EXCURSION AMONG THE GULF ISLANDS

DELIGHTFUL OUTING WAS HELD MONDAY

Visiting Mining Men and Families Entertained by Citizens or Victoria—An Enjoyable Trip

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The excursion in honor of the visiting members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers yesterday was one of the most successful events of its kind held in these waters. Every requisite to a pleasant outing was present, including beautiful weather and a goodly company. Assuredly the visitors enjoyed the trip, and some of those who have "done" premier tourist resorts and scenic wonderlands of the old and new worlds were among the most enthusiastic in their praise of what they saw yesterday. The route adopted—among the islands of the Gulf—Victorians feel, cannot be surpassed, and they cannot be very far off in their assumption when it is supported by the weight of authority that lined up behind it on this occasion.

Doubtless in the minds of the committee directly responsible for the arrangements there was a conflict of ideas as to the most satisfactory programme to carry out. But they rightly concluded that people who hail from the busiest centres of the world, the nervetrying scenes of commercial strife and competition, would heartily enjoy the repose of a run up the Gulf. These visiting mining people are combining business with pleasure, and probably they were all glad to forget about matters mining in the contemplation of the beauties of this Island coast.

There were about four hundred on board the Charmer when she pulled out from the C. P. R. dock shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning. The steamer was dressed in her Sunday best—bunting, flags and so forth—and presented a gay appearance as she passed into the Straits. The passengers secured camp chairs, and took up positions of vantage on the decks. The sea was perfectly calm, so no horrible apprehension of seasickness crept into anyone's mind. The steamer went along the straits past the various bays which girt the island's most southerly extremity, and then turned up the east coast. No stop was made, the course being steadily pursued past Sidney, Cowichan and Maple Bays on Vancouver Island and Burgoyne and Vesuvius bights on Salt Spring Island. Salt Spring Island was rounded, and the steamer returned along the east side, passing Ganges and Fulford harbors, Galiano and Mayne and other islands appeared to pass by in grand review as the steamer continued on her course, and many a view was snapped by enthusiastic camera artists.

Lunch was served at noon, and like every other feature the menu was beyond criticism. Mr. Byron, the company's steward, is an old hand in this very important work, and his reputation didn't suffer in the slightest yesterday. Everybody "had an appetite," and nobody had any hesitancy in exhibiting it. Moreover, the voyage was so uniformly smooth that those with the most accentric digestive paraphernalia were not afraid to approach the well-laden tables. In order that those who were not present may fully realize what they missed at the hands of Mr. Byron and his staff the Times with the greatest pleasure in the world publishes the menu. Here it is:

MENU.

Spring a la Victoria.

Cold Fraser Salmon, Sauce Mayonnaise.

Sliced Cucumbers, Lobster Salad. Sliced Tomatoes.

Haunch of Spring Lamb with Mint Sauce.

Rabbit Pie. Boned Turkey. Beef Tongue. Ham. Boned Chicken. Sirloin of Beef.

Green Garden Peas. New Potatoes and Cream.

German Toast. Port Wine Sauce. Maraschino Jelly. Green Apple Pie. Raspberries and Cream. Ice Cream a la Romaine.

Tea. Cheese. Coffee. Crackers. Fruit.

The tables were arranged in the dining and social halls, and each was prettily adorned with flowers, which called forth many expressions of admiration from the visitors. The service was excellent, and everybody was abundantly satisfied with this feature of the excursion. Later in the day 5 o'clock tea was served, and some of those in the party musically inclined gave an impromptu concert, which included popular melodies and rousing national airs. The invited guests comprised the visiting members of the institute, and their families, local members of the institute and representatives of the press. The committee in charge deserve the greatest credit for the successful nature of the arrangements. J. A. Mara and Lieut.-Col. Prior were conspicuous in their efforts to make the affair enjoyable to all. The invited guests were as follows:

