POPULARITY OF PUBLIC LIBRARY IS GROWING

Demands Made Upon Institution Show Increase During Past Year

That the reading public of Victoria is more and more taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Carnegie library is shown by the report which the commissioners, ex-Alderman Cameron, Canon Beanlands and E. O. Schofield, have presented to the city council. The number of readers during the past year has greatly increased, not only in the lending department but also in the reading rooms. The number of books issued from the lending department has averaged during the past year 196 volumes a day, compared with 153 per day for the preceding twelve months, while the number of readers both in the men's and women's reading rooms has shown a substantial increase. The report is as follows:

The Report.

Report of the Commissioners of the Carnegie Library, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Gentlemen:—In presenting our report upon the Carnegie Library, for 1908, we are pleased to be able to comment upon the steady improvement in that institution, and upon its largely increased popularity. Especially is this noticeable in the work of the reading rooms, and in the greater appreciation which is now beginning to be shown, of the reference department, inadequate as this is to the demands of students made upon it.

The men's reading room it at all times of the day full to the extent of its capacity, an average of thirty to forty readers generally occupying the limited space at their disposal.

The ladies' room is better patronized than formerly, and appears to be attractive to a more thoughtful class of readers. There have been fewer complaints of the filching of magazines, and with some few, but deplorable exceptions, there has been no reason for considering the privileges of the room abused. It is now to be hoped that it will not be found necessary to restrict the use of this room to adults, as at one time your commissioners feared must be the case.

The issue of books from the lending department has grown to a daily average of 196 volumes, as compared with 153 for the pear 1907, 100 for 1906, and 50 for the first months after the opening of the library.

The indicators have been found a great convenience to applicants for fiction, and we would advise the early extension of this method by adding two additional stands for the purpose of registering books other than fiction; in this class there are now more than 3,500, double the number available in 1906.

Funds Are Required.

The reference department is still confined to a few shelves in the alcove behind the counter, as funds have not been forthcoming, so far, to admit of the use of the excellent accommodation upstairs, but some progress in this direction has recently been made by your council permitting the Provincial Natural History Society to occupy one of the rooms. In return for this privilege the society has presented its library of some 500 volumes, and furniture, including bookcases, tables and chairs, so that the room is completely furnished as an integral portion of the reference department without expense to the city.

We would respectfully urge upon the incoming council the need of supplementing the grant to enable a new assistant to be appointed for the supervision of these second-floor rooms, when, as outlined in our last year's report, the Children's Library and Magazine Room could be made available to the public.

Some changes in the staff have been effected, Miss Wake retiring from the post of senior assistant in June, and Miss Stewart, who had received the appointment of second assistant, taking her place. Miss Scott has been appointed junior assistant.

The additional help has tended greatly to the efficient working of the staff; the conscientious and obliging manner in which their duties are performed being a matter of general appreciation.

A new catalogue has been prepared and issued by Dr. Hands, which has proved of much convenience to readers.

The favatorities have been improved at considerable expense and are now in irreproachable condition.

Care for Readers.

Your commissioners greatly regret that they have not found it expedient to recommend acceding to the many requests which from time to time are made for the use of the unoccupied rooms, for purposes unconnected with the objects of the library. They trust that they will be supported by the public in a policy which they find from experience to be in the best interests of the library, and that their refusal will be regarded as neither ungenerous nor unwise.

They beg in conclusion to extend their hearty thanks to Dr. Hands and his assistants, and to Mr. Walker, the janitor, whose faithful and willing service they feel deserving of this slight recognition.

GRAIN EXPORTING PRACTICALLY OVER

Little More Chartering is Expected Until Next Season—Lumber Market Active

The grain export season on the coast is practically ended and little more chartering is expected until next season says the San Francisco Commercial. It is reported that vessels have been offering at 15s for northern loading, without takers. The last grain vessel of the California fleet has sailed and the northern fleet is nearly cleaned out. British Columbia has opened up a field in wheat exportations to Mexico which bids fair to be a profitable territory, and our merchants have been looking over the possibilities of the trade, with the result that a large steamer cargo has been sold to Manzanillo; it will be loaded at Portland. The sailing ship owners' minimum rate will be into effect again on May 1 unless steps are taken meantime to abolish it permanently. Concerning possible rates for the coming season, it may be stated that the sailing ship tonnage listed from Europe for the Pacific Coast is unusually light, that tramp steamer tonnage in the Orient is scarce and that Australia has taken a large amount of available tonnage out of the market. In Europe there is an enormous quantity of idle tonnage, but it is not likely to be dumped on the Pacific unless a strong demand springs up here. It would seem that unless some unforeseen circumstances spring up grain freights during the early part of the new season should rule firm.

