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SEEKERS FOR PROPERTY LOOK TOWARDS ISLANDS

Change Noted in Character of Demands of Outside Investor

RESIDENCE LOCATIONS WANTED

Several Transfers of City Property Within the Past Few Days Have Been Reported

Victoria real estate is not so much in demand as was the case a month ago. The flurry which resulted in an unvarnished increase in values has subsided and now the local agents are giving a steady, substantial business. Although the majority of the Northerners who took advantage of the recent excursion rates have returned to their homes, there are still a number in the city and, from what can be gathered, a large party will arrive in the city in a few days. These people are expected to considerably buying particularly in the residential sections.

The general opinion is that property is reaching a natural level rapidly. The outcome of this has been through there scarcely a day in which some holdings in different sections of the city and its suburbs are not transferred to other hands. There are, for the most part, are outsiders—people hailing from the prairie provinces, anxious to obtain comfortable homes, instead amid the pleasant climatic environments of British Columbia's capital.

A somewhat interesting sale was reported yesterday by Bond & Clark. An acre and a half, the George estate, was sold for \$3,000. The purchaser was from Calgary. The same firm disposed of a house and a lot in the West End yesterday. Six Mrs. Lineham made a sale of a house and lot in the western section of the city. The same investor yesterday. The sum involved was \$1,500. It is a noteworthy fact that the real estate demands in practically all residential properties, small acreages in the surrounding districts and small lots, are all showing a decided increase. Only recently has the incoming investors discovered that fertile lands are readily obtainable. The lands obtained upon leases which, though leased, are within comparatively easy reach of Victoria. The fact is becoming very popular. In fact it is predicted that as this city grows, the lands in the vicinity of Salt Spring and other islands belonging to that archipelago will be extremely heavy.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS MET CRUSHING DEFEAT

Recent Elections Left Them With Few Members in the Reichstag

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The re-balloting in the Reichstag elections, which occurred throughout the empire yesterday, has resulted in a crushing defeat for the Socialists. There were heavy losses in Socialist circles, while the clericals more than held their own. The Socialists now return to the Reichstag with only nearly half their strength. A table prepared by the Lokai Anzeiger, with three districts still to be heard from, gives the Socialists 45 seats in the Reichstag, against 157 seats in the old body. The Socialists were returned only eight members from Saxony, as against 25 in 1903. The enthusiastic crowds that had gathered around the newspaper office last night formed a procession forty feet long and began singing patriotic songs. The crowd first proceeded to the palace of Imperial Chancellor von Buelow, who made a speech, expressing gratification at the confidence the people reposed in the government, as shown by the election returns.

The vast concourse then moved on to the palace of the Emperor, where another demonstration occurred. Addressing the gathering, the Emperor said in part: "I thank you with all my heart for the homage you bring me today. It arises from the consciousness of having done your duty toward the fatherland. The word of our Chancellor, the Emperor can give if she will, has come true. I am firmly convinced that if all classes unite harmoniously, then we can not only ride, but override all that opposes us."

Emperor William today is described as being in good humor over the results of yesterday's balloting in the Reichstag elections, which emphasize the government's victory of Jan. 25. Majesty had never witnessed such spontaneous enthusiasm for himself as he did last night when a procession of 60,000 people, marching through the streets to the palace singing "The God with the Rhine" and other songs, had felt such unity between him and the people.

The Emperor was returning to the palace shortly before midnight, and a first met the enormous crowd pressing toward the palace. Majesty's automobile was surrounded by the people, whose thousands were waiting for the Emperor to address them. He did not address them, but was greeted with prolonged applause. The government now counts upon 187 to

200 members of the Reichstag to support the colonial policy upon which the

The present position of the parties is as follows: Centre, 185; Conservatives, 81; Agrarians and Anti-Semite group, 28; National Liberals, 55; Radicals, 46; Socialists, 43; Freies, 18; Alliance-Lorrainers, 7; Independents, 10; Gaelic party, 1; Danish party, 1.

RELIEF FUNDS RETURNED

New York, Feb. 6.—It is announced that funds secured by the New York Houston relief committee will be returned to New York.

FLOOD AT BELLEVILLE

Belleville, Feb. 6.—A serious flood has been caused by the rapid rise of the Mokra River. The water is six feet above normal, caused by the ice blockade. The west side of Front street is flooded, and all furnaces are drowned out. If the weather does not moderate within 48 hours the loss will be serious.

PERSIAN BANKING

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 6.—A concession for a national bank, with a capital of 10,000,000, has been granted. Foreigners are excluded from the project.

CONGO INVESTIGATION

Brussels, Belgium, Feb. 6.—M. Van der Velde, the Socialist leader, and M. Hyman, leader of the Liberals, the opposition members of the committee appointed by the government to investigate the administration of the Congo Independent state, have made strong protests against the alleged action of the government in withholding documents which are essential to the investigation.

