

VICTORIA BUSINESS STEADILY EXPANDS

Clearing House Returns Indicate Growing Importance of City as a Commercial Centre—Some Facts and Figures

BY the courtesy of Thomas Mackenzie, president of the Victoria clearing house, a Colonist reporter was yesterday given access to the figures of that valuable institution for the purpose of verifying what has already been stated in these columns...

JAP COOLIES LAND AND ARE ARRESTED

The schooner Suian Maru illicitly disembarks Twenty-Two Men at Beecher Bay and is Seized by Authorities

THE Japanese schooner Suian Maru was yesterday seized by the authorities because of an alleged attempt to run a schooner-load of Japanese into Canada via Beecher Bay...

The schooner was seen from the city yesterday morning hovering about Beecher bay in a suspicious manner, and her presence was reported to Dr. Watt...

There is no reason why any attempt should be made to evade the regulations which govern the immigration of Japanese into Canada...

Soon the story came out: there had been many Japanese landed. The captain explained that twenty-two men had run away when the schooner was at the other bay...

PASSES SENTENCE ON FEATHERSTONE

Judge Condemns to Death Man Found Guilty of Murder of Mary Dalton—Prisoner Says He is Innocent.

NANAIMO, B. C., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—"You are to be taken to the common jail at Victoria from whence you came and there to be hanged by the neck until dead on the twelfth day of December next..."

Exactly 25 minutes after the judges charge the jury returned and announced their verdict. The jury have come to a decision, my lord, said Sheriff Drake, an hour afterwards the twelve men solemnly filed into their places...

BANDITS HOLD SWAY IN TOWN OF SAWYER

By Liberal Use of Bullets They Get Away With Bank's Money

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 22.—Masked bandits held a crowd of excited citizens at bay for three hours last night at Sawyer, N. D., while their companions blew a safe in the Sawyer State Bank and took away \$4,600...

INSTANTLY KILLED

Essex, Ont., Oct. 22.—Benjamin Goodson was thrown from his rig yesterday and instantly killed by his horse becoming frightened at a passing automobile. He was driving his brother from Wheatley to Windsor when the accident occurred.

STRIKERS WOUNDED

Newcastle, Pa., Oct. 22.—Three strikers were wounded, two perhaps fatally, in a riot this afternoon following the strike of trestle men at the four local Carnegie furnaces of this city.

CARTHAGENIAN FLOATED

Philadelphia, Oct. 22.—The British steamship Carthaginian, from Glasgow, which went aground on Thursday night at the foot of the Delaware river, Philadelphia, was floated this afternoon. She is apparently undamaged and is proceeding to this port.

NOVA SCOTIANS HELD UP

Indianhead, Sask., Oct. 22.—Two men, Purday and Outcalt, by name, were held up near the Balmoral Hotel here early Saturday morning and robbed of \$165. Both men were from Nova Scotia and were intending to start for home the next day. They were drunk when the thugs attacked them. There is no clue to the robbers.

MURDER IN WILD LAND

Montreal, Oct. 22.—Another crime is reported from the northern section of Pontiac county, and Jules Hilon, aged forty, lies in the Brisson jail to await the outcome of his alleged shooting of Jules Chasquieres of Laverlochere, near Valmarie, Que. They are alleged to have quarrelled over a woman and the prisoner is said to have pulled a gun on Chasquieres, shooting him in the left side. It is rumored that Chasquieres has died since Hilon's arrest, and an officer of the provincial force is now penetrating the Temiskamingue wilds to investigate. Hilon is silent and refuses to speak.

STORM WRECKS BLOCK PLAN TO WELCOME PREMIER McBRIDE

THE TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS

Terrific Winds Spread Destruction Through the State of Utah

COACHES HURLED FROM TRACKS

Snow Falls and Drifts in the States of Wyoming, Texas and Missouri.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 22.—Railroad service between here and Ogden is utterly disorganized. The terrible wind on Saturday night and Sunday morning carried all telegraph wires down, making the despatching of trains in regular order impossible. The Denver and Rio Grande system is moving a few trains. The Oregon short line is blocked by a wreck near Woods Crossing where thirty freight cars were blown from the tracks.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 22.—The storm, which began in Wyoming Friday and which spread generally over the state Saturday and Sunday, continued without abatement in this section today. A foot of snow had fallen and all trains had been delayed.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 22.—The wind is blowing 60 miles an hour tonight and tomorrow, and the Texas plains are carrying blinding dust and snow. At Channing a blizzard is raging. About Dallas the temperature has been in the 70's but is falling.

