WARSHIPS WILL VISIT VICTORIA

Aso and Soya, Two Cruisers Captured From Russia, to Cross the Pacific

TO START NEXT SPRING

Will Visit Honolulu and Thence Ports of the North Pacific Coast

The Japanese armored cruisers Aso and Soya will probably visit Victoria next spring according to advices received from Japan. The Aso and Soya are to start from Yokosuka in the early spring to cruise to Hawaii and San Francisco and it is the intention to continue the voyage to Esquimalt. It is ten years since a Japanese warship was seen at Esquimalt, the last to visit this station being the old cruiser Hiyei, a vessel memorable for her exploits in running between two lines of Chinese vessels at the battle of the Yalu. The Aso and Soya are two former Russian warships, the Aso being the famous Bayan in which Admiral Wiren fought and from which the mines were laid off Port Arthur which did most damage to the Japanese, sinking the Yashima, Hatsuse and Yoshino on the same day, and the cruiser Takasago on another occasion. The Bayan did more damage to the Japanese vessels than any other of the Russian warships. The Soya is the old Russian cruiser Variag, built at Cramp's yards at Philadelphia, and was captured at Chemulpo at the beginning of the war following that gallant fight made by the Russians on board against very big odds. The Variag and little gunboat Koreitz steamed out from the Korean port with band playing to meet the squadron of Admiral Uriu, consisting of five cruisers and after the Variag's steering gear had been destroyed, soon after the fight opened, the Russians fought desperately until compelled to surrender. Officers of British and American warships at Chemulpo at the time were loud in praise of the gallant fight against odds made by her.

The Aso is a four-funnelled cruiser of 7,726 tons. She is 443 feet in length, 55¾ feet beam and 22 feet draught, with 17,400 horse power. She has a belt of Harveyized steel, 8 and 3½ inches thick with two inches on the deck and 3 inches on the side above the belt. Her heavy guns have protection of 7 inches and secondary armament of 3 inches. The armament consists of two 8-in., eight 6-in., thirty-two 2.9-in., twenty 3-pounder, six 1-pounder, three landing pieces and a maxim, and she has two submerged torpedo tubes. A speed of 22 knots is maintained with consumption of 750 tons of coal. The complement is 480 men.

The Soya is a four-funnelled cruiser of similar model to the Aso, with displacement of 6,000 tons and is 420 feet long, 52 feet deep, with 20¾ feet draught and 20,000 horse power. Her deck is armored with three inches of steel, and her armament consists of the following ordnance: Twelve 6-in., twelve 12-pounder, and six 3-pounder guns, and she has 6 torpedo tubes, two submerged. A speed of 23 knots is given with consumption of 770 tons of coal. Her complement is 571 officers and men.

LIONESS ARRIVES FOR FRENCH MENAGERIE

Animal Fancier Will Bring African Lion on His Return From England—Has Big Collection

(From Friday's Daily)

A lioness, confined in a strong looking cage, consigned to J. G. French of this city, now absent in England seeking a good specimen of the African lion for his menagerie in the suburbs of Victoria, near Swan Lake, arrived yesterday morning by the steamer Princess Victoria. Mrs. French, wife of the collector, took charge of the latest pet of the menagerie in the outskirts of the city, where Mr. French has an African leopard, wolves, ocelot, wild cat, vultures, guinea pigs, opossum, jaugar and other animals, and birds of all kinds. There are many cages of beasts and birds, the whole making a big menagerie, which the collector maintains as a hobby. Mr. and Mrs. French, and his son and daughter, tend the many animals, handling them as a young miss would handle a pet dog or cat.

The menagerie of Mr. French is situated but a short distance from the city, and his place is alive with animals, wild and tame. He keeps an army of dogs, and there is always a chorus of yelps, snarls, growls and screeches of the animal and bird life to be heard from the enclosure. The family are all familiar with the animals, entering the cages without concern. The children, though they are but 6 and 7 years of age, respectively, handle the majority of the animals unafraid, and while a visitor was at the menagerie they entered some of the cages to be photographed with the pets, whose care is as much their fad as it is that of their father.

