

WILL CROOKS IS INTERVIEWED

FAMOUS LABOR MEMBER
GIVES IMPRESSIONS

Criticises Immigration Methods
and Will Ask Parliament
to Interfere.

Great interest attaches to the forthcoming visit of Will Crooks, M. P. for Woolwich, Eng. In labor circles especially is his lecture on Thursday evening held at A. O. U. W. hall under the auspices of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council looked forward to with keen anticipation, the public generally are manifesting a desire to hear so famous a British public man, and it is likely that the hall will be crowded to its capacity on the occasion of his address.

Interviewed at Montreal the other day, Mr. Crooks had much to say of interest; and the following extract from an interview with him appearing in the Montreal Witness will give a fairly good idea of the views he holds on the questions agitating the public mind at the present day:

It is his first trip to a British country outside of the British Isles, and as he says, he comes as a student to learn what Canada has to teach, and with a large appreciation of the natural potentialities of the land he brings an open mind, questioning and eager to see Canada from the Canadian point of view. He has ideals, and high ones, of this country's future—he sees in it a land where contentment and happiness can be the lot of every woman and child, and where there is scope for every man's usefulness, but there appears to him one of the problems that have to be faced.

There is the problem for your statesmen to face. The possibilities of the country are vast beyond expression. You will want large sums of money to develop them and you will be finding yourselves with a heavy burden of debt. As an asset against that you want men—millions of productive men, whose labor is wealth.

"Yes, the immigration is large, as you say, but I can already see, and we have heard bitter complaints at home of conditions that should be changed. You want to care for your men. The aggressive fellow who has a shilling in his pocket, and doesn't care a rap for you or me, can look after himself. He is all right, but it is the man who does not think for himself, who is brought out here by private enterprise, who is moved to where there may be a temporary demand for his labor and dumped down there, and that is the end of him—those are the people who want looking after, and they are the masses, the great majority."

"Men of that class who must have their thinking done for them, who are rushed out here, say, for the summer work in the harvest—work that lasts a few weeks—and then left on their own resources, to drift back to the cities and disturb the balance of the population there, these men, or rather the methods of their coming and their living, should be one of the great questions of statesmanship in this country."

"When I go back to England I shall call upon the two governments to take the matter up. It is a work that they should undertake. Immigration induced by private enterprise, is not going to be for the best, for the country or the people themselves. I have been told that in travelling through Canada I would find that the value in which the Empire was held was gauged by the number of postal orders that came across as returns from the trade with Britain. I'm not going to believe any such thing as that—not going to let myself believe it, and referring to the tariff reform question, the idea that one part of the Empire would have another go hungry that it might profit, is a crime too monstrous to think of."

"But why don't you try protection, some people have said to me. There is enough misery and want now among the poor people without wilfully increasing it in the slightest degree. The food supply of a nation is the most vitally important consideration, and anyway, be sure that there is not a hungry mouth to feed before you begin experimenting."

C. P. R. WILL NOT ACQUIRE ALLAN LINE

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Denies Rumor—Impressions of West.

Montreal, Oct. 2.—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy arrived in the city this morning from the West, and made glowing reference to conditions there. He absolutely denied the rumor that the Canadian Pacific will acquire the Allan Line. He did not deny, however, that the relations will be closer in future.

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HEAVY CIVIC WORK IN HAND

SOME BIG JOBS
NOW IN PROGRESS

New Road Roller Arrives—Will
Be Put to Work at
Once.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The new road roller purchased by the city from the Waterous Engine Co. of Brantford, Ont., at a cost of \$3,300, arrived on Saturday, and is now being got ready for work at the yards of the corporation. City Engineer Topp had intended that it should be placed mainly on maintenance work, but in view of the tremendous amount of new work that yet remains to be done this programme cannot be carried into effect for some time.

The entire staff in the engineering department of the city is now working to its full capacity, and in view of the many large projects in hand and the manner in which applications for further civic improvement are pouring in,

being assigned to specific work by Mr. Topp.
The work of drawing new plans for the regrading of Spring Ridge in the vicinity of the gravel pits is in progress, and Mr. Topp hopes to have another report ready in a few days.

