BEAVERS' PLAYING MANAGER APPEARS

Bob Brown Pleased With His Team—Thinks Thompson Will Report.

Vancouver, March 15.—President Bob Brown, with the new manager of the Vancouver baseball team, Kitty Brashear, late of the Vernon club, in tow, is back in our midst after a three months' sojourn in the balmy air of Southern California. Bob came up to look over the talent which will represent this fair city in the Northwestern League pennant scramble this coming season, and he intends to go south again when the season is under way. He is much improved in health. Brashear was accompanied by his wife. The new leader of Beavers is a big fellow standing about six feet and weighing about 190 pounds. He was struck by the appearance of Vancouver and did not hesitate to say so.

"It is early to talk of pennants," said President Brown this morning in a fanning bee, "but I figure the team that beats the Beavers will cop the bunting. We will be stronger than last season, and gave Spokane a mighty close chase for the pennant then. The team, as already outlined, looks pretty good at this stage, but of course there is no telling what strength the other clubs will develop before the season extends very far. All the cities will have good teams, and I look for the best season in the history of the Northwestern League."

Manager Brashear is rather tickled with the men at his disposal, and there is no doubt but that the new leader of the Beavers expects to lead the other clubs home next fall.

As he has had no definite word to the contrary, President Brown is still of the opinion that Pitcher Gus Thompson will report to the club, despite the reports sent out that he is to manage the Kalispell Club in Montana. In his last letter to Bob Brown, Gus Thompson said that he had just made some investments and would require the money he would earn in baseball this year to meet the payments.

NANAIMO UNITED BEST IN LEAGUE

Fans Think Conquerors of Vancouvers Are the Coming Champs

Considering the way in which Ladysmith trimmed every other soccer team on the Island and Nanaimo as badly as any, one would hardly look to the latter as the future champions of British Columbia. If either of the Island teams are going to come out on top, the logical one for that position is Ladysmith. But Vancouver says no.

As a result of last Saturday's game between Nanaimo and the Vancouvers, in which the former were victorious by one goal, a great many of the Terminal City fans have come to believe that Nanaimo has the best aggregation in the league.

There is a good deal of truth in that statement, too, for Nanaimo has been laying low since her retirement from the Island league but has evidently been planning to get together a stronger eleven for the provincial league than her sister Coal City. Only two or three changes have been made in the line-up, but those few changes have worked wonders. New life has been infused into the team and Nanaimo United are fit for battle.

Describing the game one of the Vancouver papers says:

"The visiting team was in first class form, the front rank being effective in the extreme. Mitchell proved a perfect pivot and Wardell at outside right was the most brilliant man on the field. The Vancouver forwards were helpless before Nanaimo's defence which was impregnable, the local's star forwards, Hooper and Cruickshanks, being helpless in the hands of White and Dyer, both of whom put up a sterling game.

"Nanaimo looks to local critics as being the provincial champions if they can maintain their present form, the game put up by them to-day being the best football ever seen on local grounds. Local supporters of the home team were disappointed at the result, as the Vancouver aggregation, until to-day's reverse, never suffered a defeat, and hoped to maintain a clean record, but to-day's game put a damper on and checked its aspirations."

The following is the Nanaimo team: Goal, Shepherd; backs, Murray and Hewitt; halves, Dyer, White and Mossey; forwards, Waddell, Adam, Brown, Mitchell and Sutherland.

LIQUOR LICENSE BY-LAW.

Prince Rupert, March 14.—The amended license by-law, introduced by Alderman Hilditch, passed through committee of the whole and its third reading, at a recent meeting of the council. Clause 12 which, as amended, gives the bars the right to remain open from 11 p. m. till midnight on all week days except Saturday, has passed in spite of the efforts of the Social and Moral Reform Association against it. Clause 9, which provides that if a man gets drunk on licensed premises the proprietor must not turn him out without a proper escort, was allowed to stand. It was made very clear, however, that the man must have got drunk on the premises and not simply wandered in drunk from the street. License fee for bartenders is reduced to $2.50 per term of six months.

