

CAMPAIGN AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE PESTS

Property Owners Being Notified to Wage War Against Caterpillar Nuisance

The city authorities are now making strenuous efforts to abate the caterpillar and insect pests which every summer do immense damage to the trees and shrubs in and around the city.

The assistant sanitary inspector is now busy issuing notices, chiefly to owners of vacant property, if the owners fail to observe the notices sent out by the city...

LONG-DISTANCE RACE

Elsa May Only Yacht That Rounded Texada Island—Others Returned

Vancouver, May 25.—The 200-mile yacht race around Texada Island was won by the yacht Elsa May, skipper C. A. Davidson.

Grand Forks Deals

Grand Forks, May 25.—More important deals for city property were closed last week. Probably the most important was the purchase of the fine residence of W. H. Fisher on Main street the new owner being Stanley Davis.

Bond Issue Authorized

Boston, May 27.—The Massachusetts board of railroad commissioners authorized the Boston and Albany Railroad company to issue \$7,000,000 in 25 year four per cent bonds.

PRINCE RUPERT HOTELS

Date of Their Being Opened to the Public is Not Yet Determined

G. A. Sweet, the new manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific hotels at Prince Rupert paid a flying visit to Victoria yesterday in company with G. A. Mc-Nicol, the purchasing agent for the road.

"I expect to go back east in a day or two," said Mr. Sweet at the Empress yesterday, "to see some of the officials at headquarters and until then I shall not know when the hotels will be opened."

EXCURSIONISTS WERE MAROONED ALL NIGHT

Launch Sea Foam Broke Propeller at Anvil Island in Howe Sound and They Remained

Sixty passengers who patronized the big launch Sea Foam, of Vancouver, on Monday on a trip to Howe Sound, were forced to remain all night as the result of an accident to the propeller.

The Sea Foam, owned by Simpson Brothers, of English Bay, left Monday morning for Howe Sound with a large number of passengers. She put them ashore at Anvil Island, but while taking them on board for the return trip, backed in too close and came in contact with the rocks with the result that the propeller was smashed.

A serious accident was narrowly escaped yesterday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Watson, who were driving along Government street were forced so close to a passing car that the wheels caught and several spokes were wrenched loose.

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CITY'S HEALTH IS NOW EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

But Very Few Cases of Infectious Diseases Are Being Treated

"The city at the present moment is in a particularly healthy condition," said Sanitary Inspector Lancaster yesterday. "The fine weather with plenty of sunshine is the best possible preventative of disease and at the present time the isolation hospital contains but three cases of measles and one of scarlet fever and these are but slight."

In fact the cases being now treated at the isolation hospital are fewer now than has been the case in a long time. The sanitary inspector and his assistants are busy at present making a thorough inspection of the city and in a number of instances premises, the condition of which has been anything but sanitary, have been ordered cleaned up.

That some such thorough inspection is necessary is shown by the condition of certain premises visited. In one case a cellar under a retail establishment was found to be in an appalling condition, so much so that the hotel in the neighboring building was almost put out of business by the stench. The place was being used for the storage of fish. The floor was literally swimming in filth in which scores of rats, in this savory place were stored quantities of fish which daily were placed upon the market.

Complaints are being daily made by householders, particularly those located at a distance from the downtown sections, to the effect that it is almost an impossibility to get scavengers to promptly attend to the removal of garbage and refuse matter. Many of the scavengers, particularly those who appear averse to attend to the needs of the outlying sections when they can get about all the work they can attend to in the downtown portion where the haul to the garbage scow is much shorter and does not involve as much labor while the price, 50 cents per load, is just as much as they would be entitled to do they go further out. This question is one at present receiving attention by the city and as soon as the new garbage scow and tug have been secured the matter of proper and much more thorough collection of garbage will be considered.

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MANY PASSENGERS

Visitors From Up the Line Thronged Victoria for the Celebration

Several thousands of excursionists have been since Friday and Saturday last brought into the city by steamer and by rail. Over two thousand obtained accommodation on the E. & N. alone, and although an extra number of trains was not run, the hours of departure of the out-going trains were considerably deferred, in order to permit of a longer stay in town. On the whole, on both the E. & N. and the V. & S. lines the travel was quite a bit heavier than it was on the same occasion last year.

Happily not so much as a single untoward accident marred the pleasant features of the annual festival. The last train on Monday night, which pulled out on the E. & N. at ten o'clock, was especially thronged with very tired but thoroughly satisfied pleasure seekers.

ORDERLY CROWDS

Crime or Disorder Had No Part in Victoria Day Celebration

Considering the great crowd of outsiders who visited Victoria yesterday and the opportunity which such an occasion affords to the light fingered and sneak thieves the police records for the day made a remarkable good showing. In fact with the exception of the usual unimportant reports the police records are practically a blank indicating that the day proved a most uneventful one so far as the force was concerned.

Patrol duty was about the severest the stalwarts were called upon to do and while there was doubtless a certain percentage of the outsiders who might well come under the surveillance of the police, none transgressed the law so far as to warrant their being taken into custody and the lack of complaints shows that none of the crowd were victimized.

A strict watch was kept at the boats and several individuals whose appearance warranted their being debarred from landing were turned back. Everywhere the crowds were most orderly and it was very seldom indeed that a bluecoat was called upon to intervene and exercise his authority. "It was the most orderly crowd I ever remembered," remarked an old time police officer and his statement furnishes an excellent commentary on Victoria holiday throngs.

Horse Killed

An unfortunate accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the Provincial Jubilee hospital, which resulted in the killing of a beautiful mare owned by Dr. O. M. Jones. The horse, with a light riding buggy, was tied at the front entrance of that institution when an automobile whirled past exciting the former to such an extent that she broke the rope and started madly across the grounds. In her blind terror she ran into some rocks, fell and broke two legs, also smashing the rig irreparably. Dr. Hamilton was called and the animal was shot shortly after.