The animals have been recruited from many lands. From India came a leopard, from Mexico a jaugar, from Africa a fishing cat of the leopard family, from Southern Mexico a coatimondi, one of the racoon family. The birds, too, are recruited from many countries. There are gorgeous macaws, rare currasows, with coal-black coats shining and crests with a golden yellow button on their white bills; rare Caracas birds that are of the vulture class, and many others.

SUPPLY PROBLEM

Grand Trunk Pacific Contractors May Have Difficulty in Furnishing Provisions

Prince Rupert, Sept. 17.—About the end of October navigation on the Skeena river above tide water will have ceased and Foley, Welch & Stewart will have all they can do to get enough supplies through to the front this fall to keep the sub-contractors on the first 100 miles at work. Even if the location survey from Copper river east was completed and the contract ready to let, it would be impossible to get supplies on the ground before the opening up of navigation next spring, so that it is unlikely another contract will be let before midsummer of next year.

Although considerable work has been done on the wagon road from Kitimat to Copper river, it is not yet completed and in condition for the transportation of supplies from the tide-water to where the work would be commenced; and there is no wagon road further up the Skeena.

Quatsino Pulp Company Sells.

Vancouver, Sept. 17.—It is understood that the Algoma Lumber & Power company of Toronto has acquired the interests of the Quatsino Pulp company, which has holdings on the West Coast of Vancouver island. The consideration is about $150,000.

Poisoned Patients

San Diego, Sept. 18.—A nurse in the county hospital last night confessed to District Attorney Kirby that she had accidentally furnished a number of the patients with drinking water containing a quantity of poison. Six were taken violently ill, one died, and the other are in a serious condition, some being unconscious. It is probable that other deaths will occur. The wholesale poisoning was followed by rumors that it had been brought about deliberately as the result of a plot. The sheriff and the district attorney immediately began an investigation at the hospital and finally learned from one of the nurses that she had used for drinking water a receptacle that had contained poison.

SURVEYORS AT WORK IN PRINCE RUPERT

Task of Laying Out Townsite in Lots is Now Well in Hand

Prince Rupert, Sept. 17.—Notwithstanding the fact that the weather during the week has been almost as bad as any experienced here last winter, good progress has been made with the work of surveying the townsite. During the fine weather Messrs. A. R. Barrow and J. Fred Ritchie, engineers in charge of the survey, got the work in such shape that it could be continued in rough weather without interruption and very little time has been lost.

Although there has been a continual downpour of rain, nine-tenths of an inch falling in one night, accompanied by strong southwesterly gales, the surveyors clad in sou'westers, oilskins and long rubber boots, have been able to work with the wind in laying out lots and everything possible is being done to hurry the completion of the work.

The utmost secrecy is being observed with regard to the townsite plans and no information can be obtained; but from the location of the stakes it seems that the usual uniformity in size of lots will be discarded, and the blocks divided into 25, 35 and 50 foot lots as the location demands.

COAL MINERS DIFFER AS TO AFFILIATION

Split in Nova Scotia on Question of Joining the United Mine Workers

Halifax, Sept. 18.—For a great many years the men employed in the coal mines of Nova Scotia have been enrolled in the Provincial Workmen's Association. Frequent attempts have been made to bring the P.W.A. into other labor bodies invitations to join the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress and the United Mine Workers of America being declined.

The agitation continued, however, and last June, apparently with the idea of quashing it for good, the council of the P.W.A. referred the matter by referendum to the subordinate lodges. The majority vote was in favor of affiliation with the United Mine Workers.

This week the Grand Council of the P.W.A. met here. On the ruling of the president, delegates of lodges known to be favorable to the affiliation project were ruled out as not qualified to sit, and the majority of delegates remaining decided against affiliation. Today the Grand Council adjourned after passing a resolution prohibiting further agitation in any subordinate lodge on behalf of outside orders. Lodges going out will be denied any part of the Grand Lodge funds.

The secessionists intend applying to the courts in order to secure their share of the funds.

GENERAL LUARD'S DEATH

Bereaved Man Commits Suicide By Throwing Himself in Front of Railway Train

Wateringbury, Eng., Sept. 18.—Major Gen. Charles Edward Luard, retired, whose wife was mysteriously murdered near London on Aug. 24, committed suicide today by throwing himself in front of a railroad train. His body was found later close to a railroad crossing not far from Wateringbury.

