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THE C. P. R. TOURIST HOTEL

Ground Plan, Showing the Proposed Site and Position of the Structure.

The accompanying cut shows the ground floor which was prepared by Architect Rattenbury and submitted by the deputations to the president of the C. P. R. It shows the locality and dimensions of the site, the position of the proposed hotel and the new street to be made if the present arrangement is carried out.

The following is the report submitted by the sub-committee which interviewed Sir Thomas Shaughnessy on the hotel matter, at a meeting of the larger committee representing the city council, tourist association and board of trade Thursday afternoon:

To the Members of the Joint Committee of the City Council, Board of Trade and Tourist Association:

Re the C. P. R. Hotel.

Gentlemen:—Your sub-committee, appointed Monday to wait upon Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, report as follows:

that had passed between the city council, the board of trade and the tourist association in reference to this matter was produced by Mr. Cuthbert, and the attention of Sir Thomas was drawn to the fact that the joint committee, of which we were only a sub-committee, had offered them two or three distinct propositions. One was that the whole of the flats should be offered to the company in case they decided to erect a hotel of a certain value. After further consideration and consid-

Worship the Mayor to be probably the only point upon which the citizens were likely to hesitate, and after some discussion it was mutually agreed by the committee and Sir Thomas that 15 years should be the term for exemption from taxation and for free water.

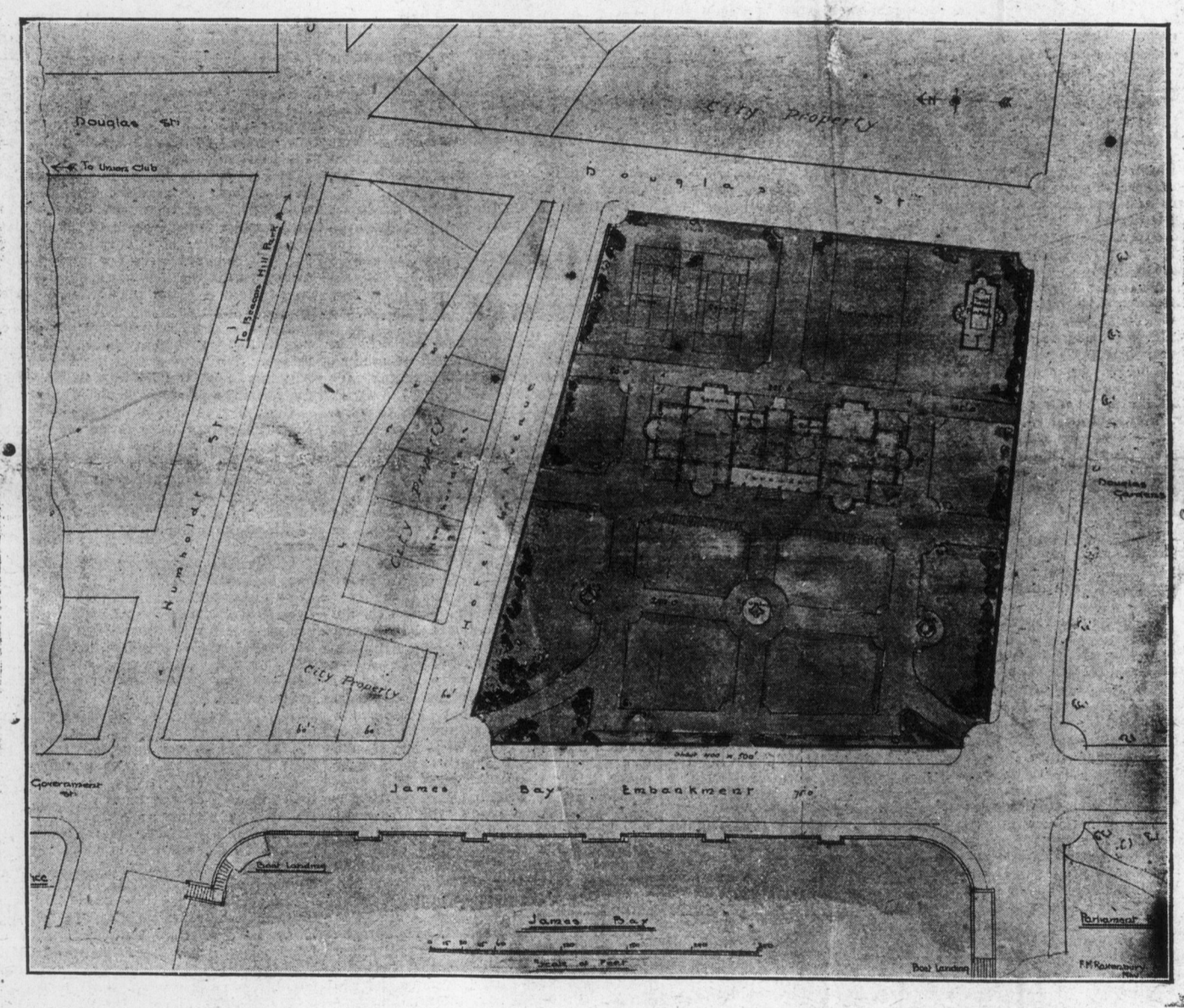
Sir Thomas was then asked the following questions: Is there any doubt about the company ratifying your recommendation? Not in the least, was the reply. Question—How soon will it be possible to