SEARCH LEADS TO THE DISCOVERY OF BODY

First Clue to Fate of Waters Brothers Found on Sea Shore

After several weeks during which not a clue to their mysterious disappearance in the wilds of the west coast could be secured by the provincial police who have been searching for them, the body of one of the Waters boys has been found lying about 300 yards from high water in the neighborhood of the spot where they were supposed to have taken to the woods on their prospecting trip. Yesterday a dispatch to the Colonist from Claycoquet stated that the body, which is supposed to be that of Horace Waters, was badly decomposed and had evidently been lying exposed for a considerable time. Alongside was also found a double barreled shot gun, loaded with number four shot and one barrel had been discharged. The hat of the other brother was found a short distance away from the body. Shot holes of a size which would be made by number four shot were discovered in the crown and rim of the hat. The finding of the hat gives a sinister aspect to the case. It was at first thought by the provincial police that the two brothers had met with an accident. It was known that they had in their possession a quantity of dynamite and it was thought that they had in some manner been injured or possibly killed by the premature discharge of the explosive, but the hat with the tell tale shot holes in it suggests the possibility that the brothers may have been deliberately murdered.

It is pointed out that it is a remarkable circumstance that the boat containing the supplies of the two men should have been allowed to remain for nearly a month and the Indians not have curiously enough to explore its contents. This is not, it is claimed, the usual course followed by the Indians, who, as a rule, would either notify the authorities of the finding of the boat or appropriate the supplies, neither of which they apparently did. While the authorities are absolutely in the dark as yet as to the circumstances leading up to the death of one and possibly both of the brothers there is a belief that the two men became embroiled with the Indians and suffered death from violence.

Until a full report is received from the constable Claycoquet, who a week ago started out on the search for the missing men, the police here are unable to form any reasonable explanation of the disappearance of the two brothers.

The Waters brothers have been hunting, trapping, prospecting and timber cruising on the west coast of Vancouver island for some years. They went to near where the body was found about six weeks ago, with a sloop in which they had an outfit, tent, and stores to last for some months. It was stated they also carried some whiskey. The boat was found lying on the beach at the Tahassas river, near a fishing camp used at times by the Indians, and when it lay for a month without any sign of the owners the authorities became alarmed and an investigation was started, with the above result.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY

Christ Church Cathedral Offering Reaches the Same Amount as Last Year

In accordance with the custom which has been observed in Christ Church Cathedral during the past several years the entire collection was on Sunday last devoted to the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital fund, the special object on the present occasion, as is already now very well known being in aid of a maternity ward. The morning offerings in the Cathedral amounted to \$89 and the evening offerings to \$62.35 making a total of \$151.35; which included one ten, seven fives, nine ones, and sixty-three fifty cent pieces. It is somewhat remarkable as it is certainly interesting to note how evenly the collection of this year compares with that of last year; when the day's offerings reached the figure of \$135.14. The morning's gift being \$70, as against \$69.15 on last Sunday.

MARRIAGE AT EMPRESS

Rosseau-Smalley Wedding First Ceremony of the Kind at the Hotel

Yesterday saw the first wedding at the Empress hotel. Until at least one couple had been joined in the bonds of holy matrimony it was felt that the big new hotel still had an important experience before it, but that reproach was removed yesterday when O. M. Rosseau of Seattle was married to Miss Stella Smalley of the same city.

Every means possible was taken to keep the public from knowing that the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. G. E. B. Adams of the Metropolitan Methodist church, was taking place, and it was at once supposed that a romantic elopement was being consummated. Thus it was with the keenest disappointment that it was learned that Mrs. Smalley, the bride's mother, and A. E. Smalley, her brother, were present. The only other guest at the marriage was Mrs. Kraft of Seattle. The bride's father is a well known Seattle doctor, and the bridegroom is a Seattle lumberman. The party came over on the Rosseau and immediately returned to Seattle on the Chippewa.

"Let me illustrate the difference between capital and labor," said the rich uncle to the impetuous nephew. "Suppose I give you \$5000." "That's capital," replied the nephew, extending his hand for the money. Philadelphia Inquirer. Advantages of capital.

TO ENTERTAIN VISITOR FROM THE ORIENT

Canadian Club Will Hear J. Murray McGregor of the University of Kioto

The Canadian club will have a luncheon in the Driad hotel on Friday next at 1 o'clock p.m. J. Murray McGregor, M.A., professor in the Imperial university of Kioto, Japan, will be the guest of the club and will deliver an address on Japan. Professor McGregor is a Canadian and a former resident of Victoria. He has been in Japan for many years engaged in educational work. He is brother J. Herriek McGregor and W. D. McGregor of this city.

NAVIGATION ON THE UPPER YUKON

Ice Becoming Rotten on Lake Laberge and Steamers Expect to Pass in a Few Days

A despatch from White Horse of Sunday's date says: "Freight is being rushed aboard the White Pass fleet of steamers which wintered here, preparatory for making the first trip to Dawson, reports from Laberge saying the ice is becoming rotten. If necessary one of the old steamers may be used to force a passage through the ice field for the fleet. Hundreds of people are gathering here from outside points to take the first boats down the river, many of them going to Fairbanks.

Vancouver Won

Vancouver, May 25.—The Vancouver baseball team won a double-header from the Tacoma league leaders in the Northwestern league championship games today, winning the morning game 2 to 1, and the afternoon match, 8 to 1. Minor league crowds attend both contests.

Advertisement for The Ogilvie Hardware Co. featuring a large sale of various goods including carpenter's tools, bird cages, and household items. The ad is framed and includes the name of the auctioneer, Stewart Williams.

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