

ENTHUSIASM OVER EMPIRE DEFENCE

JUDGE BARRON WANTS A CANADIAN NAVY

Sentiment Growing in Favor of Presenting Britain With Dreadnought

Hamilton, Ont., March 27.—Judge Barron, of Stratford, delivered an address before the Canadian Club on Thursday evening on the subject of a Canadian contribution to the Imperial navy. He did not advocate an annual grant towards the maintenance of the British navy, but thought Canada should have a small navy of her own, manned by Canadians. These warships would suffice to protect Canadian commerce.

Port Arthur, Ont., March 27.—The Port Arthur Canadian Club passed a resolution to be wired to the Dominion government approving of the proposal that Canada provide a Dreadnought for the British navy.

Toronto, March 27.—At a meeting of the Empire Club yesterday, it was resolved that Canada should contribute a first class battleship to the British navy.

LINER QUARANTINED.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 27.—The American line steamship Merion, from Liverpool, which was detained at the state quarantine below this city because of two cases of supposed smallpox on board, arrived here to-day, and the 600 passengers were permitted to land. The two Russian emigrants, who the state quarantine physicians say are suffering from smallpox, are being detained by the quarantine physicians. All the passengers on the Merion were vaccinated yesterday by the quarantine physicians. Although the state quarantine physicians insist that the Russians are suffering from smallpox, the government quarantine physicians in the Delaware Bay, the Marine's physicians, and Dr. Calvin Wilder, of Manchester, Conn., a passenger on the steamship, diagnosed the cases as chicken-pox.

TARIFF REVISION BILL.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—In order to expedite the discussion of the tariff bill in the house, unanimous consent to-day was given that the sessions hereafter shall begin at 10 instead of 11 a. m., that a recess shall be taken at 6 o'clock, and that resuming at 8 o'clock the session shall continue until 10:30 p. m. each day. The request for unanimous consent was made by Mr. Payne, who said that there already were forty or fifty members who had indicated their desire to speak.

CRACKSMEN GET POOR VALUE.

San Francisco, Cal., March 27.—Cracksmen wrecked the safe in the office of the hay and grain establish- ment of Scott & Magner, on Berry street, on Thursday night, and took \$91 in cash and stamps to the value of \$8. The robbers left behind them a jimmy, several pieces of fuse and a bottle which had contained nitroglycerine.

VALUABLE RECORDS DESTROYED.

Mexico City, March 27.—Valuable documents were destroyed by the fire that spread from the assembly room of the chamber of deputies to the vaults near by. Investigation shows that the original constitution of 1811, the Act of Independence of 1821 when Mexico entered Mexico, and that the constitutions of 1824 and 1857 were burned.

GOTCH HAS NOT YET SIGNED FOR MATCH

Hackenschmidt Ready to Meet Wrestling Champion at Melbourne.

Chicago, Ill., March 27.—A rumor of a purse of \$25,000 for a meeting between Frank Gotch and George Hackenschmidt in Australia for the heavy-weight championship of the world has taken definite shape. Mr. Anderson, of the Sanderson Vincent syndicate, which is promoting the match, here and has received a cable from his partner making an offer of \$25,000 for the contest to take place at Melbourne next November during the Melbourne cup race week. Hackenschmidt already has consented to the terms and Gotch's signature is all that is needed.

COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS.

London, March 27.—The following changes in the British colonial service have been announced: Sir William Macgregor, governor of Newfoundland, has been made governor of Queensland; Sir Ralph Chalmers Williams, governor of the Windward Islands, succeeds to the governorship of Newfoundland; and Sir James Hayes Hadley, governor and commander-in-chief of the African Protectorate, becomes governor of the Windward Islands.

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD.

Cincinnati, O., March 27.—Dr. P. S. Conner, who was known to the medical profession throughout the United States, is dead of heart disease. He had served as president of the American Surgical Association and of the American Academy of Medicine, and once was professor of surgery in the Dartmouth medical school at Hanover, N. H.

WIDOW TO GET INSURANCE.

Wins Action Against Company Over Death of Her Husband.

Toronto, Ont., March 27.—After a four-day trial the jury yesterday returned a verdict in favor of Maud Gray, of Ottawa, who brought action to compel the Crown Life Insurance Company to pay her the \$15,000 insurance on the life of her husband. Gray was found in a dying condition in the Corona hotel, Montreal, on July 29th last. The jury decided that his death a few hours later had not been due to taking chloral or any other medicine with a view to suicide. Judgment was given for the widow for the full amount, with interest from September 19th last. The company will also have to pay the costs, \$1,000, but will likely enter an appeal.

