

**NEWS OF THE PROGRESS IN THE PROVINCES**

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**EDMONTON.**—An Ontario firm of implement manufacturers are making Saskatoon their new distributing point. Plans have arrived from Montreal of the new municipal hospital. The architects estimate that the cost of the main, service, nurses', and contagious buildings will be over six hundred dollars. A sincere attempt to solve the housing shortage will be made by a doctor from Ontario, who plans the erection this spring of 25 modern houses at a cost of \$5,000 each.

**VICTORIA, B.C.**

A six storey apartment house is to be erected on Fort Street, at a cost of \$100,000. The plans for the new Union Station show the cost to be \$500,000. There will be an additional eight acres added to the Songhees Indian reserve by dredging and reclaiming. February bank clearings were \$13,950,000, an increase of 11 per cent. over February, 1912. The building permits issued totalled \$361,450 in value. Fishermen at Nanaimo report catches of herring totalling 12,000 tons, valued at \$300,000, this season, with three weeks yet to run. The steamer Tees brought 150 tons of herrings down from the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Great preparations are on foot for the summer water carnival, which will be the first Victoria has held, and in the inauguration of which other Pacific Coast cities in the States are helping. Very generous prize money has been put up, and already reservations are being made on hotels.

Henderson's Directory, the new issue of which is just out, states that the population of Victoria is now 67,785, an increase over last year of 21 per cent. The B.C. Electric Company are spending more than \$600,000 on doubling the capacity of their plant at Jordan River. A very big real estate deal was consummated when Wm. Sloan, formerly M.P.P., sold about 72 acres, about three and a half miles from the center of the city, to an English syndicate for over \$100,000. The Canadian Northern Railway has now four parties of surveyors out locating the right-of-way for the line which will bring the transcontinental line down from Union Bay, where the deep-water landing of the ferries from the mainland will be, to the Pacific terminus at Victoria. During February the tonnage of the vessels in and out of Victoria increased as follows, as compared with February, 1911: Coasting, 357,655 tons, as compared with 279,735; ocean trade, 298,908, as compared with 298,018. It is reported that the Canadian Explosives Co., Ltd., will establish a new million dollar powder plant at James Island, East Coast, Vancouver Island. According to a newspaper article, the B.C. Telephone Company will shortly have through communication with San Francisco; the idea is quite feasible.

Railway construction in the province of British Columbia is progressing at a remarkable pace, for there are now 1,890 miles of new lines under construction.

**VANCOUVER, B.C.**

The provincial government announce the expenditure of \$200,000 on the superstructure of the railway and traffic bridge over the Pitt River, near Mission, B.C., which will be carried

on this year; the bridge when completed will cost over \$700,000. The customs clearings for the month of February were \$22,129, showing an increase of 13 per cent. over February, 1912.

According to a statement in the Financial Post, Vancouver leads all cities of Canada for the value and increase of building permits for the months of January and February. The increase is \$1,094,131; the total for the two months is \$2,995,248.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.**

The Canadian Western Lumber Co. will export from the Fraser River 25,000,000 feet of lumber within the next six months to Australia and South Africa. A lumber expert says that business in South Africa is beginning to pick up after several slack years, and the demand for lumber there—and also in Australia—is excellent this year.

The B.C. Electric Company has planned considerable developments for New Westminster this year, including the expenditure of \$100,000 for freight yards capable of accommodating 485 cars, a new car barn costing \$20,000, and 21 inter-urban cars to be added to the equipment. A new grain elevator has been opened by the Grain Growers' B.C. Agency, with a capacity of 25,000 bushels, and storage for 500 tons of flour, it will import grain from Alberta for distribution in the Fraser Valley and lower mainland. An interesting innovation in the city is the introduction of the old-time May Day dances into Canada. May Day has been observed with due celebrations in New Westminster for the last 35 years, and there has been a regular succession of May queens during that period. Now efforts are being made to introduce the picturesque old May Day dances into the ceremonies and the school children are being taught the simple and spontaneous movements of "Black Nag," "The Ribband Dance," and the other old folk dances. Mr. Hugh Savage, a native of Stratford-on-Avon, and a local newspaper man, is the prime mover, while Miss Lena Cotsworth, an old pupil of Cecil Sharpe, who was responsible for the revival of these dances in England, is helping the movement.

**LACOMBE, ALTA.**

The coming season of railway construction work in Southern Alberta is expected to be an especially important one for Lacombe, in view of the near completion of the C.P.R. line easterly to Kerrobert, making a complete connection between Lacombe and Moose Jaw, and thence over the Soo Line with St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago. With Lacombe's position assured as a western terminus of this C.P.R. international connection, and with additional lines of the Canadian Northern shortly to be in operation out of this point, a decided uplift in general business is anticipated during the coming spring and summer.

**SWIFT CURRENT, SASK.**

In view of the favorable vote of Swift Current ratepayers on the new by-laws ratified a few days ago, a feeling of confidence is noted in business and real estate circles, with a visible easing in the local financial situation. Among the important building projects booked for the coming season are those of the International Harvester Company, the Rumely Products Company, the Massey-Harris Implement Company, the Winnipeg Paint and Glass Co., Ltd.

and the Moose Grocery Company. The opening of the building season at an unusually early date this spring is looked for.