Do not be quick to speak; say much by a modest and judicious silence.—St. Francis of Sales

SIR DONALD MANN IS AN IMPERIALIST

Would Like to Meet Person With Valid Objection to Reciprocity

Sir Donald D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, who was in Montreal a few days ago, announced prior to his departure that the influx of immigrants from the British Isles to the Dominion would this year be without precedent in the history of the country. He said that as far as the Canadian Northern was concerned the offering of excellent people was so extensive that they had to stop booking for the reason that they would not have steamers enough to bring them to Canada. Sir Donald stated that the officials had taken the greatest care in the selection of people who are already booked for their new homes in the west, consequently he is able to announce that the three western provinces will probably have a larger number of British born settlers added to their present population than during any previous season.

It was certain, said Sir Donald, that the company would have additional steamers running on the Atlantic, but not another just yet of the same type as the Royal George and the Royal Edward. That, however, would come in time, added the vice-president, although Mr. Hanna could give more particulars on the subject.

Sir Donald Mann avers that he is an imperialist and that he is delighted to have so many new-comers from the motherland, supplementing immigration from the western states, which, in a very short time, would give the west a magnificent Canadian population.

Returning to the question of immigration in general, Sir Donald said that he had been told that there were as many old country immigrants who had settled last year in the province of Ontario as in the new provinces. This, he added, was as it should be, as we must not allow our older provinces to be depopulated to fill up the west. "But," declared the vice-president of the Canadian Northern, "we are paving the way for a new province with as many people as Ontario now possesses around the north shore of Lake Superior, where the final location of the C. N. R. has now been completed."

Sir Donald also stated that the Canadaan Northern for hundreds of miles would pass through as good a country as that between Ottawa and Toronto. There are two hundred and fifty miles of spruce land and as great a stretch of white pine, furnishing a country that will contain two millions of people, and a traffic for the Canadian Northern which no one ever dreamed of up to a year or two since. Although the vice-president could not reply positively to the question as to whether they would start vigorously on ths construction work next summer around Lake Superior, he said it would depend on the state of the money market, for everyone must realize the fact that it takes a great deal of money to build a transcontinental railway.

Referring to Sir William Mackenze's statement that the Canadian Northern would like to have the Intercolonial, Sir Donald said that this would come in time, but the question of connecting the St. Lawrence river with the Pacific ocean was troubling him a great deal more than the acquisition of the government railway from Montreal to Halifax and Sydney. He did believe, however, that by the time the first work was accomplished public sentiment in the lower provinces would be favorable to the I. C. R. becoming a part of the Canadian Northern system.

The Canadian Northern expects to be running cars this year from Montreal to Toronto over their own right-of-way. The stretch from the Back river to Hawkesbury will be completed and by July they will have reached within eight miles of Ottawa on the Ontario section.

Sir Donald Mann still adheres to a previous statement to the effect that Canada's farming population should reap a great deal of benefit when brought into touch with a people of ninety millions, and if anyone had an answer to give to this he would like to know his address.

SETTLERS COMING.

Retired Army Men to Farm at Baynes Lake.

Montreal, March 15.—As a result of a series of lectures illustrated by lantern slides and cinematograph films delivered in England under the auspices of the Grand Trunk Railway and the White Star-Dominion lines of steamships, a party arrived in Montreal yesterday by the White Star-Dominion liner Canada, destined to Baynes Lake, B. C. The party consists of retired military officers, professional men and university graduates, with their wives and families, in charge of J. A. Toupley. On arrival at Baynes Lake, it is intended that the party, who are only the first of several, and are bringing out capital to the amount of about $200,000, will purchase specially-selected fruit farms, and towns will be established.

CUMBERLA...'S MAYOR INDIGNANT.

The Cumberland News says: Mayor McLeod informs us that while in Victoria he presented the recommendations of the council for police and license commissioners to our member, Mr. Manson, for recommendation to the government. He was informed by that gentleman that three other names had been submitted by parties in this city, at which information Mayor McLeod was very much surprised and, needless to say, indignant, and did not hesitate to express his opinion on such underhand work, for he considers that the council has recommended good men for the position, and will not stand for any interference with the council's recommendations.

WESTWARD RUSH.