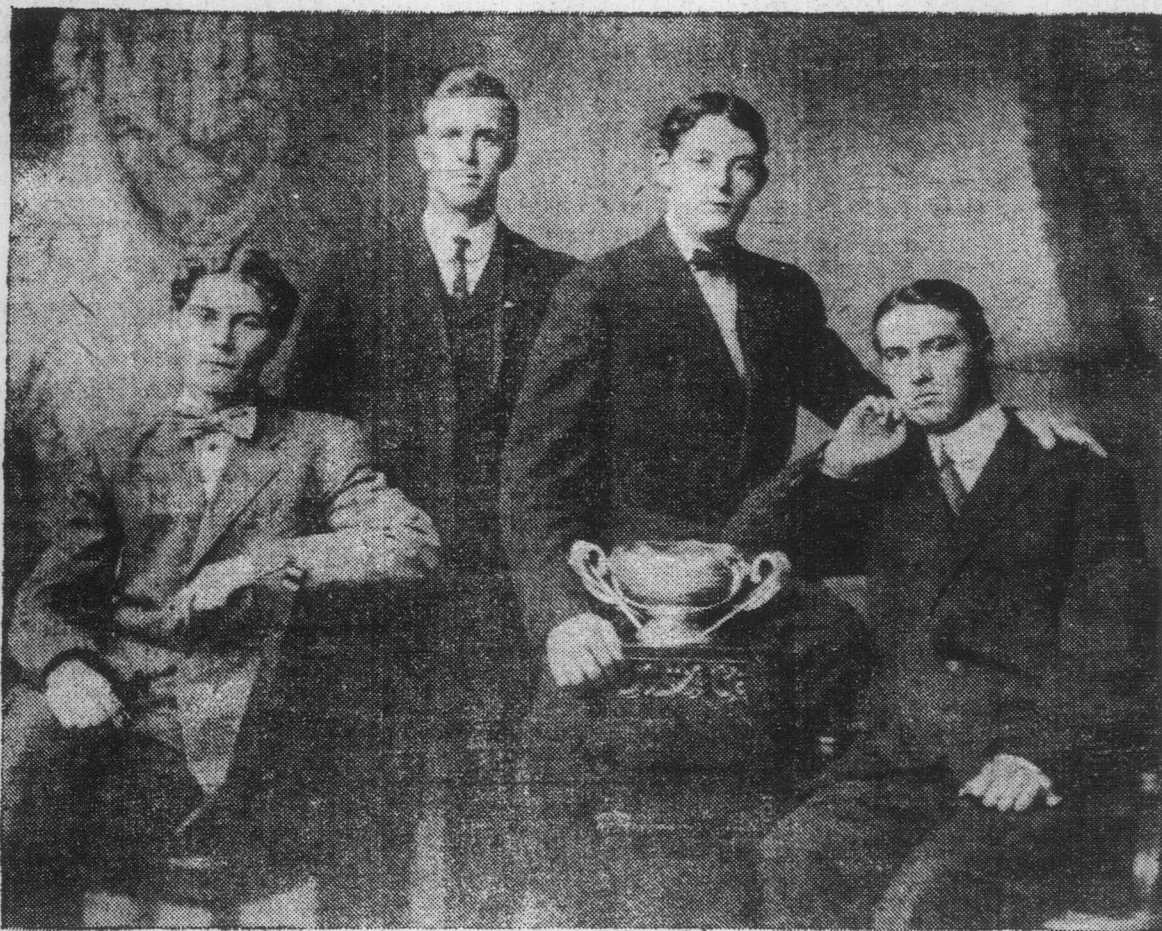
THANKS TO THOSE
WHO HELPED CHARITY

Success Attended Entertainment
Given at Aged
Women's Home.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The entertainment given at the Aged Women's Home last week proved to be very successful, financially and otherwise. The different apartments were most artistically decorated with a profusion of lovely autumn flowers. A beautiful bouquet was also provided for the twenty-three bedrooms now occupied at the home. This work was done by Mrs. McTavish and Mrs. W. R. Higgins, assisted by Miss Dorothy McTavish and Miss Ollie Wilson. The candy tables were looked after by Miss Gill and Miss L. Vaughn. The ice cream by Mrs. S. Leiser and her daughters and Miss Goodacre. The tea was served by Miss O. Wilson, Miss Helmecken, Miss Smith, the Mesdames Burris and Miss D. McTavish, and was

