number of newcomers who have come to take up residence in the city. There is hardly a suitable house to be had in the city; rents are mounting in consequence and this situation has led to an increased demand for small homes to be purchased on the installment plan.

The steps taken by the board of trade to press vigorously on the attention of the Ottawa government the need of comprehensive harbor improvements to the outer wharf and the universal conviction that the erection of these works cannot be delayed, now that the opening of the Panama canal has led to a great activity in respect to properties in the James Bay district, and that in that section of the city are of daily occurrence.

There is no cessation of interest on the part of speculators in inside properties and during the week there have been numerous transfers of importance, the steady progress in the work of erecting big blocks in the business section tending to confirm the "wise ones" in the belief that the growth of the city proper has not begun.

Among the important transfers of inside business properties during the week were:

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PRINCE GEORGE WILL SOON BE ALTERED

G. T. P. Steamer to be Withdrawn After Next Trip—May be Done at Seattle

The steamer Prince George of the G. T. P. will be withdrawn after her next trip from Prince Rupert, to be laid up to be converted into an oil-burner. It has not been definitely announced when this work will be done, but it is reported to be the intention of the company to take the steamer to Seattle to have the work done there.

The local office of the company received advice yesterday that the steamer Prince George will be withdrawn on October 23rd, when a new schedule would come into effect. The Prince Rupert, which is due this morning from the G. T. P. port, and which will sail again tomorrow morning for the North, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the city hall.

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Later he left for the cement works, but since the accident his mental condition had apparently become affected. He was a man of about thirty-five or thirty-eight years of age, of large build and particularly good-natured. Some of his relatives are believed to be residing in Manitoba.

REGIONS ENTER LAYING CONTEST

Two Hundred and Forty British Columbia Hens Are Engaged in a Year-Long Competition at Vancouver.

Two hundred and forty hens entered upon a one-year competition in the city of Vancouver, on Friday last for the purpose of ascertaining which can lay the greatest number of eggs within the period. The contest will close October 19, 1912.

This novel competition which, by the way, the first to be inaugurated on the American continent, is being held on the Vancouver Exhibition grounds, Hastings Street, between the city hall and the Vancouver Association, in conjunction with the Vancouver Exhibition Board.

The importance of this egg-laying contest, and the benefit to be derived by the poultry industry, more especially in this section, has already been fully recognized by the provincial government which has donated \$100 towards the prize fund; the Vancouver Exhibition Board and the B. C. Poultry Association have each donated a similar amount.

The judging will be figured by the number of eggs taken from each pen, in which case there will be six hens. Thus the 240 hens will make in all 1440 pens. During the competition valuable experiments will be held and a detailed report of the progress of the contest, giving the number of eggs taken from each group, with the name of the breeder of the hen which laid them, and the price realized thereon, will be furnished by the committee and published in the newspapers throughout the province.

Such contests have created much interest in Australia and in the United States. The first egg-laying contest was instituted by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria in 1882 and at the end of eight years it is still being run annually. The Philadelphia Poultry Association has recently held an international egg-laying contest in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was inaugurated on the 1st day of November.

Pens have been received from the following sections in the province, and between the widespread interest awakened: Revelstoke, Vernon, Kamloops, Chilliwack, Central Park, Duncan, Ladang, Fort St. John, Mission, Courtenay, Victoria, Seattle, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Cowichan, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Kamloops, Burrard, Chilliwack, Seattle, Hager, M. Toole, and five pens from Australia and one from New Zealand.

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FULTON RETURNS AFTER BEING IMPROVED

Alterations at Cost of \$10,000 to Steamer Engaged in Freight Service from Puget Sound

After being remodelled at a cost of \$10,000, the steam schooner Fulton, operated by Dodwell & Co., in a freight service between Puget Sound ports and Victoria and Vancouver, returned to the city yesterday morning and is being readied to resume her service. Since her last visit here, considerable changes have been made on the Fulton. The steamer has been transformed from a well-decked steam schooner to a raised-deck vessel, her cargo capacity being increased to 900 tons, and she has been fitted with freight elevators to raise the cargo to the dock level to facilitate loading and discharging. Ports have been numerous transfers of importance, the steady progress in the work of erecting big blocks in the business section tending to confirm the "wise ones" in the belief that the growth of the city proper has not begun.

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Plans Said to Have Been Laid for Profiting by Bogus Street Car Tickets in Canadian Cities

WINNIPEG, Oct. 20.—With the arrest from England today of evidence collected by Scotland Yard, it is clear to the police here that gigantic swindles in street car tickets have been unearthed. Charles Warren, a former street railway conductor, will stand trial for it next week in the case.

It is proved to the satisfaction of the police that this colossal swindle was not to be confined to Winnipeg, but was to embrace Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. Warren's revelations are that Warren is identified as the man who called at a printer's shop in London, England, to have tens of thousands of car tickets printed. A cast of tickets which was made in London is now in Winnipeg and will be used in the case. Warren said his house a receipt for money paid to that firm.

