
An Improved Equipment Enables

Them to Prepare Lumber For Builders

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The change consists in concentrating the business of the East Kootenay companies at large central plants, which have been, and are still being, greatly improved and developed. At such plants the timber is dressed and classified and is ready for sale to the building trades direct. Until this year the drawing and classified and sale of the building trades direct. Until this year

classified and is ready for sale to the building trades direct. Until this year the dressing and classifying was done by jobbers in Calgary and other prairie centres, whose profits from the handling of the lumber usually far exceeded those of the actual mill operators.

The change involves a further movement which cannot fail ultimately to be of general benefit to Kootenay lumbermen. Not every company has the mecessary plant and equipment for completing the work as described. An informal system of co-operation has

informal system of co-operation has been developed, the larger and better equipped companies taking over the lumber cut by the smelter companies.

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enquiries: "New mills have been built in many places, especially along the Kootenay river and near Baynes lake. The other mills are enlarging and improving their plants. I have seen most of the changes and additions reported in the Canadian. "One new feature this year, however. ON THE WEST COAST

that I think has not been mentioned before is the gradual consolidation of business into the hands of the bigger companies, and by them into their bigger plants. "They have taken a very important forward sten. They are resawing and

The conditions of the lumbering industry in British Columbia. especially perhaps in East Kootenay, have enabled the operators to make an important change in their methods, which seems likely to have the effect of substantially increasing their profits, and, to a large extent, cutting down, if not entirely abolishing, the profits of the middlemen on the prairies, who for the past few years have been making shout the builders. That is certain to cut out the middlemen in Calgary and elsewhere who have been making fortunes out of the dressing and classifying of British Columbia lumber.

"The demand from Alberta and Saskatchewan is greater than ever, and there is no sign of any change in that respect. The demand is, in fact, so keen that the buyers are no longer squirming about the prices. They approaching completion, and early next want the lumber and must have it at any price. "In their efforts to meet that demand that will mean the handling of from

"In their efforts to meet that demand the big companies have been buying up the season's cuts of the smaller companies, Even with those at their disposal they will probably not be able to meet the demand.

"The growth of the industry in the last year and its present prosperous condition can hardly be exaggerated. There are more mills, bigger and better mills, more lumber cut and better prices for it, and a larger share of the profit coming to Kootenay."

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that will mean the handling of from \$5,000 to 90,000 feet of lumber a day.

While it is to these legitimate industries that the district owes most of its prosperity, the liveliness which it has assumed during the past week cannot all be traced to the same source. Recently the Dora Sayward and the Markland, two well known Victoria sealing schooners, called at Clayoquot, bringing with them the results of their expeditions among the seals. The Indian crews numbered between fifty-five and sixty. To the native mind the return STRIKES AND SINKS.

St. John's, Nfid., Oct. 29.—The steamer Elixir, bound from Cadiz, Spain, for Gaspe, Que.. ran ashore in a dense fog near Cape Race early today. The vessel struck a sheer cliff and sank within a few minutes in 20 fathoms of water. The crew narrowly escaped drowning.

WRECKED ON LAKE.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 29.—The schooner Elgin, with a cargo of hay and coal, was blown to pieces by a nor easter ou Lake Superior today near the harbor at Grand Marais, Minn.

The schooner was in tow of the tug

Sixty. To the native mind the return after such a lengthy absence from home had to be celebrated in a fitting manner. Being able to procure liquor, and believing that the white guardian of the law would overlook their inebriations under such extenuating circumstances, they proceeded to paint the litual town a vermillion hue. Their demonstration became so pronounced that it was impossible for the officer in charge of the preservation of the peace to overlook the flagrant infringements of the explanation of the preservation of the spanning circumstances, they proceeded to paint the litual town a vermillion hue. Their demonstration became so pronounced that it was impossible for the officer in charge of the preservation became so pronounced that it was impossible for the officer in charge of the preservation of the preserva sixty. To the native mind the return

The man who heard the screams of the prisoners ran down town and spread the news of the fire.

When the brigade arrived it was too late, and the prisoners probably had already been suffocated.

Later, when the door was broken open, the blackened corpses of the men were found in the cell.

It is altogether probable that the prisoners started the fire themselves. They made a drunken boast that they would burn the court house down, and several people have come forward and declared they were asked for matches as they passed the building, but all say they refused to supply them. The arresting officer is certain they had none left, and someone must have innocently supplied the matches.

People are unanimous in exonerating the policeman from blame, as he was out on the performance of his duty. He is jailer as well, and the municipality may be blamed for not providing two officials.

McKenzie leaves a wife and two daughters. Cousins was single.

