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JOURNALISTS ARE IN THE CITY

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Panoramic Impressions Gleaned by Members of Fourth Estate--- Many Interesting Personalities

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Representative of the British Press, thirteen members of the Fourth Estate who are at present engaged in touring Canada, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. They are the guests of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy while in the Dominion, and whether as a compliment to Victoria as a beauty spot, or merely that they require a breathing space after their multiplied exertions, they intend to stay in the city until Thursday morning.

Their trip up to the present has been of a panoramic character. From place to place they have been hurried, for the Dominion is large and like all members of their cult when they go to a place they want to see it all. Even with this desire ever present before them, they have to acknowledge that they have really been only partially able to discover what the conditions are in the Empire's largest tract of country.

Among the things which seem to have struck them most are the resources and the atmosphere of internal strength which they state is evident on every hand. Then, there is the scenery they say. Their trip through the Rockies seems to have exhausted their vocabulary, or, mayhap, they are keeping the impression which it created until such time as they return to the Old Land and resume their vocations.

Victoria also comes in for unlimited praise. It is characterized as a little paradise and already its climate—which by the way at present is none of the best—has been a source of unstinted praise by the members of the British Press.

Wherever they have gone they have faithfully endeavored to record to the host of reporters who dog their footsteps some of the fleeting impressions that have found a resting place on the retina of their brains. But it is evident that to many of them Canada is even now an unexplored country. They acknowledge that its immensity is so great that it is impossible to get much idea during such a tour. They are bewildered, for though they have been, so to speak, intimately connected with battles, with murders, and with sudden death, with experiences erie and experiences of other kinds, recorded in the columns of Old Land newspapers, they partially hint that this is an experience which will bear a considerable amount of introspection before they can commit it either to mere words or the still more lasting impression made by the pen.

The party is in the hands of George Ham. What Mr. Ham's office is in connection with the great transcontinental system, no one has ever been able to determine. His name appears on none of the guide books and when he is referred to in the public press it is simply as "George Ham of the C. P. R." His duty is to make people smile, and it is one of the ironies of fate that the man, whose sole mission in life seems to be to contribute to the pleasure of others, is himself, a chronic sufferer. In Canada he is as well known, in association with the C. P. R. as is Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and there has not been in the last score of years, a party of note which he has not chaperoned across the continent. He provides bed and board, sees that all thirst is assuaged, tips the porter, pays the bills, and no one asks: "Where did the money come from?"

As George Ham is indispensable to the C. P. R., so "Soloman" is indispensable to Mr. Ham. Where one goes the other travels, and as one is known as a prince of traveling companions, so the other is the King of porters. Soloman knows by instinct each man's brand and is thus able to anticipate every desire of Mr. Ham's guests.

Following this brief description of the chaperon of the party, who, incidentally makes the party 14 instead of the unlucky number 13, it may not be out of place to hear what he has to say about the 13 who are in some measure under his ciceroneship.

"Victoria, you know," he remarked, "is the half-way house in the 13,000 mile trip between London and Hongkong, and our British journalistic friends in making this quarter-circuit of the globe, have seen a great deal of Canada. Of course with such long distances to make, they can't be shown everything we have in the Dominion, but the tour has been so arranged that they have seen parts of Quebec, Ontario, new and old, Manitoba and the western prairies, and have had three delightful days in the Rocky mountains.

"They have seen your prosperous coast cities—Vancouver and New Westminster, and are now enjoying the prodigal hospitality of Victoria. On their return, we shall run down the Kootenay, see Trail, Robson, and Nelson, where next Sunday will be spent, and go over the Crow's Nest, by which they will see the Rockies again as they appear a hundred miles south of the main line. Then they will get another glimpse of prairie life at Portage la Prairie, spend a day in Winnipeg, and go down the Great Lakes to Owen Sound and Toronto, visit Niagara Falls and the fruit district of the Niagara peninsula, from which they will go to Montreal and Quebec, bidding farewell to Canada on August 23rd, when they sail for home on the Empress of Britain.

"The trip has been so far a delightful one, and the unfailing resources of the C. P. R. have—even if I do say it myself—reduced any inconveniences there may be experienced in traveling to a minimum."

"And the party?" queried the reporter.