will see that the hotel is completed and running at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) A. G. MCANDLESS, Mayor.
J. A. MARA.
D. R. KER.
HERBERT CUTHBERT.

The satisfactory character of the report was commented upon, and a resolution was moved by A. D. Yates and seconded by A. B. Fraser, sr., that the report of the sub-committee be received and adopted, and that the sub-committee be requested to confer with the city council on the preparation of a by-law to give effect to the committee's report and to take what steps they deem necessary to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

The gentleman present expressed their satisfaction at the way the subject had been brought to Sir Thomas Shaugh-



MANY HOMELESS.

Two Hundred Houses, Factory and Stores Destroyed by Fire.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., May 20.—A fire broke out shortly after noon in the shoe factory of Cote Brothers, which destroyed that and half a dozen other furnishing goods industries, and 250 houses, leaving nearly a quarter of the city's population homeless to-night. The loss is placed at \$400,000.

The fire department did its best, but the water pressure was poor and it was not long before the fire had gotten entirely beyond control. Then word was wired to Montreal for help, and two steamers and a supply of hose made the run of 26 miles in 44 minutes. Through the efforts of the firemen the market square buildings were saved and the buildings on both sides of the square were also preserved.

By this time—3 o'clock—the water supply was practically exhausted, and the flames were burning in a score of places. People were frantically dragging the furniture from their homes and chaos reigned supreme, except when here and there a semblance of organized effort had been made by the firemen to check the progress of the flames. A large number of students did heroic work under the leadership of their teachers. In the end, however, the flames burned everything which lay in their path.

The burned district is practically the same as that destroyed in 1876. Besides Cote Bros.' shoe factory, the industrial establishments burned, included Hudson & Allard, machinists; M. Duplessis; Pegging & Sewing Co.; C. A. Hamel & Co.; Lussier Bros.; J. Girouard; J. Mathieu & Co.; the Frontenac, Union and Ottawa hotels were also burned.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Mr. MacLaren, Lumberman, Seriously Injured by Horse Falling on Him.

Kamloops, May 20.—A painful accident happened to John MacLaren, lumberman, of Brockville, 50 miles up the North Thompson river, on the 18th inst. He had gone on a tour of inspection for timber in company with Geo. D. Scott, of Vancouver, and while riding a horse the animal reared, fell on his rider, pinning Mr. MacLaren with the pommel of the saddle in his abdomen. The shock was so great that Mr. MacLaren was rendered helpless and had to be conveyed by Mr. Scott to the hospital at Kamloops, where medical aid could be had. He now lies at that institution in a precarious condition, and although receiving every medical attendance possible, his recovery is thought to be doubtful.

MUST KILL CATTLE.

Foot and Mouth Disease Among Animals on Steamers.

Durban, Natal, May 21.—The British steamers Abeyholme, Capt. Brown, and Anglo Chilian, Capt. Johnson, have arrived here from Buenos Ayres with foot and mouth disease prevailing among the cattle on board of them. The authorities insist that all the live stock on the vessels be slaughtered before the steamers are allowed to enter the harbor.

MORGAN'S PICTURE

Will Shortly Be Removed to the United States.

New York, May 21.—Under the designation of "The Morgan," the picture of the late John P. Morgan will be able to bring into this country most of his art pictures that are now scattered through the museums of Europe or else in his house in Park Lane, London. Mr. Morgan has ordered his agents to get together all his paintings, bronzes and antiques, and it is believed Americans will have the opportunity of seeing one of the finest private collections in the world.

HE KNEW IT ALL.

Little Willie—84y, pa. did Solomon know more than anybody that ever lived? Pa.—He did, my son—with the exception of your 18-year-old brother George."

accompany them. After a long and what at the time was considered a satisfactory interview, we took Mr. McNicholl and Mr. Marpole to the Douglas Gardens to show them the special advantages that that site offered for a tourist hotel. Both gentlemen appeared to be favorably impressed, and Mr. McNicholl promised to take the matter up again with the president on his return to Montreal. In the meantime we secured an opinion on the Douglas Gardens and submitted it to Mr. McNicholl, who replied that the company had decided not to build.

