

Here and There

"Moose are plentiful in the Chap- lau, Ont., district, and hunters can secure a good 'bag' of deer and bear," says J. W. McVey. Experienced guides can be obtained and hunters are assured they will get their limit.

"One of the things for which Canada is most to be congratulated is that she has established a system of education that compares favorably with any in the world. Canada is a nation of literates, she has a remarkably small proportion of illiterates," stated the Right Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, former Minister of Education in the British government, when disembarking at Montreal.

One of the many gifts offered by enthusiastic individuals to the Prince of Wales on his visit, the majority of which he could not for obvious reasons accept, was a package of French-Canadian tobacco grown on a farm at St. Roch l'Achigan, situated near the boundaries of Montcalm and Assomption counties. In a letter from the Alberta ranch the Prince through his secretary thanked the donor for the gift.

A cablegram from London, England, quotes an article in the "Financial News" dealing with the British Empire Exhibition. It stresses the exceptionally fine exhibit staged by Canada and the unquestionable benefit to trade relations it has effected. The article pays a high tribute to the Canadian Pacific Railway exhibit, describing the railway's gorgeously illuminated map of Canada, with its 5,000 incandescent lights as probably the most brilliant specimen of cartography ever seen at the exhibition or elsewhere.

It has been announced that H. J. Logan, M.P. for Cumberland, will accompany the Minister of Trade and Commerce to the West Indies to negotiate a new reciprocal treaty with those islands. The general purpose of the visit is to admit West Indian commodities free in return for Canadian manufacturers receiving similar treatment, the products of the two countries being entirely dissimilar. It is also hoped to build up a direct system of importations through Canadian ports instead of through the United States, by which route a great proportion of West Indian products now come to Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has appointed P. A. Cox, general agent, to assist Oriental manager, at Shanghai, and E. F. L. Sturdee, acting general passenger agent for the Orient, with headquarters at Hongkong. Leo Solloway, recently appointed Asiatic freight agent, with offices at Montreal, and supervision over Oriental and Australasian traffic via Pacific ports, has the distinction of being the youngest official in the Canadian Pacific Service. He was born in Vancouver, in 1895, and has been in the steamship freight service 14 years.

The winners of the Canadian Pacific Railway's Ontario bungalow camps fishing trophy competitions for 1924 were announced recently. The French River competition resulted in two competitors turning in fish almost identically alike. In this contest a tie was declared. The successful anglers were D. W. L. Hawkins, New York City, and H. H. Champ, Hamilton, Ontario, each entering a small mouth bass weighing exactly 4 pounds. The winning fish at Nipigon River Camp was a 6 pound, 10 ounce trout, caught by William Metzger, Detroit, Michigan. The Devil's Gap (Lake of the Woods) trophy was won by J. A. Furlong, Winnipeg, Manitoba, who entered a muscalunge weighing 20 pounds, 8 ounces.

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THAT WELL KNOWN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Mrs. Honeywell drew aside the hanging curtains to place the holly wreath with its red silk bow in the window. Suddenly her front door blew open with a whirl of snow and Edith stamped in, her arms filled with her Christmas bundles.

"Edith, tall and rosy cheeked, clerked in the 'big store'. She had been taken on as an extra for the holiday rush. The excitement, the crowding of insistent customers, the continuous demand for cheerful service had been her first business experience.

"Hello, Mother bunch!" cried Edith as she closed the door and dropped her bundles, her fur piece and her great coat.

"Are you tired, dear," asked Mrs. Honeywell, for she knew that this was the last shopping day and she imagined a day of exasperation for her daughter in serving the numberless last minute folks.

"Not a bit," promptly rejoined Edith, "I do believe that people are following somewhat the muchly advocated saying of doing their Christmas shopping early. Of course there were a lot who had to get something for their cousin or a friend or a wife whom they had forgotten but they seemed to appreciate the fact and were the nicest customers I ever had."

"You know, mother," she went on "you sort of lose the idea of Christmas when you are in the centre of so much buying and selling. But today I met several customers who were the loveliest I have met."

Edith strolled out into the kitchen with her mother and helped her with the preparations for supper. Mother and daughter had been "batching it" together for some years, living on the income of Mr. Honeywell's insurance which had provided for Edith's education as well as a fair living for both of them. Now, however, Edith felt she should make her own way at least. They needed pretty clothes; she and her mother liked the theatre and some day they were going to get that car.

"I have a little surprise for you, Mother, or rather the surprise is for me," murmured Edith while she stirred the gravy.