"Oh, we have politicians, and editorial writers, and poets, and artists, and special correspondents, and authors, but, let us thank a benign Providence, no 'kickers.' They came out to see Canada and they are seeing it. They gather what information they can, they see and talk with everybody that pleases, they form their own impressions and draw their own conclusions, without any attempt on the part of anybody to influence them. At anyrate that is what we, who accompany them, are trying to let them do.

"You don't know some of them? Well, they're just human beings like the rest of us, ready to discuss serious questions or to spend a pleasant hour over their pipes and lemon squashes—some like myself taking something stronger by doctor's orders. They drink—in the vast panorama of sea and land, and rock and sky, and absorb vast quantities of information which the energetic boards of trade and city councils include in their profuse hospitality.

"They are particularly charmed with Victoria, which, they say, reminds them more of the Old Country than any other place they have been in Canada. Don't give it away, but I'll bet you the ice cream you'll see some of them here again.

"You must remember that they have had a pretty strenuous time of it since reaching Quebec, and I guess our friends will see to it that they'll be kept going pretty lively on the return trip. But the restful days in the Rockies have recuperated them, and they look forward with high anticipation to the sail across the Straits of Georgia and down the Arrow and Kootenay lakes, and again down the Great Lakes from Fort William.

"It is not all play or sight-seeing with them, by a long chalk. Every available moment is given to letter writing, and already some very interesting articles descriptive of Canada have appeared in their home papers.

"In making such an extended trip, there are many details to be attended to, of which the outsider knows absolutely nothing. Very fortunately, the arduous work is considerably lightened by the kindness of our friends throughout the land, who willingly arrange for local receptions and relieve us of a great deal of work. To these good people—all the way from Quebec to Victoria—are the C. P. R. personally indebted for the good aid they are to us in giving our guests opportunities for seeing the country, and in showing them what real Canadian hospitality is.

"They'll go home, I believe, with the impression that Canada is the strong right arm of the Empire, and that it should be made stronger by the infusion of more British blood."

Mr. Ham, who has only recently returned from Mexico, where he went after his serious operation last January, has almost entirely recovered his health, and says he hopes to be able to come out to the coast again and again.

The dean of the party is Ernest Brain, representing the Thunderer, the Times of London. Mr. Brain, who has been christened the commodore of the party, is seeing Canada for the first time, although he has visited the States once or twice, and he is immensely impressed with the beauty and potentialities of the Dominion.

"Of course we have been rushing through a panorama," he said this morning, "and as a result it is very difficult to form well digested opinions. For this reason I do not care to express any views on the great problems of this country, but for the present to confine myself to an expression of admiration for its matchless scenery, climate and people."

Mr. Brain added that so impressed was he with the necessity of carefully considering many matters, upon which a hurried, and hence superficial and cursory conclusion might be formed, that he had asked his manager to give him a fortnight's respite after his return to England to collect his information and give it the consideration it deserved.

"We are gathering information and learning about this country at first," he added, "and hence prefer not to give interviews."

Mr. Brain has strong words of praise for the C. P. R. and the splendid service the company gives across the continent.

Howard Gray, leader writer on the Pall Mall Gazette, is one of those genial men who is willing to help out a fellow journalist by giving his impressions, and while doing so manages to get as much as he gives. He is trying to get to the bottom of things, but finds there is so much that is new and so many great questions confronting him that he is unable to give settled opinions. One thing, however, he finds that stands out clearly, and that is the enormous possibilities of Canada.

"In passing over the prairies," said Mr. Gray, "we could see little of the wheat growing of which we heard so much, unless we took an automobile, as we did on several occasions, and leaving the beaten track, visited the large farms which stand back from the railroad. The land near the main line seems to be held very largely by speculators, and there is not the development there that one would have expected."

"I never," he continued, "experienced anything so really exhilirating as an automobile ride over the prairies. The roads are smoothe and the pure air rushing into one's lungs seems to make one feel like a new man. As we crossed the mountains the air became softer. There was not the burning heat which we sometimes found on the prairies. In fact, it felt more like the atmosphere of England."

"Victoria," said Mr. Gray, "is the most English city we have seen. The people, their dress and manners, everything is English. The people here are not a bit like the people of Eastern Canada. Of course there are some Americans, such as this hotel. You find nothing like this large lounging room in the hotels across the Atlantic. I think it is delightful."

