PLANATION OF ERNMENT MEASURE

rpretation of Order-in-il for Benefit of Pro-incial Hospitals

er-in-council passed by the government requiring that als receiving aid from the ation, should provide ac-ion for the treatment of tu-patients has given rise to le misapprehension. Since uction of the regulation Dr. heard from the majority of itutions in British Columbia want to know just what is hat they will be expected to ch patients, and other infor-elative to the treatment of

to these queries he has writ-them that he interprets the as meaning that hospitals, e partly supported by the nt, will be required to make ents to take in from two consumptives should they be to do so. He explains the very clearly, pointing out resent those who are in the stages of this disease have to go. Many of them are of large families and must their homes, in a helpless and a menace to their rela-friends. With provision for ption at the hospitals of the which they may be resid-could be properly taken care he end and always be close riends.

r. Fagan stated, was the ob-he government measure. As it would complete the cir-he Anti-Tuberculosis associ-provided for the incipient far as possible in the estab-of a sanitorium. Now, those so far gone that hope had who could not be benefitted ent at the Tranquille insti-uld be able to obtain all the and comforts necessary eing obliged to endanger the those nearest and dearest

NG FIGURES GROW

Far This Month Over Eighty-Six Thousand Dollar Mark

date this month building per-n aggregate value of $86,150 n issued by the building in-Yesterday's applications for welled the total to the extent 0, the permits for the new Girls' Rescue home, which will 000, and that for two dwell-e erected by R. Heathering-cost of $3,800, on Johnson ing issued. It is not expected ll will come up to the March when the total value of the for which permits were is-$110,000.

LES BROWN FINED OR CARRYING GROUSE

tionality of Game Laws At-ked By Counsel for the Defence

s Brown, of Shawnigan lake, $25 yesterday for having two n his possession contrary to me laws of the province. The gan last week, when W. J. ame warden for the E. & N., to having met Brown coming track with a gun and a sack. contained two blue grouse, e said yesterday, looked as if been killed the day before was arrested. Brown's story t the gun had been left at k by Mrs. Jacobson, to whom previously sold it, with a note him to repair it. This he had was returning the gun when with the game warden. He said sack was beside the gun and had never looked to see what ide, but thought it belonged gun.

day J. S. McGeary, foreman hawnigan Lake Lumber com-stified to seeing a stranger about that part on the day in and Mrs. Jacobson corrobor-own's statement of her having gun for him to repair.

e defense S. Perry Mills, K.C., e court to believe his client's d further urged that the game e ultra vires of the provincial re as establishing a criminal repugnant to the criminal or the prosecution, H. H. scouted the idea that a man ick up a sack unasked and mile with it without looking

nor shared Mr. Shandley's the facts, and did not feel to rule on the constitutional Stay of execution was for fifteen days to allow of an appeal.

Henning Won at Pool.

ool match played at Rendell's Henning, of Seattle, and Men-Victoria, resulted in a win for , 150-103.

evening the game will be be-Henning and McQuarrie, the city champion.

afternoon and evening after e Mr. Henning will give ex-showing many difficult and hots as used by the leading erts of the country.

Auto Chug-Chugs.

f the best methods of saving xpenses is to pick the best road car.

"smoke" indicates too much to the amount of air in the ter; blue smoke indicates too linder oil.

use emery cloth to clean the the spark plug or the porce-if roughens it, making sooting easier. Use an old tooth brush notor does not start by turning two or three times one should that the switch is on and that buretter is properly primed for

l care should be taken in fill-se cups to remove mud which e splashed upon them; other-grit is likely to find its way injure the bearings.

is court has sentenced to six imprisonment the chauffeur ally injured Mme. Lamber, wife rchitect of Versailles palace, and ered the owner of the car to pay ower an annuity of $240 dur-remainder of his life.

sions in the muffler of a multi-car are caused by the cylin-ing irregularly. The unexploded ge passes through the exhaust o the muffler and is ignited the heat of the next explosion. ften a poor spark caused by a torage battery is the cause of able.

AGENT GENERAL'S REPORT RECEIVED

Increased Usefulness of Office Shown by Work of 1907

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The report of Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general of British Columbia in London for 1907, has been received by the premier. The report deals with the increased work of the office and to the wider publicity which British Columbia is receiving in Great Britain. The increased demands placed upon the agent-general have necessitated increased office room. A recommendation with regard to this is contained in the report. In full, it reads as follows:

The Report.

The Hon. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, Victoria.

