

CO-OPERATION IDEA APPEALS TO GROWERS

Victoria Fruit Growers' Association's Meetings Prove Successful

(From Saturday's Daily)
Great interest is being shown by fruit growers throughout the island in the work of the Victoria Fruit Growers' association, the membership of which will be materially increased through the series of meetings which have been held at which James Drummond, manager of the local Fruit Growers' Exchange, has been delivering addresses. Tuesday evening last Mr. Drummond addressed a crowded meeting at Metehoon, at which over 100 growers, not as yet members of the association, were present and at the conclusion of the meeting practically every one of those present expressed his intention of becoming a member of the association. On Thursday evening a well attended meeting was held by Mr. Drummond at Colwood with the same result. Mr. Drummond spoke on the topic "Co-operation," pointing out that benefits which have accrued to the members of the Victoria Fruit Growers' association since that organization had been formed, the greater facilities for handling the fruit products, the improved methods of packing, and the greater returns to the grower.

On Monday afternoon at the board of trade rooms, a meeting of the association will be held when the proposition to organize a limited liability company will be considered. At first it was suggested that the members should be incorporated into a joint stock company with a suggested capital of \$50,000. It was believed that such a step would enlarge the powers of the association and at the same time provide for the limitation of the liability of each shareholder. Under the present conditions the liability of members of the association, which was organized under the "Farmers' Institute act," is not limited in any way. The objection against the proposition of a joint stock company is the possibility that in time the stock might come into the hands of a few persons who would thus control the situation and the growers would be little better off than if no organization existed. It has been pointed out that if certain amendments to the Farmers' Institute act can be secured whereby the li-

REMINISCENCES OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

Entertaining and Instructive Address By Judge Howay, of New Westminster

All pioneer residents of the city will read with interest the following report of a lecture delivered at the Aberdeen school, New Westminster, by Judge Howay, on the Royal Engineers, that intrepid, stalwart band of British soldiers, who helped lay the foundation of this splendid province, and who first landed at Victoria.

On being introduced by Dr. Boggs, who presided, Judge Howay said: "The year 1909 is a peculiar one in the province of British Columbia. It is the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of New Westminster, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Methodism, and the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of the Royal Engineers. British Columbia as a colony sprang into being with the discovery of her hidden stores of gold, which drew hordes of reckless fortune hunters in search of the precious metal, in the year 1858. These fortune hunters included the worst of the population of San Francisco, and gold mining towns of California. Thousands answered the call of the yellow lure, the presence of which demanded some form of government. James Douglas was appointed governor, but he was not accustomed to deal with such a wild and apparently lawless band of people, began to look upon them with suspicion, and was filled with a fear that they might rob the mother land of her valuable possessions. This fear caused him to write to Lord Lytton regarding the matter. Lytton at once wrote that he would send 150 officers and men from England, to survey the country, block out roads and prepare the country for settlement. These men were chosen from the Royal Engineers, that body of men who had won fame at the hard fought battles of the Crimean campaign, which had taught them to rely upon their own efforts, and endowing them with the quality of being able to shift for themselves. The speaker gave a vivid history of the coming of the engineers and the work they had done, telling of the detailed story of their journey, from the time they left the shores of the old land until their recall in the fall of 1861, when all but 130 of them set their faces toward the green fields of Merrie England, after doing a work which will remain as a monument to their name as indestructible as the everlasting rocks.

Of the 130, who settled down in the province, only 14 remain. Twenty of them in the last 15 years had answered their last roll call, and it would not be long till their comrades, now nearly all past the allotted span, would follow them beyond the horizon where time and eternity meet.

Packers at War
Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 12.—P. Burns & Co. today bought the three largest retail establishments of Williamson Bros., butchers, here, and a well founded rumor is afloat that they are negotiating for the abattoirs, farms and other interests of the Williamsons. The price for the retail stores was \$22,000. This purchase is considered to be the first move in a gigantic scheme to buy up the business of the city. Burns & Co. will buy back Gallagher, the Hull Co., the Gairner Co., the Vogel Meat Co., and Swift & Co., all of whom have large interests here, for a sum of \$100,000.

