

Spent the Day Examining Forts

Minister of Militia and Defence Yesterday Inspected Local Defence Works.

Goes to Vancouver Tomorrow to Officiate at Unveiling of South African Tablet.

Yesterday morning, Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia and defence, and Maj.-Gen. Lake left Government House at an early hour and, accompanied by Col. Holmes, D. G. C., Col. Jones and Master Gunner Mulhally, proceeded to make a thorough inspection of the defence works near Esquimaux. Commencing with the naval yard, they proceeded to the military depot at Signal Hill and thence to Red Hill by water. At each point every detail of position and equipment was explained to them prior to their being taken over by the Dominion government.

"At present," Sir Frederick said, "the government is paying the full cost of the garrisons, whereas formerly Canada only bore one-half the cost. It is now something over \$100,000 annually. The full control of the forts will be taken over by Canada on the 1st of July next."

Sir Frederick said that the details connected with taking over the forts by the Dominion had not been fully gone into, but had been outlined by him in a speech in the House of Commons.

Asked if the government would maintain the garrison at Esquimaux at the same strength as at present, Sir Frederick replied that he did not care to commit himself to any definite policy at present, but affirmed that the Dominion government is prepared to assume full responsibility in connection with the forts just as soon as the imperial government vacates them.

Departmental Changes. Reference was made by Sir Frederick to recent improvements and changes in respect to the administration of the militia of Canada. The establishment of the militia cannot be regarded as a distinct advantage. This was inaugurated last November, and instead of having generals from Great Britain to manage the militia, the heads of the four principal departments were to take over the militia. The deputy minister and the finance member of the council at least once every two weeks. By this means the work is attended to with dispatch.

Amongst the new departments organized during the last few years are the intelligence department, the engineering, ordnance and army corps and medical service. The pensioning of militia provides a comparatively small sum which has passed his best years in the service. Limits have been arranged to the tenure of militia, higher educational standards for officers created, and claims for attention to the militia in England have been arranged.

Further create the military spirit and improve the young men, a school of military drill has been established, as well as a school of gunnery at Quebec, and rifle associations are encouraged all over the country.

No Conscription. Though opposed to conscription, Sir Frederick favored the idea of young men between the ages of 18 and 21 being given three annual trainings in the militia. The advantages of this plan are that the young men are not taken from the business of life and would not be withdrawn from useful industry.

Sir Frederick and party will return to Vancouver tomorrow (Thursday) morning, and will there inspect the Sixth Regiment, Prince of Wales's Own Rifles, and subsequently will travel the brass memorial tablet dedicated by the officers and men of the regiment to the memory of those of the corps who fell in South Africa during the Boer war. The ceremony will be an impressive one, the regiment parading in full force.

Leaving Vancouver on Friday morning, Sir Frederick will proceed to Revelstoke and thence eastward over the Crow's Nest pass via Fort Macleod to Edmonton. Here he will leave the western terminus of the Canadian Northern railway, where his carriage will meet and carry him over the Canadian Northern lines.

Expect to reach the most westerly extension of the Canadian Northern line about the 20th of September," Sir Frederick said, "and I shall then be able to travel some seventy miles across country from Edmonton to the rails which are now being pushed forward westward at the rate of three miles per day. I am looking forward to the run across from Edmonton with a great deal of pleasure, as I will have an excellent opportunity to examine closely a portion of the country I have heard a great deal about."

Sir Frederick and his suite will leave Victoria by the steamer Princess Victoria on Thursday morning for Vancouver.

FOUND RICH CLAIM.

Cast ashore on the coast of Prince of Wales Island eight years ago, the claimant of a substantial interest in a fine copper property, and who is now a salmon canner on Dall Island, is the son of the hand found by fortune to C. B. Ferguson in the same place. Mr. Ferguson is now in Seattle.

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Mixed Carloads Not Favored

Vancouver Board of Trade to Enter a Vigorous Protest Against Privilege.

The Railroad Commission Opens Its Sessions at New Westminster.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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Grading on Canadian Northern Now About Completed.

A despatch from Edmonton, dated September 12, says: The Canadian Northern N. R. is almost completed right to the station here. Only one outfit, that of the workmen, is now in the city.

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Unrighteous Grafts Worked by Officials of Equitable Company.

Hundreds of Thousands Illegally Paid to Associates by the Former President.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—That the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York has been guilty of thimble-rigging insurance funds, and that the former president of the company has been guilty of unrighteous grafts, is the charge made by a report to the society's directors.

This transaction occurred in what is known as the "Turner loan." This loan, Mr. Morton's report sets forth, was carried in 1894 by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, and was controlled by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York.

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Hearty Welcome To New Pastor

Reception to Rev. and Mrs. Gladstone at the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Presented with an Address by Warden—Fine Musical Programme.

Despite the inclement weather, there was a large attendance of members and friends at the Reformed Episcopal church last evening on the occasion of the reception to the new pastor, Rev. Thos. W. Gladstone, and Mrs. Gladstone.

The address of welcome by the Rev. Bishop Cline, who presided at the service, was a most able and forcible manner, being listened to with marked attention. All those present, and making a great impression. Among the many addresses, the Rev. Dr. Cline's was the most notable.

As another instance of the invaluable prepossession of Hapsburg hereditary, Dr. Gallipe mentions Marie Antoinette's children, who resembled her rather than their father; and he says that the portrait of the little Marie Antoinette, which was shown during the Revolution, was a portrait of the little Marie Antoinette.

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Hereditary and Royalty.

Westminster Gazette.

In an interesting paper read to the Parliament Academy of Medicine, Dr. Gallipe, well known for his zeal in bringing the light of science to bear on historical problems, points out that it is often among Royal families that heredity, in its scientific sense, may best be studied.

Among Royal houses there exists a wealth of information, extending over many generations, the records of writers being supplemented by all the work of painters, engravers, medallists, etc., which is extremely valuable in examining for instance, such a question as the transmission of facial characteristics. Among Royal houses transmission of Hapsburg is most conspicuous in the family to such a degree that the children of Austrian Archduchesses invariably resemble their mothers, no matter what marriage the latter may have contracted.

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Low-Keyed Americans.

Cleveland Leader.

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