Mr. W. P. Agnew, Mrs. M. B. Ayres, Mrs. S. Ayres, Mr. T. W. Aldrich and wife, Mr. W. S. Ayres and wife, Miss Pearl Browning, Miss Elizabeth Browning, Mrs. Joseph C. Butler, Mr. G. D. Barron and wife, Miss Dorothy Barron, Miss M. E. Barron, Mr. W. B. Cogswell and wife, Mr. F. H. Clymer, Mr. Edgar S. Cook and wife, Master Richard Cook, Master — Cook, Mr. F. J. Campbell and wife, Mr. A. E. Carlton and wife, Mr. J. B. Cullum, Mr. Theodore Dwight, Mr. E. V. d'Invilliers, Miss Marie d'Invilliers, Mr. B. F. Fackenthal, jr., and wife, Mr. Edward L. Ford, Master Ford, Mr. D. C. Forbes, Mr. E. L. Foucar and wife, Mr. H. H. Harrington and mother, Miss K. L. Harrington, Mr. Arthur Harrington, Mr. L. Holbrook and wife, Mr. K. W. Hunt and wife, Miss Ida Holt, Mr. Holt, Mrs. S. Howard, Mr. S. F. Kirkpatrick, Mr. John C. Kafer, Mr. Paul S. King, Mrs. Jas. M. Lawton, Mr. John Lilly and wife, Mr. Wm. Lilly, Major Charles Lydecker, Mr. Wm. R. McIlvain and wife, Miss Anna Olcott, Master Olcott, Mr. Alfred V. S. Olcott, Mr. Chas. T. Olcott, Mr. W. S. Pilling and wife, Miss Mary B. Pilling, Mr. Joseph Ross Pilling, Mr. George P. Pilling, Mr. I. P. Pardee and wife, Master Pardee, Dr. R. W. Raymond and wife, Mr. Charles F. Roe and wife, Miss Ross, Dr. Joseph Struthers, Miss Florence Starr, Miss Ella Seely, Miss Valasco, Mr. A. E. Vaughan, Miss Willis, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leyman, Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, Mr. S. F. Bamberger, Mr. and Mrs. Brunton, Mr. W. F. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. W. J. Sutton and Mrs. Sutton, Mr. E. W. Musgrave (Tyee mine), Mr. H. G. Grant, Mr. Thos. Kiddie and Mrs. Kiddie, Mr. E. V. Bodwell and Mrs. Bodwell, Mr. I. MacCallum (Metchosin), Mr. Wm. M. Brewer, Mr. Francis A. Thomson, Mr. Chester A. Lee, Mr. H. P. Fogle and Mrs. Fogle, Mr. F. Hopkins, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Clermont Livingston and Mrs. Livingston, Commander Rossul Miles and Mrs. Miles of the U. S. S. cruiser Boston, U. S. Consul Abraham E. Smith.

The party started on another excursion this morning up the E. & N. line. They are the guests of Clermont Livingstone, manager of the Tyee Copper Company, and the trip will include a visit to the Tyee mine at Mount Sicker and the company's smelter at Ladysmith. The weather continues to be delightful and a most enjoyable outing is anticipated.

To-morrow afternoon the ladies of Victoria will have an opportunity of meeting the ladies of the party at a reception to be given at Government House from 4 to 6 o'clock. In the morning the stenographic duties of the gathering will engage the attention of the men, when the business session will be resumed. To-morrow night at 11 o'clock the visitors will sail on the Princess May for the Land of the Midnight Sun. They are looking forward to this northern trip with much pleasurable anticipation. The fact that their days will be blessed with twenty-four hours' sunlight lends additional interest to their trip. But while the days will be long, time will not drag, for the northern people will provide a programme that will keep the visitors going throughout their stay.

The party includes a number of gentlemen who stand high in the realm of big finance. One in particular is reputed to be in a position to write a cheque for eight figures, without the decimal point, too. There are others, also, who are liberally endowed with this world's goods. Intellectually as well, the company is brightly distinguished. Among those on the excursion yesterday was Professor Brooks, head of the United States government survey in Alaska. Professor Brooks is about to return to his northern field after a short relaxation. It is a big area that he is familiarizing official Washington with, bigger than most people imagine. Alaska has an extent of more than half a million square miles. So far its mineral development has been along placer gold lines, about eight million dollars worth of the yellow stuff having been taken from it. There are also copper and coal deposits and tin, but the tide of development has yet to strike these in full force. The United States geological survey in Alaska is being performed by eight parties, and it is estimated that before the work is completed four decades will have sped by. If Prof. Brooks remains at the task for that time, it can be safely assumed that his knowledge of Alaska will be exceptionally comprehensive.