"What are your opinions of the conditions of the workingmen out here?"

"I have seen it stated," replied Mr. Gray, "that the workingman out here is not any better off than he is in England; because if wages are high, the cost of living is correspondingly as high. I cannot find that to be true. The worker here receives from two to three hundred per cent. more than he gets with us, while the cost of living is not fifty per cent. higher. I found that many articles cost little more here than in England.

"One of the best evidences of prosperity I have found in this country is the fact that no sum of money smaller than five cents is used in your currency. In the East End of London, where people are very poor, they use farthings to a very large extent, often buying as small a quantity as a farthing's worth of tea. In Belgium, too, they use a coin worth one-tenth of a penny. This is always a sign of poverty.

"Anyone with a commercial instinct is bound to do well in Canada. There are such opportunities. I have five brothers in the country and numbers of other friends and all are doing well. It is a delightful country and I am enjoying myself immensely."

Frank Rinder, art critic of the Glasgow Herald and Daily News, is a bashful gentleman who will not venture an opinion until he is sure of his ground. He took exception to the statement of J. Keir Hardie, M. P., that living in Canada is just on the subsistence limit. He thought Mr. Hardie must have been misled by the Socialist friends by whom he is constantly surrounded. Mr. Rinder is a Scotchman and was much pleased to find his countrymen everywhere in the Dominion, and almost always at the top.

J. R. Fisher, of the Northern Whig, Belfast, is particularly interested in Canada as a home for the Irish people. He finds that all of his own countrymen over here are doing well and are therefore well satisfied with Canada. The immensity of the country and its possibilities were themes on which Mr. Fisher dilated with all the adjectives at his command. Even Vancouver Island he found was large enough to receive all the Irishmen they could spare, and yet have plenty of room for others.

Harold Begbie, who is a near relative of the late Sir Matthew Begbie, the distinguished chief justice of this province, is well known as both as a novelist and journalist, has contributed many signed articles to the leading London newspapers. He rivals Rudyard Kipling in the number of poems which he has contributed to the Times. His novels are "Sir John Sparrow," "The Priest" and "The Vigil."

S. Begg is the chief artist of the London Illustrated News. He accompanied H. R. H. the Prince of Wales during the latter's tour in India.

T. B. Maclachlan, of the Weekly Scotsman, has been connected with that paper for the last 21 years. He was recently appointed editor. He is also an author of some repute.

H. W. Smith is the chief sub-editor of the London Daily News, the organ of the Liberal party in the Old Country. He has had a varied newspaper experience.

P. H. Cookman is the foreign and colonial editor of the London Morning Post, with which paper he has been connected for nearly 20 years. He is a Londoner by birth.

J. Arthur Sandbrook is the chief assistant editor of the Cardiff Western Mail. He acted as a volunteer in a Welsh regiment during the South African war.

Kenneth Barnes belongs to the literary staff of the Westminster Gazette. He is a prominent playwright.

The other members of the party are A. J. Dawson, of the London Standard, and J. M. Gibbon, of the C. P. R. service in London, who has accompanied the party from their starting point.

This morning the party were the guests of the provincial government, and were shown over the parliament buildings. The C. P. R. Empress hotel was also thrown open to them, and they expressed great interest in the magnificent structure.

Mayor Morley has been anxious to entertain the visiting journalists on behalf of the city, but according to present arrangements their programme, which has been organized by the C. P. R., is complete. This evening they will be the guests of J. H. S. Matson, manager of the Daily Colonist, to a dinner, and to-morrow they will be taken by the C. P. R. to Ladysmith and will also stay at various places on the way. Their stay in Victoria extends until Thursday morning, when they leave on the return journey across Canada.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE.

Meeting of Ladies' Committee of Management—Donations During Month.

The ladies' committee of management of the Protestant Orphans' Home held their regular monthly meeting on Monday. The following ladies were present: Mesdames McTavish (in the chair), Higgins, Shakespeare, Berridge, Hunter, Latimer, Spragge, McCulloch, M. Higgins and Crow Baker.

After the disposal of much routine business, disbursements to the amount of $112.65 were authorized in payment of bills.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton, of Oak Bay, were accorded a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for their generosity and kindness in entertaining all the children of the Home to a picnic on their grounds at Oak Bay.