"I thought so," answered her mother. "You've been looking quite mysterious. Look out, you're burning the gravy. I suppose you are going to tell me that Fred will be here tonight?"

"Oh, Fred will be here all right. He'd be here day and night if I'd let him. But that is not my special surprise," said Edith, as she and Mrs. Honeywell sat down to their gate-legged table.

"I am going to be kept on at the store," Edith continued, "and it all came about on account of a certain Mrs. Worthington. She came into the china and glassware section and she seemed to be quite put out and annoyed and told me how she had purchased a nice tea set as a gift for her daughter and the set had been delivered broken, and here it was the last day with no gift. I sympathized with her and helped her make a new selection and arranged for the footman to have the set delivered by a special messenger. It wasn't much for me to do, since it had happened before many times, especially this time of the year, but it seemed to impress Mrs. Worthington. I have since found out that she is one of the most important customers the store has. As soon as I finished with her she went to the buyer of the section and reported to him how I had handled the matter for her and told him that he ought to keep me after her and I would arrange with me to be employed permanently and he notified me before I left this evening. So mother that settles the job question! And it must have been the Christmas spirit that got into Mrs. Worthington. The other girls told me she had never been known to have a kind word for any one."

The door bell gave a sharp ring and Edith hastened with an eager look in her blue eyes. The next instant Mrs. Honeywell heard a soft murmur.

"Oh, Fred how cold your nose is!" Whereupon Mrs. Honeywell demanded to know how Edith knew. There was a scree of repressed giggles and chuckles as Fred entered and greeted a much loved mother-in-law to-Let.

"Follow the sunshine to Victoria," might be a fitting slogan to use in attracting visitors to the capital city of British Columbia. Year by year it is becoming more popular as a winter resort, particularly among people from the Prairie Provinces who find in it an escape from the cold and snow of the winter at home. The average annual rainfall only approximates twenty-seven inches, while the temperature during the winter months allows for open air sports, drives and all that goes with outdoor life, and permits the seasonal flowers to bloom in wild profusion.

Five or six golf courses, open the year round, are features of the tourist attractions of Victoria and when one comes to this city overlooking the Straits of Juan de Fuca, he finds that like the bag of Santa Claus, it holds something for everyone.

One could not write of Victoria without writing about its parks and gardens, public and private. Nowhere in the world are they scattered in such profusion as they do in this city. Perhaps the most popular of the public places is Beacon Hill Park, which contains 300 acres laid out as recreation grounds and pleasure gardens, within 15 minutes walk of the Empress Hotel.

The Butchart Sunken Gardens, a veritable fairy land of flowers, shrubs, lawns, lake and waterfall, artificially constructed in an old quarry, are a never failing source of delight, and he who is possessed of a scientific mind, or is merely just interested will find much to admire from the astrophysical observatory on Saanich Mountain. Here he will find the second largest telescope in the world.

For the motorist, more than a thousand miles of splendid highway are open, and these he can enjoy for days at a time, making short trips from Victoria to neighboring bays, towns and villages, or tours which may be extended to a week or more. Good fishing is available off

shore, or in the numerous lakes and streams. There is no doubt that Victoria is the playground of Western Canada, and Vancouver Island is preferred by many to California, because, unlike those of the latter country, its beauties and attractions have not been artificially produced by irrigation.

Vancouver Island's heritage of natural scenic beauty, climate and attractions to the sportsman are inestimable, but, as if these did not suffice, in order that residents and visitors to Victoria should fully and pleasantly occupy their time for recreation, a huge Crystal Garden, designed by Messrs. Rattenburg and James is now being built by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. A winter garden sunlit by day and glittering by night, with music and an atmosphere, it is planned, which will not be easily forgotten. Built on a two acre property facing the Empress Gardens, the Crystal Garden will be of generous proportions, with lower portion in brick and concrete and superstructure of steel and specially designed glass. The interior will eventually be a huge conservatory, provision having been made throughout for growing vines, palms and plants, and in the centre will feature the largest salt water swimming pool on the continent.

To give a Roman Bath effect, from the peacock alley promenades and dancing floors above, there will be concrete steps down to the landing of the pool which will be 150 feet long, 40 feet wide and 9 feet deep at the diving end. Salt water will be pumped from Beacon Hill Beach, a distance of nearly a mile, maintained at a temperature of 70 degrees and kept in constant circulation. It will of course, be sterilized, and bathers, before entering the pool will pass under showers of varying temperatures. Among other attractions planned are a gymnasium and hot salt water baths.