DRAMATIC SUICIDE OF U. S. ARMY VETERAN

Kills Himself on Crowded Broadway—Revises His Ungrateful Country.

New York, March 27.—After carefully preparing a long obituary notice and handing it in at the office of the Herald for publication to the city editor, Aquila Chase, a son of the late General Daniel Chase, and a cousin of Salmon P. Chase, secretary of the treasury under President Lincoln, stepped out into Broadway and Herold square yesterday and shot himself in the heart. He died within a few minutes.

Mr. Chase was sixty years old. He had been blind and deaf since childhood. In the papers he left for publication, he spoke bitterly of the fact that he had been unable to obtain employment in the government service. "Uncle Sam wanted me badly enough in war time," he said. "My father and myself fought for the Union, and three of my brothers died on the battlefield."

He had been employed as a carpenter in the Brooklyn navy yard until three months ago, when a cut down in the force came, and he was released. In concluding his obituary notice, he asked that a fund of some kind be started to provide for his widow.

Chase was a lineal descendant of Pergerine White, the first white child born in the party of Pilgrims who came to America in the Mayflower. He was a member of the United States Army in the Union army, having barely reached thirteen when he entered the Maine volunteers.

The suicide occurred during the middle of the afternoon, when Broadway was crowded with shoppers and others. A crowd which gathered at the sound of the shot blocked the street for a considerable distance, and was finally dispersed by the police with difficulty.

BILLS BEFORE SENATE.

Ottawa, March 27.—The senate has given the third reading to the bills respecting the Winnipeg & Northern railway, the Burrard, West- minster & Boundary railway and Navigation Company, and the British Columbia Fire Insurance Company. Second readings were given to the bills respecting the Victoria & Barkley Sound railway, the Alaska & Yukon Railway Company and the Athabasca Railway Company.

GENERAL BOOTH AT WORK IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, March 27.—General Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, is in St. Petersburg, and is negotiating with the government for permission to establish a branch of the Salvation Army in Russia. He is strongly opposed by the Holy Synod.

FOUR ACES BEATEN BY GUN.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27.—A poker game at Clairton, a few miles from here, broke up about daybreak yesterday after a second ace of diamonds was discovered in the deck. Peter Marsh, who held the two aces of diamonds, as well as an ace of hearts and an ace of clubs, is in the McKeesport hospital with two bullet holes in his lungs. It is said he cannot live. There were seven others in the room at the time this hand was held, and six of them were hurt by the flying bullets and furniture. The man who is said to have done the shooting, on having his jack full beaten, escaped.

"TIRED LIVING ON THIS EARTH."

Quebec, March 27.—Otto Lindstrom, a Swede, was found in a critical condition on Palace Hill yesterday with half a dozen revolver shots in his body. In his pocket was found a note reading: "I, Otto Lindstrom, shall commit suicide, I am 21 years old, birthday March 17th. Shall not give you any information regarding my past life. I am tired living on this earth." He is in a critical condition at the hospital.

E. P. WESTON ON TRAMP.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 27.—Edward Payson Weston left here at 6:05 this morning on his walk to the Pacific Coast. A drenching rain was falling at the time and still continues, mixed with snow. The roads are very heavy, Weston hopes to reach Ocean to-night, and hopes to spend Sunday there.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF'S DEATH.

London, Ont., March 27.—Assistant Fire Chief Scott was fatally injured on Thursday night by falling down an elevator shaft during a fire in the fur store of Edmund Belts on Dundas street.

LEATHER PLANT AFIRE.

Salem, Mass., March 27.—The big plant of the Carr Leather Company, on Pope street, caught fire about 1 p. m. to-day, and half an hour later the flames were threatening surrounding property. The company employs 150 hands.

"MAILED FIST" AGAIN AT WORK

FORCES RUSSIA'S HAND IN BALKAN CRISIS

London Times Says Germany's Influence Caused Austria's War Preparations.

London, March 27.—The Times in an editorial this morning contends that Germany, by the display of the "mailed fist," virtually compelled Russia to recognize the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It says that when the Balkan difficulty was at the point of peaceful solution it was Germany's influence which induced Austria to make tremendous preparations for war, with this object, and that though peace is ensured temporarily, a proud empire, with the resources of Russia, never forgive the nation that forced her to depart from her traditions. The Times argues that the action of Germany, in throwing the weight of her sword into the scales, is calculated to disturb the balance of power in Europe, and that it behooves Britain, more than ever, to maintain a strong navy.