The application for admittance of a boy from Salt Spring Island was discussed and passed upon favorably.

Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Spragge constitute the Home committee for the month. The thanks of the ladies were heartily given to the following donors for their liberal donations: Mrs. C. F. Todd and Mrs. Munsie, two large salmon; Mrs. Munsie, lettuce; Mrs. Brabner, strawberries and lettuce; Mrs. Porter, sr., Burnside road, two large boxes cherries; A Friend, boys' clothing; R. E. Knowles, boys' blouse; Mrs. Scowcroft, clothing; George Baines, candy; A Friend, basket of gooseberries; Mrs. Jackson, one pair of shoes; Mr. Christensen, Cape Scott, four dozen oranges; Mr. Burns, per Dixi Ross, five loaves of bread; Mrs. C. F. Todd, cherries and lettuce; Order of Owls, per S. A. Bantly, box of sandwiches; Mrs. R. Mansfield, Kentucky, $1; Miss Sarah Legaric, Malakahla, B. C., cash, $5; Mrs. S. E. Newton, basket of potatoes; Mrs. Blythe, Oaklands, four pounds of berries; Rev. Mr. Connell, Cedar Hill, sandwiches; Mrs. C. F. Todd and Mrs. Munsie, two large salmon; Mrs. Davis, South road, clothing; Mrs. C. F. Todd, magazines; Mr. Lane, basket of potatoes; Times and Colonist, daily papers; donation from a friend, per Mrs. W. Wilson, $1; donation, friend, $5; Mrs. Chapman, for pound party, $5.

TRAFFIC UNINTERRUPTED.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 5.—Despite the strike of 500 switchmen, brakemen and flagmen, passenger trains are running to-day as usual on all divisions of the Colorado & Southeastern railroad. The fast freight from Texas arrived last night practically on time, and to-day two freight trains were run to Greeley.

COUNCIL HELD LENGTHY SESSION

DISCUSSED MANY ROUTINE MATTERS

Question of Shingle Roofs on Houses Is Again Before the Aldermen.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The building by-law amendment by-law will in turn be amended so as to allow of the use of gravel roofs on buildings within the fire limits. This decision was reached by the city council last evening after a letter from F. M. Rattenbury had been read in which the writer supported the use of gravel roofs and placed them on a level with all other roofs used at the present in the city. While the council was concerned with fire matters, correspondence regarding the spark trouble at the Moore & Whittington mill was read. A discussion arose over a recommendation of the water commissioner that, in view of the difficulty experienced in obtaining sufficient men, the work of digging the trench for the new main to the Agricultural Grounds should be done by contract. After considerable comment the recommendation was rejected.

The following letter was received from Hon. J. S. Helmcken acknowledging the receipt of copies of the correspondence passing between the city solicitors and the gas company's solicitors regarding the laying of pipes on Haywood avenue:

W. J. Dowler, Esq., C. M. C.:

Sir:—Your copies of the "Correspondence passed between the city solicitors and the solicitors of the Gas Company," relating to the laying down of "gas mains" in Beacon Hill park, were received, with thanks, a couple of days ago.

Presumably they relate to the opening of a battle between the trustees of the park and the multiplex company.

The battle and its results are awaited with great interest by the public, and so I hope to receive further intelligence from you of its progress, certain that the trustees will not imitate Falstaff. I remain,

J. S. HELMCKEN.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 5th, 1907.

Upon motion this letter was received and filed.

F. M. Rattenbury, architect, wrote regarding the amendment to the building by-law which excluded the use of gravel roofs in the fire limits. Mr. Rattenbury stated that, from experience, he could say that the gravel roof was as serviceable and as safe as corrugated iron or other roofs. He thought it would be impossible to set fire to such a roof from the outside and, as gravel roofing was comparatively inexpensive, when compared to tin or iron roofing, asked the council to seriously consider their action in placing such a hardship upon those intending to build.

A suggestion that the matter should be dealt with by the fire wardens brought Ald. Fullerton to his feet.

"Let us be consistent," he said. "We have been slipping from one policy to another day by day and I say it is a foolish thing to do. This question has been settled in the council and we should not go back on our previous decision."