The lumber freight market has shown a good deal of activity during the past week, but it is to be taken as a spurt rather than a healthy improvement. Eureka to direct port United Kingdom has been at 42s 6d; Portland to United Kingdom for orders at 48s with 1s 3d less for direct port, Eureka and San Francisco to two ports Australia (steam) at 32s, and Puget Sound to China (steam) at 30s. Coastwise chartering has quieted down again, but rates remain steady.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 27s 6d@30s; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 30s@32s 6d; to Fremantle, 37s 6d; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s; Callao, 38s 9d@40s; direct nitrate ports, 38s 9d@40s; Valparaiso for orders 40s@42s 6d; 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African ports, 47s 6d; to U. K. or continent, 48s 6d@50s; Guaymas, $6.00; Santa Rosalia, $7.00.

Mail advices from Liverpool give the following fixtures: Hamburg to San Francisco, 12s 6d weight, 16s 6d coke; Tyne to San Francisco, 20s coke; Antwerp to Portland, 14s general, 11s 6d cement; Sydney to United Kingdom, 21s 6d, option Cape 19s; Melbourne to United Kingdom, 22s 6d, option Cape 21s.

Will Add to Premises.

A building permit was issued yesterday by the building inspector to L. J. Quagliotti, who will make additions to his premises on Johnson street at a cost of $500.

Thieves on Johnson Street.

Sometime during Monday night or yesterday morning thieves entered the premises of Clayton and Costin, Johnson street, and purloined a quantity of cutlery, cheap watches and other articles. Entrance was gained to the place through a rear window, a pane in which was broken, thus allowing the robber to release the catch and raise the window. The matter was reported to the police.

To Open Up Rich Areas

A gentleman who is very familiar with the country through which the G.T.P. will pass to the eastward of Prince Rupert, states that the Pacific Northern and Omineca short line will open up communication with valuable copper, coal and silver mining regions which are very sorely in need of better outlets. A great deal of coal of very good quality is to be found at the headwaters of the Telqua river.

REVOLVER FUSILADE AT ESQUIMALT

Robbery and Aggravated Assault by Early Morning Visitors on Ship Halewood

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The British ship Halewood, one of the disengaged fleet lying at anchor in Esquimalt harbor, was the scene of an aggravated assault, robbery and fusilade of rifle and revolver shots at an early hour yesterday morning. O. Silver, a discharged seaman and an unknown companion, both of whom are still at large, stole a shore boat from J. Day's boat landing and after frightening the watchman, went on board the vessel. They robbed the mate, William McGowan, beat him severely about the head and face while he lay in his bunk. Capt. Brew, who ran to the scene when attracted by the noise, had a revolver—stolen from the mate—poked in his face, and was told to "clear out or we'll fix you too." He ran to his cabin to get a Winchester, meanwhile the two men frightened an apprentice with a revolver into bringing the ship's gig alongside and they made their escape in that, firing a fusilade of revolver shots at the vessel as they rowed off in the night while Capt. Brew discharged his Winchester several times to attract the attention of H.M.S. Egeria, on which the injured mate was taken to have his wounds dressed. He is doing well. The provincial police are seeking to effect the capture of the two.

The discharged seaman was considered "a bad lot" on board the Halewood. He made some trouble in the foc'sle a short time ago, being involved in a cutting scrape, and a few days ago Capt. Brew paid him off. He is a Norwegian, and was shipped at Newcastle on the Halewood.