Chicago, March 15.—Over 2,000 colonists were handled by the Union Pacific railway during the first three days of the westward rush of homeseekers, according to railroad officials to-day. It is predicted that the movement of colonists into the northwest this year will be greater than ever before.

PREMIER M'BRIDE KEEPS A PROMISE

Reply to Memorial of Labor Interests is Long Series of Negatives

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, has fulfilled a promise. On Monday morning, in welcoming the delegates of the British Columbia Federation of Labor to Victoria, he promised them that if it was at all possible he would see to it that the memorial which had been submitted to him some time previously would be replied to before the convention concluded its deliberations. He has fulfilled his promise. Yesterday afternoon the premier's reply reached Labor hall. It is in the following terms, and replies to the questions and arguments seriatim:

Prime Minister's Office,
Victoria, March 14, 1911.

J. C. Watters, Esq., Chairman B. C. Executive, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Victoria, B. C.:

Sir: With reference to the memorial presented to this government by the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, on January 23rd last, I beg to make the following replies to the various matters submitted therein.

At the same time I regret that owing to the pressing duties of the session of the legislature and the large amount of work to be dealt with since then, it has been impossible for me sooner to apprise you of the decisions reached by the government.

1. The question of a weekly payment of wages has received consideration but has not been found practicable.

2. Laundries are at present under the inspection called for by the Factories Act.

3. The government does not see its way to abolishing the property qualifications for mayor and aldermen under the Municipalities Act; nor of dispensing with the election deposit in provincial elections. With respect to the revenue tax a board of inquiry will be appointed within a very short time in order to investigate fully the question of provincial taxation. It is expected that the incidence of the provincial revenue tax will be closely examined. The government hopes, on the receipt of the board's report, to be in a position to introduce legislation which will prove both equitable and satisfactory.

4. The Workmen's Compensation Act is designed to cover cases of accidents to workmen. No system of pensions could be introduced that was not of general application.

5. The selection of coroner's juries must of necessity be left to the coroner and, in so far as the attorney-general's department is advised, proper judgment has always been used in such selection.

6. At present the hours on government road work are limited to nine hours a day and this has been found to work satisfactorily. On all government buildings the eight-hour day is observed.

7. The government does not feel that it can recommend legislation that may tend to interfere in the relations between employers and workmen and to unsettle business conditions.

8. The department of education after adopting the principle of free text books has been gradually extending the privilege as regards the number of books used. All schools in the province receive these free text books; and it is the intention of the department to continue this extension as experience dictates.

9. If it is found that the factories inspector needs more assistance, the matter will be taken up by the department.

10. This matter was considered in connection with the Coal Mines Regulation Act at the session of the legislature just closed. It was considered that in view of the official duties of such inspectors, it is advisable that they be appointed by the government.

11. The government has confined its assistance to immigration to endeavor to encourage a supply of white domestic help and white farm help, for both classes of which there has been a large demand and an inadequate supply.

12. The government has assisted very materially in furthering the work of the Tranquille sanatorium. An amount of $100,000 has been granted outright during the past three years; and in addition the sanatorium is receiving a per capita grant averaging between $5,000 and $6,000 a year. The government has also assisted in the up-keep of the institution, but does not intend to assume ownership.

13. The assistance granted by the province to the educational system from the consolidated funds is with the idea of providing a non-denominational education to the children of the province; and the government does not wish to take any steps towards instituting a separate school system in British Columbia.

14. There have been no serious infractions of the act; and very few complaints have been received by the department. If representations of any case where the regulations have not been enforced are made to the department, the minister of public works will be only too pleased to look into the complaint.

15. The Municipal act at present gives power to city municipalities with regard to the examination and registration of plumbers.

16. The provincial electrical inspector has been working on a set of rules and regulations to be enforced under the act; and until these new rules and regulations are enforced for some time and the results noted, it is considered by the department advisable not to have any other assistant inspector. In the new rules the inspector has dealt with artificial respiration and also with telephone communication in underground workings dealing with the cutting off of the supply of electricity. So far as cross arm distances and spacing of wires are concerned, the recommendations of the Trades and Labor Council will be adopted as far as possible.

17. The government does not contemplate at the present time, government ownership of coal mines and telephones.

RICHARD McBRIDE.

