

HUGE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

ENGINEER'S LIST IS GIVEN IN DETAIL Asphalt Chosen as Material Best Suited for the City of Victoria

(From Monday's Daily.) Of exceeding interest to all ratepayers are the details of the report of the city engineer on street improvement...

It is likely that tenders for a considerable quantity of this work will be called for immediately. The city engineer informed the mayor at last Friday evening's meeting that it would take but a short time to prepare the specifications so that bids could be invited on a yardage basis.

The following trunk roads will be improved with asphalt: Esquimalt road—Pt. Ellice bridge to city limits.

Yates street—Blanchard to Cook. Yates street—Cook to Hillside. The section on Government street from Discovery to Bay, where the traffic is exceptionally heavy, will be paved with concrete.

Asphalt will be used on all the following streets: Belmont avenue—Fort to Pandora. Cook—May to Dallas.

Chapman—Cook to Linden. Dallas road—Beacon Hill to San Juan. Dallas road—San Juan to Simcoe.

Government—Belleville to Michigan. Harbinger—Richards to Fairfield. Fairbairn—Richards to Arm.

Queen's—Cook to Quadra. Queen's—Quadra to Douglas. View—Douglas to Blanchard.

View—Blanchard to Cook. Wellington—Dallas road to May. Penderast—Vancouver to Cook.

THUNDERSTORM AT QUEBEC.

(Special to the Times.) Quebec, Jan. 23.—It is a century since this city experienced a thunderstorm at this time of the year.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 23.—Little Clara Corbin, 8 years old, was killed by her 3-year-old brother, who shot her in the head with a shotgun.

FIERCE BATTLE RAGES IN MEXICO

THREE HUNDRED KILLED OR WOUNDED Number of Women and Children Reported to Have Been Shot by the Troops

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 23.—A bloody battle that already has lasted more than 24 hours is reported here to be in progress at Galena, south of Casagrande.

Among this number are said to be many women and children who were shot in their homes by federal soldiers who fired on insurgents in their doorways.

Presidio, Texas, via Marfa, Texas, Jan. 23.—Reports received here to-day state that 10 federal troops were killed in a battle with insurgents two days ago at Ojuna.

When about 200 of the troops had entered the trap a deadly fire was poured into them by the hidden revolutionists. Before Dorantes' men could retreat at least half had been killed and others wounded.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Pressing Business Necessitates Session To-night—Big Sewer Loan Soon

(From Monday's Daily.) Mayor Morley has summoned a special meeting of the city council for this evening at 8 o'clock for the consideration of some business which requires attention before Friday evening's meeting of the board of works.

Should plans which City Engineer Smith has proposed be adopted by the council the ratepayers will shortly be asked to vote on a by-law providing for the expenditure of \$300,000 on sewers and surface drains.

There is a large part of the city north of Edmonton road and east of Quadra street which is beyond the possibility of the present sewerage system.

NOW ANOTHER "ANNOUNCEMENT"

CONTRACT SIGNED FOR THE C. N. R. LINE M. Carlin and Grant, Smith & Co., to Build 40 Miles on Island

The government organ yesterday morning devoted over a column of its space to the announcement that a contract has been let for the construction of forty miles of the first section of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway on Vancouver Island.

The contract for forty miles of the island division of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway was let to Messrs. M. Carlin and Grant, Smith & Co., company yesterday. The signatories of the document were the two gentlemen mentioned, and Mr. T. G. Holt, executive agent of the Canadian Northern Pacific.

"It was highly necessary that the island division should enjoy every advantage which engineering skill could give it."

READY TO START ON VIEW STREET

Engineer Only Awaits Instructions to Begin the Extension Work

The city solicitor having reported that all claims in connection with the expropriation of the property necessary for the extension of View street through from Broad to Government street, have been adjusted, the city engineer is only awaiting instructions before proceeding with the work.

Asked this morning about the matter the city engineer said he planned to call the old material on the site of the extension, as contained in the ruins of the various brick buildings destroyed in the recent fire.