RESCUED MAN TELLS OF GREAT DISASTER

Huge Wave—Strikes House Boat and Seventy-Nine Men Are Drowned

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 22.—The military line steamer Colorado, which arrived today, had as passengers Joseph Nelson, Charles Olsen, Charles Anderson and Otto Brink, who were picked up at sea Saturday morning, 90 miles off Key West. Nelson says he saw 79 men drowned from a houseboat which was wrecked off Long Key, Ala., in last week's storm. The four men, when found by the Colorado's crew, were standing on a raft made out of six logs, and were in the water waist-deep. Nelson said he and the others were at Long Key in a houseboat when a huge wave struck them and carried the boat to sea. Nelson went to pieces, and of the 125 men on board, 79 were drowned before his eyes. The others have since been taken to Jacksonville. The men suffered terrible hardships. They say that the loss of life was heavier at Long Key than at any other point. The men were employed by the Florida East Coast Railway in the extension work through the Florida swamps from Miami to Key West.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

HOISTS MEN IN AIR

William Bowler and George Rion Are Blown to Fragments Near Belleville

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 22.—A special committee appointed by the governor, which has been investigating the office of auditor of state for a year, with a special reference to mutual and stock life insurance companies, today submitted its report to Governor Hanley. The general decisions of the committee are that life insurance premiums are too high. Premiums are so much in excess of needs as to permit of extravagant management, thefts of funds, and others great abuses, without rendering the companies insolvent. Indiana insurance companies, like those of other states, have been guilty of extravagance and abuses though they have maintained solvency.

MINERS ROASTED ALIVE

Pittsburg, Kas., Oct. 22.—Three Austrian miners were killed and a fourth was probably fatally injured by the explosion of powder in the Southwestern Development company's mine near Mineral. The miners were engaged in getting shot ready for the shot firings and had several open jacks of powder, each containing 12 pounds. A spark from a pit lamp fell into one of the open jacks of powder, causing an explosion. Great sheets of flame swept down the entry and burned every man in it. The victims were roasted alive.

IMPORTATIONS EXCEED SHAW'S EXPECTATIONS

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 22.—The plant of the Secretary and Paving Company, Limited, about five hundred feet east of Yonge street, facing the C. P. R. tracks at North Toronto, was wiped out by fire yesterday morning. The loss is \$35,000 with insurance of \$11,000.

LOOKS GOOD TO THUGS

Fort William, Ont., Oct. 22.—H. W. Grandison, of Boston, who is at a hotel here under a doctor's care, suffering from injuries received from falling from a train about a mile west of Fort William, tells a remarkable story. He left Boston a few weeks ago to take a round trip to Seattle and Vancouver returning by way of the C. P. R. While traveling by boat from Seattle to Vancouver he became friendly with a captain who had previously had trouble with one of the crew. This man entered the captain's cabin and mistaking Grandison for the captain, shot him. He lay in his face nearly blinded him. He was laid up at Vancouver until he recovered and then continued on his way home. On Friday night he was sitting up in his sleeping apartments and must have fallen asleep. The next thing he knew he was lying on the track pretty badly injured and minus \$300. He had no idea as to how he came there.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS START AFTER REBELS

Armed Cubans Commit Depredations in the Province of Puerto Principe

MEMBERS OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION CALL FOR PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF HIS STAND AT OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

Members of Conservative Association Call for Public Recognition of his Stand at Ottawa Conference.

