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BIG CROWDS AT THE GREAT FAIR

Citizens and Visitors Turn Out in Large Numbers to Inspect the Biggest Exhibition Ever Held in the City of Victoria

TODAY AND FRIDAY HOLIDAYS

In Response to Petition Mayor Barnard Declares Afternoons of Friday and Today to Be Public Holidays—Children's Sports

(From Thursday's Daily.)

With improved weather conditions, yesterday was a good one at the big fair, both in point of attendance and general success of the spectacular attractions. The splendid car service furnished by the B. C. Electric Railway Company furnished such fine transportation facilities that the crowds experience no discomfort in getting to the fair, and consequently there was a comparatively huge attendance on hand yesterday afternoon to witness the first spectacular feature at 1:30—the stock parade. This excited great interest and many were the compliments heard in praise of the splendid stock shown. Cattle and horses showed up remarkably well, the great draught horses gaily bedecked with ribbons and prize cards, and the more slowly moving, but none the less interesting, bulls of the best breed, made a fascinating picture which elicited the applause of the big crowd. The other representatives of the stock exhibit were all the best of their class and the parade was a long one.

The big event of the day was the field manoeuvres by the army and navy—starting with an exciting obstacle race, embracing also physical drill, to music, field gun competition and winding up with the long-anticipated exhibition of mimic warfare by squads of marines and sailors. During the progress of these magnificent demonstrations of the skill and agility of the British sailors and soldiers, the big exhibition building was deserted, everybody assembling to witness the unique sight, and the applause was thunderous in appreciation of the effort. The boom of guns, the odor of powder and the rush of men as in real warfare, gave one a fair idea of the grim scenes which are being enacted on a large scale in the Far East, and indicated how John Bull is ready to take care of himself when occasion demands.

On the conclusion of the exercises by the army and navy men, a very interesting exhibition in fancy shooting and black wire walking was given by Coleman and Mexis, and Edith Raymond, respectively. The latter's very clever performers [illegible] were thoroughly enjoyed and loudly applauded.

The weather being fine in the evening, the attendance was good, giving promise of a growing interest in Victoria's big annual event.

The Brentons, who were scheduled to appear in their thrilling bicycle event, did not put in an appearance, but they arrived all right on the Princess Victoria yesterday evening. Mr. Brenton called at the Colonist office last night and stated he regretted very much he was delayed two days en route, thus failing to keep his engagement for Tuesday. These delays were consequent upon accidents to the train en route, a long lay-over being compelled at Moose Jaw. The manager of the fair at Grand Rapids, Michigan, very kindly released him from the last day of his engagement so as to enable him to meet his date at Victoria, and he keenly regrets that he was unable to do so. However he and his wife are now on hand and they promise a really good exhibition this afternoon. They promise a fine example of daring in the great "leap for life" feature in front of the grand stand this afternoon.

Owing to the unpromising character of the weather, and fearing a great financial loss to the exhibition, if the citizens did not make a special effort to extend their patronage, a number of the leading business men of the city yesterday afternoon petitioned Mayor Barnard to declare tomorrow afternoon (Friday) a public holiday. This the mayor has done, and today and tomorrow the attendance at the fair should be very large. As stated before, the car service is excellent, and no one need fear having to experience any tedious waits for a car.

PRIZE LIST.

Stallion with 5 of his get, not over 7 years old; decision rendered on quality of his get—J. Bryce 1st.

Matched pair draft horses—H. M. Vasey 1st, J. Bryce 2nd.

Light draft team—J. Bryce 1st.

Three year old Gelding or filly by "Newman"—J. Bryce 1st.

Two year old gelding or filly by "Newman"—J. Bryce 1st.

Yearling from "Carval"—Smith Bros. 1st.

Foal of 1904 by "Newman"—H. M. Vasey.

OIL COLORS (ORIGINAL).

Professional and Amateur.

Landscape—Miss Agnes Buckle 2nd.

Still life, fruit, etc—Miss M. E. Bone 1st and 2nd.

GIRLS UNDER 12 YEARS.

Dressed doll—Miss M. Frumento 1st.

Outline work—Miss C. L. Thomas 1st, Miss T. G. Gowan 2nd.

Kettle or iron holder—Miss C. L. Thomas 1st.

Hemstitching—Miss Filo Robertson 1st.

GIRLS UNDER 16 YEARS.

Hemstitched handkerchiefs—Miss Millicent Kane 1st, Mary Robertson 2nd.