"OPEN SEASON" FOR EDITORS.

Toronto, Ont., March 27.—An open season for editors as a cure for some of the disabilities under which Canadian newspapers suffer, in regard to the law of libel, was advocated by Provincial Secretary Hanna at the annual dinner of the Canadian Press Association. As a matter of fact, Mr. Hanna said the Ontario government was going to pass a law which would be a simple remedy for all their troubles. For one week in the year they would have an open season, when editors could say just what they liked about everybody. Thanksgiving week was suggested a suitable date.

WESTMINSTERS ACCEPT TECUMSEHS' CHALLENGE

Vancouver, March 27.—The West- minster Lacrosse Club has accepted the challenge of the Toronto Tecumseh team for the Minto cup games of July 1 and 3, and has allotted Regina the dates of July 12 and 19. In case the Tecumsehs do not come west Regina will get the Dominion Day date.

PROTEST AGAINST PASSAGE OF PAYNE BILL

U. S. Tariff Revision Will Be Prejudicial to Interests of Philippines.

Manila, March 27.—Floor Leader Quezon, of the majority in the Philippine assembly, to-day presented a resolution embodying a memorial to congress, declaring that the Payne tariff bill would be prejudicial to the interests of the Philippine people.

The resolution protests further, respecting the energetically aggressive policy for America here, and the limitation of Philippine products in America.

After being discussed for several hours the resolution was amended by adding the declaration that in the belief of the assembly, the passage of the Payne bill would prove prejudicial to the independence of the Philippines. Then it was adopted without division.

SEATTLE WOMAN KILLED BY AUTO

Seattle, Wash., March 27.—Mrs. Albert Thornton, of 2914 Second avenue, wife of the chief engineer of the steamship Rosalie, was run down and fatally injured by an automobile driven by Charles B. Niblock, a real estate dealer, of 110 Eighteenth avenue north, First avenue and Madison street, after 8 o'clock last night. She died at 11 o'clock at the Pacific hospital. Niblock and his chauffeur, L. Ban Hays, who was teaching him to drive, were run the car at the time of the accident, were arrested.

SEATTLE TUG WRECKED NEAR KETCHIKAN

Struck on Rock and Later Sank in Sixty Fathoms of Water.

Prince Rupert, March 26.—The American tug Sea Bird was wrecked near Ketchikan, Alaska, during the severe winter of a few days ago. Captain Whitworth has arrived in Prince Rupert with his shipwrecked crew en route to Seattle.

The Sea Bird, an ocean-going tug 110 feet long and owned by Holbrook & Morrow, of Seattle, was bound north at the time of the accident. Her officers were making the trip for the first time, and when within five miles of Ketchikan the tug struck hard on a rock in the dirty water, tearing a hole in the hull. The tide was ebbing, but before anything could be done to repair the damage and within twenty-five minutes after striking, she suddenly slipped from her resting place, slid down the rock and sank in sixty fathoms of water. All of the crew escaped in a lifeboat and made their way to Prince Rupert. The tug will be a total loss, but is reported to be covered by insurance.

POLICE CONFIDENT IN KINRADE CASE

Hamilton, Ont., March 27.—A complete new plan of the Kinrade house is being prepared, showing the layout from cellar to garret. This will be used at the next session of the inquest on April 22nd. The police say they are now confident of solving the mystery of the murder of Ethel Kinrade.

BLACK HAND THREATS.

Ottawa, March 27.—The Black Hand has made its appearance in Ottawa. A couple of days ago Chief Delaronde received a letter telling him that unless \$200 in \$100 bills was deposited at the next place on a certain date he would fall a victim to the Black Hand. On the next day, a well known citizen came into the police station with a similar letter, which had been received from a third person. In this case a somewhat larger amount was demanded.

OUTLOOK FOR SOWING IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Agriculturalists Satisfied With Conditions—Steady Flow of Immigrants.

Winnipeg, Man., March 27.—Heavy soft snows are reported from many parts of the prairie provinces. The weather prevailing takes this off gradually, and expert agriculturalists claim that no conditions could be better for preparing a good seed bed. Reports from south Alberta state that the snowfall there a few days ago has done an immense amount of good to winter wheat, and should no check follow the prospects are splendid.

