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STEAM PLANT IN OPERATION

GOLDSTREAM POWER BEING AUGMENTED

Due to Inability of Esquimalt Company to Supply Enough Water.

(From Monday's Daily).

The B. C. Electric Company started its steam plant at Store street yesterday as a result of a notification from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company that it was unable to supply the 15,000,000 gallons of water per day which it is under contract to furnish to the former company for power purposes. In other words the Esquimalt company's supply at Goldstream at present is not equal to the demands upon it and will not be until the fall rains commence, which will be about three months hence. The company, however, hopes to be able to supply the B. C. Electric with 10,000,000 gallons per day during this time, which with the steam plant which generates about 800 horse power in operation, will give sufficient electrical current to operate the railway and lighting system in this city, the total amount required for this purpose being between 2,000 and 3,000 horse power per day. The B. C. Electric will pay the Esquimalt company for the full amount of water, while the latter will pay the cost of operating the plant. The Esquimalt company depends for its water supply on the rains and the reason for the reservoir giving out so early in the season is the small rainfall this year.

The Esquimalt company hopes, however, that this is the last year that it will not be in a position to supply 15,000,000 gallons every day in the year, for it now has men engaged building another reservoir which will have a capacity sufficient to supply the B. C. Electric Company with the amount provided for in the year round of any amount of water without drawing on the present supply at all. While this new reservoir will not place the Esquimalt company in a position to guarantee a supply the year round of an excess of 15,000,000 gallons per day, it will guarantee that amount every day in the year and that is the object sought for the cost of operating the B. C. Electric's steam plant for three months, which the Esquimalt company had to pay last year and will also have to pay this year, sets into the net revenue of the Esquimalt company. It will not, however, enable the company to supply the B. C. Electric with water for the generation of the additional power, of which it now stands in need. The company is now developing all the power it can ever hope to at Goldstream. It is this fact that is at the bottom of the B. C. Electric's move toward securing an independent supply of water for power purposes, which is almost certain to result in the development of the Jordan river within the next few months, after which the company will merely pay the Esquimalt people for the minimum amount of water it is required to take under its contract, about 4,500,000 gallons per day, instead of the maximum amount as at present, and will either dismantle its present power house at Goldstream or hold it in reserve for emergencies.

The letters which have passed between T. Lubbe, manager of the Esquimalt company, and A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric, in connection with the operation of the Store Street steam plant this year, are as follows:

T. Lubbe, Esq., Manager The Esquimalt Waterworks Company, City. No possible water shortage.

Dear Sir, In reference to our several conversations in this matter, I understand that, provided our company uses 15,000,000 gallons of water per day of twenty-four hours, your company is now in a position to supply this amount daily not longer than the 15th of October next, assuming there are no heavy rains in the meantime. We must request you to notify us in ample time so that arrangements can be made for cutting down the supply of water by the use of the steam plant as before, so that there will be no possibility of our water supply giving out entirely. Yours truly,
 A. T. GOWARD,
 Local Manager.

Victoria, B. C., June 15, 1908.

Without Prejudice.
 Victoria, B. C., Aug. 12, 1908.
 A. T. Goward, Esq., Local Manager
 British Columbia Electric Railway
 Company, City.

Dear Sir, Your favor of 15th June, instant, was duly received and noted. However that letter did not require an answer at the time. But now I beg to state what I told you verbally early in May last, and which you indicated you cannot supply you with 15,000,000 gallons of water daily beyond the 15th of October next. The works under construction at Goldstream will

not be of any advantage during this autumn. However, after this season these works will give us an additional 1,000 million gallons per annum, and consequently no recurrence, of last years or this years (possible) shortage.

In order to prevent a greater evil I would suggest that you again operate your steam plant for your car and motor service so as to reduce the consumption of water to 10,000,000 gallons daily, subject to the following conditions:

That if the steam plant is at any time insufficient to operate the car and motor service, that then the water power may be used to make up any insufficiency, if sufficient water be available.

That the water power plant may be used to operate the car and motor service at any time, should it become necessary to shut down the steam plant temporarily for repairs, provided sufficient water be available.

That your company, during the operation of the steam plant, pay for 15 million gallons of water daily, whether used or not.

That the user of the steam plant shall not in any way prejudice the present existing rights of either party.

That the arrangement shall cease to exist in the event of the water supply ceasing to be sufficient to supply the electric lighting needs of your company.

That this company refund to yours the actual cost of operating the steam plant, but any repairs necessary during its operation is to be borne by yours. Very truly,
 T. LUBBE, Manager.

Satisfactorily Settled.

T. Lubbe, Manager Esquimalt Water Works Company.

Dear Sir, I am duly in receipt of your favor of the 12th inst., asking our company to start up and operate its steam plant under certain conditions, and if possible, cut the consumption of water at Goldstream to ten million gallons per day of twenty-four hours. In reply I have to say that our company will accede to your request and will operate its steam plant under the terms and conditions as outlined by your letter of the 12th inst.