Gen. Luard's wife was mysteriously murdered on the afternoon of Aug. 24 in a desolate wood near Sevenoaks, a short distance outside of London. No trace of the murderer was found but the motive apparently was robbery, valuable rings having been taken from Mrs. Luard's fingers.

Major Gen. Luard was a retired officer of the Royal Engineers. He entered the army in 1857.

Prince Rupert Postoffice

Prince Rupert, Sept. 17.—The work in the postoffice here has increased so much lately that Postmaster R. L. Macintosh has just had 200 more lock boxes installed, and the quarters enlarged to meet the demand for space. The postoffice, although it still remains a tent affair, is said to be doing as much business as any office in towns with a population of 3,000 and is still on the increase.

Horses Will Jump.

An interesting programme is being prepared to take place at intervals during the judging of the horse show classes at the forthcoming exhibition in the pavilion which has been erected for that purpose. One of the chief attractions, it is stated, will be jumping competitions, several of which will be brought off every night. One of the contests, which promises to be especially interesting, is that open to hunters with lady riders, the bar, at its lowest to be 3 feet 6 inches in height. Already there are three entries for this, namely, Fox Catcher, of Seattle; Golden Crest and Summerland, of Vancouver.

CANADIAN MINING INSTITUTE EXCURSION

The Organization Under Whose Auspices Large Party Visit Victoria

The Canadian Mining Institute, a small proportion of the members of which, together with a number of eminent professional men from Great Britain and continental Europe, will arrive in Victoria tomorrow evening, was incorporated by an act which was adopted by the parliament of Canada in 1898. Of the 23 charter members whose names appear in the printed charter published by the council of the institute for the information and use of members, three will take part in the proceedings at this week's meeting of the institute in Victoria. These are: Charles Fergie, of Sydney, Nova Scotia; J. Obalski, superintendent of mines, province of Quebec; and William Blakemore, of Victoria. Another charter member, John B. Hobson, has his home in Victoria, but it is not expected he will return to the city from Cariboo, where he has been engaged in placer-gold mining during the season now drawing to a close, in time to be present at any of the several gatherings arranged to take place here this week. Some of the remaining 19 who were charter members have passed from this life, others are not now in Canada, while eight or ten names are still to be found on the membership roll of the institute.

For years the Canadian Mining institute continued its career of usefulness mainly as a result of the enthusiasm and energy displayed by its zealous secretary, the late B. T. A. Bell. His untimely death in 1904 deprived the institute of the services of one so intimately associated with its progress that for a time it appeared doubtful if the national character of the institution would be retained. In fact, for a brief period sectional claims threatened to cause disruption. It is noteworthy that a Victoria man was elected secretary of the institute, immediately after this undisturbed period, and the introduction of a non-partisan member from a part of the Dominion entirely outside the provinces in which the trouble occurred, led to happy results, especially as the new secretary, Mr. H. Mortimer Lamb, speedily set about increasing the membership, and introducing methods that were more active and progressive than had been the case during the interval between his predecessor's death and his own appointment to office. Then, a year later, another western man was selected to fill an important office, for at the annual meeting held in Toronto, Ontario, in March, 1907, Mr. Frederic Keffer, of Greenwood, Boundary district, for years manager of the British Columbia Copper company, was elected president of the institute. He carried out the duties of his responsible office with such tact and good judgment that, notwithstanding a temporary recurrence of sectional differences, he was able to ensure to his successor, the present president, Dr. Willet G. Miller, provincial geologist for Ontario, continued progress and enlarged usefulness as the chief characteristics of the institute in the year 1908.

The present membership

The total membership of the Canadian Mining institute now numbers about 700, of which nearly one-fourth is western. The number of members resident in Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon territory and the state of Washington, these constituting the Western branch of the institute, organized at Nelson last January is at present about 170. By far the greater number of these are in this province. When the branch was instituted, there were about 120 members resident in the west, so it is evident that substantial additions have been made to the membership roll during 1908. It was stated at Nelson last January that it was hoped to increase the membership of the branch to 200 by the end of the year. As there are some 10 or 12 applications for membership to be passed upon by the council at its next meeting, which will be held in Victoria this week if there shall be a quorum of the council here, it is apparent that the expectations of those who were most active in organizing the branch are within measurable distance of being realized. The president of the branch is Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, of Grand Forks, Boundary district, manager of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power company, limited, and the secretary, Mr. E. Jacobs, of Victoria, editor of the B. C. Mining Record.