The discharged sailor felt considerable ill-feeling against Mate McGowan, and is believed to have spent the previous evening drinking uptown, telling some of those with whom he was in company what he intended to do to that mate if ever he got his hands on him. He fell in with a companion, name unknown, and the two decided to go on board "and fix that mate." A boat was found lying at the landing near Mr. Day's boathouse, and with this they went off to the ship and clambored on board. The watchman was threatened with many dire things if he raised the alarm. He did not do so. The two made fast their boat and proceeded to the mate's cabin. He was asleep when they entered the place and they robbed him of his gold watch, his Panama hat—which was not in use—his revolver and a few other things. Then, taking a belaying pin they cracked the sleeping mate across the head. He awoke to find one of the two men holding him down in his bunk and raining blows about his head and face with a belaying pin. His hair was matted with blood and his nose, eyes and ears showed marks of the brutal attack.

Capt. Brew was alarmed by the sound of the scuffle which ensued, and when he ran into the mate's room he had a revolver poked into his face by one of the two men, while the other was beating the mate. With the shining barrel of the weapon fronting him, Capt. Brew was told that he had better get out or "we'll fix you too." The revolver was a good persuader and he got out, running to his cabin for a Winchester.

The two men then fled. They frightened one of the apprentices by displaying a revolver and asked him to get the ship's gig alongside. Frightened by the men he did so and the two escaped in it, leaving the boat in which they went off to the vessel tied alongside.

On coming ashore in the morning Capt. Brew notified the provincial police and Constables Conway and Carter are searching for the assailants of the mate and the looters of his cabin.

BRANCH LINES OF NEW TRANSCONTINENTAL

D'Arcy Tate Here to Look After Interests of Grand Trunk Pacific

"We at the present juncture are arranging with the governments of the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta," remarked Mr. D'Arcy Tate, the legal representative of the Grand Trunk Pacific company, at the Empress last evening, "for the construction of certain very useful branch lines within the boundaries of those two provinces, during the coming season, and government measures will be submitted in due course in each House with the view of assisting us to carry out these important and greatly needed undertakings. Indeed, as a matter of fact, I see in today's paper that the bill to this end was brought down in the Saskatchewan local legislature yesterday, and that it is proposed to guarantee our bonds to the extent of $13,000 per mile.

"We have three or four branch lines in immediate prospect, (1) from the main line of the G. T. P. to Yorkton, (2) from the main line to Prince Albert and (3) from the main line to Battleford, (4) from the main line to Brandon and (5) a short line from Brandon to Regina, the capital of the province of Saskatchewan, which will in point of fact parallel the C. P. R. and run at an average distance from it of some twenty or thirty miles. While these various branch lines will extend over several hundred miles, I do not think that the total figures will be quite as much as 700 miles, as has been mentioned in one of the newspapers.

"In addition, moreover, to all this I have just completed very satisfactory arrangements with the government of Alberta from Wainwright upon the main line of the G. T. P. and Coutts upon the American boundary, running in a very broadened V-shape via the ambitious and rapidly growing city of Calgary, by which route we will connect with the Great Northern line, from whom we expect to secure a very considerable quantity of freight. I have further arranged for the building of a new branch line in the province of Alberta which will run from a suitable point upon this Wainwright-Coutts line between Calgary and Coutts and extend to McLeod, Pincher Creek and the western boundary of this province, a distance of 100 miles, and giving us a very convenient as well as very useful connection with the great British Columbia coal fields in the Crow's Nest Pass district.

Applied For Charter

"I have already applied to the Alberta local legislature for a charter to enable us to construct this line, and when this has been granted I will make application to the Dominion parliament for the ratification of the amalgamation of this branch line with the G. T. P. transcontinental system. As the other branch lines which I have just instanced, measure 350 miles in length this makes a distance of 450 miles of railway in the province of Alberta, and of considerably over 1,000 miles in the two great provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, upon which we propose to begin construction during the season of 1909, and to press forward vigorously to completion, while we expect to have 100 miles completed, properly equipped and in full running order during the present year.

"The construction of our branch lines has, of very necessity, remained in abeyance, pending the completion of that great undertaking, the building and the equipment of that portion of our main line which stretches between the two notable cities of Edmonton and Fort William, which portion of our transcontinental line will be in full operation late this summer and in ample time to carry its fair share of this year's crop. We are at the moment, in order to enable this to be done, depending upon the completion of the link on the government road between Winnipeg and the Junction. This link we, however, confidently expect will be finished by September next, and we will then be in a position to carry our plans to a successful conclusion.