The convention did not take any action upon the letter as time was rather circumscribed, owing to the programme, including a drive around the city. The communication was read to the delegates, after which they proceeded with the election of their office bearers, which resulted as follows: President, J. C. Watters; first vice-president, J. W. Wilkinson, Vancouver, Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners; second vice-president, R. A. Stoney, New Westminster Typographical Union; third vice-president, C. Sivertz, Victoria, Letter Carriers; four vice-president, J. H. McVety, Vancouver, Machinists' Union; general secretary, R. P. Pettipiece, Vancouver, Trades and Labor Council; secretary-treasurer, Victor R. Midgley, Ladners, Trades and Labor Council; J. C. Watters, delegate to the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, Calgary, next September; R. P. Pettipiece, fraternal delegate to the Washington state convention at Spokane, January, 1912.

L. F. Lane, fraternal delegate from district 26, which includes Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, in the International Association of Machinists, delivered a short address in which he returned thanks for the courtesies he had received at the hands of the convention.

There was some little debate as to where the next convention should be held. Kamloops was mentioned but finally it was decided to meet again in Victoria, as it was possible in this city for the delegates to personally wait upon the government with their requests. Thereafter the convention adjourned.

In the evening the delegates again gathered together in the Labor hall but this time it was play and not work that called them. A smoker had been organized in honor of the occasion, and with an agreeable admixture of music, songs, recitations and speeches, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

NEW WHALERS STOP TO REFILL BUNKERS

Arrive at San Diego for Coal—Expected to Reach Here Next Wednesday

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Within a week's time the two new steam whalers, Red and Yellow, en route from Norway to join the Rainbow fleet operated by the Canadian Northern Pacific Fisheries Company will arrive here. They were reported as arriving at San Diego for coal yesterday, and as soon as their bunkers were filled they commenced on the last leg of the long journey. They left Christiania nearly a month later than the three whalers, White, Black and Green, which arrived here some time ago. It is expected that the Red and Yellow will reach this city about next Wednesday, the run from San Diego requiring a week for the small boats.

Last night the Orion and St. Lawrence both left port for the Sechart whaling station, which has been opened for the season. The whalers are leaving in pairs this year, and the Orion and St. Lawrence, which are the oldest vessels of the fleet, make the third couple to get away. All the boats so far dispatched by the company have gone to the west coast of the island to hunt for the mammals. Reports received state that the vessels are making large catches and that the staffs at the Sechart and Kyuquot stations are having busy times. Shortly several of the whalers will leave for the Rose Harbor station on the Queen Charlotte islands.

The steamer Petriana, Capt. Shadforth, returned to port last night from the Queen Charlotte islands, after carrying a cargo of material and supplies to the new Haden Harbor station. The vessel encountered fine weather throughout and made fast passages both north and south.

AN INNOVATION.

English to Be Used in Jewish Services.

London, March 15.—The decision to introduce English into Jewish services here has created quite a sensation. The measure was sharply criticized by Sir Philip Magnus, M. P., at a meeting of the members of the Berkeley Street Reform Synagogue held to decide on introducing important changes into its ritual.

He said the changes were the outcome of prolonged deliberation, and represented a compromise between two opposite parties. A proposal that the sexes should sit together had been withdrawn.

"A moderate amount of English is to be introduced," he said, "much against the wishes of myself and others, who believe that the retention of Hebrew is closely associated with the preservation of our religion.

"It is a bond that united Jews all over the world. Apart from religion its educational value is very great. I fear that the introduction of English into the service will operate to discourage the teaching of Hebrew, and will not increase the attendances at the synagogue."

LIKELY GRAND MASTER.

Smith Falls, Ont., March 14.—Col. Jno. Hughes of Clarke, Ont., will be likely elected grand master of Ontario East, L. O. L., at the annual meeting here, opening Wednesday. He is a brother of Colonel Sam Hughes and has been an Orangeman for 36 years.

JOHN OLIVER ON RECIPROCITY PACT

Thinks Hay Will Be Reduced in Price, but People Will Benefit

"Although I think that the British Columbia farmers will lose a dollar or two on account of the new reciprocity agreement, I think that it will redound to the great benefit of the mass of people and the farmers of this province are not the kind to oppose that kind of legislation."