Professor Poole, of the Dominion geological department, was also among the company yesterday. He has been in the province about a month, familiarizing himself with the local geological conditions. He has paid particular attention to the coal deposits of Vancouver Island on which he is well informed. Then there is Mr. Gwillam, of the faculty of Queen's College, Kingston. He is professor of mining in that well known institution, and is here to further his knowledge of conditions in the Coast province.

ANOTHER MOBILIZATION.

Steam Naval Attack on Esquimalt Harbor Repulsed by Work Point Garrison.

A mobilization of the Work Point garrison took place Monday from 3 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 in the evening. Orders having been issued by the commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel English, the troops lined up at the former hour and went through different drills, being dismissed just before dinner was announced. Shortly after that meal the "fall in" again sounded and, headed by the regimental band, the corps marched into the forts in the neighborhood of Esquimalt, where gun drill took place until dark, when a sham naval attack on the harbor, for which arrangements had been made, commenced.

Two or three fast launches had been secured to represent a flotilla of torpedo boats, and those in charge were given instructions to make their own plans in an attempt to carry the mouth of the harbor. They did so, approaching as cautiously as possible, but in spite of their excessive care the searchlights revealed them before they had succeeded in reaching their destination. Two or three times the test was repeated, but the launches were discovered and fired upon, blank ammunition being used, before coming close enough to make a successful dash into the harbor.

Immediately after this practice the garrison was withdrawn from the forts and marched back to the barracks, where the commanding officer ordered a general dismissal.

No information has been received by Lt.-Col. English respecting the future movements of the corps now in charge of the Esquimalt defences. As has been announced, the Dominion government was expected to take over the station on the 1st of July. From indications it would appear that the Federal authorities have followed the course predicted in these columns some days ago. They have undertaken the financial responsibility of maintaining the station and probably have reached an understanding with the Imperial authorities respecting the continuance of the services of Lieut.-Colonel English's garrison until the Dominion permanent forces are sufficiently recruited to permit of a Canadian corps being placed in charge. It is generally expected that the present garrison will remain here for at least another year.

TO BE PROCEEDED WITH TO-MORROW

GIBBONS CASE WAS REMANDED FOR A DAY

Mr. Mecredy Did Not Wish to Give Evidence, But is Retained as Necessary Witness

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

When the case of Charles H. Gibbons, charged with attempting to murder J. K. Mecredy, was called in the court this morning, Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, applied for a remand until to-morrow morning. His reason for the application, he said, was that the principal prosecuting witness was absent from the city, but would return to-night. He assured the court that the case would be proceeded with to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and would be concluded in a couple of hours.

A clerk from the office of W. J. Taylor, K. C., who has been retained by Mr. Gibbons, applied for a remand for a week in view of Mr. Taylor's presence being required at the Full court session.

Magistrate Hall said that in the light of late developments he did not feel justified in granting this application. He would remand the case until to-morrow morning, and if Mr. Taylor then desired a remand he could appear and make application for it.

The case was thereupon remanded.

The developments alluded to by Magistrate Hall consisted of Mr. Mecredy's expressed determination to refrain from giving evidence against Mr. Gibbons in the provincial police court to-day. This determination was voiced by his departure for Vancouver yesterday and a letter he addressed to Supt. Hussey, copies of which, he also posted to the local press. Mr. Mecredy, while realizing that various interpretations would be placed upon his action, decided to take it for the sake of Mrs. Gibbons and her two children. In pursuance of this intention he concluded to betake himself beyond the jurisdiction of the courts of British Columbia.

Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, however, divined that Mr. Mecredy might take such a step, and kept his eyes open. When Mecredy left for the Mainland, a warrant was issued and instructions forwarded to Vancouver to hold him. This was done, and Mr. Mecredy will return to Victoria this afternoon. Following is the copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Hussey, which was forwarded by the writer to the Times:

Vancouver, B. C., July 3rd, 1905.

