Shipmaster Says Advantages Here Are Superior to Many **Great Ports** 

that I know had an area of water similar to those of the inner and outer harbors of Victoria the members of the harbor trusts would dance for joy," said a shipmaster who has seen the greater number of the world's ports, yesterday. "The natural advantages and the opportunities of Victoria are remarkable when you consider many of the ports which have practically been made by "educating" rivers, making new waterways, building breakwaters, wet docks entered through lock gates, etc., many being practically "made" ports. Here the location is excellent. All that is required is sufficient work to develop quired is sufficient work to develop the natural advantages."

Modern shipping requires facilities for docking and of handling cargo in excess of the oldtime requirements and the majority of the world's ports are making preparations in readiness for the future development. It is high time that the necessities of Victoria in this connection should be considered. The trend of modern steamers is to The trend of modern steamers is to large tonnage. A return filed by Hon. Winston Churchill, president of the Board of Trade before the British Parliament in connection with the Port of London bill, shows that the reater percentage of the world's steamers are of over 3,000 tons. Of all he steamers now aftoat, 2,359 are besteamers now afloat, 2,359 are besen 2,000 and 2,999 tons; 2,012 are
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Special attention will be given to the 4,000 and 4,999 tons; and 1,199 are of

5,000 tons and above that tonnage.

This increasing size of steamers is responsible for arousing harbor board after harbor board to an appreciation of the necessity of improvement. Yesterday news was given of Plymouth's ambitious scheme. At the next session of the British Parliament the London and Southwestern Railway company which owns the port of Southampton, will ask for an act to improve and extend the well known Hampshire port, until it will be the largest of the world's ports. The company was formerly averse to crossing the river Itchen, a work involving some expensive bridge and engineering works. The company has finally decided to carry this out. The solicitor for the London and Southwestern Railway company has written a letter ampton, will ask for an act to improve and extend the well known Hampshire port, until it will be the largest of the world's ports. The company was formerly averse to crossing the river Itchen, a work involving some expensive bridge and engineering works. The company has finally decided to carry this out. The solicitor for the London and Southwestern Railway company has written a letter to the Southampton town council announcing that the company intend to apply to Parliament next session for powers to construct new docks at Woolston, on the mudlands and foreshore of the River Itchen and of Southampton water. It is understood that the scheme includes the construction of an immense graving dock on the Woolston side of the River Itchen, opposite the present docks. It it expected that the new dock will be the largest of its kind in the world. A deep-water channel will be dredged to facilitate the approach of the largest vessels, and a seawall will be built along the foreshore.

Syren and Shipping says: "The invitable, it appears, is to happen at Southampton. The London and South Western Railway company, finding the spit of land between the Test and the Itchen insufficient for their purposes of rapid development, have announced their intention of seeking Parliamentary powers for the construction of and San Francisco on the northward voyage, and the Central America as far south ampton and Neiley line. An intimation to this effect was received

ports, as well as from Puget in and San Francisco to Mexico and such ampton and Netley line. An intimation to this effect was received by the Southampton town council last week, and, as might be expected, it formed one of the principal topics touched upon in the postprandial speeches at the mayoral banquet. The scheme itself, as we need scarcely point out, is one of deep importance to the Hampshire port. It has long been evident that the Southwestern company were badly hampered by lack of room for extension. Their present dock estate stands on the apex of a triangle of which the town of Southampton forms the base, and the only possible direction in which it could be developed was along the mudlands which fringe what is locally known as the Western Shore. Even here there is not a great deal of space to spare, while the work would have been costly and the position itself far inferior to that which the eastern bank of the River Itchen can offer. It has hitherto been supposed that the Southwestern company were averse to crossing the Itchen, but those who held this theory reckoned without the keen enterprise which characterizes the directorate at Waterloo. The step was bound to be taken sooner or later, and, with their

narbor at vancouver. A message re-ceived by wireless from the Queen last night stated that the steamer had been at anchor in English bay since early yesterday morning and at 10 p.m. was still at anchor in thick fog with no indication of the fog clearing at that time

WILL GIVE LOCAL SERVICE TO PERU

New Steamship Line Being Organized Will Extend to Ports of Costs Rica and Further South

SOUTHAMPTON TO IMPROVE

It is probable that the new steam-ship line to be established between victoria and Puget Sound ports via San Francisco to Mexican ports in January with the steamers Erna and Industry with the steamers Erna and Industry with the steamers Erna and Southern America as far sonth as Corinto. Capt. Jebsen, manager of the line was recently in the City of Mexico where he had an interview with President Diaz and it was arranged that Mexico should give a subsidy of \$60,000 to the line. This subsidy the Mexican government is less than that given to the new line, being \$50, "The natural advantages and the opportunities of Victoria the members of the ports which have practically been made by "educating" rivers, making new waterways, building by the Canadian government is less than that given to the new line, being \$50, "The water and out the new line, being \$50, "It was only the other day that I of similar amount, as well as payments for carrying mails.