vin, cake; Mrs. H. E. Levy, cake; Mrs. Richards, cake; Mrs. Lutz, box peaches; Mrs. J. D. Helmecken, cake; Bakeries, Ltd., 20 loaves bread; Mrs. Geo. Powell, cash; Popham Bros., candy; Mr. D. B. Campbell, candy; Windsor Grocery, Ceylon tea; R. 2, Rithet & Co., tea; Mrs. H. G. Wilson, candy; Mrs. Shotbolt, tea; Mrs. Sylvester, cake; Mrs. J. Morris, cake; A. Friend, 50c; Mrs. Stone, 50c; A. Friend, buns; Mrs. H. Croft, flowers; Flewin's Nursery, flowers; Mrs. Rome, cake; Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, 6 loaves brown bread; Mrs. J. Whitely, Miss Gelselmann, candy; Royal Dairy, ice cream; Mr. Steve Jones, ice cream; Mrs. S. Leiser, candy, cakes and sherbert; Mrs. Florence, cake; Mrs. Langley, cake and cash; Mrs. Wm. Cameron, cash; Miss Cowper, cash; Mrs. Dorman, candy; Mrs. A. E. Smith, candy; Mrs. E. J. S. Morley, cash; A. Friend, cash; Mrs. Glover, cake; Mrs. Munsie, cash; \$2.50; Miss Ward, shawl, stockings and tea; Mrs. Harvey, cash; \$1; Mrs. A. Lee, cake and sugar; Mrs. Glover, cash; Hon. J. S. Helmecken, cash; \$2.50; Mrs. Duff, cash; \$1; Mrs. E. B. McKay, tea; Mrs. McRae, short bread; Miss Murray (Sooke) cash; Mrs. Waitt, 2 pair flannellette blankets; Mrs. Conyers, cake; Mr. H. Pollard, cash; \$1; Mrs. Scowcroft, cash; \$1; Mrs. C. E. Todd, cash; \$5; Miss Savory and Miss Alle Taylor flowers; Mrs. Jas. Flett, cash.
While at the home on Wednesday Mrs. H. D. Helmecken also kindly offered to furnish a room in the near future.

Mrs. S. M. Bowron has gone to Kamloops on a visit to her friends.



WINNERS OF FLUMERFELT CUP.

J. B. A. A. club four which captured coveted trophy this year. They are, reading from left to right—Frank L. Sweeney (stroke), Oscar F. Sommer, P. Lawson (bow), J. A. Sweeney.

There is no sign of an early abatement of the rush of work in hand.
At present there are employed by the city engineer's department in various works underway throughout the city no less than 700 men, and this big staff will be employed as long as the fine weather lasts.

No less a sum than \$150,000 is being expended in one work of local improvement alone—the putting down of surface drains in various sections of the city. This job has been in progress all summer, and if the weather holds good it will likely be completed within a month. The districts being dealt with are the Fairfield estate and the streets running through that section; Fernwood road through to Speed avenue, and a large section in Victoria West.

The local improvement work in progress on Quadra street is also one of the biggest jobs of the kind ever tackled by the engineering staff of the city. This consists of macadamizing and putting down permanent sidewalks the whole length of that thoroughfare, from Humboldt street to Hillside avenue, nearly a mile. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000, and if the lateral connections go in at the same time the figure will be higher.

James Bryson, the new assistant engineer, formally assumed his duties this morning. He will spend several days inspecting the various works in progress throughout the city before

superintended by Mrs. Crimp, Mrs. McTavish and Mrs. Carme.
In the evening a delightful programme arranged for by Miss Scowcroft, was rendered by the following: Miss Scowcroft, vocal solo; Mr. R. Morrison, vocal solo; Mrs. Gleason, elocutionary numbers; Mr. J. G. Brown, vocal solos; the Misses Scowcroft, duet; Miss Scowcroft and Mr. Jesse Longfield, violin duet. The audience were delighted (and none more so than the aged inmates). An encore was demanded from each performer. The violin music, too, was much appreciated. This as well as the piano used was kindly loaned by Mr. Herbert Kent of M. W. Waitt & Co.

The net results of the function will be about \$115. The following donors are gratefully thanked by the management and also by the inmates: Health Bakery, cakes; J. C. Darling, cakes; Woman's Bakery, cake; Mrs. Hartman, cake; Mrs. Nodack, cake; Miss Gill, candy; Mr. W. S. Wed, butter and coffee; Harrison & McDonald, six tins cream; Mrs. Carme, cake; Mrs. Crimp, cake; Stewart & Co. 2 lbs. cooking butter; Mrs. Goodacre, ice cream, cakes, etc.; Mrs. M. E. McTavish, cake; Miss Vaughn, candy; Mrs. F. J. Hall, cash; \$1.50; Mrs. Burns, candy; Mrs. R. E. Burns, cake; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, cash, cake and bell; dinner; Mrs. W. Grant, cash; \$5; Mrs. Walter Chambers, cash; \$20; Mrs. Dougal, cash; \$2; Mrs. Mar-

The films shown at the Victoria theatre this week fully deserve the large and enthusiastic audiences which attend every evening. Mrs. Troup renders two songs most beautifully, and was thoroughly appreciated, as was shown by the repeated encores she received. There is a matinee this afternoon for the children and they should not miss it, because the pictures are a real treat this week. There will be the usual evening performance as well.