All efforts are now being concentrated on the work of construction of the Crystal Garden to the end that it will be completed by May 24th next, in time for a gala week which is being arranged by Victoria citizens, and in connection with which a pageant is being planned. A forty piece orchestra has already been engaged to play in the Garden during "Victoria Week."

Anticipating that this season will see the beginning of a large tourist movement toward Vancouver Island, the Canadian Pacific is planning to considerably augment its service between Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle, and for this run two new steamships, the largest ever to be placed in service on the Pacific Coast, are now being completed. The first, the "Princess Kathleen," will make her initial run early in the new year when she will considerably facilitate the movement of that large number of vacationists and tourists who choose to visit British Columbia, and particularly Vancouver Island at that time. The "Princess Marguerite" will go into regular service two months later.

Chinese War Spoils Royal and Ancient Game

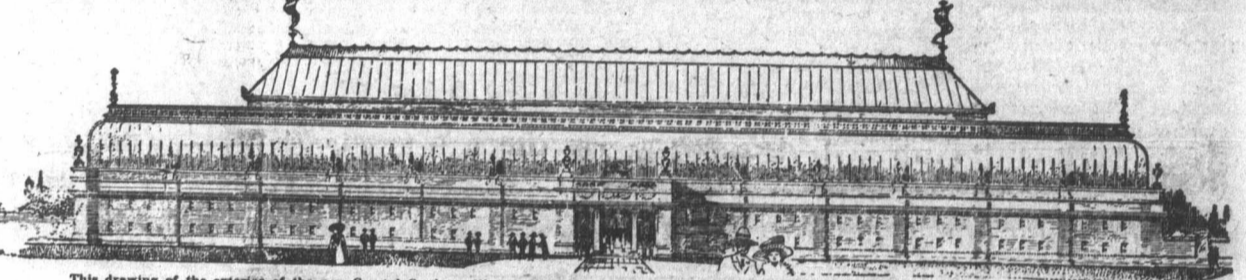


This Shanghai News Bulletin Shows How Additional Hazards Were Created

In the opinion of Canadian Pacific officials stationed in China, the cessation of hostilities in that country will, in all probability, be followed by a remarkable development of Canada's trade with the Orient. From letters received at the Montreal headquarters of the great transportation company, Canadians, Europeans and other foreigners did not take the Chinese war quite as seriously as did the Chinese themselves. Business was affected a little as travel to and from the interior was somewhat restricted, but at no time did the foreigners feel apprehension as to their own safety, even though, at times, the actual scene of the fighting was not known but was quite close. The main things worrying the Europeans in Shanghai were the possibility of a food shortage and the fact that the city's best golf links was in the fighting zone and had, therefore, more than a usual hazards; but trafficking and travel may now be said to have returned almost to a pre-war basis.

at Low Hoo, was forced to jump into the river, where he was finally captured. Below that, he who understands Chinese hieroglyphics reads that recruiting workmen for station work and the transportation of munitions at Jarbark was comparatively easy as many who volunteered for this work were fearful of being forcibly recruited for service at the front if they were found to be without employment. Underneath the portraits of the contending generals, the artist has endeavored to show how Mit Gee Pong of the Su army fired on the Chekiang troops at Wong Doo, forcing them to retreat, and, at the right, how the Chekiang troops, by entrenching themselves round Low Hoo and by remaining quiet, tricked the Su army into thinking that the town had been evacuated, being thereby enabled to vanquish General Kay, who sought to occupy it.

Crystal Garden For Pacific Coast Playground



This drawing of the exterior of the new Crystal Gardens, Victoria, B.C., gives a good idea as to the part glass will play in its construction. In design it is not unlike the Crystal Gardens with which Londoners are familiar.

British Columbians are almost abnormally proud of their Capital city—Victoria. They will admit that its streets are not blocked with traffic, and that its shops are perhaps not of the most modern type, but give them an opportunity to talk of Parliament House Buildings, the Provincial Museum, the Library, the Saanich Mountain Observatory, the Empress Hotel, Stadacona Park, the golf links, the motoring roads, the private houses, the wonderful gardens, and, above all, Beacon Hill Park, and they will not let it go by.

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And they are justifiably proud of their city. It is indeed beautiful, and in a beautiful setting. Rudyard Kipling once wrote of it "To realize Victoria you must take all that the eye admires most in Bournemouth, Torquay and the Isle of Wight, the Happy Valley at Hong Kong, the Doon at Sorrento and Capri Bay; add reminiscences of the Thousand Isles, and arrange the whole around the Bay of Naples with some Himalayas in the background."

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