INCREASED ACTIVITY IN BUILDING OPERATIONS

A Handsome Structure to Be Erected on Yates Street—Rooming Houses

(From Saturday's Daily)
A handsome business structure will be erected on Yates street, adjoining the building owned by Dr. Hall, and work will commence immediately on the erection of the building which will cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000 when completed. The foundations are now in and the balance of the building will cost over \$250,000. The structure will consist of three stories and basement and will be erected by the Victoria Building Company. The construction will be of the fire proof kind, of steel, concrete and brick, will, it is expected be ready for occupation in about four months. The building will be sixty feet frontage, running back seventy feet. The first floor will be devoted to two stores, between which a wide entrance will lead to the floors above, which will contain 44 rooms to be used as offices or for rooming purposes. Hot and cold water will be supplied each of the rooms and the whole building will be heated by hot water. Provision has been made for a restaurant on the ground floor and in the first floor further dining room accommodation will be provided. The steel to the amount of twenty-seven tons, has been ordered from Pittsburgh and will be on the ground in two weeks time.

The plans have been prepared by George C. Mosher, architect, to whom has also been issued a permit for a rooming house to be erected at the corner of McClellan and Colliery streets at a cost of \$8,000. The building, which will be two stories with basement, will be of frame construction, and will contain twenty rooms. Each pair of rooms will be provided with bath and toilet, the whole building will be heated by hot water. A dwelling will also be erected by Dr. Beard on the Gorge road, at a cost of \$4,500.

Received by Prince of Wales
London, Feb. 12.—W. R. Baker, secretary of the C.P.R., was received by the Prince of Wales today and afterwards lunched at Marlborough House.

Stock Exchange Holiday
New York, Feb. 10.—The governors of the New York Stock Exchange today decided to keep the exchange closed on Saturday, February 13, the day which follows Lincoln's birthday, a national holiday.

D. S. Redpath, of Minneapolis, is registered at the Empress.

HOUSE TO WORK HARD DURING NEXT WEEK

Water Act Second Reading on Monday—Budget Speech Expected on Friday

(From Saturday's Daily)
The house has had an easy time of it during the past week so far as legislative work is concerned, very short sittings have been the rule rather than the exception, but next week it looks as if there would be plenty of business. One of the reasons advanced for the short sessions this week is the fact that so many members of the house have had a tremendous amount of work in committee. Of course this is not yet completed, but a great deal of work has been got through in this way already, and some of the more contentious measures disposed of. In fact practically all the work on the minor acts is done in committee, and extended debates on them are rare in the house. So the members have done more towards earning their sessional indemnity this week than might at the first glance be supposed.

The chief measure for next week will be the Water Act. Mr. Pulton intends to bring on the second reading on Monday, and the debate will probably last for several days. It is not only a very long bill, but it embodies principles which are new in this province. The government has invited criticism and careful examination of the measure, and the invitation is not likely to be forgotten during any stage of the proceedings.

Then there is the debate on the bill incorporating the agreements in regard to Prince Rupert, which was adjourned by Mr. Macdonald. He did not pursue the debate yesterday, but it is expected that the measure will be brought up and probably pushed through to a conclusion next week. This seems all the more likely as after the attorney general's crushing reply to Mr. Oliver on Thursday, there does not seem much left even for the inventive genius of the leader of the opposition to cavil at.

Supply was on the order paper yesterday for the first time, but the estimate will not be brought down for a few days yet. At present it seems probable that Capt. Tatlow will deliver his budget speech next Friday, and the ensuing debate ought to take up much of the following week. Altogether there seems to be plenty of work ahead for the house for the next few weeks without counting the odds and ends of private and less important public bills.

In the committees there will be important work on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday Vancouver will have the right of way, and its desired amendments to its incorporation act will be further considered. The Creek foreshore bill will also be dealt with that day. As the mayor of Vancouver, who intends to be present, has to be back in Vancouver the same evening for a council meeting, the committee has agreed to sit at 10 a. m. instead of 10:30, the customary hour of the meeting.