Baby bootees—Miss Cora John 1st.

Buttonholes on linen—Miss M. Frumento 1st, Miss Millicent Kane 2nd.

Silk embroidery on linen—Miss Millicent Kane 1st, Miss Cora John 2nd.

Outline work on linen—Miss Lillian Nicholls 1st, Miss Cora John 2nd.

Pin-cushion—Miss Millicent Kane 1st, Miss Cora John 2nd.

Dressed doll—Miss Alice Croft 1st, Miss M. Frumento 2nd.

Hemmed handkerchief—Miss Filo Robertson 1st.

BEES AND HONEY.

Comb honey, 20 lbs. in sections for market display—Edgar Fleming 1st, E. F. Robinson 2nd.

20 lbs. liquid display for market—E. F. Robinson 1st, C. G. Stevens 2nd.

10 lbs. comb honey in section for market display—C. G. Stevens 1st, E. F. Robinson 2nd.

5 lbs. granulated honey in glass—W. Fisher 1st, Edgar Fleming 2nd.

2 lbs. bees wax—E. F. Robinson 1st, C. G. Stevens 2nd.

Display apiarian supplies, demonstrative nature—C. G. Stevens 1st, E. F. Robinson 2nd.

Hive Italian bees (docility and purity of race to govern)—E. F. Robinson 1st, C. G. Stevens 2nd.

Observatory hive bees and queen in view—E. F. Robinson 1st.

Apiarian display, educational nature—E. F. Robinson 1st.

Most comprehensive and attractive display—C. G. Stevens 1st.

GRAIN.

Wheat, autumn, 1 bushel—Robt. Scott 1st, J. Townsend 2nd.

Wheat, spring, 1 bushel—David Evans & Sons 1st, B. B. Moore 2nd.

Barley, Chevalier, 1 bushel—John Russell 2nd.

Barley, rough, 1 bushel—K. L. Robertson 1st.

Oats, white, 50 lbs.—J. Towsend 1st, Robt. Scott 2nd.

Oats, black, 50 lbs. H. A. King 1st, Horatio Webb 2nd.

Oats, New variety, 50 lbs.—H. A. King 2nd.

Peas, white, 1 bushel—H. A. King 1st, G. G. Banford 2nd.

Peas, blue, 1 bushel—H. A. King 2nd.

Peas, grey, 1 bushel—H. A. King 1st, G. G. Banford 2nd.

Buckwheat, 1 bushel—Horatio Webb 1st.

Tares, 1 bushel—H. A. King 1st, Horatio Webb 2nd.

Fodder corn, 12 stalks—W. Noble 2nd.

ROOTS AND VEGETABLES.

Turnip, 6 Swede, for cattle—A. G. Tait 1st, J. Thompson 2nd.

Turnips, 6 yellow—A. G. Tait 1st.

Turnips, 6 white—A. G. Tait.

Mangold wurzels, 6 Globe—A. G. Tait 1st, Q. Sea 2nd.

Mangold wurzels, 6 long red or yellow—A. G. Tait 1st, H. A. King 2nd.

Squash—8 largest—A. G. Tait 1st.

Carrots, field, 6 long white or yellow—Geo. Maynard 1st, A. G. Tait 2nd.

Carrots, field, 6 red—A. G. Tait 1st, Mrs. J. Abbott 2nd.

Carrots, field, white, 6 intermediate—W. Noble 1st, Geo. Maynard 2nd.

Bushel autumn wheat for milling purpose—Robt. Scott 1st.

Bushel of wheat grown in the province—Robt. Scott 1st.

Cabbage, 2 heaviest heads, for cattle—W. G. Henley 1st, A. G. Tait 2nd.

Kohl Rabi, best 6—W. G. Henley 1st, A. G. Tait 2nd.

Collection field roots from Suttou's seeds, not less than 4 specimens of each—A. R. Wilson 1st.

Collection field turnips—J. Thompson 1st.

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Timothy seed, 10 lbs.—J. Thompson 1st.

90 lbs. sample white milling oats—Robt. Scott, 1st.

SWINE—YORKSHIRES.

Boar, 1 year and over—J. Thompson 1st, J. Vasey 2nd.

Boar, 6 months to 1 year—H. M. Vasey 1st, J. Thompson 2nd.

Boar, under 6 months—H. M. Vasey 1st, J. Thompson 2nd.

Boar and 3 sows, any age, owned and bred by exhibitor—J. Thompson 1st, H. M. Vasey 2nd.