The chief object the council of the institute had in view in arranging the excursion through most of the important mining districts of Canada was to impress the various representatives of European geological, mining and metallurgical societies who accepted the invitation of the institute to become their guests, with the great extent of the mineral resources of the Dominion and the increasing importance of its mining and metallurgical industries. This has been done in a very effective way and incidentally the whole party has been welcomed and entertained in most hearty and hospitable fashion at every one of the many places visited. Tomorrow night the excursion will reach the western limit of its travels, and in Victoria, as elsewhere, everything practicable will be done to make the brief stay of the visitors a pleasant one, and as well to afford them information concerning Vancouver island and its varied and important natural resources, and the field it offers for the establishment of successful manufacturing industries.

Entertainment of Visitors

As regards the entertainment of the visitors, the following is the programme so far as arranged: The excursion will be met on arrival in Vancouver from Nelson tomorrow by Messrs. Blakemore and Jacobs, two Victorian members of the institute, and active workers on the local reception committee. On arrival in Victoria by the SS. Charmer, the whole party will proceed to the Empress hotel, where rooms have been engaged for between 50 and 60 persons. The visitors will be left to themselves until after dinner. At nine o'clock a number of citizens will meet them in an informal way at the hotel, and the evening will be passed in making acquaintances and general sociability. On Tuesday morning the third general meeting of the western branch will be held, and all visitors will attend this. The ministers' room in the parliament buildings, has been kindly placed at the disposal of the institute for this meeting by the government, which is doing all in its power to promote the success of the visit to this city. The visitors will be officially welcomed by the Hon. the Premier, on behalf of the government of British Columbia, and Hon. William Templeman, Dominion minister of mines, has been invited to also say a few words of welcome. Then the reading of papers on geology, mining, smelting, etc., and discussion of them, will be proceeded with.

In the afternoon his honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir will be at home at Government House to the visitors and a large number of citizens who have also been invited to attend this hospitable function. It is expected the occasion will be a memorable one for the visitors and a fitting climax to many entertainments they have enjoyed in the course of their travels in the Dominion. For Tuesday night and Wednesday no programme has yet been arranged, but the reception committee will see that the visitors are suitably entertained. It is probable a good part of Wednesday will be spent at the Victoria exhibition.

Public Reception.

On Wednesday night the provincial government will give a public reception in the legislative hall, Parliament buildings, in honor of the Canadian Mining institute and its guests. Mesdames McBride, Young and Eberts will receive the guests as they enter the hall. This reception will be from 9 to 11 o'clock. The buildings, including the museums, will be thrown open, and will be well lighted. The main entrance and corridors near the legislative hall will be specially illuminated with electric lights and decorated with palms and other potted plants. An orchestra will render instrumental selections during the evening, and at about 10.30 light refreshments will be served. The proceedings will terminate at about 11 o'clock. The arrangements for this reception are being carried out by Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, and there is reason to think it will be a most enjoyable and brilliant function. With the exception of the officers of H. M. S. ships now at Victoria and those of the Canadian troops stationed here, no invitations will be issued. The reception is open to all who shall care to attend it, and the government hopes that many residents will attend and assist in making the gathering an eminently successful one.

On Thursday morning the excursion party, accompanied by a number of members of the institute from Vancouver and Victoria, will proceed by the regular train to Nanaimo, where arrangements have been made for drives about the city, visits to the mines, and luncheon and dinner. On Friday the return to Vancouver will be made by the steamer Joan. At Vancouver the party will be entertained at luncheon and driven about the city and neighborhood, and in the afternoon will depart for Banff, where after having been banquetted by the government of Alberta, they will depart for Eastern Canada and their respective homes.

The Visitors.

The following is an accurate list of those members of the excursion who are now on their way to Victoria:

Samuel Mavor, Institution of Mining Engineers, Glasgow, Scotland.

Clifford E. Bloomer, Iron and Steel Institute, Hales Owen, England.