TRAFFIC MUCH HAMPERED

Nelson, Feb. 6.—All communication north via Arrow Lakes ceased yesterday. The bridge over the lakes having broken down. It is expected that communication will be partly restored this evening to Nakusp. There is no eastern connection over the Crow line, but the line is open between Kootenay Landing and Cranbrook. Six inches of snow fell here, but the weather turned quite mild tonight.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY

Toronto, Feb. 6.—At the annual meeting of the Toronto Street Railway Company the report presented showed earnings for the year of \$3,109,000, an increase of 12 per cent over the year. The increase in net earnings was \$550,000, the total being \$1,483,284. The company has received \$1,483,284, and on payment charges \$150,985. The company has in operation 10 miles of line, and with the tracks constructed and ready for operation the system totals 76 miles.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC ROUTE THROUGH B. C.

Map Filed With Land Department and Approved by Government

A few days ago the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company filed the map of its proposed route through British Columbia in the department of lands and works. The route was yesterday afternoon approved by the chief commissioner and accepted under his signature by the province.

The chief characteristic of the route is its avoidance of long bridges and the following of waterways the entire distance except across the divide between the streams at the head of Decker lake and the headwaters of the South Bulkley river. It may be mentioned that the entire route is a distance of 1,000 miles, and the route, and the Skeena is crossed at or near the town of Hazelton.

By Yellow Head Pass Entering the province by the Yellow Head Pass the line will pass to the north of Cowdung and Moose lakes, following the northerly banks of the south fork of the Fraser river until it is joined by the north fork. The latter will be crossed near its mouth and the main river followed to a point in the vicinity of Port George. This fork which is the junction of the Fraser and Lower Nechaco, will be left to the south and the valley of the latter on the north bank followed almost due west to Fraser lake. Skirting to the north of Fraser lake, the line, at the western extremity, will change in course, going northwesterly along the northern bank of the Bulkley river and Burns and Decker lakes to the headwaters of the South Bulkley river.

Bulkley and Skeena, the course indicated above has been taken.

The agricultural areas traversed are the valleys of the Nechaco and Bulkley, and will embrace in the near future afford the line a large amount of freight. Along the Skeena there are immense bodies of timber in the exploitation of which the Grand Trunk Pacific will be a factor of great importance. Other portions of the route to be traversed very little is known. From Port George to the eastern boundary of the province the country is extremely mountainous. With the exception of mica and some salient deposits, no other valuable minerals have been discovered, but this is not because they are not there, but rather that the district has never been explored. Now the route is definitely decided upon, it is probable that there will be a rush of prospectors next spring.

Table of Distances

Revelstoke to Death Rapids (by steamer in the summer), 44 7/8 miles; to Gordon Creek, 53 3/4 miles; to mouth of Canoe river 81 3/4 miles; up Canoe river to Boulder creek rapids, 101 1/4 miles; to Greys rapids, 113 1/4 miles; to head of Bulkley, 118 3/4 miles; to big log jam, 144 3/4 miles; to Tete Jaune Cache, 184 1/4 miles. At these figures are the total distance from Revelstoke.

Mr. Lee states that large areas of good agricultural land exist in this vicinity: At the Big Bend, 12,000 acres. On Canoe river, from section 13, township 4, to Cranberry lake, 28,000 acres. From Cranberry lake to Tete Jaune Cache, 25,000 acres. Total, 75,000 acres.

UNITED STATES ADMIRAL DEAD

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—The death of Rear Admiral Albert Kautz, U. S. N., was announced today in a telegram from Florence, Italy.

WINNIPEG'S BONSPIEL

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—Play in the nineteenth annual bonspiel opened this afternoon, with 124 rinks competing. The ice is in fine condition, and curling is being greatly enjoyed.

SENTENCES CONFIRMED

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The Emperor has confirmed the sentences passed by the court-martial upon Vice Admiral Nebogatov and other naval officers who participated in the battle of the Sea of Japan.

A MONTREAL ENTERPRISE

Montreal, Feb. 6.—The Consumers' Co-operative Brewery Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, is being organized. The corporation's first directors include S. N. Parent, chairman of the national transcontinental commission; William Keenan, A. J. R. Lee and other Montrealers.

STEWARD OF STEAMER DROWNED AT UNION BAY

Nanaimo, Feb. 6.—George H. Darneil, steward of the steamer Aganathus, which sailed from Union Bay today for Portland after loading bunker coal, lost his life while endeavoring to board his vessel yesterday. Darneil, it is said, had been ashore purchasing ship supplies, returning late in the evening. He was seen to fall from the frothy wharf, striking his head against the piles as he fell, which resulted in his drowning. He was discovered until the following morning. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental drowning.

Dr. Milne and Mr. Shotbolt were in England. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental drowning. The directors of the Nanaimo Gas company. At the meeting this afternoon the recent trouble at the works was considered, and from now on it is anticipated that the public will suffer no more inconvenience. Frank Marlon of Vancouver will arrive next week to take the position of manager and secretary of the company.

A large number of miners have arrived recently from Cumberland, Eng., to work in the local mines. Last night 23 men arrived on the Joan, just out from Cumberland. The Cumberland men make good citizens and are welcomed to the city. It was learned at the hospital this morning that there are no new developments in the case of Mr. Rollo, who was so severely injured in No. 1 mine yesterday. He is still in a precarious condition, but is doing as well as can be expected.