AT a special meeting of the executive of the Victoria Conservative Association held last evening, the following resolution was adopted with enthusiasm that it would be in accordance with the eternal fitness of things to tender Hon. Richard McBride, the premier, a special welcome on the occasion of his return here in a few days from his trip east, where he put up such a splendid fight at the Inter-Provincial conference in the interest of British Columbia. It is planned that the affair shall be a citizens' welcome regardless of party affiliations, as it is felt on all sides that the premier upheld with fitting dignity and courage the claims of this province for better treatment at the hands of the federal government. As one gentleman mentioned at the meeting, quite the most astonishing thing to be noted within the past few days, respecting public feeling on the question of the premier's conduct of the negotiations at Ottawa, is the fact that the premier took, in view of all the facts of the case, the only course he could honorably pursue; and it is felt in consequence that the proposed demonstration of approval of his course will be lacking neither in enthusiasm nor sincerity. Owing to the fact that it is as yet not definitely known about the exact date and hour of the premier's arrival all arrangements for the welcome have not been completed, but, roughly speaking, it is planned to have as large a gathering as possible assemble at some point yet to be named, and, headed by a brass band, proceed to the wharf, whence the premier and party will be escorted to a public hall, where there will likely be brief addresses given. Full particulars of the affair will be announced tomorrow.

QUESTION ABOUT COST DELAYS THE TRANSFER

Interesting Point About Maintenance of Halifax and Esquimaux Dock Yards

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—It is understood that it may be some weeks before the British dockyard properties at Halifax and Esquimaux are handed over to Canada. Though the principle of the transfer has been accepted by both parties there is still some details to be settled. It is understood that the British government has to give Canada possession and that Canada has agreed to maintain the yards in a condition which enable British vessels to make use of them for repairs and to use the properties for military purposes. However, under the terms of the transfer proposed, Canada might be held responsible for the expense of making repairs on British battleships that choose to put in at Halifax or Esquimaux. Repairs on a single ship might easily cost from one hundred thousand to half million dollars. An unexpected demand of the amounts now voted by parliament to assume the cost of repairs made to battleships at Halifax and Esquimaux, was revealed to make use of them for military purposes. However, under the terms of the transfer proposed, Canada might be held responsible for the expense of making repairs on British battleships that choose to put in at Halifax or Esquimaux. Repairs on a single ship might easily cost from one hundred thousand to half million dollars. An unexpected demand of the amounts now voted by parliament to assume the cost of repairs made to battleships at Halifax and Esquimaux, was revealed to make use of them for military purposes.

RECEIPTS EXCEED EXPENSES BY \$200,000—NEWS FROM DOMINION CAPITAL

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The closing of the books of the Intercolonial railway for the fiscal year ending June 30th shows a surplus of receipts over working expenses of about \$200,000. The present fiscal year terminates on the first of March and the government's expectation, provided the winter is an average one, is that the surplus for nine months will be about \$100,000. The reduction in operating expenses during the first three months of the year, which includes the opening months of navigation, will be out of from this year's accounts, and working expenses are always heavier in the winter time. A bad winter may render it difficult for the railway to come out even.

SEA CAPTAIN SUICIDES

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 22.—Capt. Nicholas Payzant, for many years one of the captains on the Pickford and Black steamers, committed suicide this morning. The act was due to despondency, fever and rheumatism having compelled him to retire from the sea.

HON. H. SIMPSON DEAD

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 22.—Hon. H. Simpson, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., member of the Provincial government and who was recently nominated as Liberal candidate for the House of Commons, died of blood poisoning this morning.

HOG CHOLERA IN ONTARIO

Chatham, Ont., Oct. 20.—Over sixty hogs were destroyed by Dr. Perdue, government inspector, on the farm of Rev. Thompson, about three miles south of Blenheim, on account of the animals being infected with hog cholera.

TORONTO INDUSTRY BURNED

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NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Secretary of the United States Treasury Shaw authorizes the announcement that from and after Tuesday, October 23, deposits to facilitate gold importations will be discontinued. He said that importations had exceeded his expectations and he believed for the present America had quite its share and he had no disposition to disturb conditions in Europe by a continuation of that method of relief. Secretary Shaw also announced that he would stimulate National Bank circulation to the extent of \$18,000,000 by accepting approved securities other than government bonds for deposits already made, the bonds released to be used immediately as a basis of circulation without withdrawal from the treasury.

IMPERIAL HOUSE

London, Oct. 22.—Parliament will reassemble tomorrow. The session promises to be a memorable one owing to two important matters, the education bill and the workmen's compensation act.