Thus did John Oliver sum up the farmers' side of the reciprocity case in a speech made at the Liberal smoker at Central Park a day or two ago.

In sizing up the effects that reciprocity might have, Mr. Oliver gave some interesting details concerning the changes in the farming industry in Delta during the past few years. A few years ago there were twenty-five steam threshing machines at work in the Delta, and they could be operated on a paying basis; now there were not half that many machines. The farmer had turned his attention to dairying and cattle raising rather than to grain growing, practically because the northwest territories had become so productive in grain that it was more profitable to the farmer here to adopt more intensive methods.

Now he thought that the tariff agreement would result in a slight decline in the prices of farm produce, as there was already competition from the south. He thought the changes would be very slight, whatever they were, and although hay might be reduced in price $2 a ton, it would probably be made up in the great advantages enjoyed by the general consumer in the province.

He found that one result of the treaty would be the reduction of the taxes on the people of Canada by two and one-half million dollars. The Conservatives just a few years ago were raising a bitter cry because the taxes had been increased, but now that they are being decreased the Conservatives find that the whole constitution of the British Empire is tottering to its fall. He had not found anyone yet who would admit that his loyalty was in danger, and did not expect he would.

The Liberal leader then briefly outlined the advantages that would be derived from the agreement by the coal miners, the lumbermen and the fishermen. The lumbermen had passed a resolution condemning the agreement before they had any idea what was in it. They had since met and found that the agreement was going to make money for them and had withdrawn the previous resolution.

J. W. deB. Farris ably disposed of the great cry of disloyalty which had been raised by the Conservatives. He said that the highest sentiments and most sacred emotions of men were sometimes played upon by unscrupulous men for the lowest of ends. So in this case the cry of loyalty had been raised and had attained some prominence, partly because Champ Clark had dined perhaps not wisely but too well, and Congressman Bennett had hoped to stir up as he did a strong feeling of resentment against the agreement.

Mr. Farris quoted from the Literary Digest to show that there was really no annexation feeling in Canada, and the papers in the States knew it. None of the leading papers had taken seriously the outbursts of the ultra-American politicians.

He showed that if an increase of trade with the United States would endanger Canada's loyalty, a curtailment of her trade would increase it. So all Canada had to do to remain good and loyal was to raise a tariff wall so high that all trade would have to cease.

The annexation cry he classed as absurd, and he drew a great outburst of applause when he remarked that if the worst came to the worst, Billy Bowser could be trotted out and nothing would be annexed.

Reve Weart, of Burnaby, and George Kennedy, president of the Westminster Liberal association, were others who made short speeches. Said Reve Weart: "If the farmers are going to lose $2 a ton on their hay, why God help them, I might be able to get mine for $25 then."

Mr. Kennedy dealt with the great changes that had come over the feelings of the Conservative statesmen since the days when they strenuously opposed the British preference. That is what they now desired to save from the effects of the American agreement. His comparisons of their speeches some years ago with those made in the heat of the reciprocity debate were highly amusing.

BERT SPARROW ILL.

Calgary, March 14.—St. Mary's will not play for the Allan cup this year. Bert Sparrow, captain and star wing man, was attacked with appendicitis Sunday. St. Mary's had no spare man to take his place as one of the players turned professional a few weeks ago.

SMUGGLERS OF ARMS.

Washington, March 15.—The department of justice has a warrant for Harvey Phillips, a private detective of this city, and formerly a federal secret service operative. He is charged with making interstate shipments of small arms and ammunition, and concealing the true nature of the shipments. Officials of the department say the ammunition was for the Mexican insurrectos. Phillips is not charged with violating the neutrality law, because there is no evidence that he shipped any munitions of war into Mexico. Special agents of the department say the shipments were sent only to the American border, and taken in hand by insurrecto agents. The new criminal code has a section governing the shipment of high explosives in interstate commerce.

During the course of his address at Chelsea, Mr. John Burns was interrupted by a suffragette, who asked when votes were to be given to women. The woman had chained herself to a chair, and at the suggestion of the president of the local government board the woman and the chair were removed together.