Immigration of a very high class and well distributed is already in full swing, there being a steady movement across the boundary from the south, while Ontario has sent up some valuable trainloads. Business conditions are better than at any time during the last two years.

SAYS FRANCE WILL CEASE PERSECUTING RELIGION

Archbishop Ireland Says Pres- ent Unrest is Causing Gov- ernment to Reflect.

Paris, March 27.—Archbishop Ireland will sail to-day for New York. In an interview he said:

"From what I have seen and heard during my stay here I have formed the distinct impression that the state's policy of persecuting religion will not last much longer, that there will be an arrangement to intervene soon. A republic, especially a republic like France, where the people are volatile, cannot endure without religion which is the creator of the individual conscience. The present strikes and unrest are giving the government rich food for reflection."

WIRELESS BRINGS AID TO STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Providence With 1,000 Pas- sengers Aboard Breaks Paddle Wheel.

Newport, R. I., March 27.—With the greater part of her one thousand passengers unaware that an accident had happened to the steamer, the Providence, of the Fall River line, was towed into port early this morning from the vicinity of Point Judith, where, during the night, the steamer had become disabled through the breaking of her port paddle wheel. On the paddle wheel the Providence carried about six hundred school children, who were bound for Washington from various sections of New England.

The breaking of the paddle wheel is believed to have been caused by striking a floating log or some other heavy piece of drift wood. When the Providence became disabled, wireless telegraphy again demonstrated its usefulness. The steamer Commonwealth of the same line was summoned, and she came to the rescue, towing the Providence in tow for Newport. All of the passengers were transferred to a special train which took them to New York.

AMERICAN COLORS ARE RARE SIGHT AFLOAT

Chicago, Ill., March 26.—"One of the rarest sights to be seen on the oceans of the world to-day is a merchant vessel sailing under American colors," says Prof. John C. Freeman, of Wisconsin, in a communication to the Chicago Association of Commerce. "Only once in the last eighteen years," he declares, "has there entered the port of Copenhagen, the largest on the Baltic, a vessel flying the American flag." "Since the civil war the shipbuilding states have held congress by the nose with a law which allows no vessel to carry our colors unless it was built in an American shipyard. There are hundreds of vessels owned and manned by Americans and carrying American cargoes compelled to sail under foreign colors."

W. O'BRIEN OUT OF POLITICS

SPLIT IN RANKS OF IRISH NATIONALISTS

"All for Ireland League" to Be Dropped—John Redmond's Warning.

Cork, March 27.—A sensation was created here last night by a letter from Wm. O'Brien announcing his resignation at Nationalist member of Parliament for Cork, and his retirement from politics.

The letter says: "Recent developments, notably the defection of five members for Cork, make it impossible for me to continue further to press my views upon a country which apparently is unable or unwilling to hear me."

It is stated that Mr. O'Brien, besides vacating his seat in parliament, will drop the new movement, "The All for Ireland" League, and will cease publishing his paper, Irish People. This decision, it is alleged, was due to John Redmond's public warning against the movement.

TWO-CENT RATE ON G. T. R.

Montreal, Que., March 27.—R. S. Logan, assistant to the president of the Grand Trunk railway, said yesterday that his company would put on a third-class car service between Montreal and Toronto at a rate of two cents a mile. The company will run as many cars as are needed, but at present one car would probably be sufficient for the pumber who desire to travel third class.

POLICE WHIP SCHOOLBOYS.

Kingston, Ont., March 27.—Two schoolboys, aged 13 and 11, on orders of Magistrate Farrell, were whipped by the police for truancy yesterday.

KING VICTOR MAY MEET MR. ROOSEVELT

London, March 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Milan telegraphs that a meeting is likely at Naples between King Victor Emmanuel and former President Roosevelt. He adds that the desire for a meeting is a mutual one.

PRINCE DECLINES TO BECOME HEIR TO THRONE

Alexander of Serbia Determined to Uphold His Brother's Heritage.

Belgrade, March 27.—Prince Alexander, the second son of King Peter, is taking an active part in smoothing over the difficulties which have surrounded the Crown Prince, his brother George, since the latter's statement that he renounced all claim to the Serbian throne. Alexander says: "I shall under no circumstances agree to take my brother's place. If he cannot be a good king, neither can I. I will stick to my brother through thick and thin. George must remain Crown Prince."

BY CARBOLIC ACID ROUTE.

