

Encouraging Reception

Fraser Valley Delegates Secure the Co-Operation of the Board of Trade.

They Interview Members of the Government and Express Their Satisfaction.

The Fraser Valley railway delegates met a committee of the council of the British Columbia Board of Trade yesterday morning, according to appointment, to explain the objects of their visit to the Capital and to ask the board to co-operate with them in urging the government to grant the prayer of their petition.

The members of the council of the board of trade present were: Messrs. L. G. McQuade, vice-president, in the chair; A. Mars, J. G. Cox, H. J. Scott, T. W. Patterson, O. H. Lugin, A. B. Fraser, G. A. Kirk, Lindley Crease and E. Elworthy, secretary.

That railway connection between the above-named districts and the Coast cities of Westminister, Vancouver, Victoria, and as soon as possible the mining districts of Kootenay, is most urgently required, together with a railway and traffic bridge over the Fraser river at New Westminister.

Your petitioners believe the immediate construction of this railway, to run east at least as far as Chilliwack and the bridge, is a matter of paramount importance, not only to the districts and cities, but also to the province at large.

That the section of country between the coast and the mountainous interior of the province, is the largest tract of agricultural land available for settlement, in the block, in the province, and yet largely owing to the lack of railway communication with the markets of the province, a very large proportion of these lands are lying waste and unproductive, while immense quantities of agricultural products are being shipped to foreign and outside sources, to the value of several millions of dollars annually.

That the construction of this very important work will not only open up and develop the section of country traversed by it, and thus in a measure prevent the constant drain upon the resources of the province, but will also cause a great influx of population, and be the means of establishing local industries, such as saw, shingle and pulp mills, thus utilizing our extensive natural resources, which hitherto have been destroyed in the process of clearing the land.

Your petitioners believe, in view of the importance of this railway, to the future interests of the province, that no charter should be granted to any company giving them exclusive control of the railway and particularly of the bridge.

Your petitioners respectfully request the work may be undertaken and constructed and operated by the government, or under strict government control, as to passenger traffic rates and charges, in the interest and for the benefit of the province at large.

Mr. Thrift then entered upon a lucid and businesslike exposition of the object and desires of the delegation, and proceeded to outline the conditions existing in the Fraser Valley. The absolute need of railway communication between the rich agricultural lands of the lower Fraser and the Coast cities—Victoria, New Westminister and Vancouver—the natural and most convenient markets for the products of those fertile districts, was becoming every day more apparent. The petition which he had just read embodied the hopes and desires of the whole agricultural population of the valley, and had been prepared after careful consideration of the necessities of the people, at a convention of the most attentive representatives from every municipality interested, with the sole exception of Victoria, which for some reason best known to itself, did not send delegates. They felt that it was their right to ask from the government a recognition of their claims for railway connection, and that it was the duty of the government to give their reasonable requests the most attentive consideration, and provide a remedy at the earliest possible moment.

be satisfied with a road as far as Chilliwack; they left it to those whose interests lay beyond to agitate for the continuation of the road to the Kootenays. Mr. Thrift pointed out that the area of productive agricultural lands which the proposed railway would serve was approximately 10 miles by 65 miles in extent, within the municipalities represented, containing over 350,000 acres of fertile land, with a further eastward an additional 80-mile belt, which was included in any municipality. There was no doubt all that the railway would soon be occupied by prosperous settlers, and the many abandoned farms would again find occupants.

He dwelt upon the great importance of the development of this land to the general welfare of the province, and drew attention to the pitiful state of affairs when, with thousands of acres of magnificent lands within easy reach, the people were sending hundreds of thousands of dollars away annually for agricultural products which could be grown in production, and of the finest quality at home. Mr. Lugin asked the speaker to explain how those farms came to be abandoned.

Mr. Thrift said that fifteen years ago many settlers in the Fraser valley borrowed money on their holdings to "prove up" and pay for the land, being pressed to do so by the officials of the Dominion. They had no means by which to take their produce to market, and were obliged to borrow from the loan companies. Their disabilities continuing, no transportation facilities being provided when the loans fell due they had no money, consequently they left their farms and went to the new towns springing up where work was plentiful, and the lands fell into disuse. He concluded by again urging the justice of the petition, and the hope that the board would lend its assistance in placing their claim before the government, and prosecuting it to a successful issue.