The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the following donations for the month of September: Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, magazines and illustrated papers; Mrs. W. Munsie, clothing; Mrs. H. K. Prior, Seattle newspapers; Mrs. Davies, magazines; Mrs. R. Hall, magazines and periodicals; Mrs. D. E. Young, clothing, hats and magazines; A. Friend, clothing and boots; First Congregational church Sunday school, flowers; Standard Stationery Company, magazines; A. Friend, two bottles whiskey; W. P. Allen, London Weekly Dispatch; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; Hibben & Co., magazines; complimentary passes to exhibition, per J. E. Smart, secretary; Times and Colonist, daily papers; Western Clarion, Mining Exchange and B. C. Poultry Gazette.

AT THE SAANICH FAIR.



Display of Grain, Flowers and Vegetables.

GOLD MINING AT SOMBRIO

BIG DAM WASHED
AWAY BY FRESHET

Hydraulic Work Will Be Conducted in Rich Soil.

A few days ago the big dam which was being constructed at the Sombrio river for the Hydraulic Mining Company, which is installing works at that place, was burst by a freshet and is being abandoned altogether. Manager Gallop, who returned from that place on Saturday last on the steamer Tees, intends to adopt some other plan of working, as the danger in building a dam with logs and earth is too great. The great jam of logs was just about ready of ballasting when the river began to rise, and the force of the water swept everything before it. There were no rains in the vicinity, and the freshet came as a great surprise. Even yet the cause of the freshet remains a mystery.

The big hydraulic machinery is already on the ground, it having been taken direct from Seattle, and it is expected that about a month everything will be ready for work. Eleven hundred dollars was lost by the washing away of the dam, but this it is thought will be but a small matter compared with the results which are expected when operations commence.

The workings are supposed to be an old river bed, probably the continuation of the Leach river, where gold is still being washed, and where in former years some very rich sand and gravel was found. Apparently there has been a great upheaval in the neighborhood of the Sombrio river within comparatively recent years, and now the beds of rivers are found a long distance up the sides of the mountains in the most unexpected places, and most of them carry gold.

At Sombrio the gravel and sand averages about 65 cents a yard, and many nuggets worth from 50 cents to a dollar each are taken out. This gold is very fine, and if it continues to hold out, as the prospects indicate, some fortunes will be made there. A large number of holes have been sunk, and all give rich results. The only difficulty is in the fact that the soil where the gold is found is all grown over with big trees, and the roots have found their way right through the gravel, to a large extent obstructing the work.

D. W. Hanbury, of the London & Vancouver Bakery, is financing the mining operations.

QUARTERLY RALLY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Interesting Programme is Arranged, Dealing With Convention.

(From Monday's Daily.)
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ALLEGES VIOLATION OF STEAMBOAT LAWS

Vessels Plying From Seattle Will Have Cases Investigated.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 2.—The United States steamboat inspectors will next week consider charges brought by the Seattle Harbor Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association that six vessels operated by the Puget Sound Navigation

specified in their certificates by having one licensed mate.

In addition to the matter of licensed officers the local harbor association alleges that on some of the steamers the men are worked longer than the law allows, and they will seek to prove this charge not only with regard to some of these steamers but also on a number of the steam craft plying between Seattle and San Francisco.

GRAND TRUNK STATEMENT.

London, Oct. 1.—The Grand Trunk August statement shows that the gross receipts of the Grand Trunk proper increased £25,000. The working expenses increased £27,000, Canada Atlantic net profits decreased £200. Grand Trunk West-

AT THE SAANICH FAIR.



Exhibit of Excellent Indian Corn.

church next Wednesday evening, October 6th. The annual reports of the officers will be given and the officers for the ensuing year elected. The principal topic of the evening will be "Echoes of the St. Paul Convention," and addresses will be given by delegates from British Columbia who were in attendance at that convention.

D. J. McPhail, of Vancouver, will speak on the evangelistic work of the convention; D. E. Disher, of Vancouver, will speak on "Good Citizenship"; F. A. Cleland, also of Vancouver, on "General Impressions of the Convention," and Rev. H. A. Carson, of this city, on "The Convention as a Promoter of Christian Unity." There will be a programme of music, the most interesting item of which will be a quartette, "The Way of the Cross Leads to Home," sung by the Misses Scowcroft and Messrs. Collins and Hounslow. This hymn was the favorite with the large convention at St. Paul, and is found in the new hymn book published for the convention, entitled "Jubilant Praise."

The rally promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in the city.

CHEESE TOASTED.

Hastings, Ont., Oct. 2.—The Ormonde cheese factory was destroyed by fire yesterday with a loss of about \$7,000, and insurance of \$4,500.

J. N. Gray has awarded the contract for a residence to be built on Monterey avenue, to D. H. Bale.

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