

WHOLESALE TRADE IN CARNATIONS

Local Firm Will Make Additions to Greenhouse Accommodation to Meet Demands.

Victoria has a wide reputation as a place for the propagation of flowers and fruits under glass. If the area covered by glass were computed it would be a matter of surprise to many residents who have not taken the trouble to look into the trade done in the city along these lines. Victoria's greenhouses are not built to supply the local trade alone, but on the contrary the business done in the city affords a very small percentage of the trade.

Different greenhouses have their specialties, and it is surprising the amount of business brought to Victoria from the outside points through the greenhouses. On the Saanich road, just beyond the ar line, Wilkerson & Brown have a large area where they make a specialty of the growing of choice carnations. The firm is concentrating the greater part of its energies to the production of the class of flowers catering largely to the wholesale trade.

A visit to their greenhouses yesterday revealed the fact that 10,000 plants of carnations, embracing all the varieties which have been in the city in bloom. When it is remembered that there are from eight to a dozen blooms on each plant with the promise of many weeks' succession of flowers, the supply of carnations can be estimated, and no immediate shortage is likely to arise.

For the accommodation of the plants the firm has already two large greenhouses, one is 25 feet wide and the other 18 feet in width. These buildings parallel one another for a distance of 240 feet in length, thus covering a very wide space.

As a result of the care which the firm has given to the work, Mr. Wilkerson showed carnation plants which had been blooming for over 12 months, and were still giving good results. This success, he attributed to the fact that he has taken the care to have the earth sterilized. With plants free from all fungus and other diseases, the best quality of flowers are produced. Experiments are constantly being carried on with new varieties, sometimes with success, while in other instances it is found that ranches which do well in other parts of the continent are not adapted to Victoria.

In the wholesale trade the firm ships to far east as Calgary, having a large trade between here and that point. At the same time the firm transacts a local business from the greenhouse and from Mr. Wilkerson's residence on Fates street.

At the present time additions are planned and a structure which will

double the capacity at present used will be erected at an early date. A 80-horse power boiler is used which will be sufficient to provide heat for the new building as well as those now in use.

FRUIT GROWERS' MEETING.
All Those Interested in Horticulture Are Asked to Attend Monday.

There will be a big meeting of farmers and fruit growers on Monday next in the parliament buildings at 1.30 in the afternoon. Among the speakers will be Mr. Johnston, of Nelson, president of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association and Mrs. Hazar, secretary of the Produce and Fruit Exchange at Revelstoke.

The idea of the meeting is to hear from the visitors something of the inner workings of the B. C. Exchange, and to consider the advisability of the growers of the Victoria district joining the movement. According to advice received, the exchange has been most successful. There is a good deal of discussion on the subject in this district, and on that account there is sure to be a large attendance.

A gentleman who was down from Armstrong some time ago told of the success of their produce exchange, and he said the reason they had not joined the B. C. institution was a question of cost. It cost them locally almost ten per cent. to distribute their produce, and then they paid another ten per cent. to the central body there would not be very much left for the growers. Doubtless the speakers on Monday will be able to clear up these difficulties.

In Victoria the Fruit Growers' Association seems to be almost a dead letter. Most of the stuff was sold direct this year, and that accounted to a large extent for the low price received for the fruit. If the growers can only get together and agree among themselves, sinking all petty jealousy, they can do a good deal to help each other.

ALD. HALL AND THE COMING CONTEST

He Says He Will Enter the Fight Unrattled by Any Alliances.

Ald. Hall, being interviewed this morning relative to the fact that the Citizens' League was about to invite him and Mayor Morley to a meeting on December 13th, said that as far as he was concerned the league knew well where he stood on moral questions. He added that he was going to be a candidate, it mattered not what organizations might endorse him or might take another course. He intended to enter the contest unrattled by any alliance. He would seek the support of the people, determined if elected to serve the whole city and not any particular part or any organization.