Sow, breeding, 1 year and over—J. Thompson 1st, H. M. Vasey 2nd.

Sow, 6 months to 1 year—J. Thompson 1st and 2nd.

Sow, under 6 months—J. Thompson 1st, H. M. Vasey 2nd.

Sow and 4 of her offspring, all owned and offspring bred by exhibitor, under 6 weeks—P. D. Goepell 1st.

CHESTER WHITES.

Boar, 1 year and over—Shannon Bros. 1st, J. Thompson 2nd.

Boar, 6 months to 1 year—J. Thompson 1st and 2nd.

Boar, under 6 months—J. Thompson 1st.

Boar and 2 sows, any age, owned and bred by exhibitor—J. Thompson 1st.

Sow, breeding, 1 year and over—J. Thompson 1st.

Sow 6 months to 1 year—J. Thompson 1st.

Sow, under 6 months—J. Thompson 1st.

POLAND CHINA.

Boar, 1 year and over—James Bailey 1st, E. J. Henderson 2nd.

Boar, 6 months to 1 year—E. J. Henderson 1st, W. Banford 2nd.

Boar, under 6 months—B. D. Le Neven 1st, James Bailey 2nd.

Boar and 2 sows, any age, owned and bred by exhibitor—James Bailey 1st and 2nd.

Sow, breeding, 1 year and over—B. D. Le Neven 1st, James Bailey 2nd.

Sow, 6 months to 1 year—W. Banford 1st, James Bailey 2nd.

Sow and 4 of her offspring, all owned and offspring bred by exhibitor, under 6 weeks—B. D. Le Neven 1st, James Bailey 2nd.

WOOL-BEARING GOATS.

Buck, over 2 years old—Geo. Crowther 1st.

TUNIS.

Ram—Washington Grinmer 1st.

Ewe—Washington Grinmer 1st.

Pen ram and 3 ewes, any breed—H. M. Vasey 1st.

Best ram in show—H. M. Vasey 1st.

FAT SHEEP.

Two fat sheep, ewes or wethers, shearlings or over—David Evans & Sons 1st, J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson 2nd.

Two fat lambs, ewes or wethers—Shannon Bros. 1st, J. Thompson 2nd.

Mutton sheep—J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson 1st.

DORSET, HORNED.

Ram, 2 shears or over—T. J. Maynard 1st and 2nd.

Ram shearling—T. J. Maynard 1st and 2nd.

Ram lamb—T. J. Maynard 1st and 2nd.

One ewe, 2 shears or over—T. J. Maynard 1st and 2nd.

One ewe, shearling—T. J. Maynard 1st and 2nd.

One ewe lamb—T. J. Maynard 1st and 2nd.

Pen of Dorset horned—T. J. Maynard 1st.

SOUTHDOWNS.

Ram, 2 shears or over—J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson 1st and 2nd.

Ram, shearling—J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson 1st and 2nd.

Ram lamb—J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson 1st, J. S. Shopland 2nd.

One ewe, 2 shears or over—J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson 1st and 2nd.

One ewe lamb—J. S. Shopland 1st, D. Evans & Sons 2nd.

Pen of Southdowns—J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson 1st.

SUFFOLKS.

Ram, 2 shears or over—John Richardson 1st.

Ram, shearling—J. Thompson 1st and 2nd.

Ram lamb—J. Thompson 1st.

One ewe, 2 shears or over—J. Thompson 1st and 2nd.

One ewe, shearling—J. Thompson 1st and 2nd.

One ewe lamb—J. Thompson 1st.

Pen Suffolks—J. Thompson 1st.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.

Ram, 2 shears or over—E. J. Henderson 1st.

Ram, shearling—John Richardson 1st.

Ram lamb—John Richardson 1st.

One ewe, shearling—E. J. Henderson 1st and 2nd.

SHROPSHIRES.

Ram lamb—H. Bonsall 1st.

One ewe, 2 shears or over—A. C. Wells & Sons 1st and 2nd.

One ewe, shearling—H. Bonsall 1st, A. C. Wells & Sons 2nd.

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FRENCH WHEAT YIELD.

Paris, Sept. 28.—The minister of agriculture estimates the wheat yield of France at 104,523,453 hectolitres, against 128,385,530 last year.

HOPS JUMPING.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 28.—No such flurry in the local hop market has been experienced for years as existed the past two days. The highest prices reached were 28½ cents.

