

What Victoria Would Lose

How Withdrawal of Naval Squadron and Reduction of Station Affects City.

Great Sums Spent Amongst the Merchants by Some Former Flagships.

Theories and Conjectures at the Naval Village — Packing Perishables.

NO question of the day is discussed with greater interest in Victoria than that concerning the effect upon the trade of the withdrawal of the naval squadron...

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But another point that should not be overlooked is that the \$350,000 mentioned was for wages and other necessities, staples, things actually required for the daily provisioning of the vessel...

Another point not to be overlooked is the effect which the presence of the naval vessels here had upon the tourist traffic. Undoubtedly thousands of American tourists visited Victoria...

The remedy for the serious loss that has overtaken the business community of Victoria by the recent action of the naval authorities, is entirely in the hands of Victoria's enterprising citizens...

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But sharply defined and distinct in the wide field of conjecture and surmise is the unpleasant fact that the withdrawal of the ships and the closing of the naval yard would mean devastation for Esquimault town and a very heavy loss for Victoria's business interests.

It would be impossible to estimate even the direct financial loss to Victoria trade through the withdrawal of the ships and the closing of the dockyard, but it would not be safe to approximate it at \$2,000,000 annually.

And in addition there is the equally important if indirect loss through the destruction of a most valuable commercial center, the loss which must fall primarily upon the hotel proprietors, the hackmen, the car company, the boatmen and such others.

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MAYOR BARNARD AND ALDERMANIC BOARD, 1904.



Standing (Left to Right)—Ald. Stewart, Ald. Eiford, Ald. Graham, Ald. Beckwith, Ald. Oddy, Ald. Kinsman, Ald. Vincent, the Mayor, Ald. Goodacre, Ald. Fell.

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AMERICAN SPRINTER. Plymouth, Dec. 31.—Arthur G. Duffy, the American sprinter, arrived here today just in time to catch the steamer on which he will participate in the London Harrows, he will go to Australia where they will participate in the principal sports of the season.

LESE MAJESTE. Munich, Dec. 31.—A newspaper here says that the Saxon judiciary authorities have instituted proceedings against Simplicissimus, a Munich comic weekly, for alleged lese majeste committed against the King of Saxony in the printing of a cartoon of Countess Montignone...

RECORD MADE BY ROSSLAND MINES. A Good Showing Made by the Premier Camp in the Kootenays. Rossland, Dec. 31.—The record made by the Rossland mines during the past year was a very good one, the total output being 342,224 tons, of a value of \$4,400,012.50, which is considered to be an excellent showing.

CAMBON HONORED. Paris, Dec. 31.—President Loubet today awarded Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to Spain, and formerly ambassador at Washington, and personally presented him with the insignia of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, which is the highest rank in the order.

SIKHS ALL RIGHT. Bombay, Dec. 31.—A mass meeting of Sikhs at Patiala today adopted a resolution disapproving of the action of any Sikhs who have served the Russian government in Manchuria or elsewhere. The resolution will be widely circulated in the Sikh's community.

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