Frederick S. Hussey, Esq., Superintendent Provincial Police, Victoria, B. C.:

Dear Sir:—I desire to inform you that I shall not be present at the police court to-morrow (Tuesday) to give evidence against C. H. Gibbons, as I shall then be beyond the jurisdiction of the British Columbian courts. I am fully aware that my failing to appear will be interpreted in different ways by different classes of people. My decision has been made for this reason: I have a sincere regard for Mrs. Gibbons and her son and daughter and I do not wish those children to grow up to learn that their father is in prison, and if by not appearing against him, the Attorney-General can allow the charge to drop, Gibbons will then have his last chance to reform by beginning life anew; and if he has any spark of manliness in his nature he will try to atone for his past life, and should his future conduct prove that his protestations of a desire to change his mode of life be genuine, that knowledge will be sweeter to me and my children than any revenge for the injuries he has caused me.

I am, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. K. MECREDY.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Votes For Improvements in British Columbia—New Quarantine Steamer.

Ottawa, July 4.—The supplementary estimates for the fiscal year commencing July 1st, were presented to parliament to-night. Dr. Thompson, M. P., is voted his full indemnity; $75,000 is voted for quinquennial census of Manitoba and Saskatchewan; $25,000 is set apart for the new quarantine steamer at Victoria; $75,000 for the new hydrographic steamer for British Columbia waters.

The widow of the late Hon. Wm. McDougall is to receive an annual pension of $1,200. The additional amount voted for militia is $1,734,490, of which $110,000 is for Esquimalt.

Two thousand four hundred dollars each is voted for the County court judges at Victoria, Atlin and East Kootenay. The judge at Atlin gets a living allowance of $1,200. Fifty thousand is voted to the New Westminster exhibition.

The vote for the National Transcontinental road is $2,353,712, one million each for construction and right-of-way; $352,379 to pay G. T. P. for surveys, plans, field notes, etc., taken over by the commission; $100,000 is voted for an addition to the parliament buildings here; $50,000 for improvements to Rideau Hall; $15,000 for a new dredge for the ship channel below Quebec; $16,000 for permanent piers in Lake St. Peter.

British Columbia buildings' votes are: Cumberland public buildings, $2,000; Ladysmith public buildings, $2,000; Vancouver public building to pay contractor, Thomas Tompkins, in final settlement, $781.50; Nelson public building to pay balance due contractors, $1,901; Osoyoos public building, $2,000; William Head quarantine station repairs and improvements, $1,100.

For harbor and river improvements in British Columbia: Mission City wharf, $2,500; Graham Island wharf, $2,500; Countorey river improvement, $5,000; wharf on Fraser at Whonoch, $3,000; wharf on Fraser at Port Hammond, $3,000, and Campbell river wharf, $2,500. However, there is to be a snagboat for the Skeena river costing $15,000. Lewis and Yukon river improvements, $15,000; additional for Canada-Mexico service, $50,000; repairs to steamer Quadra, $30,000.

Kamloops-Nicola telephone line, repoling, $3,350; Hazelton-Port Simpson line extension, Aberdeen to Port Essington, $3,000; Nanaimo, Parksville, Alberni, Cape Beale lines to provide for settlement of Canadian Pacific railway's account for the general overhauling of these lines in 1902-3-4-5, Okanagan Landing-Kelowna telegraph line extension to Penticton, $6,000; Quesnel-Barkerville branch to complete repairs, $131,000.

For fishery commisioners, including British Columbia investigation, $15,000; experimental works for reduction of dog fish, $6,000.

Grant to Yukon local council for maintenance and repairs to road, $100,000; for electric smelting experiment with minerals, $15,000; construction of waterworks and sewerage systems at Banff, $95,000.

Contribution towards the monument in Quebec to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the city, $5,000; tariff enquiry, $10,000; expenses in connection with the deportation of foreigners, $5,000; working expenses I. C. R., $1,250,000.

RECEIVED MANY PRESENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Recipients of Handsome Wedding Gifts.