**BASSANO.**

No rebate will be permitted on the taxes on the property donated the Alberta Electrical Company by the Western Canada Agencies. As soon as the formal sanction of the Railroad Commission is obtained the Dominion Express Company will incorporate a free delivery service within the business limits of Bassano.

The Bassano Municipal hospital seems as if it would be an assured fact before long. Last week notice was received from the Canadian Pacific Railway to the effect that it was the purpose of the council to operate the hospital, principally they would willingly grant a site. The council immediately clinched the matter by passing a resolution declaring that it was the intention to operate the municipal hospital if a site was granted.

Plunging the town into a further expenditure of twenty-four thousand dollars in the laying of sewer lines—the C.P.R. insists, upon the town changing its route east, in order to line a little longer and necessitates deeper cuts for the pipe.

**TABER.**

The coroner's jury sitting on the accidental death of Joseph Marshall, this side of McLean's bridge, has reported the road at that point to be a veritable death trap and have called on the government to repair it. The Taber Board of Trade has repeatedly asked the government to repair this road without success.

**Returning Officers.**

Southern Alberta returning officers are as follows: Rocky Mountain, Norman K. Luxton, Banff. High River, H. Norman Shepherd, High River.

Nanton, Olaf C. Arnstead, Stavelay. Claresholm, James Blair, Claresholm. Little Bow, Arthur Fenwick Wilson, Carmangay. Lethbridge City, Alfred Gibbons, Lethbridge.

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**HUMBOLDT, SASK.**

The town of Humboldt plans improvements in 1913 to cost \$270,000, and also a new \$60,000 school. It will install a water system and electric light plant. Excavations will be commenced very shortly on a new \$70,000 courthouse, as the district has been created a new judicial district.

**PORT MANN, B.C.**

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A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$5.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$500.00.

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It is a fact that we have never, in any previous season, had an exposition of the new styles which has created greater enthusiasm. Most interesting of all to many will prove these charming new Suits and Dresses, the latest arrivals from New York.

The trimming touches give these natty coats quite an out-of-the-ordinary air that is certain to appeal to the most exacting tastes. The materials include many quaintly figured designs, with Oriental trimmings so much in demand this season.

The shades are wonderful, indeed, and among the most fashionable are sand or gold color, French blue, taupe, absinthe green, mustard, copper, pheasant, Nell rose, and various other unusual shades are strongly in evidence.

- AT \$23.50.**—A nobby coat, severely plain tailored style; shown in a very new material of cut velvet, fastened with three large round agate buttons in shade to match material.
- AT \$28.00.**—We are featuring a number of very attractive styles. One particularly smart coat at this price is shown in a beautifully woven imported tweed, with long directoire revers of self, and a very smart square cut collar and cuffs of black fawn velvet.
- AT \$25.00.**—Another clever little model at this price is in material of plain diagonal cloth; with large revers and Robespierre collar and cuffs; lined with cream serge and piped with black satin.
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- AT \$39.00.**—A novel coat in brocade, lined throughout with beautiful quality Oriental silk; long directoire revers of same silk with edging of black velvet bands on collar and cuffs; fastened with one large jewelled button.

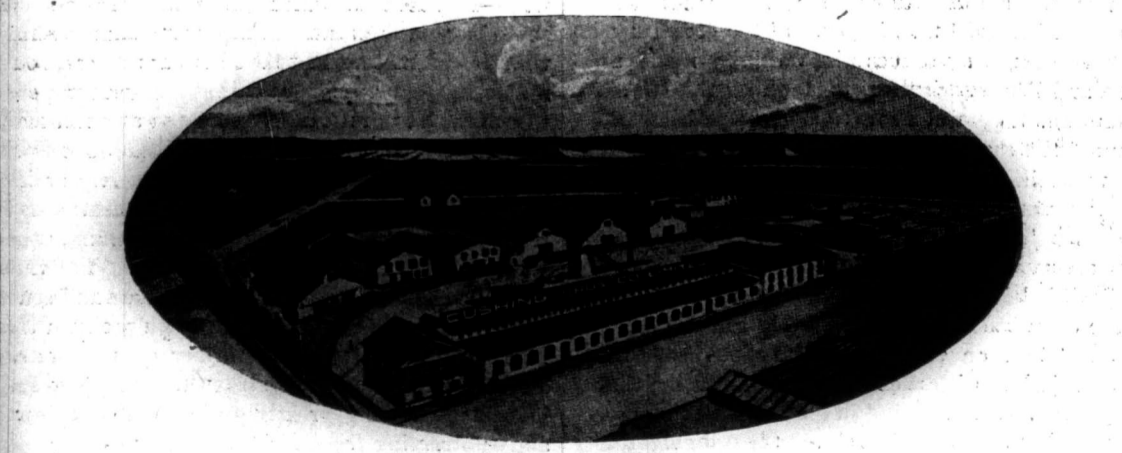
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