We hope to be in a position to have the plant running by the end of this week. Yours truly,
 A. T. GOWARD, Local Manager.

CITIZEN COMPLAINS OF CHINESE WASH-HOUSE

Will Have to Wait Until November for Redress—Board of Health Meets.

(From Saturday's Daily).

Complaints about the alleged unsanitary condition of a Chinese wash house at the corner of Fort and Quadra streets were again aired at the meeting of the city board of health last evening.

William Neal, the complainant, notwithstanding the sanitary inspector's favorable report on the condition of the building, still insisted that the wash house did not comply with any one of the regulations of the by-law. The means of egress for the fumes and steam had been so badly placed that during the day his dwelling was permeated with the steam and odor from the wash house. Mr. Neal grew very judgment with the council. Why didn't they enforce the by-law which they had made. The ground beneath the wash house, he declared, was reeking with filth to the great discomfort and annoyance of adjacent residences.

Ald. McKeown said that the owner of the premises intended to let the building for other purposes on the expiration of the present tenant's lease on November 1st. The trouble appeared to be that the pipe through which the fumes and odor escaped was just level with Mr. Neal's upstairs windows.

"And this is another violation of the by-law," cried Mr. Neal.

After a great deal of argument it was decided that Mr. Neal must grin and bear it until the 1st of November, when a revolution will be effected.

Dr. Robertson reported that the health of the city generally was good. There were three cases of diphtheria, one of scarlet fever and one of erysipelas at the isolation hospital. There were no cases under quarantine at private residences.

By a by-law passed by the council recently a scale of charges was fixed for those who received treatment at the isolation hospital, and Dr. Robertson drew the attention of the board to this enactment, asking what measures should be taken to collect these charges.

It was decided that the parents, guardians or friends of persons receiving treatment should hereafter be notified of the charges before the patient was admitted, so that people might know what they would be expected to pay.

Things out yernon way look particularly bright for a magnificent yield of fruit, according to R. M. Palmer, commissioner of horticulture, who has been attending the Western Canada irrigation convention. Mr. Palmer is also making a tour of Okanagan fruit country.

FIFTY MONTHS IN EAST AFRICA

LAYING OUT RAILWAY IN NYASSA DISTRICT

W. P. Crighton Describes the Lower Zambesi and the Livingstone Country.

Engineering the right of way for a new railroad into virgin country is a tough enough proposition anywhere, and toiling along with transit, theodolite, and solar-compass through a tangled growth of underbrush and wait-a-bit thorns under a burning sun, and sending the mercury dancing over the 100 mark, is certainly anything but a picnic. Yet, had it not been for the incessant attacks of malaria, against which even a system super-saturated with quinine is not immune, W. P. Crighton who has been engaged in this pioneer work of civilization in British East Africa, or, as it is now called, the Nyassaland Protectorate, for the past four and a half years, would not have complained.

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it will take some years before the young bulls are old enough to sport a decent stick of ivory. The rivers swarm with hippopotami. I have often seen two together on a secluded part of the Zambezi. The natives are forbidden to hunt any wild game with the exception of the war-hog. The negro has an insatiable relish for hippo. A resident magistrate, who was a friend, shot one of these immense pigs, and thirty men were required to roll the body into shape. Three hours later nothing but the bones were left. One party had devoured 1,300 pounds of flesh and fat.

"About eight miles from Chitromo, the railway begins to ascend into hilly country. The rest is small trees that form a place of the bush country. The upland country is very broken. Deep gullies and rocky chasms abound on every hand. Rapids follow one another on the river in quick succession. Here and there are dense patches of bamboo. The undergrowth rapidly diminishes until at a height of 2,000 feet there is practically none at all. All this country is well watered and the streams send the mercury dancing over the 100 mark. The water is very good.

"Lake Nyassa is a splendid stretch of water, but it is not very safe to go in bathing, as it abounds with crocodones. Steamers ply on the Nyassa, and there are many small wheelers on the upper stretches of the Shire. In the Nyassa country there are many park-like spaces in the forests, where the ground is as smooth and grassy as an English lawn.

"The biggest proportion of white residents in the country are missionaries, and the churches are certainly well represented. There are no less than eight different missions of various denominations which have stations at all the principle points. Among these are the Universities' Mission, the Church of Scotland Mission and the Roman Catholic Mission, under the auspices of the French Fathers.

"There are six different nations of negroes in Nyassaland, who have a common medium of speech called the Mang-Anja, after the name of one of the tribes of these nations, the one who live about Gamba, the government capital, have come in touch with the Arabs of the coast and have adopted the Mohammedan religion. They are very fine specimens of men and pride themselves upon their athletic ability. Some of them are very fine wrestlers.