Following is the list of presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, of William Head, on the occasion of their marriage on Thursday last:

Mr. Stothard, knife basket; Mr. and Mrs. Foster, sofa pillow; Mr. G. Ball, berry set; Mr. and Mrs. A. Parker, butter dish; Fred. Argyle, fruit stand; Miss A. Ball, table mats; Miss E. Ball, sofa pillow; Mrs. C. Ball, table cloth; Mrs. Eastword, table cover; Wilfred Ball, salt and pepper shakers; Mr. J. D. Reid, cheque; Mrs. Reid, cushion; Chas. Ball, jr., silver cruit; Mr. McEnnery, cups and saucers; Miss Eva Tumilty, vase; George Pears and family, silver crult; Mr. and Mrs. Sweatman, fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. Trenchard, sofa pillow; Mr. J. Arden, jardipere; Mr. P. Arden, vase; Mrs. Arden, salad bowl; Mr. and Mrs. R. Swannick, olive fork; Mr. and Mrs. H. Helgesen, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Argyle, ink stand, vase and paper holder; Dr. and Mrs. Watt, silver dish; Mr. Richardson, lamp; Major Nichols, oak biscuit jar; Mr. and Mrs. Tubman, butter dish; employees steamer Earl, dinner set; employees public works, silver tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Carter, cut glass cream and sugar; Mr. Stuart, wicker chair; Mrs. Aecombe, silver fish servers; Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, set carvers; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Walmsly (Vancouver), silver tea set; R. Watt, scarf pin; H. Robertson, K. C., (Ontario), Masonic locket; R. Bray, silver cake basket; Judge and Mrs. Lampman, oak butter dish and pepper; Mr. and Mrs. J. Witty, cake dish; Miss Dorkin, silver butter dish; G. Pears, coffee spoons; Mr. and Miss Goodtet, silver knives; Mr. and Mrs. Robertson (Vancouver), biscuit jar; Rev. and Mrs. Baugh Allen, photo and frame; J. and A. Rhode, cake basket; Mr. Walsh, napkin rings; Mr. and Mrs. Sherrett, berry spoon; Miss S. Pears, centre piece; Mr. and Miss Wale, lemonade set; Miss Bennett, vase; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher, water set; Mr. A. Duke and Miss Duke, vases; Mr. and Mrs. Lomas, cheque; Mrs. R. Witty, hand bag; True Blue Lodge, photo and frame; Mrs. (Dr.) J. R. Arthur (Collingwood), tray cloth; Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, tea set; H. Fisher, toast rack; Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, ebony hand mirror; Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan, butter dish; Mrs. Cleland, silver photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. M. Muir, glass dishes; Mrs. Swannick, bread knife and knife; Harrie Ross, silver tea set; T. Kermode, cut glass cream and sugar; W. Duncan and G. Gonnason, oak chair rocker; Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, jardinere; Mr. and Mrs. W. Witty, jardinere and pillow; Mr. Bradley, lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. Demers, pickle jar; Miss Nicholles, silver frame; James Wallace, knives, forks and spoons; A. Argyle, scarf and doiley; Mr. Godfrey, berry set; Lillie Sims, table scarf; Mr. and Mrs. Colter, lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. Martin, tea set; Miss Charters, glove box; Mr. Charters, shaving set; Daisy King, 2 pictures; Mr. and Mrs. F. Jewel, tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Roe, butter dish; Miss Smart, salad fork; Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, bronze clock; Mr. and Mrs. Ure, berry set; Mr. and Mrs. Brakes, sugar spoon; Miss L. Mansell, sofa pillow; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Drury, breakfast cruit; J. H. Smart, cut glass and silver sugar bowl; King's Daughters (Metchosin), gold locket and chain; Mr. Babnister, gold bracelet; Mr. and Mrs. Cogan, oak stand and decanters; Miss M. Hall, napkin ring; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clack, jardinere; Mr. and Mrs. S. Clack, marmalade jar; Mr. Roy, photograph album; Mrs. H. Mansell, butter knife and sugar spoon; Miss A. Mansell, sofa pillow; Mr. and Mrs. Mowatt, 2 pictures; Mr. Mrs. and Miss Doering, silver punch ladle; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Butchart, solid oak table; Mr. D. Irvin, silver spoons; D. C. and Mrs. McLaren (Kamloops), purse.