MARINES QUELL CHINESE OUTBREAK

Men Landed From British and German Gunboats—Ten Natives Are Killed

London, Jan. 23.—Cables to-day to the foreign office from Hankow, China, say that no further disorders have yet occurred, following yesterday's battle of British and German marines with Chinese natives, but another outbreak is feared.

No details of the fighting have been received by the foreign office excepting that the marines of the British gunboat Thistle and the German gunboat Jaguar, supported the foreign volunteer corps in suppressing a native outbreak.

TURKISH AGGRESSION.

Number of Countries Co-Operate in Movement in the Balkans. Vienna, Jan. 23.—Information reached the foreign office here to-day that Serbia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece have joined forces to curb Turkish aggressions in the Balkans.

A subsidy of \$8,000,000 has been guaranteed by the Serbian government to support a guerrilla warfare along the Turkish frontier, the Serbian banks working in conjunction with the Montenegrins.

AFFAIRS OF THE FARMERS' BANK

STATEMENT MADE BY WISHART'S LAWYER Says Client Will Return to Toronto If Warrant is Withdrawn

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 23.—Mr. Wishart will return to Toronto and tell all he knows about matters relating to the Farmers' Bank and the Keeley mine when he is restored to his position of two weeks ago by the withdrawal of the warrant.

"I think Mr. Wishart's position is a reasonable one," explained Mr. Phelan. "Two weeks ago while in Buffalo he learned of the trouble here and came to Toronto. Mr. Godfrey went with him and they saw either the crown-attorney or the inspector of detectives, Mr. Godfrey then said, 'There's Mr. Wishart. Do you want him?' They told him 'no'; they had nothing against him, but that he might later be wanted as a witness. Hardly had Mr. Wishart reached New York before a warrant was sent out for him with a flourish of trumpets. Of course it has all been in his mind since then."

Case in Parliament. Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The case of the Farmers' Bank will come up in parliament this afternoon. G. E. Foster will move for papers in connection with the defunct bank, and will discuss the history of that institution from start to finish.

If the Farmers' Bank matter is disposed of before the hour is late, Mr. Meighen's resolution calling for a re-creation in law of purely commercial implements will also come up.

COAST MAY FEEL ANOTHER COLD SNAP

U. S. Weather Bureau Predicts Lower Temperatures on Wednesday

Washington, Cal. Jan. 23.—The northwest and Pacific coast will feel the cold touch of lower temperatures Wednesday with steadily rising temperatures during the latter part of the week, according to the forecast of the weather bureau to-day.

Moderately low temperatures will also obtain in the eastern and southern parts of the country on Thursday and Friday according to present indications. The colder weather will be preceded by temperatures above normal and by general precipitation.

KING AND QUEEN MAY VISIT CANADA

ROYAL TOUR LIKELY TO BE EXTENDED Their Majesties Will Probably Also Go to Australia and South Africa

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 23.—The Dublin Express says that unless Earl Grey can be induced to extend his occupancy of the Governor-Generalship of Canada, the Duke of Connaught will have to abandon his succession to that post.

The Express further says that their Majesties may extend their tour to include Australia, South Africa and Canada.

MINISTERS HAVE NOT YET RETURNED

Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. W. Paterson Not Expected Until Wednesday

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Officials at both customs and finance departments are in dark this morning as to when Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. W. Paterson will arrive in the capital from Washington. They are not expected before to-morrow and Hon. Mr. Fielding, it is said, may not arrive until Wednesday.

London, Jan. 23.—The Morning Leader says there is very little doubt that the result of a passenger train collision with a coal train at Hopkings, Wales, on the Taff Valley railroad. Several of the leaders of the striking Welsh miners en route to London to attend a conference, were killed.

WITNESSES WILL BE PROSECUTED

Perjury Charges Follow Inquiry Into Murder of Indian Girl

(Special to the Times.) Hazelton, Jan. 23.—The body of the Indian girl Janet, has been brought to Hazelton. A postmortem examination disclosed the fact that the murder was of the most brutal nature, the body being terribly mutilated.

WOMAN'S SUICIDE

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 23.—An inquest was held here into the circumstances surrounding the death of Hazel, daughter of Francis F. Brown, whose body was found on the railway in New Forest. The jury returned a verdict that the woman, who was 30 years of age, committed suicide.