Sir—The year 1907 was a very important one in the history of British Columbia, and an eventful one in the history of this office. Owing to the great amount of information through lectures, literature and interviews that has been disseminated over Great Britain and Ireland and other parts of the Empire, as well as foreign countries, respecting British Columbia, there has arisen an enormously increased correspondence and an equal increase of callers at the office of the agent-general, seeking for more information and advice on everything relating to emigration and to settlement in the province. The result is that it is becoming better known than any other part of the Dominion, and opinion is rapidly growing that Canada is the best colony of Britain, and British Columbia the best part of Canada.

Many Enquiries.

The majority of enquiries, either personally or by letter, are from those desirous of taking up agriculture in some form, and especially fruit-growing. As a rule, I strongly advise that only those with money enough at least to keep them a few months after arriving, should think of emigrating, and almost all who desire to make the venture have from $500 to $5,000, and quite a number with considerably more, running to several thousands of dollars. A party of three or four with some $175,000 capital are now arranging to go out with a view to settlement. There has also been a certain amount of enquiry from miners, fishermen and others, as well as nurses and domestic servants. Many are, however, prevented from going out owing to the cost of the journey.

Increased Business.

The large increase in the business of the office is clearly shown by the following figures:

	1905.	1907.
Letters received, about	4,320	7,500
Letters written, about	4,000	7,500
Postal packages of 1 to 10 pamphlets, about	1,750	2,500
Express packages, containing 250 to 500 pamphlets, about	20,000	69,000
Callers at office, about	3,000	5,000

No actual record of the number that went out in 1907 with the intention of settling in British Columbia can be had, but from all the information obtainable on the subject from railway and steamboat agencies, it must have amounted to many hundreds in all, and the agents agree that the very pick of the emigrants are for British Columbia. Many plans have been devised by philanthropists and political economists for assisting the right sort of emigrants to our shores. Among them that of the Salvation Army, the Central emigration board, the Church Army, and Mr. Close's proposals for founding farm house homes for young children so as to have the children brought up among colonial surroundings, and carefully taught such useful occupations that when old enough they may be able to provide for themselves. The charges for emigration of children and upkeep of the homes are to be defrayed from funds provided in Great Britain. A similar plan has been carried out in New Brunswick, and I am informed, with most satisfactory results.

Fruit Exhibits

The government arrangement for annually sending fruit for exhibition in Britain is most advantageous, serving exactly to demonstrate the suitability of the province for agriculture and horticulture which is just now over here the most attractive form of industry for prospective settlers. Great credit is due to Mr. Palmer for the admirable manner the shows were arranged, and to Mr. Burrell for his co-operation in the work and for the many able lectures he had delivered through the country, his last being at Clerkenwell on the 18th inst. He had previously lectured at Monmouth, Hereford, Chew Magna, Wye Agricultural college, Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Bournemouth, Reading, Sheffield, Southampton and in London at London institute, St. Peters schools, Belgrave square and Clerkenwell.

The usefulness of these annual shows of our fruit in Britain has now been thoroughly demonstrated. They have drawn the attention of all classes to the productiveness of the province and have especially attracted the notice of the press in all parts of the country. It may perhaps not be generally remembered in our province that these shows have now been going on yearly since September, 1903, and that every year, medals have been won by the British Columbia fruit. In 1903, owing to some misapprehension, bottled fruits were sent, which, however, the Royal Horticultural society agreed to exhibit, and a bronze medal was awarded to the agent general as a recognition of its being the first show of Colonial fruit at public exhibitions in England. The Royal Horticultural society then decided to make arrangements for regular colonial fruit shows and have kept up ever since.

In 1904 two Royal Horticultural society gold medals were won and yearly since then the province has carried off this, the highest award, and in addition, individual exhibitors have earned silver and bronze medals; in 1907 the winners being:

T. Earl.....Lytton
Stirling & Pitcairn.....Kelowna
Mrs. J. Smith.....Spences Bridge
J. R. Brown.....Summerland
Fruit Growers.....Nelson
Oscar Brown & Co.....Vernon
A. Unsworth.....Chilliwack
Fruit Growers.....Kalos
J. A. Ritchie.....Summerland
Fruit Growers.....Grand Forks
F. R. Gartrell.....Summerland
Fruit Growers.....Salmon Arm

The provincial exhibit has yearly improved in quality and packing until 1907, when it was pronounced by judges as the best show of apples ever made here.

Many Visitors From Province

A very large number of British Columbians crossed to Europe in 1907 and great satisfaction was expressed on all sides, that you as premier were able to visit the Metropolis and accomplish your very important business. You were then enabled to see something of the working of this agency, and you no doubt fully understand how desirable it is that more commodious rooms should be provided for the greatly increased and increasing business.