N. P. A. A. O. REGATTA.

Executive Committee of the J. B. A. A. Busy Making Preparations.

The annual regatta of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen, probably the most important fixture each year in northwestern America, will this year be held at Esquimalt under the management of the J. B. A. A. The dates chosen for it are 11th and 12th of August, and not the 4th and 5th as at first intended, the latter dates having been previously selected by the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club for their final matches.

The regatta will take two afternoons as usual in order to give the winners of junior events on the first day a chance to fairly compete in the senior races on Saturday. There will be, in all, over thirty events on the programme.

As this regatta always brings a large following from the neighboring cities it is hoped that the J. B. A. A. will receive every assistance from the citizens in their endeavors to make it a big success. A number of the executive committee visited Esquimalt last Sunday to familiarize themselves with the locality. The finance committee will meet at the club house on Wednesday evening, and the executive on Thursday. So it will be seen that the organizers are pretty busy.

TWO MONTHS FOR FORGERY.

Montreal, July 4.—V. Malroski, an employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Montreal, who was arraigned this morning on a charge of forgery, having raised the amount of one of the company's cheques, was sentenced to two months hard labor.

REPORTED BREAK IN THE RANKS IS DENIED

No Split in Lumber Association, and Their Has Been No Reduction in Quotations.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A number of aldermen at last night's meeting of the city council announced that the lumber combine in this city had been broken, and that quotations had been cut to such an extent that they considered that if an extended time was allowed tenderers on the Rock Bay bridge a material advantage might accrue to the corporation. Ald. Fell reported that two tenderers on this undertaking had come to him and told him of the split, remarking that if they had known in time they could have marked down their tenders very considerably. On the strength of this information the council decided to call for supplementary tenders, and to extend the time in which they shall be received until Monday next.

To verify this news a Times representative called on Earnest Temple, secretary of the local branch of the British Columbia Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' Association, and was informed by that gentleman that there has been no split as alleged. Of course the headquarters of the association is in Vancouver, but if anything of so important a character had happened the local organization would be sure to have been notified. But there has been no intimation of a break in the ranks according to Mr. Temple nor has there been any reduction in current prices. These are what might be called medium, and have been based on the price of logs, which are bringing from eight to eight and a half a thousand. A few years ago, said Mr. Temple, logs were down very low, and a great many thinking that there were immense profits in the industry entered the business only to remain for a short time.

The association includes all the principal milling firms in the province, the members being as follows: Robertson & Hackett, Vancouver; Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Vancouver; Rat Portage Lumber Co., Ltd., Vancouver; E. H. Heaps & Co., Cedar Cove; B. C. Mills Timber & Trading Co., Hastings Saw Mill Branch, Vancouver; Royal City Planing Mills Branch, Vancouver; Royal City Planing Mills Branch, New Westminster; Pacific Coast Lumber Co., Ltd., Vancouver; North Pacific Lumber Co., Ltd., Barnet; Canadian Pacific Lumber Co., Ltd., Port Moody; Brunette Saw Mill Co., Ltd., Sapperton; Harrison River Mills T. & T. Co., Ltd., Harrison River; Grant & Kerr, Ladner; J. A. Sayward, Victoria; Cascade Lumber Co., Ltd., Vancouver; W. J. Beam, Vancouver; Cooke & Tait, Vancouver; Vancouver Sash & Door Co., Ltd., Vancouver; Canada Shingle Co., Ltd., Vancouver; Galbraith & Sons, New Westminster; Thomas Kirkpatrick, Cedar Cove; B. C. Box & Lumber Co., Vancouver; Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Chemainus; Robert McNair, Vancouver; The Fraser River Lumber Co., New Westminster; Chilliwack Shingle Manufacturing Co., Chilliwack; Joseph Chew, Vancouver; B. C. Manufacturing Co., New Westminster; Beckman & Chisholm, Cedar Cove; Hunting-Lea Lumber Co., Vancouver; A. C. Hatch, Vancouver; Jas. Leigh & Sons, Victoria; Ladysmith Lumber Co., Ladysmith; Lemon, Gonasson & Co., Victoria; Muirhead & Mann, Victoria; David McNair, Vancouver; Red Cedar Lumber Co., Vancouver; A. Haslam, Nanaimo; Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co., Victoria; Taylor Mill Co., Victoria; D. & J. Hadden, Cloverdale; Cloverdale Milling Co., Cloverdale; Surrey Shingle Manufacturing Co., Cloverdale; Urquhart Mills, Vancouver.