Imber cut by the smelfer companies. The latter mentioned movement was really forced upon the larger companies by the difficulty of keeping paor with their orders from the ever-growing market in the new provinces. Its secondary advantages are really a brown product.

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preciation of the prompt and enective manner in which both the Dominion and provincial governments have met your committee, and facilitated an arrangement
which portends so much for the future
prosperity of the city of Victoria.

The whole correspondence in connection with this subject is hereto appended.

Aid. Yates stated that many interviews had been held with Chief Cooper,
and his councillors, who at times were
very arbitrary, and wished not only a
money consideration but also the fund
held in trust for them by the Dominion
government. government.
The report was adopted.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION. Space for the Permanent Exhibits Being Readjusted.

The secretary of the Victoria Development and Tourist Association is taking early advantage of the temporary lull, between the busy summer tourist season and the Christmas and New Year's traffic, to put his house in order. Space for exhibits is being readjusted and exhibits renewed and rearranged and the programme of the win-RESCUEN FROM PERIL.

Port Huron, Mich., Oct. 29.—Captain for campaing generally decided upon.

There was yesterday on exhibition a splendid selection of fruits sent in by chooner Westside, of Cleveland, were picked up in a small boat today in Lake Huron. The Westside foundered four miles west of Powder Bay Island, and the crew had a perilous cruise in a small boat until picked up.

BAY RUM KILLS SAILORS.

Seattle, Oct. 29.—Three enlisted men of the United States battleship Wisconsin are dead and two are seriously ill as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay sine are dead and two are seriously ill as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay sine are dead and two are seriously ill as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay sine are dead and two are seriously ill as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay sine are dead and two are seriously ill as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay sine are dead and two are seriously ill as all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay sine result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the room of the as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay all who may visit the rooms of the as the room of the as

sin are dead and two are seriously ill as the result of drinking bay rum. The bay rum was taken from the ship's barber shop on Friday, diluted with water and drank by the five men. Their condition was not discovered until Sunday, when three of the men died. The sick men will recover.

AGED WOMEN PERISH.

Bowmanville, Ont., Oct. 29.—The home for the aged and infirm was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning, and two of the inmates, Mrs.

Ill who may visit the rooms of the as sociation.

The secretary hopes to be able to arrange for a concert to be held at the rooms on Saturday evening next, to introduce the wind in the poplars can never sleep. Its sorrowful threnody knows no rest.

Tall and sombre the poplars stand. Like the priestly forms of a mystic band; Ever their silent watch they keep order to make the place attractive, and it may be further arranged by exhibit ors to have demonstrators present who will deliver brief addresses relative to their several industries.

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of them. Some of the true hundred feet the edge of a canyon three hundred feet deep, and we had about six inches of leeway on the road between us and the long drop. The distance is sixty-eight miles, and we made it in twenty-six hours. It was interesting." Mr. Beckman was so badly bruised and used up by the trip that he wasn't able to get down to his office for two days after his return. He is thinking of having his stage ticket framed and hung up as a souvenir of the occasion. souvenir of the occasion.

DEATH OF A BISHOP.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 29.—Bishop Isaac L. Nicholson, of the Milwaukee Episcopal diocese died late this after-noon after a lingering illness.

THE WAIL OF A WAITRESS.

Smart Set.

He has not came—not ever since the day

He got so huffy that he went away

Because I wouldn't promise not to gad
I didn't know 'twas in hin to stay mad

Though I said things I dodn't oughter say.

Obstacles in the Way of Labor

give on the subject. The one to be advised will be the captain, and that wiltake some days."

Capt. James Gaudin, local agent of marine, stated last evening that no advices had been received by him in this regard. Capt. Walbran has not been advised of any appointment.

The Kestrel is now absent on a trip to Prince Rupert, Maple Bay and Gayoquot, with B. S. Busby on board, to need to be subject to be subject to subject to subject to subject to the establishment of sub-ports of early.

TO BE RECLASSED. Ship Elisa Lihn, Formerly the Australia, to Be Surveyed Today.

The ship Eliza Lihn, which arrived on Sunday in Royal Roads from Antofagasta, under charter to load a cargo of lumber from Chemainus mills for a return voyage to the Chilian port, will probably be reclassed here. T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor, will make a preliminary survey today, and Capt. Pundt, her master, will then decide whether the vessel will be surveyed for re-classification. The Eliza Lihn when last here some months ago, was known as the British Australia. She was sold at Antofagasta to Mr. Lihn, a prominent shipping man of that port, who renamed the

FROM THE WEST COAST. Tees Returns With Many Passengers-Wreckage Reported.

Steamer Tees, Capt. Townsend which arrived from Quatsino and way ports of the west coast of Vancouvel Island on Sunday at midnight, brought many passengers, sixty in all, including a number of loggers, miners, and others.