In September last I laid before the government a proposition from a London syndicate, whose plan was to erect a very magnificent building on a site near the Law Courts, commodious enough to provide exceedingly handsome rooms for the high commissioners and our other Dominion officers, and also similar offices for all the provinces of the Dominion in the event of all appointing agents-general, which is generally considered very advisable. This scheme has unfortunately been dropped, I am recently informed, owing largely to the great cost for the rent of the land, some £55,000 demanded by the London county council. There is, however, another plan for a somewhat less costly set of offices now being got up, and with this in view it would be of advantage if I were authorized to make a temporary change into larger rooms in Salisbury House for the present, which would entail an increase of rent of about £100 a year.

My visit to my old home in 1907 at the request of the government, proved a most delightful and beneficial change for me and was at the same time most instructive, enabling me to personally see and realize the great advance in the development and prosperity of the province made since I left in 1901 to take up the work of this office. And the great hospitality and genuine kindness extended to me in all parts of the province by all the people will always be a delightful memory to me.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) J. H. TURNER,
Agent General for British Columbia.

C. P. R. WILL BUY TWO STEAMERS

Arthur Piers, Now in Liverpool Reported to Be Making Negotiations

It is reported that Arthur Piers, superintendent of the C. P. R. steamship service at Liverpool, is negotiating for the purchase of two steamers which will be used, it is understood, to replace the chartered steamers Lennox and Glenfarg, the former of which reached port yesterday from Hongkong and way ports. No arrangements have yet been made, as far as can be learned, for the construction of the two new Empress liners which are to be built, according to the plans recently formulated, for the Atlantic service, while the Empress of Ireland and Empress of Britain are to be removed to the Pacific trade between this port and Hongkong. Plans were prepared some time ago for these vessels, which are to be about 2,000 tons smaller than the Atlantic Empresses now in use, but faster. The Lennox and Glenfarg are two freighters which were taken under time charter by the C. P. R. to replace the steamers Tartar and Athenian, which were sold to Japanese last year, pending the purchase of more suitable vessels.

The beginning, next month, of the direct transpacific service of the French round-the-world line of the Chargeurs Reunis, which will give a 45-day service, alternating with the C. P. R. steamers on the Pacific, under traffic arrangements with the C. P. R., will also improve the Canadian company's service. Commenting on this addition to the Canadian transpacific service, Alex. McLean, trade agent at Yokohama, in his last report says: "The Canadian Pacific fleet of six ships was for some time reduced to four, giving only a monthly mail service direct between Vancouver and the Orient. Lately this company have added to their fleet the steamers Lennox and Glenfarg, which take the place of the Tartar and Athenian, and thus restore the fleet to its former strength and frequency of service. The intervening of the liners of the Chargeurs Reunis will give the Vancouver and Oriental route the frequency and efficiency of service something like what it is entitled to. It is probable that this will be the arrangement until the new and faster Empresses said to be projected by the company put in their appearance."

American Register.

Under the head of transpacific freight and passenger service, the report from Alex. McLean, the Canadian trade agent at Yokohama, says:

"Current shipping news gives weight to the revived report that the Boston Steamship company is about to make a sale, this time to the United States government for use in the Isthmian transport service, of the steamers Tremont and Shawmut, now operated in the Northern Pacific railway service between Tacoma and the Orient. The Seattle agents of the Boston Steamship company are given as authority for the report that the offer has been made in line with the effort the company is making to dispose of all its vessels of American register for the reason that it is unprofitable to operate vessels flying the United States flag in the Pacific trade. About a year ago the Boston Towboat company withdrew the steamers Pleiades, Hyades and Lyra, replacing them in the Oriental service with the British register ships Suveric and Kumeric. As soon as the Tremont and Shawmut are sold, the report says, they will be replaced by British vessels which are now building in England. However, it is to be remarked that this report, in one form or another, is recurrent. Its revival has significant coincidence with the sittings of congress at Washington, where the lobby is said to be familiar with the exigencies of the transpacific lines under the United States flag. The Canadian Pacific, the Blue Funnel line, the Chargeurs Reunis, the Osaka Shosen kaisha and other leading lines are adding largely in number and in tonnage to their fleets; and the inquiry is: 'What is the matter with the American flag?' Nobody believes that the ships carrying the American flag are being run at a loss, but that they are being run at a less profit than their competitors cannot be doubted. The reason why is an economic question that unfortunately has become a political one as well, but only the wilfully and interestedly blind will fail to see what, in this case, is the matter with the American flag.