On Tuesday the amendments asked to the Victoria Waterworks Act will be taken up in committee, and an exciting time is expected. The Esquimalt Waterworks company is fighting the application for a franchise to supply the city with water. The Esquimalt and Oak Bay also want changes which will compel the city to supply them with water.

On Monday the municipal committee sits again, and Mayor Hall will be asked to explain what the city wants of the municipalities in their clauses about a board of control.

PUSHING WORK ON THE HIGH PRESSURE PLANT

Distribution System is Almost Completed—Start on the Pump House

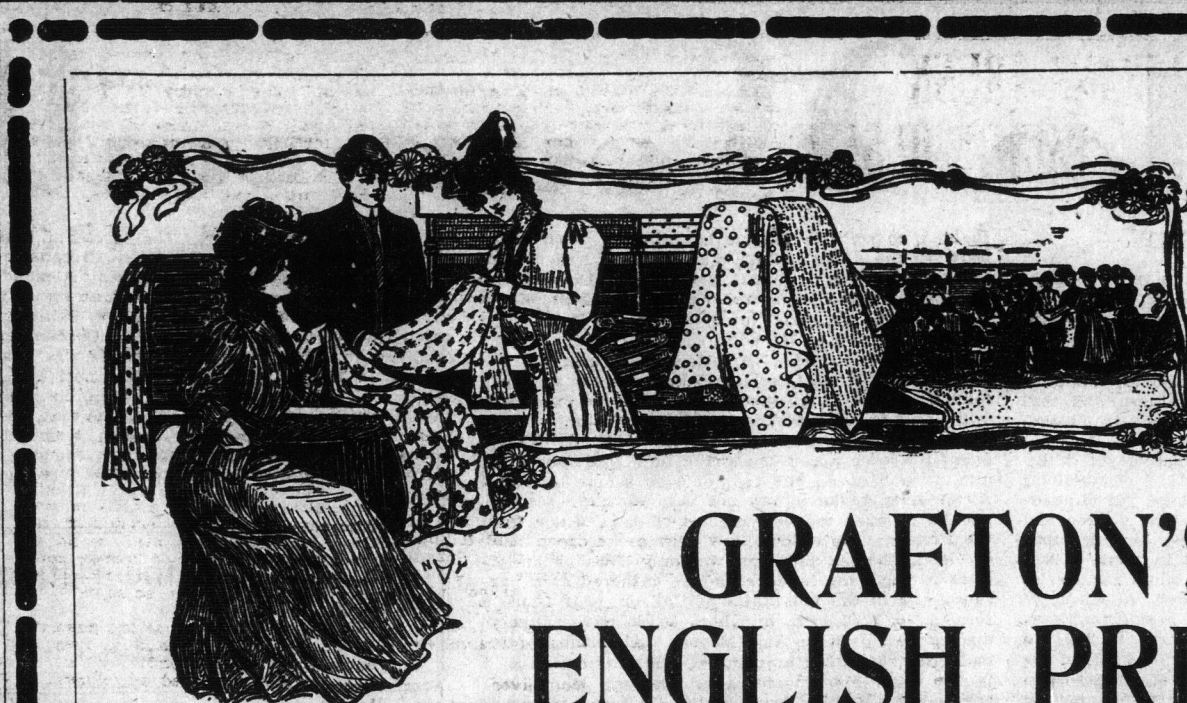
With the completion of the work of laying the salt water, high pressure main from the street, from Johnson street to Herald street, the distribution system will be almost completed. All that will be required will be to lay the twelve inch main from Johnson street, along Government street to Broad street. Whether the work will be undertaken at once or delayed until some later date is not yet decided upon, it was the intention to lay a six-inch main along View street, from Blanchard street to Broad street. This has not yet been done but provision has been made for it and the main can be laid at any time.

Levels are now being taken at the site whereon the pumping station is to be located. A two story brick building, fireproof in every particular, will be erected immediately north of and joined to the present electric light station. The lower story will be the pump room while the upper floor will be used by the city electric light department. The cost of the building, including rock blasting, will be \$5,000. As soon as plans have been prepared the work of construction will commence.