J. Obalski, superintendent of mines, province of Quebec, Quebec.

R. E. Commans, member of Council, Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, London, England.

Dr. H. Fotenle, chief geologist, Prussian geological survey, Berlin, Germany.

William Frecheville, past president, Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, London, England.

Walter Johnson, Iron and Steel institute, Northallerton, England.

Hugh F. Marriott, member of council, Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, London, England.

Dr. H. Wupperman, Dusseldorf, Germany.

John Hogg, Mining institute of Scotland, Cambuslang, Scotland.

James Barrowman, secretary Mining institute of Scotland, Hamilton, Scotland.

Andrew Watson, Glasgow, Scotland.

W. Stanley Lecky, Montreal.

R. W. Tallis, Ebbw Vale, S. Wales.

Ernst Kraynik, "Stahl und Eisen," Berlin, Germany.

A. Goebel, counsellor of mines to the German government, Arnsberg, Germany.

D. B. Langford, London, England.

W. J. Rees, South Wales institute of Engineers, Swansea, Wales.

Roger Beck, Swansea, Wales.

Mark Hurll, member Mining institute of Scotland, Glasgow, Scotland.

Mark Hurll, Jr., Glasgow, Scotland.

Dr. Heinrich Ries, professor of economic geology, Cornell university, Ithica, N. Y.

Gordon McT. Pyke, Montreal.

Eugene Coste, past president Canadian Mining institute, Toronto.

Charles Fergie, past president, Canadian Mining Institute, Sydney, N.S.

A. Davies-Evans, member Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Sydney W. Smith, member Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, London, Eng.

John McLeish, statistician, department of mines, Ottawa.

John Ashworth, president, Manchester Geological and Mining society, Manchester, England.

R. W. Brock, acting director, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa.

G. G. S. Lindsey, president Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Toronto.

E. L. Fraleck, manager, Cobalt Lake Mining Co., Cobalt, Ont.

James White, geographer, department of the interior, Ottawa.

John Gerrard, H.M. chief inspector of mines, Manchester, Eng.

Dr. B. E. Fernow, dean of forestry, University of Toronto, Toronto.

K. B. Carruthers, Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Willet G. Miller, president, Canadian Mining institute, Toronto.

H. Mortimer-Lamb, secretary Canadian Mining institute, Montreal.

J. Stevenson Brown, treasurer, Canadian Mining Institute, Montreal.

A. B. W. Hodges, general manager, Granby Consolidated M. S. and P. Co., (chairman western branch C.M.I.), Grand Forks, B.C.

Mr. Jacobs has been informed that the following are also coming to Victoria in connection with the visit of the excursion party: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kiddie, Northport, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haas, Spokane, Wash.; A. G. Larson, superintendent of Le Roi mine, Rossland; K. C. Allen, Rossland; Mrs. and the Misses Hodges, Grand Forks; Messrs. W. H. Armstrong, S. Cave-Brown-Cave, J. W. Collis, James Findlay, A. G. Langley, C. F. Law, T. J. Smith, and probably three or four others from Vancouver. From 15 to 20 of the members resident in Victoria and Nanaimo are also expected to attend the meeting.

As Mr. W. Fleet Robertson, provincial mineralogist, has been unavoidably delayed in the north country and consequently will not be able to reach Victoria until the 25th inst. at earliest, Mr. Herbert Carmichael, provincial assayer, has been deputed to represent the provincial department of mines in connection with the visit of the institute.

CROP REPORTS MORE FAVORABLE

Yield is Found to Be Greater Than Was Figured in the Early Estimates

TALK 120,000,000 BUSHELS

Oat Crop Will Also Be Great Improvement on That of Last Year

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—The official inspections for the week ending Sept. 14 show that 2,512 cars of wheat were inspected during the week, as compared with 281 cars for the same time last year. Of this quantity, 2,426 cars were spring wheat and 83 winter. Over 90 per cent. of the latter graded No. 1, 2 and 3. The grading of spring wheat has been equally satisfactory. Only 53 cars out of 2,426 were lower than No. 3 northern.

A large number of reports from the country continue to show better yields than anticipated, and it now looks as if a 120,000,000 bushel crop would be realized. In some instances the increase over expectations has amounted to 40 per cent.