CIGAR FACTORY IS ESTABLISHED HERE

New and Important Business Transferred From Kamloops to Victoria

(From Wednesday's Daily)

A new and important enterprise has been established in Victoria. It is a cigar factory and is known as the Morena Cigar Co. This concern until recently, was operated in Kamloops where it was called the Inland Cigar Manufacturing company. Owing to the advantages the coast offers from a shipping standpoint and because of the advancement and bright future of Victoria the directorate decided to move to this city. Quarters have been secured above Pither & Leiser's old store, Yates street.

G. A. Brothwick, the manager, when seen yesterday stated that he had twenty-seven hands employed and that the force would be materially augmented in the near future. It was explained that the tobacco which is used in making the Moreno cigar is brought direct from Cuba, a representative there having been specially retained to do the purchasing. At present, the company's daily output is 4,000 cigars. Even at this rate it is difficult, he affirms, to keep up with business. Orders are coming in so rapidly that it will take weeks to meet the requirements of their customers.

The principal market for the Moreno cigar is found in the interior of the province, especially throughout the Kootenay and Cariboo districts. However it is by no means confined to these sections, shipments being sent as far east as Winnipeg. By enlarging his staff and increasing the facilities for manufacture Mr. Brothwick is confident that, with Victoria for his headquarters, he will be able to broaden the scope of his business materially.

Nelson Chief of Police

Nelson, B. C., April 21.—Chief of Police Carroll has been dismissed from the force for reasons which are not disclosed, but which he himself confesses to have been "highly reprehensible conduct."

Laundry Men Prosecuted

New Westminster, April 21.—Tom Lung and A. Lee, the Chinese proprietors of a new laundry recently erected in Sapperton, appeared in the police court this morning on a charge of operating a laundry within prohibited limits.

Accused of Burglary

New Westminster, April 21.—The residence of Finlay Stewart, Columbia street, near the British Columbia penitentiary, was broken into last night and ransacked for valuables. Arthur Garnet was arrested this morning as a suspect. It is unknown at present whether anything valuable was taken, as Mr. Stewart's home was unoccupied at the time; but a strange man was seen prowling through the house by the neighbors soon after midnight, and the police were informed and Garnet afterwards arrested.

DISTRIBUTOR LAUNCHED YESTERDAY MORNING

New Vessel Built for Grand Trunk Service on the Skeena River in the Water

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Early yesterday morning, soon after sunrise, the new sternwheel steamer Distributor, built by Alex Watson for the Grand Trunk Pacific service on the Skeena river, a duplicate of the steamer Port Simpson with the exception of the lack of passenger accommodation, was launched at the Graham Lumber company's yards. Mrs. S. B. Johnson, wife of Capt. Johnson, who will have command of the steamer, broke the bottle of champagne over the bow of the new steamer as it left the ways. The hull will be towed to the inner harbor to await the arrival of her machinery which has reached New Westminster from the shops of the Polson Iron works of Toronto. It is expected the steamer will be completed, ready to go north by June 1. There was a small band of enthusiasts present at the launching which took place at 5 a.m., including G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the G. T. P. and Mrs. McNicholl, Alex Watson, the builder, and others.

FOR THE WEST COAST

Government Steamer Quadra Left Yesterday With Big Cargo For Many Points

Taking a knock-down cottage ready to be put together at Pachena for use of the wireless telegraph station staff, the lantern and apparatus to be installed at the new tower recently built at Pachena, stores and supplies for Carmanah, Cape Beale and Lennard island, the government steamer Quadra left port yesterday morning for the west coast. As passengers the steamer had Mr. Hughes, the wireless expert of the Dominion government, and a party of carpenters bound to Pachena to erect the cottage taken for the wireless station staff. Mr. Collinson and a party of four men went to Pachena to install the fine lantern brought from Birmingham, England, where it cost $35,000, for the new lighthouse which is to be the most powerful on this coast. It will be ready for service by July 1.

STEAMER BRAEMONT IS CHARTERED FOR NORTH

Will Run to Northern Ports for Five Months—Steamer Nederland is Fixed

The British steamer Braemont, formerly the Corby Castle, which left Newport News on February 12 for San Francisco with coal for the United States navy has been chartered for five months' service between British Columbia ports and Alaska and northern British Columbia, presumably by the Mackenzie Steamship company. The charterers are paying £875 per month for the British steamer, which is a vessel of 2,297 tons. It was reported some time ago that the Mackenzie Steamship company was negotiating for a British vessel for the northern trade, but whether the Vancouver company is the charterer of the Braemont cannot be learned here. The steamer Thordis, a Norwegian vessel, which is now trading to northern British Columbia ports and Skagway for the Mackenzie Steamship company, is costing the Vancouver company £700 per month. It has not yet been decided whether the steamer Transit, now lying disengaged at Nanaimo, will also be used in the northern trade.