DIPLOMAT IN TROUBLE.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 28.—Judge Phelps, of Lee, was at the State house today in response to a summons calling him here in connection with the action of Third Secretary Gurney, of the British embassy. Governor Bates arrived today and took personal charge of the case.

EXTENDING THEIR BUSINESS.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 28.—William H. Baker, vice president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, and E. J. Nally, general superintendent of the Western division, are in the city for the purpose of opening the new Postal line to Salt Lake. The completion of this new line gives the Postal Company three through routes to the Pacific coast.

General Elections In Four Weeks

End of October or Early in November the Probable Date.

Capt. Newton Has Been Offered Position as A. D. C. to Earl Grey.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—A well-informed politician said to your correspondent tonight: "You may safely wager that the general elections will be held either in the last week in October or first week in November.

Complaints have reached the government of great depredations by Italian navvies amongst game fish to be found in the waters of the National park at Banff and Yoho park. To prevent this practice, Howard Douglas, superintendent of the Rocky mountain parks, has been constituted a fishery officer with full powers to punish any offender.

The appointment of Aulay Morrison as judge of the Supreme court of British Columbia, is officially announced today.

Captain Newton, who was A. D. C. to Lord Dundonald, has been offered the position of A. D. C. to Earl Grey, the new Governor-General. Captain Newton has gone to England to report for duty with the Middlesex regiment, and his many friends here hope that he may get permission to accept the new position.

THE AMENDE HONORABLE.

London, Sept. 29.—The Daily Telegraph in an editorial this morning says that Hugh Gurney, the third secretary of the British embassy at Washington, who was fined by Justice Phelps of Lee, Miss., for exceeding the automobile speed law, was bound to stand upon his diplomatic rights in order to avoid creating a precedent, but now that amends have been made, it is hoped it Mr. Gurney inadvertently contravened a law he will tender an apology for his unconscious offence.

THE WATER IS TURNED ON

The Perry Creek Hydraulic Mining Company Has Completed Big Ditch.

Fort Steele Prospector.

Monday, the 19th, the waters of Perry creek were turned from their course and into the flume of the Perry creek Hydraulic Mining Company. The event is the beginning of a new era in mining on the famous creek. For many years much desultory mining has been done and considerable gold taken out. Most of this was from the surface and by such crude means as the impecunious prospector and placer miner had at hand. Long acquaintance with the stream convinced many that gold was distributed throughout the gravel, of not only the present stream, but in old channels and upon deeper bedrock. Prospecting upon these theories have produced good results, and the creek is attracting people of means and mining skill necessary to work it on a large and profitable scale.

The largest and most interesting of these is the company whose plant is just completed. For three years the company has been prospecting the ground and equipping the situation with flumes, pipe lines and monitors. These things have required an expenditure of $150,000. Roads, trails, tramways and sawmills had to be built. All these are completed and mining operations begun.

WHAT WILL BE DONE.

The ground to be piped away is a ridge or mound some distance above the bed of the present stream, and at the falls of Perry Creek. This ridge is the result of the filling in of the channel of an ancient bed of the creek. From the bottom to the top of the ridge is a distance of 600 feet. All the water of Perry creek has been brought to the top of this ridge, by flume and pipe line five miles long. From a penstock on top of the mountain water is brought down to the bottom and connected with hydraulic monitors.

Pressure at this point is about 400 pounds to the square inch. Two of these monitors are set up and connected, and their capacity to cut away gravel is something wonderful. The water at the present time is not sufficient to run more than one giant, and it is not the company's intention to mine on a large scale this fall, but will do everything necessary to have things in shape in the spring to use water to the best advantage. The results will be watched with much interest. Other capable people of means are studying the situation, and other large enterprises are in contemplation.

KING GEORGE WEAKER.

Dresden, Sept. 29.—(2:45 a. m.)—King George of Saxony is much weaker. All members of the royal family living in Dresden have assembled at the summer residence of the Saxon court.

WAR SUMMARY.

(By Associated Press.)

Outskirt skirmishes constitute the sum total of disclosed activities on the Liao and Taitse rivers in Manchuria. General Kuropatkin is reported to be keeping in contact with the entire Japanese front. Russian scouts report that the main Japanese force is centered in the vicinity of the Yentai lines. Fresh troops and convalescents are arriving at Mukden in large numbers. The railway north from Mukden is proving of much value to General Kuropatkin in bringing supplies for his army as well as reinforcements. Chinese arriving at Chefoo report that the Japanese attacks on Port Arthur have resulted in heavy losses to the assailing forces, while the Russians suffered comparatively little.

INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS.

Edinburgh, Sept. 28.—The conference of the institute of international law concluded today. President Roosevelt's announcement that he will shortly call a second peace congress at The Hague was favorably discussed.

HANGED TO A PEG.

Montpelier, Vermont, Sept. 28.—Judge C. D. Woodward of the local municipal court hanged himself on a wall peg in his office today, leaving a note saying that his enemies were seeking the downfall of himself and his family. There had been no opposition to his reappointment.

ANOTHER ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Duke of Orleans Asks for Loan of Norwegian Steamer Fram.

Christiana, Norway, Sept. 28.—The Duke of Orleans has asked the permission of the government to hire the Arctic steamer Fram in which Dr. Nansen made his voyage to the Arctic for the purpose of an Arctic expedition in 1905. It is understood that the admiralty will require that Captain Otto Sverdrup, the former commander of the Fram, shall command the vessel if the government agrees to the proposition of the Duke.

NEWS NOTES OF THE DOMINION

Toronto Police Constable Commits Suicide—Ogilvies to Build New Mill.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—Police Constable Steeusman committed suicide this afternoon by taking prussic acid. The act followed his suspension from the force by Magistrate Jemison. A case of larceny was pending against him. He leaves a wife and two children.

Cobourg, Sept. 28.—James Dunn has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for causing the death of his uncle at Campbell's on June 12 last. The two men, who lived together, had been drinking, and a scuffle took place between them, which ended in James Dunn throwing his uncle to the ground and kicking him several times, which resulted in the latter's death twenty-four hours later from pericoritis.

Simcoe, Sept. 28.—The trial of the North Norfolk election protest today resulted in the election of Little (Liberal) being declared void. The cross pention was dismissed.

Pembroke, Sept. 28.—The North Renfrew election trial opened today before Justice Street. The petition was dismissed, each party paying its own costs.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—The National Women's Council of Canada adjourned today, to meet next year at Charlottetown, P. E. I. Mrs. Thompson, of St. John, N. B., was re-elected president.

Judge Killan arrived from Montreal tonight.

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Company today closed a contract with the Nordyke Mannor Company, of Indianapolis, for the erection of a new 3,000-barrel flour mill at Fort William. The contract calls for the most up-to-date flour mill on the American continent.

IS RETURNING TO MEXICO

Mr. Frank Turner Goes Back to to Install an Improved Tar Plant.

Frank Turner, formerly of Yukon Territory, was at the Butler Hotel, Seattle, on Sunday, en route to Mexico, where he has large concessions of pine lands. Accompanying him was the eminent chemist and engineer, Herr Otto Von Grumler, of Freiburg, Germany. They have been inspecting the plant of the Pacific Tar Company at Whatcom with a view of installing a similar plant in Mexico, should the analysis of the pine prove favorable.

The Pacific Tar Company have a patent process to make by-products of pine or fir more valuable than the lumber. The following very valuable elements are produced at small cost, to every cord of wood or waste from a sawmill: Twenty-five gallons turpentine, 30 gallons tar, 25 gallons tar oil, 225 lbs. pitch, 50 bushels charcoal, 50 gallons pyroligneous acid, 10,000 cubic feet illuminating gas.

Pyroligneous acid is the base of all refrigeratives and of the great disinfectant, formaldehyde, two very marketable products in the tropics.

Alcohol, wood vinegar and creosote can also be produced.

GREAT MAN'S DEATH.

Another Author Passes Away in the Country of His Adoption.

Yokohama, Sept. 29—Lafcadio Hearn, the well-known author, died September 26th at Tokio of heart trouble. His funeral will take place September 30th. General regret is expressed among the Japanese at the death of Mr. Hearn.

Lafcadio Hearn was born at Santa Maura, Ionian islands, June 27, 1850, of a Greek mother, his father being English. He was educated in England and France, engaged in journalism in Cincinnati and New Orleans, and was the author of "One of Cleopatra's Nights" (1882); "Stray Leaves From Strange Literature" (1884); "Glimpses of Unfamiliar Japan" (1894). The latter book gives an account of the marvelous patience, industry and courtesy of the common people; and "Kokoro" (1896). He married a Japanese lady, and lived many years in Tokio, where he filled the professorship of English literature in the University of Tokio. He published a good deal of native poetry of a high order.

A CABINET POSSIBILITY.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—The News says it is understood that invitations to A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., to enter the cabinet at Ottawa have been renewed, and that an announcement of some sort may shortly be made. That Mr. Aylesworth has accepted the offer to be minister of justice is considered to be well founded, although he may not assume this post until after the general elections.