Mr. Rattenbury then took the matter up with Sir William Van Horn, who appeared to take an interest in the hotel proposition, and asked him (Mr. Rattenbury) to send him a plan of the proposed hotel on the Douglas Gardens, which he did. But there it ended.

In December last we invited the Mayor and council and Tourist Association to appoint committees to assist us in drafting definite proposals that would be likely to meet with the approval of the ratemakers, and which could be submitted to the railway company. The following are the proposals as drafted by the joint committees and sent through the city council, but were not entertained:

1. That in the event of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company agreeing to build a tourist hotel in this city, on the site of the Douglas Gardens, they (the citizens) place before the ratemakers a by-law exempting the company from taxation and giving them free water, for a term of twenty-five years from the date of opening the hotel; and that the citizens lay out the James Bay flats as pleasure grounds, gardens, etc.

2. That should the Canadian Pacific Railway Company prefer to purchase and operate the Drizard house and enlarge and complete same to dimensions originally contemplated, the by-law to stipulate an exemption from taxation and free water for a term of twenty-five years from date of completion of the hotel.

No further action was taken until we heard that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was on his way to Victoria, when your secretary called a meeting of the joint committees before mentioned for Monday last, when a sub-committee was appointed to wait upon Sir Thomas, and it affords our committee much gratification in reporting that on his return to the railway company he has made a definite proposal of a tourist hotel on the James Bay embankment and places it heavily in co-operation in securing the early consummation of the scheme on the lines embodied in the report of the committee; and that the special committee be requested their efforts to that end.

There were present at the meeting C. F. Todd, chairman; Messrs. Mara, Crease, Grahame, Paterson, Cox, Oliver, Lugin, Pitts, Thomson and Leiser.

LADIES RESPONSIBLE.

Mrs. McBride and Others Started a Row at Irish Meeting.

London, May 20.—John Redmond, M. P., has furnished the Associated Press with a signed statement concerning the disorderly proceedings at the meeting of citizens held in the Rotunda last night, in support of the Irish parliamentary fund. Mr. Redmond says: "The disturbance would have been easily nipped at the outset, but the people naturally shrunk from using force to remove Mrs. McBride (formerly Maude Gonne), and ladies who led the disorder. After a while these ladies left and the other disturbers were speedily removed. They consisted of thirty or forty young men, who acted in concert. They were violently treated, which I regretted, but it was impossible to restrain the people. The disturbance was quickly over, and for two hours after unanimity and enthusiasm prevailed."

"Long speeches were delivered, resolutions in conformity with the meeting were unanimously adopted, and large sums were subscribed to the Irish parliament fund."

LORD ROSEBERY

London, May 21.—Lord Rosebery expressed surprise that his speech at Burnley, Lancashire, on May 19th, in which he dealt with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's tariff speech delivered at Birmingham on May 1st, has been interpreted as in any way supporting Mr. Chamberlain's proposal to establish reciprocity between Great Britain and her colonies, and explains that he purposely treated the subject uncontroversially because he was addressing a non-political audience.

Lord Rosebery adheres absolutely to his opinion that the Liberal party is indissolubly bound to free trade, and that anything like an Imperial Commercial League would weaken the Empire internationally, and excite the permanent hostility of the whole world.

That on Tuesday evening at 6.15 by appointment all the members of the committee waited upon Sir Thomas in the parlors of the Drizard Hotel. In opening the interview Sir Thomas said: "Now I understand you gentlemen wish to talk to me about a hotel. I want to say that our company is very much adverse to going any further into the hotel business. We have only done so in the past where we considered it was absolutely necessary in our interests to do so, but, of course, I should be very pleased to hear what you gentlemen have to say."

After the members of the committee had briefly outlined to Sir Thomas the advantages of a C. P. R. tourist hotel to the company and to the city, Sir Thomas said: "Well, now, if we build a hotel here would it have the effect of allaying this periodical outburst of unfavorable criticism which is not unknown in Victoria?" He was assured by your committee that it would have a tendency to do so, especially as the citizens realize that at the present time the C. P. R. have no interests in the city of Victoria, and they also pointed out to Sir Thomas that from the moment that had taken place in Victoria during the past few months there was an opportunity for the company to erect a hotel with every reasonable prospect of it being a profitable investment.