Three sealing vessels were spoken, the Markland, Capt. Heater, with 690 seals skins and the Carrie C. W.. Capt. Maauley, with 520 skins, at Nootwa; and the Dora Siewerd, Capt. McKiel, all of which were previously reported. On Sunday which were previously repoday the Victoria, last of schooners to reach port, came in skins. The steamer Zillah May vesterday with 208 skins.

The Tees passed within yards of the wreck of the Skagit when going into Clo-ohomebound trip on Sunday. with the masts all gone, Townsend thought the vess break up soon. Some canned a cases of which was loaded on t were being washed ashore, togo quantities of wreckage.

By E. Phillips C A Prince of Sir

CHAPTER XXV-C

"Then reconstruct them "Then reconstruct them
"You are far too young to
such a note of finality."
"Some day," I answered,
I shall. At present I am co
on amongst the fragments.
only imagination. The
dreams about are always I
ful and perhaps more sat
the things one does."

Again our eyes met, an Again our eyes met, ar

Again our eyes met, an that this time she was lool frightened. At any rate si was sure of that.

"What an ineffective sort ing!" she murmured.

A creek separated us for utes. When we came toget asked her a question.

"There is something. Lac said, "which, if you would npertinence of it, I should keto ask you" She moved her head slowly giving a tacit consent. Bu think that she was quite p what I asked her.
"When are you going to m

She looked at me quickly, tively, and I saw that her of flushed. There was a look-too, which I could not fathor "The date is not decide said. "You know there is strouble in Egypt, and if shave to leave on a moment." "It will not be, at any the autumn, then?" I persist "No?"
I drew a little breath of re reckless whether she heard Suddenly she paused.

"Who is that?" she asked. I recognized him at once, a figure, standing on the top of a little way of, and regardin

ly. It was the Duke.

"Your father!" I said.
We quickened our pace. I
gela was in any way disco
showed no sign of it. She
hand, and the Duke solemn

hand, and the Duke solemn his hat.

"I am so glad that he has before the others," she said, ing to have a talk with hid on't believe he knows any Blenavon. No, he's far too on the said, with his me stiffly, but not unkindly.

"I am so glad that you have said. "If I had not hear have telegraphed to you. I in all the papers."

"You approve?" I heard quietly.

"Approve is not the word clared eagerly. It is magnife "I wonder," he asked, "if what it means?"

what if means?

"It simply doesn't matter swered, with a delightful smi make my own dresses, if you nette is a shocking nuisance
"I am afraid," he remarke odd little smile, "that Bler scarcely regard the matter in light."

"Bother Blenavon!" she

ight."

"Bother Blenavon!" she lightly. "I suppose you know gone off abroad somewhere?"

"I had a hurried line from information to that effect," answered. "I think that it ween more respectful if he ha see me on his way through L I heard her sigh of relief.

"Now, tell me," she biegge shall we begin? Cowes, Hom house, or Annette? I'm read, The Duke looked at her for as I had never seen him looking person.

ing person.
"You must not exaggerate

the importance of this affair he said. "I do not think we fere for the present with an arrangements." She took his arm, and they

cottage, talking earnestly to had no clue to the meaning first few sentences which had tween them. And needless now lingered far enough bel out of earshot. When they r turn in the path they halted if for me

for me.

"I am anxious for a few miversation inside with you, Du Duke said. "Angela, you perhaps not wait for me." She nodded her farewell, a perious little gesture, it seem with very little of kindliness in the Duke followed me into a room. I waited anxiously to he had to say.

CHAPTER XXVI "Noblesse Oblige"

The Duke selected my I fortable easy chair and rema for several minutes, looking th out of the window. Notwithst fresh color, which he seldom the trim perfection of his dre see at once tha there was in him. The lines about his m in him. The lines about his deeper, his eyes had lost mu-keen brightness. I found m dering whether, after all, so ion of Lord Blenavon's doings its way to him. "You are well forward work, I trust, Mr. Ducaine

"It is completed, your Gra "The proposed subway fo as well as the new battery "Yes, your Grace." "What about the maps?" "I have done them also to a my ability, sir," I answered not a very expert draughtsu afraid, but these are at leas If you would care to look t

If you would care to look the yare in the library safe "And the code word!" And the code word?"
In accordance with our usu
I scribbled it upon a piece
and held it for a moment
eyes. Then I carefully destr
"Tomorrow," he said, "p night, we have some railway ing down to thoroughly discus efficient method of moving tr Aldershot and London to differ

and to inaugurate a fresh syshad better hold yourself in r They are business men, and is valuable. They will proba work from the moment rival until they go."
"Very good, your Grace," I