SLICK TELEPHONE INSPECTORS.

Clever Thieves Secure Much Plunder in New York.

New York, Sept. 28.—Jewelery and silverware to the value of $15,000 has been stolen within the last ten days from twenty fashionable apartments in this city by young men representing themselves as telephone inspectors. All of the thefts took place in the exclusive residence section of the city.

IROQUOIS THEATRE DISASTER.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—When the cases of Will J. Davis and others charged with manslaughter in connection with the Iroquois Theatre fire were called by Judge Kersten's court today the attorney for the defence read a lengthy affidavit asking for a change of venue to some other court. The affidavit declares that the defendants could not secure a fair trial in Cook county because of the prejudice existing against them.

The Kamloops Exposition

Premier McBride Formally Opens the Annual Industrial Fair.

Unanswerable Indications of Progress Seen in Magnificent Displays.

From Our Own Correspondent

Kamloops, Sept. 27.—The Kamloops annual provincial industrial exhibition was opened today by Premier McBride. Immediately after the directors gave a luncheon.

Alexander Park was crowded with enthusiastic sightseers, the weather conditions being perfect.

The display of produce was superior to that of any previous year, and is an unanswerable indication of the progress of the agricultural interests of the interior.

The livestock display is worthy of the magnitude of that particular industry in this locality, there being more entries of a finer class than ever seen here previously.

Kamloops defeated Grand Prairie in the first match for the Watson polo challenge cup by four to nothing.

Racing opens tomorrow and the number of stables represented indicates that the two days' meet will be entirely successful.

Five teams are here to participat in the trap shooting tournament, which will occupy the morning both days.

The city is brilliantly illuminated and the hotels are unable to handle the crowds.

MURDERED IN A SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28.—Louis Mazenirr was shot to death late this afternoon at the slaughterhouse at Wilson's station near here. He went to the slaughterhouse with a rabbi to butcher beef and while there the rabbi had an altercation with an unknown hunter, who carried a gun. Hot words followed and the hunter aimed at the rabbi, but the charge missed the rabbi and struck Mazenlar, killing him instantly. The murderer is still at large.

LUMBER RATE WAR PROBABLE

Keen Competition Is Leading to Heavy Slashing of Prices.

The depressed condition of the lumber industry has led to a disastrous cutting of prices of building material says the News Advertiser. The origin of rate wars is in one person in the trade giving a lower price, and another when hearing of it going it still lower. Notwithstanding the fact that the lumber and shingle manufacturers of the Coast are bound under the rules of the Association of which they are all members to adhere to a certain schedule of prices the prices have gone down to an alarming extent. It has always been allowed to grant 10 per cent. off the list price, but at present 25 per cent. and even 35 per cent. has been taken off in the effort to offset a competition.

"There are times when a mill manager should be put away for safe keeping," said a lumber manufacturer yesterday, "and it is in such instances as these. When the start is made in cutting prices, men get irrational, and no one realizes it more than themselves."

Lumber is so much cheaper now, that in the building of a fair size residence as much as $400 or $500 may be saved. The cut applies to shingles also, and these have dropped locally 40 or 50 cents. Such prices do not allow any profit, especially at such a time when great depression exists.

It is stated that a new price list is being formulated, and it is thought as not improbable that a central exchange system may be carried out. This was suggested some time ago, but opposition from the trade prevented the plan being materialized. This scheme is one whereby all the mills would pool their cut, and all orders would be received at the central office. This would render such disastrous price wars impossible.

The depression in the logging industry is being taken advantage of by one or two people to get a corner on all the logs not held by the mills. Many of the independent loggers have shut down, and as many are in need of cash, it is not a difficult proposition to buy in what logs are lying in the water. Nearly all the cedar logs have been corralled, and now a movement is on foot to take in the fir.

One of the sensational outcomes of the extensive forest fires, which devastated the interior of the Province is the report from the East that Senator McLaren has entered a suit against the C. P. R. for $125,000 damages, caused by fires, which he states, were started by sparks from the engines. His large timber areas along the Crow's Nest branch, are said to be practically ruined.

The Chicago Post publishes two good stories of children:

Sunday school teacher—Reginald, can you repeat the shortest commandment? I have but four words.

Reginald—Keep off the grass!

SOME TALL TALK BY TOLSTOI'S SON

Young Man Offers Some Wise Counsel on Lessons of the Present War and Inculcates Patience.