MORE AUTO OWNERS ARE PAYING FINES

Police Court Becoming Rendezvous of Wealthy—Cases Number Over Seventy

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The police court is taking on tone. No longer is it the flabby-faced drunk who predominates. Instead, all the wealthy residents with gold-mounted fountain pens, fat-looking cheque books, and lawyers, have been called upon to assemble there. Mostly they are the rich real estate men of the city, the legal profession is well represented, and Friday is the day set for the appearance of a judge of the B. C. Court of Appeal, and all because Victoria is taking on speed and the automobilists are trying to keep up with the times. Every one who succeeds gets fined $20, and the packet of summonses that Constable James Palmer is distributing now goes into the seventies.

N. F. Mackay, M. P. P., appeared this morning for Green & Burdick, real estate agents, and entered a plea of guilty to speeding. Mr. Mackay mentioned that it was not a member of the firm who was in the car at the time but under the act the owners were responsible so he handed in a $20 cheque.

In connection with this case there is a story. Constable Palmer was walking along the street with his big packet of blue papers when he met Mr. Burdick who said, "Hallo, Jim, what have you got there?"

"Summonses," replied the constable.

"Have you got one for me?" asked the real estate man with a laugh.

"Sure," replied the constable, and Mr. Burdick got his.

R. G. Montieth, real estate agent, pleaded guilty and was fined twenty dollars, but registered a kick. He thought the men on the work should use a little discretion. He was certainly going over ten miles an hour, he told the magistrate, but every machine travelling on Government street went at that speed. He had been warned the constables were watching Rockland and Linden avenues, and on approaching he saw the constable first, therefore it stood to reason he would not be taking chances on spending $20.

Alex. McDermott paid $20 without hesitation, and Angus Campbell started a new departure in paying fines. He got to court a day ahead of time, and requested the court deal with his case at once. Mr. Campbell's busy day is to-morrow and rather than risk not getting a remand he went up a day ahead with his $20. He was accommodated.

T. P. McConnell, real estate agent was fined $20, having pleaded guilty.

The city failed in one case, but will try again. McCallum & Tracksell were represented by M. B. Jackson, who said he had only a watching brief. The persons charged were not present. The solicitor said the automobile licensed by the provincial authorities had changed hands twice since the auto license was issued. He got into an argument with the city prosecutor regarding a section of the act, and when the latter protested, the solicitor exclaimed, "I'm talking section and you are talking rot."

"If you can't talk better than that you had better sit down," said Mr. Harrison.

"You appear to have a lot to say for a man with only a watching brief," said the magistrate.

Mr. Jackson said the auto was owned by the Vancouver Island Automobile Company, and that neither of the defendants named were in court.

The case was dismissed and the prosecution will effect service on the individual members of the firm. The magistrate ruled this would have to be done in every case where a firm was charged.

ALASKAN RAILWAYS.

Cordova, Alaska, March 15.—E. C. Hawkins, general manager of the Copper River and Northwestern Railway, returned from an inspection of the line last night and reported that work is progressing so rapidly that the line will be completed to Bonanza earlier than anticipated. It is possible that the line will be finished early in April.

The mild winter has made fast work possible, and rail-laying has been carried on at a rate of more than a mile a day.

Despite the early rains which fell last month, causing snowslides and brief interruptions in train service, the road has been operated all winter between Cordova and Chiltina, where it connects with the Fairbanks trail.

The mild winter has made it possible to get a larger amount of mail through to the interior, and yesterday the post office here began forwarding all classes of mail to Fairbanks and other points beyond the mountains. Heretofore second class matter has not been sent over the trails during the winter season. Mr. Hawkins said to-night that the Copper River road is ready to construct its branch line to the Bering River coal fields and erect bunkers, office buildings and a station at Katalla whenever the government takes definite action that will assure the opening of the coal fields.

MAY YOHE MUST PAY.

New York, March 15.—May Yohe, of Portland and Seattle, must pay Anna M. Nelson, a dressmaker, $717 for gowns purchased in 1906. The verdict was returned against the actress by Justice Greene. Miss Nelson testified that Miss Yohe came to New York from Portland shivering in the cold in the fall of 1906 and that she advanced her $30 to get a fur coat out of storage.