FOUND DEAD ON RAILWAY.

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 23.—The body of Hazel Hamilton Brown, a Canadian, was found on the railway line near Brockhurst, New Forest. It is not known how she got on the line.

REUF CONTINUES FIGHT.

San Francisco, Cal. Jan. 23.—The State Supreme court to-day ordered a rehearing before the Appellate court of the plea of Abraham Reuf for a new trial on the indictment under which he was convicted of bribery and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment at San Quentin.

ELEVEN KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

Trains Collide on Line in Wales. Victims Include Leaders of Miners on Way to Attend a Conference

(Special to the Times.) Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 23.—Many passengers were killed or injured to-day when a passenger train collided with a coal train at Hopkings, near Pontypidd.

NEW SCHEME FOR FINE BEACH DRIVE

Committee of City Council Has an Interesting Project in Hand

Ald. H. M. Fullerton, Humber, Peden and Gleason have in hand an ambitious scheme for the improvement of the water front section of the city running from Dallas road to Ross Bay. They are considering ways and means for the extension of Crescent avenue through to the water front, the larger use of groynes along the foreshore and the creation of a beach drive which would make available for vehicular traffic one of the most picturesque spots along the whole coast line of the southern part of Vancouver Island.

The problem of how to better protect the foreshore of Dallas road is a very pressing one. The recent severe storms have demonstrated the need of prompt action, but it has been shown that while the present protection scheme is inadequate the groynes put down in an experimental way have served their purpose admirably.

By the extension of Crescent avenue it would be possible to run a beach drive from Dallas road to Foul Bay, and thus render accessible a beautiful section of the water front facing the straits and the Olympian range. Here the beach is very wide and would easily lend itself to the purposes of this improvement. The scheme advanced by the aldermen mentioned is yet in the formative stage, but will at an early date be brought before the council.

FREIGHT TRAINS IN COLLISION

TWO MEN KILLED ON GRAND TRUNK

(Special to the Times.) Kingston, Jan. 23.—Two men were killed, and another seriously injured in a wreck which occurred on the Grand Trunk near Collins Bay at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

Two engines and six cars were wrecked and all trains on the main lines were blocked until 7 o'clock. The accident is declared to have been due to the fact that there is no telegraph operator at Collins Bay.

Two freight trains figured in the smash-up. One was stalled at a cut near Collins Bay. Three engines were there trying to get the train out. The conductor went to flag another freight coming, but before he could give the engineer sufficient warning it crashed into the rear of the stalled train.

The Macoun Accident. Toronto, Jan. 23.—Samuel J. Hunt, the traveller for Saunders & Rowan, who along with his friend Richard Chapman was killed in the railway wreck at Macoun, Sask., on Saturday, seemed to have a presentiment before he left Toronto. For the first time in his life he took out an accident policy for \$2,500, which entitled him to \$5,000 in the event of his death.

Allen Application. C. F. Davis, solicitor, this morning argued the application for a new trial in the case of Gunner Allen, under sentence of death for the murder of Capt. Elliston at Work Point barracks in August last. The argument was heard before the court of appeal, consisting of Chief Justice Macdonald, Mr. Justice Martin, Mr. Justice Irvine and Mr. Justice Gallinger.

HONDURAN REVOLT.

British and American Legations at Cuba Guarded by Marines. Ceiba, Honduras, Jan. 23.—The American and British legations here are guarded by British marines. The rebels, under General Christmas, are said to be strongly entrenched south of here.

Marines, who landed here to-day, confirmed the report that the rebels are marching toward Ceiba. American marines are manning the seized rebel gunboat Hornet.

ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—Representative Hugh C. Todd, of Whitman county, has introduced a bill in the house to prohibit trusts and combinations in restraint of trade. The bill is based upon the California statute as amended in 1909, which has been proved valid in the courts of that state.

BANKER EXAMINED.

New York, Jan. 23.—Joseph G. Robin, the banker under indictment for the alleged looting of the Washington Savings Bank, one of the string of financial investigations including the closed Northern Bank of New York, was taken from the Tombs yesterday to the district attorney's office and subjected to another examination at the hands of aldermen.