"At the present time we have two portions of our Edmonton-Fort William line in active and prosperous operation, the 183 miles which lie between West Fort and Lake Superior Junction, and the 670 miles which extend from Winnipeg to Wainwright, and making in all 853 miles of splendid highway. These 853 miles of our road are now being operated under the management of our construction department, and we will be in Edmonton in June next.

"Wolfe Creek has in itself a certain importance, in being the dividing line between the mountain and the prairie sections of our transcontinental line, and quite recently the contract for the 120-mile section westward of Wolfe Creek was awarded; while we expect to let the 120-mile eastward section within the next few weeks. The rails upon the 100 miles extending from Prince Rupert eastward, which are now being graded, should be laid before the month of September next arrives, which will enable us to haul construction material over it during the present year.

"The distance from Wolfe Creek to Prince Rupert is 840 miles.

To Look After Legislation.

"I am here," continued Mr. Tate, "to superintend as far as this lies within my province, the enactment of certain legislation, which is necessary for our purposes in this province during 1909, and which will require upon the part of the government the submission to the local legislature of a measure relating to the construction of the Pacific Northern and Omineca line, and connecting with our main line. This line is under construction from Kitimat to Kitsalas canyon, and when this line has been constructed we will be in the happy possession of a short line which will be intended purely for passenger service, and will extend from the canyon mentioned to the mouth of the Bulkley and Telqua. For its grade will not be quite low enough for our heavy freight traffic, as it will have a grade of one per cent.

"It is perfectly true that some heavy rock work will be encountered upon the main line in the neighborhood of Tete Jaune Cache, but this will not at all prevent us securing our extremely low and wonderfully favorable grades of 4-10 of one per cent., or 21 feet to the mile, as against eastbound traffic, and 5-10 of one per cent., or 26 feet to the mile, as against westbound traffic, with the slight and very minor exception of a grade of one per cent. upon the very short distance of 20 miles in the mountains.

"I have also some adjustments to arrange in connection with our Prince Rupert terminal business; to see that the plan of the townsite itself is registered and the division of the lots in question between the province and the company, and in addition to settle upon the mode of selling, as well as the time, when and the place where these lots shall be placed upon the market. The time will, however, in all probability, be about the 1st of next May."

YUKON ELECTION

Mr. Congdon's Success at Polls is Conceded by a Majority of Over Two Hundred

Dawson, Jan. 19—Following are the returns so far received from the Yukon election for the house of commons:

Ogilvie—Congdon 6, Lowe 3, Black 2.

Forty-Mile—Congdon 4, Lowe 3, Black 17, Clark 3.

Selkirk—Congdon 2, Lowe 3, Black 4, Clark 2.

Stewart — Congdon 9, Lowe 1, Black 11.

Conrad — Congdon nil, Lowe 7, Black 21.

Livingston—Lowe 6, Black 18.

Whitehorse—Congdon 8, Lowe 127, Black 49.

Carecross—Congdon 1, Lowe 37, Black 4.

Dawson—Congdon 552, Lowe 142, Black 244, Clarke 126.

Old Inn—Congdon 22, Lowe 13, Black 30, Clarke 21.

Forks—Congdon 26, Lowe 14, Black 29, Clarke 16.

Sulphur—Congdon 19, Lowe 3, Black 36, Clarke 15.

Granville—Congdon 104, Lowe 25, Black 50.

Lower Hunker—Congdon 91, Lowe 27, Black 23, Clarke 27.

Upper Hunker—Congdon 4, Lowe 10, Black 24, Clarke 21.

Dominion—Congdon 60, Lowe 17, Black 15, Clarke 9.

Mr. Congdon's election is conceded by over 200 majority when all the returns are in. He was the candidate of the "regular" or "machine" Liberals, and Mr. Lowe of the independent element in the Liberal party. Messrs. Black and Clarke are Conservatives.

Mr. John Ashworth, who was in Canada as a guest of the Canadian Mining Engineers last year, has been telling the Manchester Mining Society that the Dominion offers "a wonderful field for mining enterprises." He deprecates the possibility of United States capital acquiring control of our great resources. But what can we do to prevent it? Every possible effort has been made to induce British investors to embark in mining ventures here, but with only very limited success. It is true that some years ago a lot of Englishmen were badly bitten by "wild cats," but these creatures are not peculiar to Canada.