The high pressure pumps are now being manufactured by the Philadelphia Engineering company, of Philadelphia, to whom the contract was awarded through the company's local agent, J. K. Holbeck. The pumps, one a steam turbine and the other an electrical pump will be delivered in April and will cost over \$17,000.

Matthew Hutchinson, city electrician, under whose supervision the high pressure system is being installed, stated yesterday that despite some delays in the work owing to the recent bad weather, the system will be ready well on time.

Nelson, B.C., Feb. 12.—J. McMartin, one of the first men to make known the possibilities of the Cobble Creek gold mine in Ontario, and at present one of the largest holders in the famous La Rose and other paying properties there, today closed a deal for the Kootenay Bell and Mother Lode groups of gold claims south of here in the new Sheep Creek camp, which is proving such a producer of the yellow metal. During the past year Sheep Creek produced over \$100,000 in gold, of which Kootenay Bell and Mother Lode groups have contributed \$40,000 since last year. Mr. McMartin will put a large gang of men at work on development at once.



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ESQUIMALT OYSTERS BRING TOP FIGURE

Local Product Obtains Higher Price Than Any Other Variety

The Esquimalt oyster has come into its own. The bivalve from the neighborhood of Victoria is now the aristocrat of its species on the Pacific coast. The oysters from Esquimalt are being shipped to Seattle, Calgary, Vancouver and other points and are commanding a higher price in the market, are much larger in size and more luscious in flavor than their competitors. Last night a meeting of the West Coast Fishing Company, which has extensive oyster beds at Esquimalt, was held, and a number of resolutions were presented. Preparations for the coming season's work were made, and it was decided to bring in this season ten carloads of oysters to be planted here. The growth of the oyster industry dates back but a little over three years. At that time Hon. Mr. Fielding was in the city on the tariff commission. As a result of the representations made to the minister of finance by M. Young, proprietor of the New England Hotel, Mr. Fielding induced the government to do away with the duty on oysters and now an industry has grown up which promises to become an important one. It is a well known fact that the eastern oyster, imported to this coast, is of a much inferior quality and attains a size much in excess of that attained by the same oyster in the Atlantic. As the transplanted oyster will not propagate it is necessary to import the young oyster and as the beds here are stripped, fresh oysters have to be imported, but the increase in value of the oyster after being planted here for two or three years is such that the industry has become a paying one.

Today the product of the West Coast Fishing Company is bringing \$1.50 per bushel in Seattle, more than the same oyster imported from the east. Two weeks ago a shipment of one hundred oysters from Esquimalt was made to Seattle. The quality and size of the oyster was such that the following week six times the first shipment was sent and the trade, the company's directors believe, will steadily increase.

At the present time there are about 2,500,000 oysters planted at the company's beds at Esquimalt and as the oysters will be imported from Cape Cod, Mass., and planted here. Each barrel contains on an average about 3,000 small oysters and as there are 120 barrels per car, a shipment of ten cars will about double the company's supply now on hand.

LUMBER DUTY WANTED

Nelson Board of Trade Asks Dominion Government to Put on \$2 Per Thousand

Nelson, B.C., Feb. 11.—At a largely attended meeting of the Nelson board of trade held this evening a strongly worded resolution was passed asking the Dominion government to place a duty of \$2 per thousand on fir, cedar, spruce, larch and pine lumber coming into Canada, and of 5 cents per thousand on shingles. The resolution sets forth the present unsatisfactory condition of the lumber trade in the interior, thousands of men being out of employment, millions of dollars of capital being invested in mills and timber lands lying unproductive, largely as the result of the dumping of American lumber on the Canadian market, following the demoralization of the industry in the United States.

SEPARATE EXHIBITS FOR SEATTLE FAIR

Board of Trade to Take Action to Establish Provincial Building

(From Friday's Daily)
The monthly meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, the President Mr. Simon Leiser in the chair. The first order of business was a telegram which upon the day previous had been dispatched to Mr. Hutchinson, the Dominion Commissioner at the A.P.C. exhibition who was at the present time in Seattle the following answer had been returned: "Message received late last night impossible to leave here."

Mr. Leiser added that they would endeavor to secure an early consultation with Mr. Hutchinson, with the view of deciding upon precisely what ought to be done in order to ensure a proper and at the very least a fairly complete exhibition of the varied resources of British Columbia at this exhibition.