RUSSIANS ARE BOUND TO WIN

Muscovites and Not the English Are to Be the Greatest Nation and Realize Dream of World Conquest.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—Count Tolstoi's son in an article in the Novre Vremya, takes a position dimetrically opposite to his father. He writes of the touching scenes he witnessed at Tamboff as thereserve men left for the Far East. "But," young Tolstoi says, "nevertheless the peasants are all united in agreeing that the war must be fought out until Japan is subdued."

He adds: "It is a hard time for Russia, but it is the period of her regeneration. The war in the Far East is a great war, such as Russia has not seen since the days of Peter the Great—a war for the possession of the eastern shores of the European-Asiatic continent, just as in the days of Peter it was for the western shores. Just as in the war with the Swedes we suffered at Narva, but we conquered at Poltava, we are now suffering reverses with the Asiatic Swedes, but there will come a day when Japan will be vanquished."

In concluding young Tolstoi predicts the triumph of Russia, which, he declares, is destined "to become instead of England, the greatest nation in the world." He says the Slavs will spread over and absorb all the neighboring peoples they have already subjugated in the Crimea, Caucasus, Eastern Russia and Siberia, adding "Russia is the only power destined to realize the dream of the world conquest."

Remarkable Prices For Real Estate

City of Vancouver Properties Change Hands For Very Large Sums.

Believed That Much British Columbia Timber Is Being Smuggled.

Vancouver, Sept. 28.—Harvey Hadden, an extensive owner of property in Vancouver, has made more purchases. He bought today the Mount Stephen block, known as the old post office, for $55,000, from Robert Martin, who purchase dthe lot three years years ago for $33,000. He has also purchased the 66-foot front, 150 feet deep adjoining Woodward's department store at $410 a foot. A block will be erected. W. H. Armstrong has bought the old Y. M. C. A. building for $35,000. Other large purchases took place during the week.

John Williams, Dominion Government fisheries inspector, returned from Ottawa last night and now has the matter of the seizure of the American fishing schooner Alert by the Dominion cruiser Ruth under advisement.

The unfortunate young leper Nig Chun, who was taken to D'Arcy Island by Dr. Underhill and D. C. Lew, Chinese interpreter, cried piteously when the health officer left him. He handed Dr. Underhill a letter to post to his mother in China. He is but 21 years old. Dr. Underhill made a detailed examination of the island. Two lepers already there were found well provided for. The houses were scrupulously clean, and the garden well kept. They have a big batch of chickens which they claim timber wolves often steal.

Dr. Young, of this city, who has given the recent serious epidemic of enteric diseases among children considerable study, says that, in his opinion, the epidemic, which has much subsided, came from the air, while impure milk might have aggravated some cases, he had discovered that even where the milk was perfectly pure the disease had got a foothold.

The Fraser River Canners' Association has received a letter from the department of marine and fisheries stating that the Alert cannot be released and Raymond Prefontaine had been asked to take up in connection with the fisheries, were now under consideration.

The attendance at the labor carnival has thus far been affected by the wet weather.

Is wholesale smuggling of timber going on in British Columbia? That is the question that is now being asked by interested parties. It would seem to outsiders a very easy matter for booms to be brought, say to Pender harbor, near Vancouver, and to be scaled up and duty paid on them, and then go have a tug slip in at night and run off to the States with them. On the other hand while there would be no one to watch them, as the department would be, with the limited means at its disposal, unable to keep tab on all the booms and where they went, still this department knows pretty nearly where all the logging is being carried on and can get a fairly accurate idea as to where the logs of the different camps are going to. Besides this the customs officials on both sides of the line are at present on excellent terms and information would be sure to be given to the inspectors' department, as it has been before. So that it is said by the department here that thus far deliberate smuggling has not been attempted. In this connection a good deal of logging is being done on the coast and some of the loggers who come down with big booms and cannot sell them, threaten to smuggle them and take the consequences if caught. In the lumber business the cut rate war still goes on. Those who are said to have started it now wish a compact made for higher prices, but the bigger mills show no desire or wish to give in and are claiming to sell lumber in some instances cheaper than the smaller mills can manufacture it. It is war to the death or surrender unconditionally, and will last for another three months. One big Westminster mill shows by its books that its receipts for August, 1903, were $6,000 more than for August, 1904, as a result of the cut prices.