TROOPS TO AWE CROWD

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 6.—Troops today were used to keep back an infuriated crowd while the teachers and students were elected from a local seminary. Many arrests were made.

NO WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Guthrie, Oklahoma, Feb. 6.—The constitutional convention today refused woman suffrage by adopting a clause entailing the right of suffrage to males only.

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The Engineering News of January 24, announces that horse cars in New York city streets will shortly be replaced by electric cars. It is simply noteworthy that some eastern cities are growing—Maulboys Free Press

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FIRE ON FERRY BOAT THREATENED MANY LIVES

Passengers on New York Vessel Thrown Into Panic by Flames

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LANDING REACHED JUST IN TIME

Prompt Work by Crew, Tugs and Fire Boats Prevented Dangerous Conflagration

New York, Feb. 6.—Fire was discovered on the Jersey ferry-boat Wilkesbarre late tonight as it was nearing its slip in the ferry-house at the foot of West Twenty-second street, North River. The crew was quickly called to quarters, and confined the flames to the rear pilot-house, where they originated. No one was injured.

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MILLIONAIRE INJURED

Los Angeles, Feb. 6.—K. J. Moore, the millionaire shipping and commission merchant of San Francisco, was killed by a horse yesterday at a park and suffered injuries which may prove fatal.

LABOR IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—The Labor party will be a factor in the next provincial election. Tonight they decided to inaugurate the union of the city and North Winnipeg. K. McKim, of the Typographical union, was nominal leader of the party, but a candidate has not yet been decided upon for the North.

NEW LINE OF DEFENCE

Witness Testifies That White Had Threatened the Prisoner's Life

New York, Feb. 6.—The defence of Harry K. Thaw, under the direction of Attorney Delmas, of California, began to assume definite shape today, and when adjournment was reached testimony had been placed before the jury to the effect that Stanford White was heard to make a threat to kill the defendant, and counsel for the defence, Mr. Jerome, had threatened to take advantage of every legal defence allowed in the state of New York to be insanity, self-defence or any other legitimate justification for taking a human life. This was the first of a series of interesting bits between the district attorney and Mr. Delmas during the day, and it was agreed that Mr. Jerome had found in Thaw's new leading counsel a foeman worthy of his steel.

SUNK BY COLLISION

New York, Feb. 6.—The ocean-going tug Joseph McAllister was sunk today by the steam tug Rambler. Capt. John Morrissey of the tug was severely crushed.

PRINCESS IN TROUBLE

Paris, Feb. 6.—The trunks of Princess Louise of Saxony, of the Cobourgs-Gotha, and eldest daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, who eloped with Lieut. Count Von Matschek Keglivilch in 1895, after which she married Prince Albert, Duke of Saxe-Cobourgs-Gotha, were found in the trunk of a jewelry box.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Grandview, Man., Feb. 6.—A crane, porter at King's hotel, had a narrow escape from being burned to death. He had taken a sup too much and had fallen down in the cellar. His lantern exploded, setting his clothing on fire, and when help arrived he was badly burned about the arms and legs.

E. S. DUNDY DEAD

New York, Feb. 6.—Elmer S. Dundy of the firm of Thompson and Dundy, died last night at the home of his mother in this city. Mr. Dundy was born in Omaha in 1852. When the pan-American exposition opened at Buffalo, Elmer Dundy joined partnership with Frederick Thompson in the show business. Success led to many other adventures.

A WAGE DECISION

New York, Feb. 6.—Judge Gray, of Delaware, umpire in the dispute between the yard brakemen and conductors and the various railroad companies for an increase in wages of one cent an hour, has decided in favor of the men. The roads upon which the men made the demands were the Erie, Lehigh Valley, Baltimore and Ohio, and the Lackawanna & Western, and the Erie.

PHOENIX BRAKEMAN KILLED

C. P. R. Ore Train Got Out of Control and Was Wrecked. Phoenix, C. B., Feb. 6.—The worst wreck that ever happened in the history of the C. P. R. occurred Saturday night. A train of ore cars, carrying a mile from this city late in the night, was wrecked at Mulboys mine, one brakeman losing his life in-

stantly, being literally ground to pieces. The train had nineteen cars of Granby ore and one coach, and left the Phoenix yard with the air-brakes in apparently good order. James McGuire being engineer, and Shandy Fraser, conductor. After taking the grade the engineer discovered that the air would not hold the train, and a frantic but futile effort was made to set the hand brakes. The train gained a tremendous momentum as it took its wild way down the 3 per cent fall, and finally piled up near the Rawhide mine. All the train crew jumped to safety except Edward Rushton, a brakeman, it being the first day he had worked on the C. P. R. Phoenix hill. Evidently he slipped between the cars, and was struck by the engine. His legs and arms being severed from his body, and blood being spattered all over his face, he was killed. The train was soon on hand with wreckage which completely blocked traffic. The road is expected to be open again in a few days. Coroner Kingston will hold an inquest.