"The Angmi inhabit the highlands west of the Shere and Lake Nyassa. Some fifty years ago the Angmi, who are a branch of the Matebele, came up from the south and subdued the Many-Angi, but, curiously enough, they have acquired the language of the conquered race and are fast forgetting their own dialect.

"Two other nations, the Angni and Chapeta, who live away from the lake district, are more or less of a wild people, but will become very useful as the country is opened up.

"The natives are very independent, and in their present condition want but very little as they can produce all the food they require in their own gardens, and they are very happy. They live largely in small villages scattered over the country, consisting of from 20 to 100 huts each. Every year the natives are going down in increasing numbers to the gold mines at Johannesburg, to work in the mines. The exodus is a voluntary one.

"The Nyassaland negro is quite musical, and while pecking along on a way to Johannesburg, he sings in a way with weird, quaint songs, chanted in a very melodious tone. Some of these songs are in Zulu, and are very old. Some of the more stirring are old ballads of the Boers, which have been forgotten by the natives for generations. Still they sing them with the same accent and pronunciation as Chalka's impil sang them when they flung their assegais upon the Dutch invaders of their country.

"The natives are doing one thing which is detrimental to the welfare of the country, and that is they are actively engaged in the work of deforestation, by changing their hunting grounds and making new clearings, when such are entirely unnecessary. This destruction of the timber has had an appreciable effect upon the bush country stretch west plains overgrown with tangled grass which reaches a greater height than the tallest man. This grass falls over the pathway and the progress is difficult. Yet these tireless natives carry one along at the rate of forty miles a day, and their companions jog along with sixty pounds of baggage.

"The railway has now been completed to Blantyre, 110 miles from Port Herald. From the latter place to Chitromo, the right of way passes through flat land, and the bi-weekly trains make the distance in an hour. At Chitromo, the right of way crosses the river. A bridge has not yet been erected and passengers must be transferred to another train, which makes the remaining 80 miles of the journey to Blantyre, the Canadian capital of the country.

"The Church of Scotland has established a mission at this place, and there is also a station of the Zambesi Industrial Mission, for the cultivation of rubber on around Blantyre, where tobacco and plantations extend in all directions. A very good quality of bright yellow leaf is grown, which makes a splendid tobacco for pipe and cigarette use. Nyassaland coffee has a fine flavor, and large quantities are exported. Blantyre is the present northern terminus of the railway.

"The country down by the Zambezi and the lower reaches of the Shire river is flat, and fever inducing. If one does not give immediate attention to an attack of malaria, blackwater fever is liable to set in, which is often proved fatal. During the months of May, June and July, which are usually cool months, the mosquitoes are reduced to a minimum, and the malaria receives a temporary quietus. In the bush country at an elevation of 2,000 or 3,000 feet one is practically immune from fever, that is if you stay there. Light rains commence at the beginning of November and continue until the middle of December, where there is usually fine weather for a fortnight. The heavy rains get in at the beginning of January, and continue until the end of March.

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Manitoba Grain
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Winnipeg, Aug. 20.—an annual tour through of Western Canada learning first hand the crop and estimating the returns of this city. Various estimates were not be more than million bushels of president Reid placed ninety millions. The on at eighty million bushels. There are traces of Saskatchewan and sm but the greatest of the dry hot weather by the slight frost.

Winnipeg, Aug. 20. thermometer dipped Manitoba and Saskatchewan night, touching a freezing point at Grand Kamsack and other age was done to cry farmers had an anxious The low temperature wanted here by the farmers' display of northern many years.

Considerable anxiety for the next few days and the weather is certain that from August the critical period, a need not be feared till tember.

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 MINERS W

Rescuers Engage
 Colliery Drive
 Fire

Wigan, Eng. Aug. 17.—A single miners who were entrapment which occurred the Maypole coal mine the disaster. The rescued were engaged building. The ventil was put out of order and the cleared of gases the descended.

The search parties driven back by the the rescuers were of fumes from the burr safely by the fire. It is impossible to mamination of the fire has been subdued.

PORTY-FIVE
 Shipping Tied Up
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Rochester, N. Y. mile gaug kicked up Lake Ontario last night stopped navigation Toronto being hampered by the King and Caspian wind and tied up in C. gunboat Sandoval after trying to re the training ship w entertainment of the Firemen's Associat Considerable dam cottages along the

OTTAWA'S
 Ottawa, Aug. 20. troil has decided to \$750,000 with Farr for another six mo come in. They will Treasury notes in hope of reducing the 4-1/2 per cent loan.

FOREST FIRE
 Outbreak at River
 Million Feet

Halifax, Aug. 20. are raging at Rl county. Relief has Bridge, water, airc of timber has been

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Toronto, Aug. 20. of Rice, Lewis & was wrecked by a loss of \$500,000. men are rendered