Another charter recently reported is that of the steamer Nederland bring coal from the Atlantic coast to San Francisco for the United States navy, which has been fixed for one voyage from Puget Sound ports and San Francisco to the west coast of South America, presumably by W. R. Grace & Co. The charter provides for the delivery of the steamer Nederland at Comox where she will go to coal and the redelivery of the vessel at the coal port on her return from South America.

TUG MARION COMING

American Tugboat Bought for Local Fleet Expected Here Tomorrow From Ketchikan

The tug Marion, which was purchased by Messrs. J. H. Greer and S. R. Newton, of this city, to be added to the Greer fleet of red-stacked tugboats, left Ketchikan on Monday in charge of Capt. D. B. Scoular, who was sent north together with a crew to man the tug. The latest addition to the local tugboat fleet is expected to arrive here tomorrow. She is an American vessel. Duty will be paid on her at the local customs house, and the Marion will be added to the tugs registered at the port of Victoria.

Chester, Street Car Strike

Chester, Pa., April 21.—Carrying no passengers, cars manned by non-union men are running today on all of the lines of the Chester Traction Company, the employees of which have been on strike for more than a week. The cars are not accompanied by delegates of the state police, as the strikers and their sympathizers are not molesting the crews. The strikers are advocating a boycott, and some of them have horse carriages in operation in competition with the company.

ELABORATE SCHEME FOR FRASER RIVER

Plans Adopted Involve Expenditure of Million and a Quarter

New Westminster, April 20.—The plans for the improvement of New Westminster harbor and the ship channel from this city to the mouth of the Fraser river provide for a thorough and complete scheme for the accommodation of the largest ships afloat, and any vessel of twenty-five feet draught will be able to enter or depart from this port even at extreme low water.

The plans as adopted will require the expenditure of a million and a quarter dollars before the work is completed, and the appropriation for the next year will be over $600,000. Part of this amount will be used for the building of a large deep water dredge which can work in rough weather, and which will cost approximately $300,000, $200,000 will be for the building of a jetty nearly three miles long to protect the entrance at the mouth of the river, and $110,000 will be used for dredging. This is as much as it is expected can be accomplished in the next year, but the work will be carried right on and a great deal of work will be done during the following year in dredging to straighten the channel, and it is expected that another large appropriation will be passed for this work.

In addition to the improvements mentioned, the plans include a great deal of work at various points along the channel from the mouth of the river to a point opposite the big sawmills just above the city. The greater portion of the channel is deep enough now for all requirements but there are several bars where cuts will be made and jetties and wing dams will be put in to make the water keep a deeper channel, and these will be straightened out and it is this work that will keep the plant of the Department of Public Works employed for several years, and a large appropriation will be required for it.

FINAL TRIBUTES TO LATE JUSTICE DRAKE

Government, Bench and Bar Represented at Obsequies of Late Pioneer

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The funeral of the late Hon. Mr. Justice M. W. Tyrwhitt Drake took place yesterday afternoon from the residence on Pleasant street, Point Ellice, to St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, and thence to Ross Bay cemetery. The service was conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and the Rev. R. Connell. The choir was in attendance and a choral service rendered, Mr. Andrews, presiding at the organ. The hymns "Lead Kindly Light" and "On the Resurrection Morning" were sung by the choir. Among those in attendance were Hon. Richard McBride, premier, Hon. Capt. Tatlow, finance minister and Hon. D. M. Eberts, speaker, representing the provincial government and legislature; Mr. Justice Martin, the only member of the local bench now in Victoria, attended on behalf of the bench; the law society was represented by Messrs. E. V. Bodwell, K. C; C. E. Pooley, K. C.; H. D. Helmcken, K. C.; Judges Harrison and Lampman of the county court, a deputation from the local branch of the Navy League of which the late Mr. Justice Drake was vice-president, and other members of the bar and local bodies. There were very many floral tokens of beautiful design in evidence.

The only son of the late Hon. Mr. Drake, Brian Tyrwhitt Drake and the daughters of the family, Miss Drake, Mrs. Bridgman and Mrs. Crease, the surviving members of the family in Victoria attended the church. Another daughter, Mrs. Barnardiston, resides in England.

The pallbearers were W. F. Bullen, F. O. Reilly, A. J. O'Reilly, J. Musgrave, C. A. Holland, W. H. Langley.

Mr. Newton's Residence

The contract for a fine residence for Mr. S. R. Newton at Oak Bay has been let to the Pacific Building and Contracting company.