Both the Mayor and Ald. Hanna could not remember just what changes had been made in the building by-law by the last amendment. They thought that any roofs of a combustible nature were debarred.

Ald. Fullerton reminded the Mayor that the fire wardens had, upon the instructions received from the council, taken out the words "and gravel" from the by-law. Ald. Gleason sustained this statement.

Ald. Ross thought that it would be a bad move to prevent people from using gravel roofing.

While the council was waiting for copies of the amendment to the by-law Ald. Hanna created a little diversion by asking the Mayor whether he would withdraw his "nasty" remarks about the city engineer and make an apology to that official.

The Mayor informed the alderman that his remarks were entirely out of order, as they had nothing to do with gravel roofing, while Ald. Fullerton remarked "that he would not withdraw his remarks concerning the engineer for anybody."

After a little further discussion it was decided that the Mayor should send the by-law back to the council to be re-committed.

W. L. Charmer applied for a connection between his residence and the water main. This request was referred to the water commissioner for a report.

A. Ohlson complained of the bad state into which the ditch in front of his nursery on Landsdowne road had fallen. The streets committee will report on the matter.

Miss. J. M. Parshalle wrote that several buildings owned by her has been destroyed by the recent fire and asked for a reduction of the assessments on her property.

The Mayor pointed out that no reductions could be made after the assessment rolls had once been made up. The city assessor and city solicitor will report upon the matter.

A letter was received from W. Deacon in which the writer stated that he had sustained injuries through falling over a broken plank on the Wharf street sidewalk. He claimed $100 damages. This was referred to the city solicitor and engineer for a report.

A letter from Frank Higgins regarding the license question, which is printed in another column, was read.

The city solicitors wrote as follows in regard to the Esquimalt road railway crossing:

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, re Level Crossing on Old Esquimalt Road:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to notify the council that the board of railway commissioners for Canada are sitting in Vancouver, and will to-morrow hear the application of the E. & N. Railway Company for permission to open up a level crossing.

A joint application has been made to the commissioners, which, however, contains a full reservation of the city's rights in the highway, and does not concede the contention we make that the board of railway commissioners have no jurisdiction to prevent the removal by the city of the fences across the highway.

We have instructed our agent, Mr. A. D. Taylor, of Vancouver, to attend the sitting of the board and strictly to reserve the council's action if any onerous conditions are imposed by the board—such as reducing the grade of the approaches to the level crossing.

MASON & MANN.

The above communication was received and filed.

A further letter from the city solicitors dealt with the spark trouble at the Moore & Whittington mill, which had been brought to the notice of the council by the proprietor of Leigh's mill. It stated that there had been, without doubt, a large emission of sparks from the smokestack of the Moore & Whittington mill and that Mr. Leigh had been apprehending a fire for some time. The solicitors enclosed a letter from Messrs. Moore & Whittington, which read as follows:

August 2nd, 1907.

Messrs. Mason & Mann, Five Sisters' Block, City:

Sirs:—In answer to your letter of the 27th ult., we wish to state that we have put in a fire screen with an ⅛-inch mesh and it was inspected and passed by the fire chief the day we received your letter. We also wish to say that we have had the screen in ever since the 20th of July.

THE MOORE-WHITTINGTON LUMBER CO., LTD.

The letter from the solicitors is given below:

August 5th, 1907.

Gentlemen:—Re complaint of Messrs. James Leigh & Son: We have the honor to report that upon the instructions received we communicated with Messrs. Moore & Whittington and received a verbal assurance that a spark arrestor would be at once placed on the chimney complained of as emitting sparks, and we received a written assurance, which we herewith enclose.

We have further to report that, it having been reported that a fire had been caused to Messrs. Leigh's buildings by a spark from the same chimney on Saturday last, the writer attended with the chief of the fire department to-day and viewed the premises and interviewed both Mr. Moore and Mr. Leigh.

We are not called upon to express an opinion as to the liability for the fire, which happened on Saturday, but there is, in the opinion of the fire marshal, an urgent and imminent danger to that part of the city occupied by the two mills, caused by the escape of sparks from Messrs. Moore & Whittington's chimney, and we think the danger is one which should be guarded against by immediate regulations governing factory chimneys burning sawdust and other material liable to cause the emission of sparks.