Mr. Hill-Tout, president of the Settlers' Association, said he could do nothing to what Mr. Thrift had said. He would like to emphasize the point, however, that the settlers wanted a railway, and that they would strongly support a bridge across the Fraser at New Westminister. With that bridge Vancouver would get the product of the Fraser valley direct, instead of the settlers having to pay large freight and wharfage charges at New Westminister. He had seen large quantities of fruit wasted in Surrey because there was no means of getting it to market. Vancouver felt that, aside from the advantages which the bridge and railway would afford to the farmers, they would increase trade greatly in all lines.

Mr. Wells, reeve of Chilliwack, told how farmers, handicapped by the present freight rates, and the want of roads to get their produce to the railway or other markets, were flocking to Victoria, which is next to prohibitive. He told of a shipment of hay which he had made to Kootenay. It cost him \$2 a ton to haul it to the railway, \$12 a ton freight, and all he got for it was \$4 a ton. He lived in a remote district, and it cost a man \$5 expenses and two days' time to take his goods to market at the Westminister. He would strongly urge an arrangement by which the railway, when built, would set apart one day in the week as passenger day, and run special trains at special rates for the accommodation of farmers. That was being done in other countries with success. He pointed out that the building of the railway asked for would stop trade going to the States, to the injury of the province.

A resolution, proposed by Mr. Lindley Crease, was then adopted, that a deputation of the council of the board of trade accompany the delegates to wait upon the government.

All the members of the board present volunteered to accompany the delegates, and the meeting adjourned to the parliament buildings.

On arrival at the parliament buildings, the joint delegation was received by Premier Dunsmuir and Hon. Messrs. Eberts, Turner, Prentice, McBride and Wells. Mr. Hill-Tout and Mr. Thrift explained the object and desire of the delegation, and they were followed by Messrs. Wells, Fraser and others of the delegates, who endorsed and emphasized their remarks.

Mr. McQuade, speaking for the board of trade, said the board was prepared to give the people of the Fraser valley its moral support in aiding them to secure improved transportation facilities, and commended the petition to the favorable consideration of the executive.

Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir expressed his pleasure at meeting such representative delegates from the agricultural districts of the Fraser, and assured them that he and his colleagues were much interested in the petition and the arguments advanced in its support. He further assured them that the government would do all in its power to meet their views, and that it was the desire of the executive to afford to the Fraser valley, as to all other portions of the province, the best transportation facilities possible. The petition would, he declared, receive the earnest consideration of the government.

The delegation then retired, expressing gratification at the result of the interview.

ROGERSON-HALL. Victoria and Vancouver Interested in a Marriage Ceremony Last Evening.

A very pretty home wedding took place last evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. Hall, 10 Johnson street, when Mr. E. B. L. Rogerson and Miss Rose A. Hall were married by Rev. W. H. Barradough. The bride was beautifully attired in white organdie, over ivory satin, trimmed with the customary orange blossoms. She was attended by the Misses Hall and T. Rogerson, who were gowned respectively in white organdie, over blue silk and white, over pink. The groom was ably supported by Mr. J. O. Pen-dray, who performed the duties in an excellent manner. The presents were numerous and costly, showing the esteem which the young couple are held. Among them was a beautiful piano, a gift of the groom's mother. After a recherche supper, a reception was held from 8:30 Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson left by the steamer Charming for Vancouver, which will be their future residence. Mr. Rogerson being a member of the well known grocery firm of Clarke & Rogerson of that city.

SNEEZE AND COLD. That is what you must do when you have a cold. The best way to cure this disease is to purify the blood with Hood's Sarsaparil. It cleanses the system, cures the inflamed surfaces, rebuilds the delicate tissues and permanently cures you by expelling the poison. See the scientific facts upon which it depends. Be sure to get Hood's.

The non-irritating cathartic—Hood's pills. PRIMITIVE EXPEDITION. East African Tribe Being Disciplined by the British.

London, British East Africa, Feb. 19.—Affand, the headquarters of the Ogasdin Somalis, has been occupied by a British force, and the Ogasdin sultan is a prisoner.

The Mysterious Expedition. It is to Start March First According to Despatches from China.

Ignorance Expressed by Government is Commented Upon by Press. ing to the Times from Peking, says: "The Chinese declare that the threat of the Waldereese expedition has been successful, and that the court has yielded and issued a decree fully complying with the demands of the foreigners on the question of punishments. These statements require corroboration, but they are generally believed here."

Commenting editorially on this and other despatches from China, the Times says: "The blank ignorance of the government regarding the Waldereese expedition seems more surprising than ever, in view of the telegrams we receive daily. If our Peking news is correct, the foreign envoys will have a curious experience in discussing such a prominent feature of the negotiations as has been settled by an expedition of which they were unaware."