Sworn statements from persons implicated in London will be presented at the trial in Winnipeg.

BODILY IN HARBOR SOLVES MYSTERY

Corpse of Andrew Wenzie Howlett, Missing Since 4th Inst., Found Floating in Victoria Arm.

Missing since the 4th inst. when he left the Blue Post saloon, Johnson street, at which he was rooming, at an early hour in the morning, the mysterious surrounding the disappearance of Andrew Wenzie Howlett, a former employee of the city and more lately employed at the Vancouver Portland Cement company's plant at Tod inlet, was cleared up on Friday evening. Howlett's body, badly decomposed, was discovered by an employee of the Vancouver Island Power company, floating in the inner harbor near the wharf at the foot of Yates street. Articles in the pockets of the clothing as well as the size of the body proved its identity. The police were notified and the body taken to the undertakers' rooms of Messrs. Hanna & Thomson, Yates street. An inquest will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the city hall.

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APPLIES FOR ROYALTY

MONTREAL, Oct. 20.—This week Mr. R. W. Shepherd of Omo is submitting three cases of Fameuse apples to the Board of Agriculture for consideration. One case is for King George, another for Queen Mary and the other for the Queen Mother. Mr. Shepherd's case is in accord with the case of the King Edward since 1896, when the late King Edward first became acquainted with the superior quality of Quebec's Fameuse apples and gave Mr. Shepherd a standing order for two cases of them every year.

WOLF MONUMENT

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WEEKLY EGGER

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Michael Sullivan, who has begged on the streets of San Francisco for thirty-five years, was found dead in his home. Bank books found in a mattress showed deposits of more than \$50,000, which was apparently due to the successful work of a woman. He left a will bequeathing \$5,000 to his daughter, Mary A. Sullivan, and to his sister, Mary A. Sullivan, who is in Minnesota.

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TO BUILD PLEASURE CRAFT AT HONGKONG

James H. Wood Will Leave on the Empress of Japan to be Constructed

Among the passengers of the Empress of Japan when she sails on Wednesday from the Outer Wharf for the Orient will be Mr. James H. Wood, of Esqui Harbor, who returned recently from Hongkong on the steamer Lucerne bringing a teakwood motor boat built at the far eastern port. He is returning to Hongkong with orders for the construction of four more boats for Vancouver friends and will have one more built for himself. Capt. Pybus, formerly master of the Empress of Japan, returned on that steamer from Hongkong after having a sixty-foot boat constructed there. Hardwood is easy to obtain and labor very cheap at the far eastern port.

Lineman Killed. VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 20.—William Gooding, a lineman employed by the British Columbia Electric Railway company, was electrocuted here today while engaged in making repairs to some wiring on the company's car barns. It is not known how the accident happened. Doctors worked for the man for nearly an hour, but their efforts were without avail.

PHRASE LEFT OFF CANADIAN COINS

Absence of "Dei Gratia" from This Year's Copper and Silver Coins is Due to a Mistake

OTTAWA, Oct. 20.—A good deal of comment has been created by the appearance of the "Dei Gratia" from Canadian coinage this year. The Ministry is shared by all the copper and silver coins struck off in the mint this year. No gold coins have been struck off so far in 1911, though the appearance of these coins have been reported. It is further the case that this year's coins will have the state's motto restored.

The cause of the omission is a mistake in the pattern of the dies used in the British mint. The dies were prepared in England, and it was there that the mistake was made. They were changed in the year. The situation in which the department of finance itself with regard to the matter is that for one thing Canada was under a substantial obligation to the British authorities in the matter, and for another that there was acute need for the currency. Accordingly the design was replaced and approved. None the less the 1912 coinage will revert to the old usage, so that the 1911 coins will be distinguished from that of other years.

At today's meeting of the cabinet Mr. J. M. Macdougall, of Hull, Quebec, appointed judge of the Superior Court to replace the late Judge Champagnon. Mr. R. L. Borden will take a brief holiday early next week.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER

Increase of Five Million Dollars, or Sixty-five per Cent, Shown by Provincial Post's Figures

The Financial Post has compiled Building Statistics for September, and the statistics show a total for the month of \$1,818,851, compared with \$2,761,075 last month, a decrease of 33.6 per cent. The showing is nothing less than remarkable, and is a demonstration of the phenomenal development that is going on in Canada. Ten of the cities show a decline, but amount to too small to seriously affect the total gain. Winnipeg leads in increase, showing a gain of 60.9 per cent, over the month of September. The following table shows the increase in building permits for September, compared with the same month of the year to date, which also shows a substantial gain over the year.

Table showing building permits for September, comparing current month with same month of previous year and year to date. Columns include City, Permits for Sept., Permits for Sept. 1912, and % Increase.

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