The draft by-law prepared by us, and handed to Aldermen Vincent and Fullerton on Monday last, to a great extent meets the question, but it would appear to us that in this case the fire wardens should immediately serve a notice upon Messrs. Moore & Whittington to remedy the existing chimney by increasing the height to such an extent as will render the emission of sparks harmless, and by such further precaution as can be advised to suit the special circumstances of the close proximity to another lumber yard, and in this connection we suggest that possibly a regulation is required preventing sawmills and wood yards from being placed in future in such close proximity to each other, as each yard must be a source of menace to the other.

If the fire wardens so order we will prepare a notice for service to-morrow on Messrs. Moore & Whittington.

MASON & MANN.

The Mayor stated that he intended after to-night's fire inquiry to ask the council to amend the fire prevention by-law so as to make all mill-owners replace shingle roofs with corrugated iron. There were several mill buildings in the city that had dried up with age and were regular fire-traps.

Mr. Mann said that the existing by-law was not sufficient. It says the fire wardens shall order certain things to be done, but does not go any further. It ought to provide that the persons so ordered should be compelled to carry out the fire wardens' instructions.

Ald. Hanna said that, in his opinion, the chairman of the fire wardens had not done his duty. He thought his remark was necessary in view of the criticism on the city engineer which had been made by Ald. Fullerton.

Ald. Fullerton—"Everyone with the exception of Ald. Hanna who has been away, knows that the fire wardens are not to blame."

The letters were laid upon the table.

The water commissioner presented the following report:

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Dear Sir:—I observe that it is the intention of the council to pave certain streets, amongst them being Courtenay, Langley, Broughton, Broad and Gordon. On all these streets the water mains have to be relaid, and I would suggest that the paving be deferred until such time as the redistribution is put in order.

I understand that it is the desire of the council that the new main to the Home for the Aged and Infirm and Agricultural grounds be laid with all speed. There is quite a lot of work ordered some time ago which is not yet finished, and I would therefore recommend that the digging of the trench be done by contract, and that tenders be invited accordingly.

J. L. RAYMUR.

Several aldermen expressed the opinion that the work of digging the trench for the fair grounds water main should be done by day labor if it was possible, and this course was decided upon.

The city engineer reported that, if the increase of 25 cents a day asked for by the city laborers were granted, the increase in wages in his department for the remainder of the year would be $5,037.50. This letter was referred to the finance committee.

A report from the building inspector stated that the old building next to Chancery Chambers on Langley street was in no danger of falling down, but was a menace in case of a fire. This report was received and filed.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, in which a plan was outlined for the expenditure of $27,000 of the sewer funds for sewerage improvement and extension, was adopted. It was as follows:

Your committee on streets, bridges and sewers recommend as follows:

H. G. Hamilton, re petition for sidewalk. Recommend that a plank walk be laid on Fourth street, between King's road and Hillside avenue, a distance of 185 feet, at a cost of $48.

A. W. Jones et al, re cement sidewalk on Belcher street. Recommended that the necessary steps be taken to have a cement walk constructed between Cook street and Linden avenue on north side of Rockland avenue, on the local improvement plan.

Recommended that sub-division plan of north part of section 8A, Victoria city, be approved.

Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to have a map prepared showing the positions of sewers, permanent surface drains, water mains and gas mains of each street in the city, and that the water commissioner be instructed to afford all necessary information in the preparation of such map. Also that the engineer be authorized to cause an inspection to be maintained over all the work where excavations in the streets are necessary for laying or repairing the above mentioned mains or connection with such mains or for laying and repairing street car tracks, etc., all with a view of the importance of keeping the streets in as good a condition as possible for traffic.

Recommended that the accompanying recommendation of the engineer re sewer extension be adopted.

The following report from the city engineer was attached:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with instructions, I have the honor to report and recommend that the following streets be sewered, viz.:

Victoria West, Robert street system, viz.: James street, Esquimalt road, Robert to Rothwell street, and Rothwell street; also tank; estimated cost, $3,000.

Alston street system, by Alston street, Catherine, Jessie and Skinner, from Alston to Catherine; estimated cost, $4,500.

Bridge street extension, 400 feet; estimated cost, $500.