BIG APPROPRIATION FOR E. & N. RAILWAY

One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars for Road-bed Improvements

(From Wednesday's Daily)

One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars will be spent this summer in improving and modernizing the seventy-eight miles of roadbed of the E. & N. railway between here and Nanaimo and this work will start at once and be rushed to completion as fast as possible. This is the important announcement that was made yesterday morning by one of the prominent officials of the E. & N. railway.

The policy of improvement that has been adopted this season will be in keeping with the progressive forward movement that the C.P.R. management has inaugurated in connection with the lines of the company on Vancouver Island and will furnish employment to large gangs of workmen and assist in making the road one of the best on the continent.

"It had to come," was the way this official put it in referring to the company's action in improving the E. & N. system, "the flourishing condition of the island and the many unprecedented demands that are being made on the present service of the system make it obligatory that the line should be improved in every particular."

It was announced yesterday that in the estimates that had been approved by the president of the company, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, in the large appropriations that had been brought down for the present year and passed by the board of directors of the C.P.R. was the item containing the appropriation of $125,000 for this part of the system.

Improve Road Bed.

The greater part of this outlay will be expended upon the improvement of the roadbed and particularly upon that part of the line where wooden structures are used in crossing streams the intention being to replace these with permanent steel structures. The larger part of this improvement will take place at the other end of the line and most of it between Ladysmith and Nanaimo although much work will be done in building new bridges across the Chemainus and Cowichan rivers.

On this part of the work new stone piers will be built and steel bridges will supplant the present wooden structures. Then about a mile on this side of Ladysmith the present obsolete crib work will be torn down and replaced by a large arch to cross the stream that flows into Oyster Bay at this point.

The replacing of the old wooden bridges by the modern ones will only be made this year where the bridges are found to be most in want of repair and those that have lately been constructed will be the last ones on the line to be removed.

Another important move that the company has decided to make will be in the building of new fences along the line and in this matter it is stated that not less than forty miles of new fencing will be constructed during the season. For this improvement alone some $20,000 has been submitted and approved by the directorate. This fencing will be used this season where the country is most settled and where any stock is kept by the settlers in the vicinity. It is understood however that the company will eventually fence in the entire length of the road although it will be impossible to do all of this work during the present summer.

The rock that will be required in the consummation of this work especially in building bridges for the piers will be obtained from the Koksilah quarry and the masonry gangs that are at present employed on the road will probably be augmented by the addition of laborers and other gangs of experienced workers. In fact a large gang was brought over from the Mainland only a few days ago which will make three outfits that are at present ready to take hold of the work. Each of these gangs has from 12 to 15 men in its ranks and the quarry gang has another twelve.

The only work that will be attempted near this city will be that on the Cobble Hill bridge where a new steel structure will supplant the present wooden one. This bridge is about 31 miles from Victoria.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GOWARD

Attendance at Obsequies of Late Lady Was Large

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. T. Goward took place yesterday morning from the family residence, 2540 Mt. Pleasant street, Oak Bay. The cortage proceeded to Christ church cathedral where services were conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven assisted by Rev. Canon Beanlands. A large number of friends of the late lady were present and as a mark of respect to the wife of the manager some thirty-four employes of the British Columbia Electric company attended spontaneously.

The surpliced choir of which Mr. Goward is a member, was in attendance and the hymns "Abide With Me" and "On the Resurrection Morning" sung.

The pallbearers were: Judge Lampman, W. H. Langley, C. W. Rhodes, George Phillips, F. H. Russell and T. S. Gore.

JUMPS FROM STEAMER

Charles Best of Vancouver Plunges From Rail of Queen City While Crossing Gulf

Vancouver, April 20.—Somewhere in the waters of the gulf the body of Charles Best is floating as the result of a determined suicide last night.

The steamer Queen City left yesterday for Comox, Union and other island ports, and among the passengers was C. Best.

When the vessel was off Point Grey, this man climbed on the rail, and without saying anything deliberately jumped overboard, to the consternation of his fellow passengers, who did not realize his intentions until it was too late to attempt to stop him.

The engines were immediately rung off and the helm put over and the Queen City swung round in a circle while the boat's crew was called and a lifeboat lowered.

It was quite dark, and nothing could be seen of the suicide, although the boat pulled round for an hour and blue lights were burned. Eventually the engines were rung on and the Queen City made for Nanaimo, where she reported the occurrence, news of which was brought to Vancouver this morning by the steamer Charmer.