Sir Thomas then said: "Well, as I have said before, we do not want to go into the hotel business; in addition to it looking up a large amount of capital, we have the uncertainty of carrying it to a successful issue; it entails a good deal of permanent expense, and the success of it or otherwise rests upon our being able to secure an efficient manager and staff, which is often extremely difficult. Consequently such an undertaking is a continual source of trouble. At the same time, provided it was willing to recommend to our company the erection of such a hotel, what co-operation can we expect on the part of the citizens?" The correspondence

have those recommendations ratified? Answer—If you submit all the data to me before the second Monday in June we shall have a meeting on that date, and the matter can be ratified then. I may say that my board has never refused to grant any recommendation of the kind that I have made.

He was further asked how soon it would be possible in case the citizens endorse the recommendations of the committee, can construction be commenced. Sir Thomas said: "We could start the foundations at once," and that it would depend upon how soon the citizens carried out their original intention about filling in the flats, as to when the balance of the structure would be begun. "We shall push the matter to a conclusion, as there is no object to be gained by delay," and he hoped they would not have to wait on the city to complete their portion of the work.

OIL AND MINERAL DEPOSITS FOUND

LUCKY PROSPECTORS RETURN ON THE NELL

Immense Coal Field Located on Kispyox River—Asphaltum Discovered on Tar Island.

Prospectors from different points of the northern part of this province arrived here early Thursday afternoon on the steamer Nell with samples of petroleum, of asphaltum, of coal and of gold and copper ore. Two of the men came from the upper Skeena, where along the Kispyox, a tributary of that river which flows from the north and empties into the main stream a short distance above Hazelton, they have been prospecting with pronounced success. The other, an old Scotchman, named Ewing, came from Tar Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, where he was equally fortunate.

The meeting of the three aboard the Nell for passage to Victoria had more than one interesting feature about it. They had not only made similar discoveries, but, telling reminiscences aboard ship, learned from one another that all had worked in Australia and had participated at public functions together, although never having remembered meeting before. William Hagan and McDonald, the two arrivals from the upper Skeena, two Ontario men. They took their departure on the Charming on Thursday en route home, and will there endeavor to float a company with which to develop the wonderful properties located. Both are replete about their movements, but told aboard the steamer of what success they had met. Best of all they had samples of what they had found with them. In three bottles they carried off. This they discovered gushes from the surface of the earth, and as they believe can be profitably worked. Of the coal lands they had located according to close calculation 8,900 acres. These are situated along the Kispyox river, and represent just 14 claims, there being 640 acres to a claim. The Kispyox River district adjoins the Buckley valley, a country that is already known to be rich in coal, but the acreage now prospected is believed to be among the most extensive ever found to the westward of that district.

Ewing, who had been over on Tar Island, left for Seattle on the steamer Rosalie this morning. During his brief stay in the city he satisfied himself as to the character of the ore which he discovered. Having an assay made of a sample, he found that it went \$40 to the ton. The oil he found boiled out of the surface of the ground close to a hot spring. He brought down with him a gallon or so, and will exhibit this together with the asphaltum to Seattle capitalists. Oil, however, has heretofore been found on Queen Charlotte Islands, and government officials speak of having seen many hot springs in different parts of the islands.

Messrs. Hagan and McDonald came down the Skeena on the steamer Hazelton, which carried a banner number of passengers on her return trip to Port Simpson. She had 250 Indians from the interior of the province, who came down the river to await the opening of the fishing season. It was the last trip to the river which the Hazelton was to make for some weeks as she was shortly to leave for the Stikine to ply with the Eskimo Bay steamer Mount Royal on that water between Wrangell and Glenora. The Skeena was becoming very dangerous for navigation. It was rising rapidly, having swollen, it is said, two feet in ten hours.

ARTIST DEAD.

J. Walker, For Love of Whom Widow Committed Suicide, Dies of Pneumonia.

New York, May 21.—John B. Walker, the artist, for love of whom Mrs. Claude G. Emmer, a wealthy widow, killed herself by taking carbolic acid, died yesterday at his wife's home. Walker's determination to return to his wife drove the other woman to suicide. The coroner kept the artist locked up over night, but discharged him next day. After Mrs. Gernsey's funeral he became ill with pneumonia. Three days ago he was unconscious, and he never rallied.

GAS WORKERS STRIKE.

Six Hundred Employees of Chicago Company Called Out.

Chicago, May 21.—A general strike of all members of the Gas Workers' Union against the People's Gas Light & Coke Co. was ordered last night by the central council of the union. Street men, drip pumps, metal setters and statement takers, to the number of 600, are affected. Efforts will be made to draw the teamsters into the strike. As a cause of the strike men say that 250 men of the union were discharged by the company.