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which has its terminus at Manzanillo. The arrangement with the Mexican Central railway company provides that the steamers shall run direct from San Francisco to Manzanillo on the sonth-bound voyage, omitting the ports of call on the Gulf. of California. The call on the Gulf. of California. The trip from the Golden Gate to Manzanillo is expected to be made in five and a half days. It is not the yet decided whether the first trip will extend beyond Salina Cruz, the terminus on the Pacific of the Tehuantapec National railroad, but it is probable that arrangments will be made to contribute. railroad, but it is probable that arrangments will be made to continue to Costa Rican ports. The probability is that the line will be extended without delay to the coffee ports of Costa Rica and on to Corinto. A profitable trade in shipping bananas from San Blas to San Diego is also expected to be work-

carriage of fruit from Mexico and Cen-tral America to Californian ports, Puget Sound and British Columbia. The steamers Ella and Erna, with which the service will be inaugurated are \$60x48x27 feet, of about 2200 tons dead weight. They were especially built for tropical service, and have accommodation for 64 first-class and 24 second-class passengers. With these two steamers calling at San Francisco Manzanillo, Slina Cruz and the prin-

trail America.

The steamers Ella and Erna are now loading in Japan for this port, and the regular service will be started soon after the first of the year.

# FOR GRAND TRUNK

Announcement Made That Two Passenger Steamers Will

It is officially announced from Montreal that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will inaugurate a coasting steamship service between Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert early during the coming year. It was announced in these columns some time ago that plans had been prepared for two passenger steamers of the type of the Princess May of the C. P. R. The The control of the position of

wan and Alberta to Prince Rupert the grades are easy; there is very little TWO NEW LINERS grades are easy; there is very littl snow in winter, so that when the Pan snow in winter, so that when the Panama canal opens in six years I look to see Prince Rupert one of the very best grain ports of the world. I have more than once ventured the prediction that in my lifetime we shall haul to the Pacific as much grain as we shall haul to the Atlantic."

Mr. Hays declared that this diversion of traffic would not seriously diminish the earnings of the eastern division of the Grand Trunk.

SOM ORIENTAL TRADE

Andrew Wair & Co. Will Build More Vessels for Trans—Pacific Service

The government steamer Quadra re-turned to port yesterday morning after a month spent in northern wa-ters. She supplied some of the light-

into wheat and it must prove to be a very profitable investment. Wheat which was brought up from Kansas three years ago for seeding purposes, has developed in our rich soil and with our climate into a larger, harder and better grain, and is now being sent back to that country for the same purpose, in as large quantities as can be obtained, at \$1 a bushel, a price which pays our farmers excellently well. While financial matters have been somewhat straightened during the last couple of years this year's the last couple of years, this year's bumper crop has set our farmers solid-ly upon their feet, and should next eason prove equally successful mar of them may seriously contemplate selling out, retiring from agricultural pursuits and coming over to this coast. I look for a great year in 1909, all through the northwest, and its effects will be understabled. will be undoubtedly felt in this pro-

vince.
"I have a very high opinion indeed
of Victoria, and of the wonderfully
fine opportunities which it presents for investment as a residential as well as otherwise, and I am confident that the development in these most promising directions during the next few years will astonish many among its own residents."

## BARMAN ACCUSED OF

Constable Ireland in Mix-Up With Harry Lalaune— Case Remanded

(From Sunday's Daily)

Harry LaLaune, bartender at the Bismarck, was charged before Magistrate Jay yesterday with having assaulted Constable Ireland while in the execution of his duty. The case was CHARMER ARRIVES adjourned until Tuesday, as the deense desired an opportunity to bring forward more witnesses, the prosecu-tion acceding to the demand, as it had ome necessary to introduce evidence rebutting the accused's statement that the constable was the worse for liquor the time, and those who could tes

minutes after midnight he was on his way home when he noticed a disturb-ance near the corner of Pandora and ance near the corner of Pandors and Government streets. There had been a fight, and although the combatants had separated when he got there, the accused was engaged in what seemed to him like a loud altercation with one of the crowd, of whom there were about twenty assembled. He went up to Lalaune, and as he was in plain clothes, he informed him he was an officer, at the same time displaying his badge. He then told Lalaune he must move on or he would send him to the station. He claims that Lalaune replied, cursing and threatening him, and that immediately after the two closed. While on the ground the constable states that he was kicked by someone in the crowd, so he called to his friend to fetch the patrol wagon from the

for the trans-Pacific trade from Puget Sound and Victoria. Since the Lon-don shipping firm of Andrew Weir & Co., represented on this coast by Frank Waterhouse & Co., entered the trans-Pacific trade they have been operating the steamers Suveric and Kumeric regularly, and also an irregular line to North China. The Suveric and Kumeric were operated in connection with the Boston Steamship company's steamers Tremont and Shawmut, which have been withdrawn for sale to the United States experience. for sale to the United States govern-ment. The Kumeric and Suveric, the former now at Manila and the latter on the way here from Yokohama being due on December 18, have since been operated alone in the Puget Sound-Manila trade. It has been decided to Manila trade. It has been decided to build two modern steel cargo steamers of the same type to be used with these two vessels in a regular line, which will probably be known in future as the Bank Steamship line. Each of the two new vessels will be of 15,000 tops register, and will be equipped with a limited amount of passenger accommodation and be provided with refrigerating service. The Weir line latest steamer, the Yoseric, of which capt. Gay, well known here as master of the steamer Duneric, is to have command, will shortly leave the builder's yards at Greenock to join the Australian Mail line which is operated by Andrew Weir & Co. in connection with the Howard Smith line.