CAPT BEBBINGTON RETIRED

Marine Department Authorizes Pilotage Board to Discharge Local Pilot

The marine department at Ottawa has notified the local pilotage authority to retire Capt. J. Bebbington and he has been notified that his services as a pilot are no longer required. The grounds for the action by the government are based upon complaints stated to have been made by the local agent of one of the trans-Pacific lines, who stated that captains of his steamers were averse to employing Capt. Bebbington. An investigation was held some months ago and the complaints were withdrawn. Nothing further was heard until the notification arrived retiring the pilot. No action has yet been taken with regard to the appointment of a successor.

New Westminster Deaths

New Westminster, April 21.—The funeral of the late Duncan Robertson, of Vancouver, whose death occurred in this city on Saturday, was held this afternoon to the Mountain View cemetery, Vancouver. E. Holt, a painter, died in St. Mary's hospital on Sunday from diptheria. The deceased was a young man, and was a well known resident of Central Park, where several sisters reside. The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Bryson took place yesterday and was largely attended. The deceased was the mother of J. S. Bryson, a well known hardware merchant and was eighty years of age.

Fire Panic in Hospital.

Ottawa, April 21.—Only perfect discipline prevented a panic when fire broke out in the Protestant general hospital this afternoon. The roof of the west wing was in a blaze when discovered, but prompt action by the attendants quelled the patients' fears until the fire was extinguished.

NURSES' HOME FOR JUBILEE HOSPITAL

Architect Instructed to Prepare Plans By Board of Directors

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The provincial Jubilee Hospital will have a Nurses' Home. It was decided at a meeting of the board of directors held on Monday evening at the board of trade rooms. Architect Keith was instructed to proceed with the working plans and specifications and as soon as these are submitted a force will be employed and the undertaking pushed forward as expeditiously as possible. President F. B. Pemberton occupied the chair and among those present were Mrs. Rhodes, E. A. Lewis, J. W. Bolden, R. E. Brett, Alex. Wilson and H. E. Newton.

After dealing with a number of minor matters the selection of a site for the Nurses' Home was discussed. While there was considerable divergence of opinion as to where the new building should be placed it was agreed, finally, to utilize for the purpose that part of the hospital grounds bounded by the east fence and close to Cadboro Bay road. This it is thought is the most convenient. It will be but a few steps from the portals of the home to the hospital proper. Although no minute description of the building is available yet it is understood that nothing will be omitted that is necessary for the comfort of those who will spend most of their "off duty" hours there. It will have upwards of thirty-five rooms and all will be well furnished and commodious.

Another improvement decided on was the construction of a "sun room" in connection with the Children's ward. The plans were submitted and approved. As the members of the ladies auxiliary of the hospital have this in hand they will be informed that the project may be started forthwith. It is hoped that this necessary accessory to the one of the most important wards of the institution will have been completed and in use in the course of a few weeks.

The usual report was submitted by the finance committee recommending the payment of the monthly accounts. This was adopted.

In the absence of Dr. Hazell, the resident physician, a report was read from Dr. Leeder who has taken his position temporarily. It was to the effect that during the last month the total day's stay had been 2,386, the daily average 82, and the total number of patients treated 184. This also das adopted.

Donations were reported by the matron as follows: B. M. Godsal, 25 boxes of oranges and 10 of lemons; Mr. Bell, $10 for the children's ward; Mrs. Byrne, cake and oranges; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, papers and magazines. A vote of thanks to those mentioned was passed unanimously. The meeting, after considering other matters of detail in connection with the hospital, adjourned.

ROYAL CITY INDUSTRIES

Pulp Mill and Pottery and Tile Works Planned By Enterprising Citizens

New Westminster, April 21.—Two new industries are likely to be started near this city soon. They are a pulp mill and a pottery and tile works.

The pulp mill will be established in connection with the British Columbia box factory, if the present plans of Finch Page are carried out.

Ewen Martin of the North road, between this city and Port Moody, has discovered a large deposit of clay on his property in Burnaby, and the samples which have been analyzed have been pronounced excellent for pottery and tile pipe. Mr. Martin is now making arrangements for the starting of a manufacturing plant of tile pipe and brick.

Fire in Michigan Hospital

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 21.—At the hospital at Big Rapids, fire broke out at 2:15 p.m. in the main building, within a short time the fire extended to the wings. Thirty patients were removed, and it is believed that every person has escaped, although the flames traveled so fast that many are seriously injured. The hospital was one of the oldest in Western Michigan, and was the headquarters for the Sisters of Mercy in Western Michigan.