St. Thomas, Ont., March 27.—Minnie Paterson, age 30, daughter of Daniel Paterson, a farmer near Dutton, committed suicide yesterday by drinking carbolic acid. No reason is known for her act.

BURN OF CALGARY WINS MARATHON

Portland, Ore., March 27.—A. J. Burn, of Calgary, won Portland's first Marathon race last night in 2 hours 4 minutes and 44 seconds. Norwood Nash, of the Lincoln High school, this city, took second place, his time being 3:11.25. Fred Walby, of the Portland Y.M.C.A., won third place in 3:18.40. Martin Sisto, who had the reputation of having beaten Dorondo Pietri some years ago, ran fourth.

SCHOONER CAPSIZES; NO SIGN OF CREW

Unknown Derelict in Bay of Fundy Indicates Sea Tragedy.

St. John, N. B., March 27.—A telephone message from Chance Harbor, on the Bay of Fundy coast, says that a two-masted schooner, hailing from Yarmouth, N. S., was capsized in the bay on Thursday night or yesterday, and is drifting about. There is no sign of the crew, and no sign of the boat, and it is believed that either all hands were lost in the heavy gale or that the schooner was abandoned after a buffet in the storm.

The schooner is a two-master, about 40 tons, hull painted green. All sails were set, the mainsail double reefed. Both jibs were torn to pieces. Yarmouth, N. S., was painted on her tail-rail, but her name was under water and could not be seen. She is described as resembling a fishing vessel, which was possibly also used as a packet. Chance Harbor men went to her in a motor boat about 4:30 p. m. yesterday and towed her within half a mile of shore, but on account of the rough sea they had to let her go adrift again.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATION.

Nanaimo Athletic Club Will Have Charge of Arrangements in Coal City.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, March 27.—At a meeting of last year's celebration committee last night it was decided that Nanaimo should celebrate the 24th of May. Mayor Hodgson was recommended to hand over the management of the day to the athletic club. The club accepted the responsibility, and, with the mayor, the council, acting as a reception committee, will carry out all arrangements for the day's celebration.

MONSIGNOR MCCANN.

Toronto, Ont., March 27.—Vicar-General McCann, who is now in Rome, has been raised to the dignity of a domestic prelate by the pope, and is in future Monsignor McCann.

PRIMA DONNA KILLED BY JEALOUS RIVAL

Both Wanted to Marry Same Man — Crime Follows Stormy Interview.

New York, March 27.—A special cable dispatch from Berlin says: Fraulien Frieda Barthold, the beautiful prima donna of the Royal opera of Berlin, was shot and instantly killed yesterday at her home in Bostok, where she was singing, by Fraulien Zobel, a middle aged Berlin woman. The tragedy was due to jealousy. Fraulien Barthold was engaged to marry Engineer Koch, who had been wooing Fraulien Zobel. When the latter learned that Koch intended to marry Fraulien Barthold she wrote demanding that the singer should renounce the demand, and Fraulien Zobel journeyed to Bostok and called on Fraulien Barthold. After a stormy interview Fraulien Zobel shot and killed the singer, who is the daughter of wealthy parents in Stating.

SWINDLED AN IMMIGRANT.

Dorchester, Sask., March 27.—Word has just reached Dorchester from Liverpool that H. S. Percival, formerly here, swindled an Englishman out of a thousand dollars by selling him a farm which turned out to be a myth when he arrived in Western Canada with his family. Percival escaped from England to the States. A few years ago Percival, who carried on business here, mysteriously disappeared, leaving behind several hundred dollars in debts. A warrant was then issued for his arrest, but he was never served, though he was seen in the west two years ago.

UNLIMITED RESOURCES.

Toronto, Ont., March 27.—Addressing the Empire Club on Canada's mineral resources, R. W. Brock, director of the geological survey, said Canada was destined to become one of the greatest mineral countries in the world. Scientific surveys had been made to warrant the assertion that the Dominion resources were practically unlimited.

ITALY TO SEE THE FLYING BROTHERS

Rome, March 27.—The proprietor of the field chosen for the military aerobics for the conduct of exhibitions in aeroplanes flying by the Wright brothers has doubled the rental originally asked for the use of the property, and as a result the authorities are seeking another site. No entrance fee will be charged. It is proposed to give the exhibitions sufficiently far from a city to make it impossible for the gathering of a large crowd.

BRITAIN AND CASTRO.

Former President of Venezuela Will Be Allowed to Land in Trinidad.