David street, west of bridge to Turner, and Turner to John; estimated cost, $1,000.

Hillside avenue, west of Second lane, 450 feet; estimated cost, $450.

Lane between Blanchard and Work to Bay, 500 feet; estimated cost, $600.

Pembroke, between Quadra and Chambers, 3,400 feet; estimated cost, $1,200.

Queen street; estimated cost, $800.

Cameron street; estimated cost, $300.

Fort street, from Main to Leighton road, estimated cost, $500.

Maple and Chestnut streets, from Fort northerly; estimated cost, $1,000.

Leighton road, from Jubilee to Belcher; estimated cost, $500.

Belcher, between Leighton and Oak Bay avenue; estimated cost, $800.

Oak Bay avenue, Rockland to McGregor; estimated cost, $1,200.

McGregor and Terrace avenues; estimated cost, $1,500.

Hulton street, north of Oak Bay avenue; estimated cost, $900.

Richardson, Cook to Moss; estimated cost, $1,200.

Hilda, Chester to Linden; estimated cost, $450.

Simcoe street, St. Lawrence to Montreal; estimated cost, $750.

Niagara street, St. Lawrence to Montreal; estimated cost, $600.

Richmond avenue, from Main to Oak Bay avenue; estimated cost, $5,000.

Camosun, south from Pandora; estimated cost, $200.

North Pembroke, from Ida to Lydia; estimated cost, $250.

Vining street, between Stanley avenue and Fernwood road; estimated cost, $300.

Fort street, from Leighton road to Belmont avenue.

Total estimated amount, $27,750.

I may say the following sections should be considered in the near future, the same being low lying property, corner of Superior and Oswego streets, Gas Works system, Discovery to Bay street, Craigflower road system, east and west of Russell street.

Permanent sidewalk by-law No. 13, which provides for the raising of $20,753.80 for permanenut sidewalk construction, was introduced and put through its first stages.

The council did not adjourn until nearly half-past eleven o'clock.

WILL RECEIVE COMPENSATION.

City Decides to Offer Property Owners Sum of Money.

Another step toward the settlement of the Victoria West arbitration matter was taken by the council at its session on Monday, when a report from the city solicitors recommending that Mrs. Martha Patton be offered $674.23 as compensation for her property in block Q, which will be affected by the validation of the Ralph map, was adopted. In case this offer is accepted, the standard of compensation will be set, and the arbitrator will then have a basis upon which to award compensation for all property affected.

The solicitors stated that they had obtained the valuation of the property from the city assessor and had, with that official, figured out what they thought was a very fair amount of compensation, as the property in question undoubtedly encroached upon the street lines. The holding of the court, that the city should make an offer to the persons affected by the proposed validation of the map before the arbitrator could settle any cases, materially affected the question of procedure.

The council received the solicitors' report and authorized the offering of the amount stated to Mrs. Patton.

ATTACK ON CARMEN.

Number of Shots Fired During Melee in 'Frisco—Motorman Wounded When on Way Home.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—D. L. Keefer, a motorman in the employ of the United Railroads, was shot and fatally wounded last night at 10.30 o'clock at Twenty-ninth and Dolores streets, while on his way home. This was the culmination of a number of attacks that were made yesterday on cars and carmen.

Twenty-nine shots were fired, a number of missiles hurled and a street car nearly demolished during a melee that took place between a gang of strike sympathizers concealed in the timber near Ingleside and the crew of car No. 1140.

Keefer had turned in his car and was on his way home when the attack was made on him. The number or the identity of his assailants is not known, as his condition when found was such that he could give no account of the attack. The bullet had penetrated the left shoulder, and passing through his body entered his right wrist. Keefer was removed to St. Luke's hospital, where his condition is said to be critical.

DID NOT HOIST FLAG.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.—A special to the Tribune from Port Arthur, Ont., says:

"The British flag is not flying over Isle Royale yet. Capt. A. C. Young, the Canadian who sailed from this port to raise the British flag over the Island in Lake Superior, returned today. Capt. Young says one of his men waived a Union Jack over the land. The United States officer of course treated the matter as a joke and offered entertainment to the visitors."

Two elderly farmers, brothers, named John and James Gorman, residing at Truskileve, County Clare, were killed by one of their own bulls.