FRUIT OUTPUT WILL DOUBLE IN TWO YEARS

R. M. Palmer and C. P. R. Officials Visit the Okanagan—Their Impressions

In order that R. M. Marpole, general executive assistant of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, and J. Cambie, another prominent C. P. R. official, might obtain by personal investigation an idea of the growth of the fruit industry in the Okanagan, R. M. Palmer, provincial commissioner of horticulture, accompanied them on a tour through the Okanagan district. The party returned on Saturday, after visiting, among other centres, Vernon, Kelowna and Summerland. They were impressed with what they saw and expressed themselves as pleasantly surprised at the great possibilities of the development of that section along the line mentioned.

Mr. Palmer is of the opinion that the fruit output of the part of the Okanagan visited will increase to such an extent during the next two years as to render it necessary to augment the transportation facilities now available. At present the farmers ship their produce by steamer from different points on the lake to the railway. He thinks that this arrangement is quite adequate under the prevailing conditions, but is conident that the crops will be so much larger a couple of seasons hence as to not only warrant but make necessary an improved system for the shipment of the orchard product. When the time comes, he says, the C. P. R. will put car barges on the lake. Thus it will be possible for farmers to load their fruit practically where it is picked and packed and send it off to the various market centres.

Greatly Increased Acreage.

Very few realize, Mr. Palmer says, the possibilities of the development of the industry in British Columbia. He asserts that the exploitation of fruit by the agriculturists of this province was only commenced in earnest about two years ago. Hence the orchards, for the most part, are young, and also on that fact is based his conclusion that the next two seasons will see the output doubled. In that time those planted but lately would come into bearing. In corroboration of his statements, Mr. Palmer quoted statistics. In the Vernon district there were 3,800 acres in fruit. Of this, 600 were actually bearing. Throughout Kelowna the proportion was much the same. At Summerland and Penticton there were over 5,000 acres of orchard land, of which only 10 per cent had contributed to last year's crops. These figures, Mr. Palmer thought, would indicate what might be expected of the future. As he has stated, it would be but a short time before British Columbia would be shipping more than double the fruit than heretofore.

Conditions in the Okanagan are good. Mr. Palmer asserts that the orchards are in good shape; that the farmers are busy and looking forward to a record season. In Peachland and Summerland they were making a specialty of peaches. As many had brought their land under cultivation two years ago and the peach trees yield in three, he expected that British Columbia's output of that fruit would be found to be much larger next fall than has hitherto been the case.

Messrs. Palmer, Marpole and Cambie visited the construction camp of the White Valley Irrigation and Power company, near Vernon. They found that the steam shovel to be used in the work had just arrived and that the excavation of ditches was to be commenced immediately. The system, when complete, Mr. Palmer explains, will fertilize 20,000 acres of land. He expects that this undertaking will be so far advanced this summer as to benefit property as far as the Goldstream estate, Lord Aberdeen's ranch, and one of the largest and finest of the interior.

The object of the C. P. R. officials visit to the Okanagan, Mr. Palmer says, was not only to gain an idea of the adequacy or otherwise of the transportation facilities, but to ascertain whether the requiremetns of the farmers in respect to labor were supplied. In this connection the opinion was expressed that the Salvation Army had done splendid work. Their system of handling the immigrants was favorably commented on. So far as could be learned, there had been no difficulties. In the last two parties alone 850 people had been satisfactorily placed in British Columbia. And it was a noteworthy fact, Mr. Palmer continued, that all, with the exception of the domestic servants, have found employment in the farming districts.

Despite the energy of the Salvation Army, however, there were requests from many quarters for labor. The demand was greater than the supply. This Mr. Palmer accepts as an evidence of the healthy condition of the agricultural industry of the province.

SMUGGLERS CAUTIONED

Japanese Newspaper Published at Vancouver Makes Threat of Exposure

Vancouver, April 21.—The Canadian News, a Japanese newspaper published in Vancouver, is preparing to wage a war against the Japanese smugglers of this city. The following statement appeared in the News issued yesterday:

"There are parties in Vancouver who since last year have been making large profits by smuggling several hundreds of Japanese into the United States. There are quite a number of men in the clique. The leader is a certain Mr. Blank, and he lodges at a certain Japanese hotel. He has several accomplices, through whom he smuggles men across the border two or three times a month. There are also parties who are making a business of selling passports at a high price here in Vancouver. Their names and places of lodging are known in this office, but in order to give opportunity for repentance we refrain from publishing their names this time, giving warning, however, that if these evil practices are not abandoned immediately we shall expose the whole business without reserve."

Pennsylvania Railway Loan.

New York, April 21.—It was learned today that a company has been incorporated in Europe to bring out the issue of $40,000,000 of first mortgage four per cent bonds which the Pennsylvania Railroad company is expected to announce soon. It is understood that Kuhn, Leob and Co., will have charge of the issue, and it is reported the bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on the company's New York terminal properties.