HUGE LUMBER MILL WILL BE ESTABLISHED

Syndicate Purchases Twenty-Five Acres on Esquimalt Harbor

The expenditure of upwards of half a million dollars will be necessary before a lumber mill which a wealthy syndicate has decided to establish on Esquimalt harbor is in active operation. While the name of the company that has purchased twenty-five acres of land fronting on Thetis cove has not yet been divulged by those who are acting in their behalf no secret is made of the fact that they have procured the property at a figure approximating $300,000 nor has any hesitancy been evinced in corroborating the reports in circulation in respect to their intentions. It is believed to be allied with the scheme to build a railway from the straits to Barkley sound.

It is proposed to construct on the site indicated a number of large buildings and to install under their cover a milling plant having as great a capacity as any in the west, being complete and modern in every detail, and costing about $200,000. The importance of the proposed industry may be better guaged when it is explained that the promoters are of the opinion that a staff of three hundred men will be afforded employment. Just when the work of construction will commence and other details of a like character are not available and will not be made public until the company concerned has completed negotiations for other holdings. When all preliminary business has been closed local agents assert that the personnel of those concerned and full particulars of what they are undertaking will be submitted for publication.

In selecting Esquimalt harbor as the site for this huge manufacturing concern the company, it is stated, have been influenced by the same reasoning that has resulted in the recent location of several business houses along the line of the E. & N. railway. They will have direct connection with the road, thus being able to ship with facility to any point on the continent. Another and most important point in favor of the property purchased is that it fronts on deep water. Thus the mill, after the expenditure of a comparatively small sum on a wharf, will be easily accessible by water. It will be possible to bring logs from west coast, or from whatever point they are secured, without difficulty and steamers or sailing vessels will be able to load, direct from the factory, without inconvenience.

FIRE IN MESSINA

Ruins of City Are Again Swept By the Flames—People Suffering From Cold

Messina, Jan. 19.—Messina was swept by fire again today. For many hours soldiers and sailors worked heroically to keep the flames from destroying the last remains of the town, and eventually they succeeded. The extent of damage cannot be estimated, but doubtless much of great value was burned up in the ruins. The flames swept through the remains of the beautiful promenade along the habor front. The small force of firemen were augmented by detachments of soldiers and sailors from the warships, and pumps and lines of hose were brought ashore from the vessels. The survivors of the earthquake have been rendered more helpless by the intensity of the cold. The hills about are covered with snow, and the refugees are suffering greatly. The constant cry is for lumber for the construction of huts, and the government is doing everything possible, but the need is most urgent.

Mr. J. Joseph, of San Francisco, is at the Empress.

COLD SNAP DAMAGES THE POTATO CROP

Tubers Hold at High Price Established a Week Ago

While the still further advance in the prices of potatoes, predicted by dealers last week has not taken place, the price of the tubers hold at the high level established then when values just doubled owing to the recent cold snap. Present prices are quoted at $1.50 per sack retail, and $30 per ton wholesale for Ashcroft and $25 per ton wholesale for local potatoes. Advices received from the country points to the certainty of great damage to the potato crop owing to the recent cold. Many of the pits have not yet been opened by the farmers who are afraid of still more cold but those which have been opened show that a great percentage of the potatoes have been spoiled. Last week when the advance took place it was freely predicted that the price would be put up another notch and it is now believed that such will be the case though the advance is not looked for until present supplies are reduced.

Eggs also hold at the recent advance of 10 cents per dozen for the fresh Island variety and 5 cents per dozen for the eastern product. The cold snap was also responsible for the advance in this line of produce but with the milder weather it is expected that the hens will lay more freely and prices will come down to the former level of 50 cents a dozen for the Island product and 35 cents for the imported eggs.

In other lines of produce there have been few if any changes. The vegetable list has been augmented by a shipment of vegetables from California. New cabbage at 5 cents a pound; cauliflower at 20 cents a head; Brussel sprouts at 15 cents a pound; celery at 10 and 15 cents a head; Hubbard squash 5 cents a pound; parsley and mint at 10 cents a bunch and cucumbers at 25 cents each have been received from the south, all of good quality and meeting with ready sale. Local vegetables are conspicuous by their absence, there being but a little hot house lettuce and rhubard at 5 cents a head and 20 cents a pound respectively.