LADYSMITH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Pushers and Drivers at Extension Seeking Increased Wages--- Miners Narrow Escape

Ladysmith, Aug. 5.—Little beside routine business was transacted at last week's meeting of the Ladysmith city council. Ald. Nimmo, who has charge of the new Sunday liquor by-law, asked for another week's extension of time in order to get his proposals into proper shape. The only new business of any importance related to street improvement. Quite a lot in this direction has been done in the city during the past year, and the council decided to have a part of Fourth avenue and that portion of High street which lies between the Queen's hotel and the corner of the Market square, levelled and graded. The idea in view is to connect all the churches in the city with the road leading to the cemetery. The new road, for which the city clerk, John Stewart, is calling for tenders, will give easy access for vehicles to the Catholic church.

Mr. Bryant, the postmaster, has removed the post office from the old stan on Third avenue, to the premises lately vacated by B. Weinrobe, who has left Ladysmith to open a dry goods business in Vancouver. During the last few weeks the heat and lack of air made the continued occupation of the old building intolerable. The new premises are more commodious, are shaded from the extreme heat of the sun, and admit of good ventilation.

In connection with the post office it should be stated that very shortly government buildings will be erected, an appropriation for the purpose having been secured through the efforts of Ralph Smith, M. P., at Ottawa. A site was purchased on the Esplanade, the reason for the selection of that locality being that, as the new building was to include a customs house it was necessary, in accordance with the invariable practice in seaports in the Dominion, to have the premises erected as near the waterfront as possible. A couple of weeks ago the levels for the proposed new building were taken, and these, together with the plans, are now in the hands of the proper authorities. With the matter at this promising stage, action had been taken which has greatly incensed all those citizens who are desirous of seeing a government building erected in the city. A small section has organized a petition which has been carried from door to door, protesting against the proposed site for the new building. These men are well aware that by their action they may jeopardize the appropriation, just as they very well know that the site having been purchased, it was too late to petition for its alteration. However, they have prosecuted their canvass, and the petition has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

T. X. Jones, a company hand at the Extension mines, narrowly escaped a very serious accident on Tuesday while working in the slope in No. 3 mine. He and his partner were working at a large lump of coal weighing about a couple of tons, when it suddenly toppled over and pinned Jones to the floor. Help was obtained immediately and the man extricated, when, happily, it was found that, save for some rather severe contusions on the legs, he was little the worse.

James Conlin, who suffered a fracture of the leg while at work in the same mine a week or two ago, is not making as good progress towards recovery as was expected.

The pushers and drivers employed at the Wellington Company's Extension mines, held a meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss their present rate of wages. In common with the rest of the miners on the Island, they were given a ten per cent. advance some months ago. This brought their pay up to $2.75 a day, but they are of opinion that the present state of trade justifies a demand for the addition of another twenty-five cents a day. Accordingly they appointed delegates to interview the resident superintendent, F. Little. Having stated their case Mr. Little replied that Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir was away from home, but when he returned he would put their case before him. He advised them to return to work until Mr. Dunsmuir had been communicated with. On this understanding the pushers and drivers are working as usual.

A. Rovertson, after a two weeks' holiday up the line, has returned to work.

Fred Greaves expects to resume work again this week after an illness of two months.

D. Fagan is spending a week's vacation in Vancouver.

J. Hughey, employed in S. Leiser's store, is at present taking his holiday.

A. Collinson, who for about three years had been assayer at the Tyee smelter, left Ladysmith for the Old Country on Thursday.

Mrs. Reed, of Victoria, is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, Ladysmith.

The following vessels called at the Ladysmith wharves during last week: Henrietta, Princess Royal Joliffe, Queen City, Hope, barge Robert Carr, Commodore, Oscar, Midge, Flyer, Trader, and Clayburn. The Alaskan and J. C. Potter have discharged cargoes of ore and the Helvis is due with more supplies for the smelter. The steamship Montara is taking on a cargo of sacked coal at the T wharf.

SWIMMER DROWNED.

Arklow, Ireland, Aug. 5.—Thomas Myler, who claimed that he hoisted the Stars and Stripes over Santiago de Cuba during the Spanish-American war, was drowned off Carlow yesterday while practicing for an attempt to swim St. George's channel.