TAKE OVER THE STRATHCONA HOTEL

L. Lucas and J. P. Sweeney Join Hands in Promising Enterprise

L. Lucas, formerly of the Empress hotel clerical staff, and John P. Sweeney, have purchased the Strathcona hotel at Shawnigan Lage, for a sum in the neighborhood of $30,000. Mrs. Wark, who has been in charge of the hotel for some years, will relinquish control forthwith. The new owners intend making many improvements in the property which they have just acquired.

Besides the hotel itself, which is one of the most picturesque and comfortable at this summer resort, there is included some twenty-eight acres situated on the shores of the beautiful lake—the stretch of water which is such an attraction for Victorians and visitors during the summer.

Messrs. Lucas and Sweeney intend improving Strathcona to a marked extent. The grounds will be converted into tennis courts, bowling greens, etc. The boat house, already large and provided with rowing and sailing boats and launches, will be enlarged. Nothing will be overlooked in the effort to make the house and its surroundings inviting to tired business men and citizens generally.

Both the new owners are well known and popular young men. Mr. Sweeney is among the best known and most active of the athletic fraternity and his host of friends will wish himself and his partner every success in their new venture.

LOS ANGELES VERDICT.

Los Angeles, March 15.—The coroner's jury in the Times disaster of October 1 after an adjournment of several weeks, held its concluding session yesterday, and returned the following verdict: "The Times building was destroyed and a great number of the employees killed by an explosion followed by fire, said explosion being caused by high explosives other than illuminating gas placed there by a party or parties unknown to this jury."

AWARD MADE FOR NEW UNION CLUB

Loring P. Rixford Submits Plans for Italian Style of Building

Loring P. Rixford, of San Francisco, who has been awarded the first place in the plans for the new Union Club building to be erected on Humboldt and Gordon streets, will arrive in Victoria soon, and in the course of a month it is expected the new building will be commenced. The club will be four stories high and cost about $150,000.

The new Union Club will be a beautiful structure in the refined Italian style, occupying a floor space of 20 feet all round for gardens. The main entrance is to face on Gordon street and it is intended that the entire building will be reserved for club uses. More bedroom accommodation and a large ball room are to be features in the building, and the dining rooms, billiard room, card and reading rooms will be much more commodious than in the Douglas street structure.

C. P. R. HOTEL PLANS.

Hayter Reed Visits City—No Summer Resort at Oak Bay.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

During a brief visit to Victoria yesterday afternoon Hayter Reed, general superintendent of the C. P. R. hotel system, denied the rumor that the company intended erecting a summer hotel at Oak Bay, and announced that if business warranted an additional wing would be built to the Empress hotel.

Interviewed before his departure for Vancouver, he said that if the new wing of the Empress hotel, which would be completely open to the travelling public in the course of the next few days fulfilled the expectations of the company in being well patronized, plans would at once be drawn up for the construction of another wing at the southeast corner.

Asked about the rumors that the C. P. R. was contemplating the erection of a summer hotel in the Oak Bay district, he said that he had hear nothing of any such scheme. He thought it unlikely, and said that if the company had recently acquired land in that municipality it was not for hotel purposes.

During his visit here Mr. Reed authorized the installation of a telephone exchange in the Empress hotel, and a thorough up-to-date system, whereby connections may be obtained with all parts of the hotel, will be installed.

PORTLAND ROSE FAIR.

Portland, Ore., March 15.—William M. Murray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest to-day announced that the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., and the Southern Pacific Company had made a round trip rate of one and one-third the single fare from points on the Oregon & Washington to Portland and return during Portland's annual rose festival, which will occur this year from June 2 to 10. West of Goldenale and The Dalles, north of Eugene and south of Centralia, four selling dates will be given. Gray's Harbor, Puget Sound points (including Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.), Eastern and Southern Oregon and Eastern Washington will be given three selling dates.

Pamphlets owe their name to Pamphila, a Greek lady, who left behind her a number of scrapbooks containing notes, recipes, anecdotes and memoranda.