The minute details concerning the expedition may be received with judicious skepticism, but it is no longer possible to suggest that the Chinese did on Monday, that no such scheme is contemplated by any power."

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The Reuter Telegram Company, February 19.—The German, British and Japanese legations outside the Chinese port of Tientsin are preparing an expedition towards Sian Fu, in the event of the court persisting in its present attitude as to factory attacks regarding the punishments. Thereupon the Chinese plenipotentiaries at Tientsin are counselling immediate compliance, and pointing out that now there was only the question of the death of a few persons really deserting such facts, which as an advance of the allies would mean the death and distress of thousands, besides causing the powers to treat China with greater harshness than if a settlement were arrived at without further military operations. Five thousand British troops have been warned to prepare for the resumption of operations."

The Standard publishes the following from Peking: "The Emperor has arrived at Cheng Tu Fu, in the province of Szechuen, and that there is no prospect of the court returning to Peking. It is generally believed among the Chinese that further hostilities are pending."

Berlin, Feb. 19.—The National Zeitung and other inspired papers assert that Field Marshal Count von Waldereese has undertaken this season to send a deputation to the interior of China; but they say the Chinese will find strong forces ready to act if they continue to procrastinate. Count von Waldereese's sphere of action, it is pointed out, is to be limited to the province of Chihli.

Received With Open Arms. Modern Knights in Khaki Warmly Welcomed by Victoria Citizens.

Large Crowds Turn Out in the Rain to Greet the Heroes.

A drizzling downpour, half rain half snow, that turned a sloppy slush as it reached the ground, rendering walking a misery, and life generally a bore, was the atrocious quality of weather which prevailed last evening. Under ordinary circumstances Victoria's streets would have been deserted, the people seeking shelter from the storm by their cosy firesides; but last night they had business abroad, business of importance, which no degree of cold could interfere with, and they attended to it with a warmth of assiduity which no amount of rain could dampen. Long before there was any possible chance of the Charming's arrival through the blinding snow storm which barred her progress down the Straits, the C. P. N. wharf was filled with an expectant crowd, eager to catch the first glimpse of the visiting South African volunteers, and to be ready to hail their arrival with welcoming cheers. As the time dragged wearily the crowd increased until, when the welcome sound of the Charming's whistle was heard, the wharf was packed with a mass of streaming humanity.

The Victoria members of the South African field force had assembled an hour before at the Drill Hall, and, headed by the band of the Fifth Regiment, marched down to the wharf, ready to meet their old comrades. They were permitted to take their station on the landing stage; the rest of the crowd had to await events behind the inhospitable gates.

Immediately that the Charming's lights marked the vessel's approach, the wharf, rockets and colored fires lit up the harbor, and from that moment till the steamer berthed there was a constant discharge of fireworks that lit up the harbor, and made a brave, bright hole in the dreary atmosphere.

The hearty and cordial greetings of the signal for delighted yells and vociferous greetings on the part of the Victoria members of the field force. "There's old Bill Nye!" "Hello, Nick!" "Are you there, Sammy?" For several minutes there was a general shouting and cheering, and the order was once more restored, the company fell in, and the procession started for the Drill Hall.

Reception Committee in carriages. City Police. Visiting Volunteers. Victoria Members S. A. F. F. The route of the procession was along Wharf street to government, along Government street to the Drill Hall, to Douglas, Douglas to Yates, Yates to Broad, and along Broad to the Drill Hall. The route of the procession was along Wharf street to government, along Government street to the Drill Hall, to Douglas, Douglas to Yates, Yates to Broad, and along Broad to the Drill Hall.

AT VANCOUVER. "V-A-N" said a leader's voice in no small way. "V-A-N" replied a score of throats, and then all joined in a chorus of "V-A-N" over, hailing the arrival of the "V-A-N" from Pong, Paardeberg!"

Such was the slogan of the volunteer contingent who embarked for Victoria on the steamer Charming at the C. P. N. wharf yesterday afternoon from Vancouver, as large a crowd of friends and relatives as attended their departure for the Victoria contingent. His terrible experiences are merely a trivial matter to him. It knocked out my false teeth," was his whistled comment to an inquiring comrade, the day after he was picked up on the fatal field of Paardeberg. He referred to the Mauser bullet which well struck him in the mouth and came out of the back of his neck. He could only whisper, yet the indomitable spirit of the man could not forget the joke he had had on the examining surgeon when he had enlisted. A sharp eye was needed to detect several cleverly inserted false teeth, and Lohman closed the vigilance of the surgeon by keeping his big moustache well down over the store teeth.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME. This morning at 10:30 the visiting volunteers and the Victoria men will meet at the Drill Hall for a short drill in preparation for to-morrow's parade at the opening of the legislature. After lunch they will proceed to Esquimaux in two cars, pulled at their disposal by the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and visit the war ships. The evening will be spent in seeing the sights of the town and in social intercourse with friends and newly formed acquaintances.