The two new steamers will, with the Suveric and Kumeric, be the largest of the vessels of the company's fleet. Andrew Weir & Co., as well as owning a large fleet of sailing ships, the well known Bank line with names ending in the syllable "bank," as the steamship line is made up of "erics," owns a big steamship fleet. There are owns a big steamship fleet. There are now twenty-two vessels in this own-ery, of which fourteen are operated in the Bank line, the Katanga and Croydon under separate house flags, and the Adato, Oceano, Quito, and Yeddo under the Ocean Steamship company's flag. The "eric" fleet is made up of the Kumeric, Suveric Yoseric, Comeric, Duneric, Elleric Yoseric, Comeric, Duneric, Elleric, Foreric, Gymeric, Tymeric, Inveric, Boveric, Jesseric, Wyneric and the little steamers Ruby, Perseverance nd Burnock.

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The Yoseric, which will be added to the Australian mail line has been equipped with accommodation for sixty first class passengers and will be the first of the Australian mail line vessels to enter the passenger trade regularly, although many of the vessels have taken passengers by signing them on as members of the crew when leaving San Francisco.

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leaving San Francisco.

The deal for the purchase of the Tremont and Shawmut, which have been lying idle on Puget Sound since being withdrawn. Irom the trans-Pacific trade some months ago, is almost completed. The United States government has been baulking at the price asked for the vessels. The sum of \$1,500,000 was appropriated, and the owners asked that amount for the two steamers. President Alfred Wintwo steamers. President Alfred Winsor, of the Boston Steamship com-pany, is now in Washington arrang-ing the completion of the deal.

### AT ESQUIMALT WAYS

ne Under Own Steam Yesterday Afternoon Convoyed By Salvor and William Jolliffe

The steamer Charmer reached Esqui Constable Island told how last Wed-nesday night, in company with a by the coal scow in tow of the big friend, he had left his lodge room about 11:30 o'clock, and gone to the Strand cafe to have support. vor and tug William Jolliffe of the B. S. Salvage company. She will be hauled out at once on the B. C. Marine ways for repairs. When the accident occurred every precaution was taken to prevent loss of life, the boats belief the prepared for immediate laurely di ways for repairs. When the accident occurred every precaution was taken to prevent loss of life, the boats being prepared for immediate launching, life preservers given out, and the every arrangement made to safeguard those on board. The tug Nanoose of the CP.R. was the first to reach the Charmer with Chief Engineer Mc Cowan on board, and when he boarded the Charmer the canvas covers of the boats were lying on the deck where the boats were lying on the deck where the boats were lying on the deck where the hoats were lying on the deck where the boats were

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Rye, per bottle, \$1.25, \$1.00, and ...... 85¢ Plymouth Gin, per bottle, \$1.00 and ...........50¢ Dry Gin, per bottle, \$1.00 and ..... 50¢ Gilbey's Spey Royal, per bottle ..... \$1.25 Gilbey's Strathmill, per bot-Port Wine, per bottle, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, and .....50¢ Sherry, per bottle, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, and ......50¢ Claret, per bottle, 75c, 50c, and ...... 35¢ Gilbey's Invalid Port, per bottle ..... \$1.25 Gilbey's Castle Sherry, per bottle ..... \$1.25 Burgundy, per bottle...\$1.50 Rhine Wine, per bottle, Wines and Liquors by the Gallon Christmas Hampers, \$10 and ...... \$5

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between Simcoe street and Niagara street will be removed and reconstructed so as to conform with the sidewalk already laid between Toronto street and Simcoe street and boulevards will be laid on both sides of Government street between Toronto and Niagara streets with curbs and gutters.

Alderman Henderson will also in-Alderman Henderson will also introduce a bylaw authorizing the city to assume a further portion of the liability of the property owners liable under the Government street repaving local improvement bylaw. Since the work has been completed and the exact cost determined it has been found that the expenditure exceeded the estimate by about \$2,000 and this amount, it is intended, shall be assumed by the city.

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ed by the city.

The recommendation of the streets committee that the recent report made by Arthur L. Adams, the city's water expert, relative to the meter tenders, will also be submitted, and the reports of the purchasing agent and the water commissioner on the tenders for lead pipe and brass fixtures for the water works system, which tenders were opened at the last meeting of the council, will also be considered.

Other than routine matters there is little business on the slate for consideration.

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