While some of the members were of the opinion that this province should have a separate exhibition others again thought that the general display on the part of all the provinces which would be made by the Dominion Government would be quite sufficient. And although it was distinctly felt in some quarters that the British Columbia and Alberta should prepare a separate exhibit of their own peculiar and valuable products it was impossible to reach any definite and anything like a satisfactory conclusion until Mr. Hutchinson was consulted. In the matter, (Hear, hear.)

The secretary read a letter from the Hon. Mr. McBride stating that although a Provincial exhibition was not undertaken to provide for any special exhibit the gold commissioners throughout the province had been charged to aid all efforts which were being made towards securing proper exhibits in their own districts, while the officials of the department of agriculture would also lend all the assistance in their power.

The secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade wrote that Mr. Hutchinson when on his way out to the coast had flatly turned down the application for a distinct Alberta exhibit, and consequently it might prove advisable for Alberta and British Columbia to do something directly in the way of separate representation. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. D. R. Kor said that they must wait until they had an interview with Mr. Hutchinson in order to learn exactly how the situation lay. Mr. Harper, the deputy minister of agriculture for Alberta had interviewed Mr. Hutchinson while this commissioner was passing through that province, with the result which had already been indicated, as it seemed to be impossible to secure any space upon their own account in the Dominion exhibition, it might be advisable to do something directly in the way of separate representation. (Hear, hear.)

It was evidently the present intention to have one general and joint exhibit for all Canada, and if this view was formally verified, it might indeed be well for these two provinces to co-operate in the matter. (Hear, hear.) The Dominion Government had been very good in the way of voting so large a sum as \$75,000 for the purpose of building a new exhibit building, but although both Mr. Smith and Mr. Templeman agreed it was possible to continue the double daily mail service throughout the winter, Mr. Marpole could not see his way clear to run two trains per day in each direction during the part of the year, but now as the spring is at hand and a great influx of visitors is expected it

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minerals, fruit and flowers, at this exposition and suggested that the board should keep in closer touch with what was being done in this respect in that portion of the province. Mr. Mara replied that the proposition before the Board would in no way interfere with the accomplishment of this suggestion. (Hear, hear.) As it appeared that the Dominion Government would insist upon a general exhibit it had been strongly urged that both British Columbia and Alberta should prepare a joint exhibit upon their own account, but until the proposed consultation with Mr. Hutchinson had taken place it was obvious that no definite and final decision in regard to any of these matters could be reached. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Jacobs added that not Mr. Hutchinson but Mr. Broadbent would have charge of the mineral exhibits at the Seattle exhibition.

Mr. Leiser: "The board can remain perfectly assured that when we are discussing all these various and important issues with Mr. Hutchinson we will not forget the great Kootenay country." (Hear, hear.)

Upon the motion of J. A. Mara, seconded by L. A. Genge the secretary was instructed to invite Mr. Hutchinson to meet the council at an early day.

Mr. Leiser: "During the whole of last summer we had a daily double train service upon the E. & N. line, but although both Mr. Smith and Mr. Templeman agreed it was possible to continue the double daily mail service throughout the winter, Mr. Marpole could not see his way clear to run two trains per day in each direction during the part of the year, but now as the spring is at hand and a great influx of visitors is expected it

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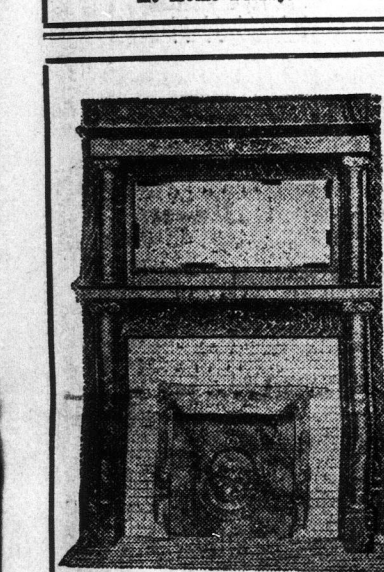
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