In the fruit line few additions have been made to the list. There are a few Hawaiian pineapples of good quality offering at $5 to 50 cents each and oranges are plentiful at 15 to 50 cents a dozen. Bananas are also in fair supply and of good quality at 35 cents per dozen.

Hams are still low in price, retailing as low as 15 to 17 cents per pound and ranging from 15 to 22 cents, while bacon is unchanged at 25 cents for the local and 30 cents for imported.

In the meat, poultry and fish lines and flour and feed, prices are the same as a week ago. Following are local retail prices:

Flour

Royal Household, a bag	$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	$2.00
Royal Standard, a bag	$2.00
Wild Rose, a bag	$1.75
Calgary, a bag	$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	$1.70
Snowflake, per bbl.	$6.80
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.70
Three Star, per sack	$2.00

Foodstuffs

Bran, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.60
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.70
Middlings, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.00
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.00
Oats, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.55
Barley, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.60
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.60
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.00
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.10
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.25
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Prairie, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Alfalfa, per ton	$20.00
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.65
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.65

Vegetables

Celery, per head	.10 to .15
Lettuce, a head	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.20
Onions, 4 lbs for	.25
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs.	.25
Potatoes, per sack	1.50
Cauliflower, each	.20
Cabbage, new, per lb.	.05
Red Cabbage, per lb.	.05
Green Peas, per lb.	.08
Beans, per lb.	.08
Beets, per lb.	.05 to .07
Tomatoes, per basket	.25
Beets, per lb.	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Green Onions, 3 bunches for	.25
Brussel sprouts, per lb.	.15
Parsley, per bunch	.10
Mint, per bunch	.10
Cucumbers, each	.25

Dairy Produce

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.60
Eastern, per dozen	.40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neufchatel, each	.05
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy	.25 to .30
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.45
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.40
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	.40
Alberni Creamery, per lb.	.40

Fruit

Grape Fruit, each	.25
Oranges, per dozen	.15 to .50
Lemons, per dozen	.25
Figs, cooking, per lb.	.08 to .10
Apples, per box	$1 to $1.75
Bananas, per dozen	.35
Figs, table, per lb.	.25
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	.15
Raisins, table, per lb.	.25 to .50
Pineapples, each	.35 to .50
Grapes, Malaga, per lb.	.25
Grapes, Concord, per basket	.75
Cranberries, Cape Cod, qt.	.25

Nuts

Walnuts, per lb.	.30
Brazils, per lb.	.30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb.	.75
Almonds, Cal., per lb.	.30
Cocoanuts, each	.15
Pecans, per lb.	.30
Chestnuts, per lb.	.25

Fish

Cod, salted, per lb.	6 to .13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	1 to .10
Halibut, smoked, per lb	.15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	1 to .08
Smoked Herring	.12½
Crabs, 2 for	.25
Black Bass, per lb.	.06 to .08
Oolichans, salt, per lb.	.12½
Black Cod, salt, per lb.	.12½
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	.06 to .08
Salmon, fresh white, per lb.	.08 to .10
Salmon, fresh red, per lb.	.10 to .12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	.20
Shrimps, per lb.	.25 to .30
Smelts, per lb.	.08 to .10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	.12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	.20

Meat and Poultry.

Beef, per lb.	.08 to .18
Lamb, per lb.	.15 to .25
Mutton, per lb.	.12½ to .20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.25 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.15 to .18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	.18 to .20
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Chickens, per lb.	.25 to .30
Chickens per lb. live weight	.12½ to .15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20 to .25
Hams, per lb.	.18 to .22
Hares, dressed, each	.75
Bacon, per lb.	.20 to .25
Pork, dressed, per lb.	.12½ to .15
Rabbits, dressed, each	.50 to .65

Grand Trunk Economy.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—It was given out by the Grand Trunk management today that instructions have been issued from headquarters to reduce the number of men in the service. Heads of departments, however, state that the staff is at the lowest possible limit now.

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Victoria, B. C., January, 1909.