The summer session of the Provincial Normal school closed today, when the undermentioned students received their Normal school diplomas and also their certificates from the educational department as duly qualified teachers of the province of British Columbia:

John A. Bates, Florence Beattie, Mable V. Beattie, Clytie L. Bowman, Thomas B. Brandon, Gladys A. K. Butler, Walter H. Campbell, Edgar F. Clark, May G. Duncan, Edith S. Fernie, Ruth George, Alexander Graham, Myrtle P. Hamilton, Margaret A. Lewis, James Morrison, M. A., Caroline E. Murray, Marie J. Murray, Gertrude M. Macfarlane, Gertrude McKinnih, Clara McNair, Edith C. Parker, Geo. L. Pedler, Jessie A. Robertson, Jessé F. Rowan, Morris E. Shaver, Alexander Smith, Annie Smith, Katharine C. Smith, Laura E. Stephens, Ina M. Urquhart, John T. Watson, Ralph R. Watson.

In handing the teachers their certificates, Principal Burns spoke at some length, taking as a text for his remarks Seneca's famous saying: "It is a long road by precept, and a short one by example." He stated, in effect, that it was all very well for teachers to talk, but to inculcate was better. He advised them to be students all their lives, which was the only sure road to success as a teacher or in fitting their minds for any other subsequent vocation they might take up.

There are already some sixty applications for the fall session of the Normal school. In spite of this large number the supply of teachers is hardly equal to the demand, for, besides the increasing number of pupils attending the schools, the average loss the year round by marriage and by teachers taking up other pursuits is three a month, so that 36 new teachers every year must be figured on to supply the loss of those slipping out of the ranks.

ASK NATION'S PROTECTION

Washington, Sept. 28.—Three dignitaries of the Armenian church called upon President Roosevelt and urged that the American government and other powers take action to prevent further massacre of Armenians by the Turks.

THE END NOT FAR OFF.

Worcester, Mass, Sept. 28.—Senator Hoar's condition continues most critical. He has not rallied from the sleep and stupor into which he fell Tuesday afternoon, and it is feared that he is in his last sleep.

SERGIUS TOLSTOI DEAD.

Moscow, Sept, 28.—Count Sergius Tolstoi, the brother of Count Leo, is dead. He was the very antithesis of Count Leo, residing on his estate in lordly style and living the life of veritable epicure, while his brother, clad in homespun, leads the life of an ascetic. Count Sergius had two daughters, who are passionate admirers of their uncle and whose ideas they adopted in refusing to marry one of them selecting a coachman as her mate.

DENOUNCES DIVORCE.

New York, Sept. 28.—The Archbishop of Canterbury was the central figure today at the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York. The delegates, 750 in number, assembled in the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, where prayers were offered and holy communion administered. The Archbishop of Canterbury occupied the throne and conducted the services. Leading men of the church were present.

Bishop Potter, in his report to the convention, attacked divorce in vigorous terms, declaring that unless the church set itself against the spread of the evil, society would relapse into a state of "practical barbarism." He urged the clergy to set itself against it, which he characterized as a "Godless license which flings aside the most sacred vows because of vexatious uncongeniality."

"It would be the gravest untruth to say that the church in the United States is wholly agreed in its attitude towards divorce," said the Bishop, "or that we may not see at the approaching general convention such wide divergence as to the form of the canonical enactment in reference to divorce as may delay, if it does not defeat, what some among us want.

"But this is certain, that this church recognized that the family is the foundation of society; and that unless the church shall safeguard its wellbeing, and, when it calls in its solidarity, we shall, sooner or later, relapse into practical barbarism. In every family, in the mind of every child, in every attitude or expression of yours with reference to that Godless license which flings aside the most sacred vows because of a vexatious uncongeniality, or, for whatever vagrant whim, there is opportunity to create an intelligent and clear-visioned conviction which shall make itself felt wherever it is expressed."

NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

Unpleasant Incident in Which Legation Secretary Figures Disadvantageously.

London, Sept. 28.—The Westminster Gazette sums up the official opinion of the incident resulting from the fining by Justice Phelps, of Lee, Mass., of Hugh Gurney, third secretary of the British embassy at Washington, for violating the speed relating to automobiles, and for contempt of court, saying: "It seems desirable that gentlemen employed by the legations should keep on the safe side of local law when they use motor cars, but if perchance they transgress, the simplest, quietest plan is, perhaps, to waive their privilege and pay the fine." No little annoyance is exhibited in official quarters here at the claim made by Mr. Gurney for diplomatic exemption, with the consequent publicity over a trifling affair.