Light frosts occurred through much of the spring wheat area last night, but nowhere heavy enough to damage uncut grain, the greatest recorded being three degrees of frost at Ramsack. Good progress is being made with the oat harvest, and this crop will be very valuable. Last year, owing to premature frosts, oats were generally knocked out, necessitating heavy importations, most of the seed used being brought from the old country and the east. While the crop is not heavy it will be a fair average, with a prospect of continued high prices next spring and summer owing to the demands of construction camps.

Calgary, Sept. 18.—From far and near come reports of wonderful yields from the wheat fields of Alberta. There seems to be hardly a section where the wheat yield has not been extraordinary.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES PLACED IN THE FIELD

Hon. T. M. Daly to Oppose Mr. Sifton—Other Nominations By Parties

Shelburne, Ont., Sept. 18.—Dufferin Liberals nominated J. N. Fish for the Commons.

Halifax, Sept. 18.—Sir Frederick Borden was nominated by the Kings county Liberals. For Halifax Wm. Roche and Michael Corney, the former members, were nominated by the Liberals.

Morden, Man., Sept. 18.—Frank Greenway of Crystal City, nephew of Thos. Greenway, ex-M.P., was chosen last evening as Liberal candidate for Lisgar in the next Dominion elections.

Brandon, Man., Sept. 18.—Hon. T. M. Daly, formerly Minister of the Interior in the Conservative government, will oppose Hon. Clifford Sifton in Brandon. He has resigned the police magistracy of Winnipeg.

Montreal, Sept. 18.—Nominations for the Commons yesterday were: Kent (N.B.), F. B. Robideaux, Conservative; Temiscouata (Que.), Dr. Luc Labelle, Conservative; Montreal (St. Mary's division), Alderman Mederic Martin, Liberal.

LACK OF WATER AFFECTED MINING

F. A. Rickard, Editor of Mining Journal Returns From Alaska

(From Saturday's Daily)

T. A. Rickard, editor of the Mining and Scientific Press of San Francisco, and formerly editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York, who spent yesterday at the Empress hotel and left last night for San Francisco by the steamer Governor, after having returned from the Yukon and Alaskan mining districts, speaking to a Colonist reporter yesterday said:

"The lack of water has affected the mining districts of the north considerably this year, not so much in the Yukon as in the Alaskan districts, Fairbanks and Cape Nome having suffered severely from the drought. The Yukon has had a fair rainfall this season; there was considerably less in the Alaskan districts. The Guggenheims, of New York, are doing considerable work in the Yukon district, having seven large dredges at work. They do about 60,000 cubic yards each month. The ground varies a good deal and it would be difficult to give an approximate of the extent of the gold taken out. Some of the ground is virgin soil and said to be quite rich, while a great deal of work is being done on ground that has been worked over. The Guggenheims are doing a great deal better than they did last year, when they had considerable trouble with frozen ground.

"The labor troubles in the northern mining districts, while they have not been settled yet, are simmering down, wearing out, as it were. In Nome one of the most recent events affecting the camp was the death of Dr. Caleb Whitehead, a banker and mining operator, a most enterprising man who did a great deal for mining in that district which will be affected by his demise."

UNDER LEMIEUX ACT

Manager of Coal Mine to Be Tried on Charge of Locking Out Miners at Morinville, Alberta

Edmonton, Sept. 18.—At the mounted police barracks tomorrow, before Inspector Worsley, G. S. Montgomery, manager and part owner of the Alberta Coal company mine at Morinville, will appear on a charge of locking out, on September 7, about twenty miners employed at his collieries.

The action is taken under the Industrial Disputes act, better known as the Lemieux act. The complainant in the case is George Harrison, and he is acting on behalf of the Miners' union of Morinville. The penalty provided by the industrial disputes act is a fine not less than $100 and not exceeding $1,000.

It is understood that the defence of the mine owners is that the men were not locked out, but that their wages were reduced because they did not come up to the standard of efficiency required.

Stockmen's Dinner.

Arrangements have been made for a stockmen's dinner to be held at the exhibition cafe on Thursday commencing at 10.30 o'clock. An attractive menu has been issued and those in charge are confident that all attending will enjoy an hour or more of pleasant social intercourse.