His record before the people, Ald. Hall said, and he depended upon that for his election to the mayorship. His idea was to serve the whole interests of the city from a commercial as well as a moral standpoint. For that reason he preferred to enter the contest as an individual candidate, and not as the nominee of any particular body or organization in the city. This was the policy he has adopted and intended to pursue.

"EARL OF OSTEND."
Amusing Hoax Played on Two American Ladies in England.

An amusing story of a practical joke played on two American ladies, who came to Europe to make the acquaintance of "nobility," has just been told in a Paris edition of the New York Herald.

The ladies were a young girl and her mother, who "did" Europe in the usual way, and in London stayed at the Carlton and waited to be introduced to dukes. They met there an American theatrical manager, and they asked him, as an old friend, to introduce him to her mother. He introduced them to a man, who he said was the Earl of Ostend, and your friends will think it one of the oldest families in England.

This was agreed to. The artist wore his clothes well, talked "large," and enthralled the ladies with stories of his estates and his picture galleries, containing "old daubs" of the most famous millionaires had tried to buy. "It's such a pity you are going to Paris to-morrow," he said. "You ought to come up to my place and have a week hunting ducks."

The ladies felt it necessary to explain that their plans were inexorable, and so they started for Paris next morning. When they arrived they decided that the "Earl's" invitation was nothing more than a practical joke, and they wired to the theatrical manager. "Plans changed. Return next week to rejoin Earl." The manager came back as quickly as they could, were naturally very furious at learning the joke that had been played on them, and took the next steamer back to New York.

LASSIE'S MAD SUITOR.
Wrote Salvation Army Damsel in Portland Letters in Blood.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 30.—Fearing that bodily harm will come to her at the hands of a madly infatuated suitor, who has written her threatening notes with his own blood, pretty Liet. Lucia Hawley, whose beauty has attracted much attention, is closely guarded at the Salvation Army headquarters. Until her ardent admirer, Francis Russell, who escaped recently from the state insane asylum, is recaptured, the girl will not be permitted to go out on the street.

Two months ago Russell for many days followed the maiden around town as she made her collections for the army. He persistently forced his attentions. Falling in this, he cut his wrist with a pen dipped in his own blood, declaring his intention to kill both her and himself.

These letters were turned over to the police. Subsequently Russell was arrested and later sent to the asylum. He remained there for some weeks, but twelve days ago made his escape from the institution.

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PROTECTING ROADS IN SOUTH SAANICH
Council Takes Steps to Regulate Width of Tires—Other Business Transacted

The council of South Saanich at its meeting on Saturday evening fixed the bounds of the different wards. The assessments of the various wards are very nearly equal, being as follows:

No. 1, Cedar Hill, \$655,590; No. 2, Maywood, \$659,850; No. 3, Gordon Head, \$647,261; No. 4, Colquitz, \$648,705; No. 5, Lake, \$649,685; No. 6, South Saanich, \$646,440.

As a result of complaints made by residents that roads were being cut up by narrow-tired vehicles, the council amended the by-law governing the subject, fixing the regulations as to width of tires and amount carried by vehicles as follows: On tires two inches and under three inches in width, 1,500 pounds; on tires three inches and under four inches, 2,000 pounds; on tires four inches and under five inches, 5,000 pounds, and five inches and over up to the limit of the load to be carried is fixed at 10,000 pounds.

W. J. Dowler, city clerk of Victoria, in reply to a request of residents of the municipality for the extension of a water system to that street, wrote stating that if the residents paid the entire cost the work would be done. The matter is referred to the council. Pointner, Tolmie avenue and report to the next meeting. The cost of the extension is estimated to be about \$3,000.

The city superintendent was authorized to deal with a complaint as to the way the road was being cut up by wagons hauling cordwood in the vicinity of the Bonle Brae farm.

Road Superintendent Piny reported that repairs to the extent of \$320 were needed at Swan Lake bridge, and a concrete culvert and filling to take the place of the sand hill bridge would cost \$700.

The road superintendent also reported that owners along Borden street had encroached upon the road with their trees and shrubs. It has been decided, should be notified to move their fences within six weeks.

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