THE PEACE ENVOYS.

Men Selected by Russia and Japan to Conduct the Negotiations at Washington.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 2.—Announcement was made by President Roosevelt of the names of the Russian and Japanese envoys to the Washington peace conference. The character and ability of the men selected by both belligerents is an earnest of the desire of their respective governments to conclude, if possible, the tragedy being enacted in the far East.

The plenipotentiaries are:

Russian—Ambassador Muravieff, formerly minister of justice, and now ambassador to Italy; and Baron Rosen, recently appointed as ambassador to the United States to succeed Count Cassini.

Japanese—Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs; and Togoro Takahira, minister to the United States.

By direction of the President, Secretary Loeb made the formal announcement in the following statement:

"The President announces that the Russian and Japanese governments have notified him that they have appointed plenipotentiaries to meet here (Washington) as soon after the 1st of August as possible. The two Russian plenipotentiaries are Ambassador Muravieff, formerly minister of justice and now ambassador at Rome, and Ambassador Rosen.

"The Japanese plenipotentiaries are Baron Komura, now minister of foreign affairs, and Minister Takahira.

"It is possible that each side may send one or more additional representatives. The plenipotentiaries of both Russia and Japan will be intrusted with full power to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace, subject, of course, to ratification by their respective home governments."

The President's announcement practically concludes the preliminary negotiations for peace. Minor details remain yet to be arranged, but the conference now seems to be assured. While no absolute date for the meeting of the envoys has been fixed, it has been determined that the first session will be held in Washington about the 1st of August.

Baron Rosen already is en route to the United States, his coming being to succeed Count Cassini as the Russian ambassador to this country. It is probable that Ambassador Muravieff will start soon for the United States, accompanied by a considerable staff of secretaries, clerks and interpreters. The Japanese contingent of officials, headed by Baron Komura, it is expected, will leave Japan in time to reach Washington by the 1st of August.

J. C. Tate, of Enderby, is in the city on business. He is registered at the Dominion.

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EXTENDING SERVICE.

Points in Alaska Will Be Reached by the Wireless Telegraph System.

H. A. Yarmell, the wireless expert who superintended the establishment of the Pacific Wireless Telegraph Company's station in this city, and who has just spent some time in San Francisco directing the erection there of a mammoth station, is now in Port Townsend en route north. The new San Francisco station will be one of the largest and most powerful in the world. An ideal location has been secured for it fourteen miles southeast of San Francisco on Mt. Tamalpais a promontory overlooking the sea and towering 2,000 feet above the sea level. The wires at this station will be strung from a huge tower, instead of from tall masts as has been the case with all the other stations of the company. The tower will be three hundred feet high. The equipment of the station will be 100 times more powerful than that of any of the present Puget Sound stations. Although Mr. Yarnell would not say so, it is believed that this powerful station is being put in order to secure hertzan waves of sufficient strength to enable the company to open communication with Honolulu.

Mr. Yarnell's present trip from San Francisco is for the purpose of proceeding to Nome, St. Michaels and other northern points in the interests of the company. It is understood that the Pacific Wireless Company is now negotiating with the government for the erection and equipment of a series of stations along the Alaskan coast to connect with Puget Sound. A powerful equipment is also planned for Cape Flattery with the view of securing direct communication from that point to San Francisco.

At present this company, which is the only wireless system operating in the northwest, has five stations in constant communication, located at Port Townsend, Fort Casey, Friday Harbor, Victoria and Seattle.

ROSSLAND NEWS.