Fine Samples of Grain

Magnificent samples of both oats and wheat are upon exhibition in Mr. Carne's window on Government street, and the oats are particularly worthy of extraordinary mention, as there is quite as much, if not more, of the stock covered with grain as is to be seen below the head. These oats, which are of the Tartar King variety, were grown by Mr. Robert Scott, of Cedar Hill, while the wheat, which is a most creditable sample, and is supposed to be of the Mogul variety, comes from the farm of Mr. Watson Clark, at Oaklands. The yield from fourteen acres was 600 bushels, or practically forty-three bushels to the acre, while in the other case, three and one-half acres yielded 200 bushels, or practically fifty-seven bushels to the acre. And although this is an excellent showing it is by no means phenomenal, as many yields varying from seventy-five to 100 bushels to the acre are reported. However, in this instance a portion of the ground is said to have been seriously injured by standing water and certainly the gross yield given indicates some defect in the situation for if any oat grain can yield 100 or more bushels to the acre, it should be a variety with such wonderful heads as these. The actual weight of grain per acre is, however, considerably greater in the case of the wheat, as forty-three pounds of wheat at sixty pounds to the standard bushel will make 2,580 pounds; while fifty-seven bushels of oats at thirty-four pounds per bushel make 1,938 pounds. Mr. Carne states that a number of people from the northwestern territories have asked for heads of both the oats and the wheat since it has been on exhibition in his window.

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Chop Feed, best, per 100 lbs	$1.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	$2.10
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	$2.15
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	$2.15
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Prairie, per ton	$15.00
Hay, Alfalfa Clover, per ton	$20.00
Vegetables	
Celery, per head	.15
Lettuce	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.20
Onions, 6 lbs.	.20
Green Onions, 3 bunches	.10
New Potatoes, per sack	$1.00
Cauliflower, each	.15
Cabbage, new, per lb.	.02
Red Cabbage, per lb.	.05
Green Peas, per lb.	.08
Beans, per lb.	.10
Egg Plant, per lb.	.25
Tomatoes, per basket	.25
Beets, per lb.	.05
Cucumbers, each	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs	.25
Dairy Produce	
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.45
Eastern, per dozen	.30 to .35
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb	.20
Neufchatel, each	.05
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy, per lb.	.25 to .30
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.50
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.50
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.40
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb	.40
Alberni Creamery, per lb.	.40
Fruit	
Grape Fruit, per dozen	$1.00
Oranges, per dozen	.25 to .50
Lemons, per dozen	.25
Figs, cooking, per lb.	.08 to .10
Apples, per box	1.00 to 1.75
Bananas, per doz.	.30
Figs, table, per lb.	.25
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	.15
Raisins, table, per lb.	.25 to .60
Pineapples, each	.60
Peaches, Wash., per lb	.10
Peaches, Okanagan, per box	$1.50
Plums, per basket	.25
Melons, Cal., each	.05 to .20
Prunes, per basket	.25
Nuts	
Walnuts, per lb.	.30
Brazils, per lb.	.30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb.	.75
Almonds, Cal., per lb.	.30
Cocoanuts, each	.15
Pecans, per lb.	.20
Chestnuts, per lb.	.30
Fish	
Cod, salted, per lb.	.10 to .13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	.08 to .10
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	.15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	.06 to .08
Smoked Herring	.12½
Crabs, 2 for	.25
Black Bass, per lb.	.06 to .08
Codfishens, salt, per lb.	.12½
Black Cod, salt, per lb.	.12½
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	.06 to .08
Salmon, fresh white, per lb.	.08 to .10
Salmon, fresh red, per lb.	.10 to .13
Salmon, smoked, per lb	.20
Shrimps, per lb.	.25 to .30
Smelts, per lb.	.08 to .10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	.12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	.20
Meat and Poultry	
Beef, per lb.	.08 to .18
Lamb, per lb.	.18 to .25
Mutton, per lb.	.12½ to .20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.25 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.15 to .18
Geese, dressed, per lb	.18 to .20
Guinea Fowls, each	$1.00
Chickens, per lb.	.25 to .30
Chickens, per lb., live weight	.12½ to .15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20 to .25
Hams, per lb.	.18 to .20
Hares, dressed, each	.75
Bacon, per lb.	.26 to .30
Pork, dressed, per lb	.12½ to .15
Rabbits, dressed, each	.50 to .65
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	.50