London, March 27.—It is denied that the British government has been inquiring concerning the intention of Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela to land at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

LOS ANGELES' MAYOR.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.—George Alexander, the candidate of the reform element, was victorious in yesterday's recall election over Fred C. Wheeler, the socialist nominee, by a narrow plurality of 1,650 votes out of a total of more than 25,000 cast. Wheeler carried five out of the city's nine wards, but Alexander's lead in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth wards overcame Wheeler's slight pluralities.

PRICE OF COAL IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 27.—There was no reduction in the price of coal here yesterday, the meeting of the coal merchants' association, which had been called to declare the usual spring reduction, being postponed as the expected modification of a reduction in the wholesale price by the operators was not received.

ON MAIDEN TRIP.

New Hamburg-American Liner Has Nearly 5,000 Passengers Aboard.

Hamburg, March 27.—The 18,000 ton steamship Cleveland, of the Hamburg-American line, which was launched here on September 24th last, left to-day on her maiden voyage. She carried 890 first and second and 4,000 third cabin passengers. She is a sister ship of the Cincinnati, which was launched last July.

BUSY SEASON IN BUILDING

MANY BLOCKS ARE ALREADY PLANNED

Victoria Will This Summer Be Marked by Great Activity.

There is every prospect that Victoria has safely passed the depression period which affected the whole continent and that she is now about to enter upon her most prosperous times. The financial stringency which has prevailed was nowhere felt less than in Victoria but it has apparently all passed now and a building summer promises to be Victoria's "growing time."

Before the season is far advanced there promise to be a large number of buildings under way in the business section of the city. They are more or less substantial up-to-date blocks for the most part that are planned.

Pemberton & Son, as has been mentioned, will build a modern block on the corner of Fort and Broad streets to replace the one destroyed by fire. On the opposite corner the "Times" new home will be built this spring with accommodation not only for the paper but in addition there will be a large number of offices available. Both these buildings on opposite corners will be modern in every respect with elevators and made practically fire proof. On Government street in the heart of the business section the Royal bank will erect a substantial headquarters on the site of the building now occupied by Fred. Foster and W. Bowman. On the corner of Broughton and Langley streets, just below the West End Grocery, the B. C. Land & Investment Company will erect an up-to-date office building. Already a large part of the accommodation has been taken.

On Yates street above Sylvester's store, a block of stores with rooming accommodation above is being built by a local syndicate. Watson and McGregor, on Johnson street, will replace their present premises with a substantial block to meet the demands of the trade. On Yates street on the premises occupied by Stephen Whyte, Cameron & Calwell will erect a modern livery and boarding stable.

There are some of the larger buildings that have already been definitely decided upon. B. Wilson & Co. cold storage, and Wilson Bros., wholesale grocers, have solid blocks well advanced on Head street. The buildings are a credit to the firms and will be early ready for occupation, work having been kept up continuously during the winter. They will have a switch from the B. & N. yards built into the premises to facilitate handling of section road, and firms have in view similar facilities in the way of railway switches into their warehouses. E. G. Prior & Co., it is reported, contemplate such a step and have in view increased warehouse accommodation when the request is granted.

In that section of the city Llm Dat is contemplating a brick block three or four stories high, occupying the whole of the Government street frontage from near to Chatham street. There are other buildings under contemplation in the business district, several of which will assuredly be gone on with. G. Forbes Vernon is seriously considering building on the vacant lot on View street adjoining the Vernon block. He may also make additions to the Vernon at the same time. On Government street new blocks are also being considered and before the spring is well opened Victoria will see more construction than has been seen for many years.

RESIDENTIAL AVENUES SEEK IMPROVEMENTS

Pemberton Road and Cook Street Want Permanent Paving.

The spirit of progress which is noticeable throughout the entire city is particularly noticeable on some of the residential streets, and propositions are now made for the improvement of these thoroughfares which a few years ago would have been scoffed at as unnecessary and prohibitive on account of the expense involved.

On Friday the city council dealt with the application of the residents of Linden avenue, who asked for the paving of that street from Fort to the sea. This request was granted and the work will doubtless be shortly inaugurated. Following the lead of the avenue in question the owners on two other streets are circulating petitions asking for similar improvements on the roadways. The streets in question are Pemberton road, one of the most delightful of the residential streets of the city, and Cook street, upon which a wide boulevard with cement curbs is now being laid down.

As a result of these thoroughfares in question are followed