THURSDAY. Thursday morning the men will have to themselves, but a good deal of life and action will be crowded into the afternoon. At 2:15 o'clock they will assemble at the Drill Hall and march to the parliament buildings to form an honorary guard to His Honor Lieutenant Governor Joly. They will be drawn up on the steps of the building and photographed, after which they will take part in the opening ceremonies, as outlined in yesterday's Colonist.

At the conclusion of the opening ceremonies they will return to the Drill Hall where they will be entertained by the ladies at a conversation. In the evening will take place the citizens' banquet.



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The workingman is the backbone of the nation. His industry, his integrity, his brains and his muscle not only contribute to the support of his family, but to wealth of the country as well. But constant work means wear and tear on the machinery of the human frame. The human constitution needs as much attention as the finest piece of machinery, else a health breakdown may occur. To guard against such a breakdown a tonic medicine should be frequently taken, and the world over it has been proved that

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have no equal as a blood builder and nerve restorer. Thousands and thousands of men and women on the verge of a break-down have, through the use of these pills, been made strong, and fit for the every day duties of every day life.

PROOF OF CURE. Mr. F. Mission, a well-known resident of Deleau, Manitoba, says:—"From personal experience I can speak in the very highest terms of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a medicine for building up those who are weak or run down. I found myself suffering from extreme nervousness accompanied by frequent violent headaches, and loss of appetite. As a result I soon grew extremely weak, and the least work would fatigue me. I tried several medicines, but without gaining any strength until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had not taken the pills long before there was a marked improvement in my condition, and the use of a few boxes restored me to perfect health. There are few men who do not at some time or other feel weak and run down and to such I can recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with every confidence that they will restore them to a condition of health and vigor.

There are many imitators trading upon the reputation of this great medicine, and it should be remembered that the imitations are worthless, often dangerous. Only the genuine have the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around the box. If in doubt send direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

Glencoe, Dornkop, Pretoria and the names of the heroic commanding officers of the familiar South African campaign. But withal there was an undecorated seriousness which showed that the men fully realized the importance of the campaign they had been through. Not one of them but it had left an indelible mark upon him in some way or other. Not one of all the stalwart, youthful band of veterans, a title they deserve, for they are veterans, war-scarred indeed, will remain permanently injured from the effects of wounds or disease, and Lohman, the big, jolly Deutscher, the survivor of one day, in one day, any one of them sufficient to kill under ordinary circumstances, he is the life of the party. His terrible experiences are merely a trivial matter to him. It knocked out my false teeth," was his whistled comment to an inquiring comrade, the day after he was picked up on the fatal field of Paardeberg. He referred to the Mauser bullet which well struck him in the mouth and came out of the back of his neck. He could only whisper, yet the indomitable spirit of the man could not forget the joke he had had on the examining surgeon when he had enlisted. A sharp eye was needed to detect several cleverly inserted false teeth, and Lohman closed the vigilance of the surgeon by keeping his big moustache well down over the store teeth.

ANOTHER STEAMER. Nanaimo Considering Direct Communication With the Sound. Nanaimo, Feb. 19.—(Special)—The proposal of the Northern Pacific railway to run the steamer Mainlander here regularly to and from Seattle is strongly favored. The city council will likely return a favorable answer at an early date.

The whaling ship Fearless is due here shortly. This is the vessel over which this popular feature of the reception are for sale at Hibben's and the Victoria Book & Stationery Co.; the price is \$1.25 a ticket, and the concert in the visitors will be escorted to the wharf, where they will embark for the Mainland.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Somers River Bridge, Alberni District, B.C. SEALED TENDERS, properly endorsed, will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, the 13th March next, for the erection and completion of a bridge across the Somers River, near Alberni, Alberni District, B. C. Drawings, specifications, and forms of contract may be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., at the office of the Government Agent, Nanaimo, B. C., and at the Government Agent, Alberni, B. C., on and after the 23rd instant. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank check or certificate of deposit made payable to the undersigned for the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, as security for the due fulfillment of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The checks of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract. Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied and signed with the actual signature of the tenderers. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. S. GOBBE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., 19th February, 1901.

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