J. D. Anderson, P. L. S., and editor of the Trail Creek News, was in the city Thursday. He reports that there is wonderful activity in the vicinity of Trail in fruit and small farming lands. The land from Trail north along the banks of the Columbia, both in the meadows along the river and in the benches, is found to be excellent for fruit raising, for dairying and small farming. Every available acre has been staked, and some of the owners of this are about to divide it into 10, 20, 30 and 40 acre patches and sell it. A good many of the residents of Trail have acquired tracts of this land, while others have announced their intention to purchase, and as soon as they have done so to begin improving by clearing, planting orchards and otherwise putting it into use.

A CELEBRATED CAMP.

Goldfields, in Nevada, Recalls the Days of the Comstock Lode.

A strenuous mining camp with the old-time ring about it, is the description of Goldfields, Nevada, given by Frank A. Thomson, a Victorian, who is now engaged with a big company there. Mr. Thomson returned on a visit to his old home on Sunday, and as a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers has associated himself with its annual gathering here. A Times representative dropped upon Mr. Thomson Wednesday and tackled him for some information about a camp of which much is being spoken and written on the other side just now. Few Victorians know much if anything about it, and yet Goldfields, though only eighteen months old, has a population of ten thousand people. The town is not incorporated, in fact it is the largest unincorporated community in the world.

Goldfields is decidedly wild and woolly. To the old-timers it is a second edition of old Virginia City, the scene of the Comstock. They can stand upon its thoroughfares, contemplate the formidable array of firewater hydrants and similar institutions and fancy they see old Jimmy Fair, Flood, O'Brien, Sutro and a few others in spectre form lugging their treasure sacks along. Goldfields, Mr. Thomson points out, differs from Virginia in that it is a gold proposition, while the other was silver.

Its precise location is in Southwest Nevada, two hundred and fifty miles southeast of Carson City, and three hundred miles south of Reno. It is thirty miles from the Southern Pacific railroad, and the people journey to it in automobiles—something the hardy Virginiaites never wot of. The ore is mainly free milling gold quartz which is being exploited on a large scale. The largest mines are the January, Jumbo, Combination and Florence. In the Combination and Florence development has gone down three hundred and fifty feet, and the permanence of the ore deposits has been proved at this depth.

Mr. Thomson is metallurgical engineer and superintendent of the New Western Reduction Co., which has installed a sampling and customs mill. Smelting ore is shipped to San Francisco for treatment. Most of the capital invested at Goldfields comes from Colorado and Montana. Within the past eighteen months five million dollars worth of gold has been taken from these gold fields, and there is a considerable area that has not been touched. Assuredly when the argonauts of the old days abstracted their millions upon millions from the treasure regions of this realm of Plutus they did not get it all.

Since leaving Victoria, Mr. Thomson has had a varied experience in a mining way. First he went to Crofton, where he was connected with the smelter of the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Co. From there he proceeded to Colorado and Montana and next to Goldfields. He is a son of Capt. Thomson, the inspector of steamboats.

A cook who had burned up a piece of veal weighing four pounds threw it away, and afterward explained to her mistress that the cat had eaten the meat. "Very well," said the lady, "we'll see that directly." So saying, she took the cat, put it on the scales, and found that it weighed exactly four pounds. "There, Frederick," she said, "are the four pounds of meat. But where is the cat?"

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WALTER FORD.
JOHN J. DOUGAN.
E. H. FORREST.

Cowichan Station, May 1st, 1905.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Section 53, Highland District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title issued to Edward Cooper Arden on the 18th March, 1897, and numbered 328c.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, B. C., July 3rd, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated on the Coast District, Range 5, commencing at a stake at the northwest corner of Lot 191, marked W. D. McIntosh, jr.; thence running west 40 chains, thence south 18 chains to the northern boundary of Lot 193, thence east 40 chains along the northern boundary of Lot 193, thence north 18 chains to place of commencement, containing 72 acres more or less.

W. D. M'INTOSH, JR.

March 21st, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the following described land: Commencing at the southeast corner post on Dease Lake, Cassiar, near Porter's Landing, of Lot 206, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south to the lake shore, thence following the lake shore to the point of commencement, and containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 19th May, 1905.

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