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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than that to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

MR. SLOAN TO RETIRE

Ottawa Report States That He Has Consented to Give Up Seat to Mr. Templeman

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—William Sloan, M.P., arrived here yesterday. While declining to discuss the political situation, it is quite understood that he has secured the consent of his constituents to retire in favor of Mr. Templeman. A formal announcement will be made this week and the writ for the Comox-Atlin bye-election immediately issued. Mr. Sloan exacts no pledge for his patriotic act, but will undoubtedly secure the first vacancy in the Senate.

PANTHERS SUSPECTED

Theory Now Held to Account For Disappearance of Two Men Near Nanoose Bay

Nanaimo, Jan. 19.—The Nanoose Bay mystery, in which an Indian disappeared in the woods after returning from a hunt about three weeks ago and a white man was lost in the same way a week following, still remains unsolved.

This evening a large searching party returned to the city after scouring the woods for several days. The snow was two feet thick in places, and they found no trace of the men. The theory that the men met disaster by panthers is gaining ground, as the tracks of three exceptionally large panthers were found in the locality where the men disappeared. One of the panthers must have been a very big one. The panthers were all travelling together, and their tracks were lost in a thick bog. Search has been abandoned until the snow has gone.

Fisheries Conference.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Mr. Aylesworth left for Washington this evening to participate in the fisheries treaty conference.

Relief Ship Arrives.

Naples, Jan. 19.—The supply ship Celtic arrived here today from New York. She is bringing relief to the earthquake sufferers. Her captain has been ordered by Admiral Sperry to deliver his cargo to the Italian authorities, who will undertake its distribution.

Operatives Were in Danger.

North Chelmsford, Mass. Jan. 19.—The Brookside worsted mills and Moor's scouring mills here were practically destroyed by fire tonight. Hundreds of operatives were in the mills when the fire started, and many of them had narrow escapes. An estimate by mill officials place the total loss at $50,000.

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of JAMES McDONALD, deceased.

Pursuant to the order of the Hon. Chief Justice Sifton, dated the 20th day of October, 1908, notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of said James McDonald, deceased, who died on or about the 23rd day of January, 1908, are required on or before the First day of December, 1908, to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to Boyle & Parlee, of Edmonton aforesaid, solicitors for the executors herein, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly verified by statutory declaration; and that after said last mentioned date the executors will proceeds to distribute the assets of the said estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated at Edmonton, this 20th day of October, 1908.

BOYLE & PARLEE,
Solicitors for the above-named Executors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the matter of Joseph Tarlton deceased intestate, and

In the matter of Section 14, Range 6, Somenos District.

TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of January, A.D. 1909, at the hour of 10.30 a.m., an application will be made to the presiding Judge in Chambers in the Supreme Court House, Victoria, B. C., to approve of the sale of the above land by the administratrix of the above named deceased to one William Ridge, and for such other order as may be necessary.

Dated this 21st day of December, A. D. 1908.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
542 Bastion St.,
Solicitor for Administratrix.

To the Heirs of Arthur May, late of Quamichan District and Province of British Columbia.

B. C. MILLING & MINING CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the above company will be held at the office of the undersigned, Room 11, Promis Block, Victoria, B.C., at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 1st, 1909. By order, A. G. Sargeson, Acting Secretary.

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United States to Resume matic Relations Wi Venezuela

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Special Envoy Paul to M ate With Other Euro Countries

Washington, Jan. 19.—W. W the former United States mi Venezuela, is in readiness to to that country when informa been received from Special sioner Buchanan that he has protocol for the settlement of pute between the two countr lomatic relations, therefore, ing to the programme, are t sumed promptly and are to cidental with the agreem adjust the claims pending basis.

Senor Paul's Mission

Paris, Jan. 19.—The negotia tween Jose De J. Paul, the Ve special commissioner, the Fre ernment and the French ca pany, looking to a settlement standing disputes, are upon t successful conclusion, and Se left here this afternoon for where he will treat with the ment of the Netherlands to the difficulties of that cou Venezuela. Later Senor Pau to England, Germany and It

The service of the Frenc Company between La Gua Caracas will be resumed im under the direction of M. former manager of the con Caracas. M. Brun was expe Venezuela by President Cast now at Martinique. The resu direct cable communications ed to facilitate future negotia tween the Venezuelan gov