

IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OPINIONS FROM ALL PARTS OF PROVINCE

Some of Information on Which Report of Chamber of Commerce Committee Is Based.

In the compilation of a comprehensive report of the transportation facilities and rates from all parts of British Columbia and the Northwest to a joint committee of the chamber of commerce to send circulars to all distributing points of any importance asking for information. In almost every case replies were received and the question asked answered. On this information was based the report on transportation which was submitted to the chamber two weeks ago.

As can be seen by some of the answers which are appended, in almost every case there is either a complaint against excessive freight rates or poor service. The farmers of the lower Mainland district think that the Coast-Kootenay railway would be of great value in competition with the C. P. R., and to lowering the rates and giving the people of that section a quicker service to the coast. Merchants of Calgary say that Victoria cannot hope to compete with Winnipeg in not only the coast but also in excess of those East. Residents of the West Coast complain of the poor steamer service, and so on. However, the report is now under consideration by the chamber of commerce, and some concerted action that will be beneficial not only to Victoria, but to the province as a whole, is anticipated.

In the following answers are given only to three questions asked by the circular. These are: (a) State chief exports from your locality. (b) Have you any suggestions for an improved service between your point and Victoria? (c) Have you any additional information?

Raymond, Alberta.—(a) Wheat, oats, barley, beef, mutton and wool. (b) We would spend much more money with you and ship you goods if you had a better freight schedule. (c) Your current freight rate is about 50 cents higher than that from here to Winnipeg, and just 20 cents lower than from here to Hamilton or Toronto.

Silverton, B. C.—(a) Ores. (b) No. (c) Yes, we have a great many high grade silver prospects lying idle for lack of capital to work them. If you can help to interest capital in this direction you will be benefiting the chamber of commerce. **Greenwood, B. C.**—(a) Gold, silver and copper ores. (b) Yes, a direct line of railway from Midway to the coast would divert a lot of business which now goes to Spokane in your direction.

Alberni, B. C.—(a) Iron, copper, gold and farm produce. (b) The charges of the C. P. N. Company are so high that it hardly pays people to ship out produce and lumber. (c) If there was a direct line between here and Victoria, or some opposition, people here could ship out an amount of produce, lumber, etc., at a profit.

Port Essington.—(a) Canned salmon and lumber. (b) An island railway would probably be a great inducement for traders to Victoria if steamers ran in connection. (c) C. P. N. Skagway steamers which pass about five miles from the mouth of Skeena could drop letter mail to be brought in by a carrier supplied by the government.

Pender Island.—(a) Lumber, fruit, cattle, sheep, wool, etc. (b) Yes, if we had a better service and quicker runs more business could be done in six months than is now done in a year.

Shirley, Otter Point.—(a) Farm produce. (b) Monthly service to Sooke by steamer. **Quesnel, B. C.**—(a) Gold and furs. (c) A railway is the only salvation of the country. Trade is at a standstill. Mining men have spent large sums to develop the mines, but freight being so high it kills many small companies, and the properties have to be more than rich to yield a profit after the expenses are paid. Experts have said we are sitting on a coal bed and also on a coal oil lake.

Trail, B. C.—(a) Lead, bullion copper matte, refined lead, white lead, etc. (b) The completion of the V. V. & E. railway, which with a cheaper haul, would bring cheaper rates and better-dredge relations. (c) The proximity of Spokane says trade and diverts it into American channels.

Sandwich, Comox District.—(a) Farm produce. (b) The E. & N. railway should give Victoria the preference as against Vancouver. Freight and passenger rates are as high now as 15 years ago, while business has quadrupled.

Hornby Island, B. C.—(a) Stock and farm produce. (b) A fast seaworthy steamer to ply between Salmon river and Victoria, calling at all way ports. The return trip should be made once a week.

Cheam, B. C.—(a) Farm produce. (b) Coast-Kootenay railway and ferry to Victoria. (c) I think if we had a more stable provincial government it would be better for both Chilliwack and Victoria.

Okanagan Falls, B. C.—(a) Gold, silver, copper and asbestos. (b) Redirection in freight, free lands to settlers, better government, no more land subsidies would be beneficial.

Gibson's Landing.—(a) Farm produce, stock and lumber. (b) I do not think that a direct steamer service to Victoria would pay.

Sooke, Mellspark, B. C.—(a) Farm produce, including fruit and stock. (b) Our trade relation with Victoria could be greatly improved by running a steamer of 20 or 25 tons tons stated days, twice a month, with small subsidy from the government.

make a big difference and put us in a nice position. **Surrey Centre.**—(a) Farm produce. (b) It is suggested that a Victoria firm start a store at Cloverdale and buy anything farmers have to sell. **Valdez Island.**—(a) General farm produce. (b) A bi-weekly boat to carry mail and serve this community and logging camps, and the regular calling of C. F. N. steamers at this port both ways, so that people could depend on them, would be of great advantage. **Clayton, B. C.**—(a) Seal skins, dry fur and mineral. (b) Yes. A boat with berths, not swivel boats, in opposition to the P. N. Co. (this will cover everything).

Countee, B. C.—(a) Live stock chiefly and almost only. (b) An all rail route via Hope Mountain or via Princeton, and thence to Hope and the coast by the left bank of the Fraser would give us a competitive line to the C. P. R. and a quicker service. (c) All inducement to develop mineral resources or to raise more farm produce than can be used in the vicinity is stifled by freight rates. **Vesuvius Bay, S.S.I.**—(a) Farm produce. (b) —. (c) The great trouble with us is that we generally have to sell our produce to the middlemen, who as a rule get more profit than just, making it costly to the consumer, whereas we get a very small price when it is considered what the consumer has to pay. **Beaver Point, B. C.**—(a) Farm produce and fruit, etc. (b) Lower freight rates, say \$1.50 per ton for both boats. (c) There should be more regularity in the service. Very often no freight boat calls for days. (The above includes Beaver Point and Fulford harbor wharves).

EASY VICTORY.

Gans Defeated Fitzgerald in Fight at San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 30.—The Gans-Fitzgerald fight at the Mechanics' pavilion last night was an easy victory for the Baltimore man. It ended suddenly in the 10th round, when the negro put in a terrific blow in the jaw, dazing Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald was ready and willing to mix it up at every stage of the game, and really did some good work against the Baltimore man, but the negro far out-classed him in cleverness and landed upon him almost at will.

Hope For Consumptives

HOW THE RAVAGES OF THIS SCOURGE MAY BE STAYED.

Statistics Prove That More Deaths Occur From Consumption Than From All Other Contagious Diseases Combined—How Best to Combat the Disease.

The ravages of consumption throughout Canada is something appalling. In the province of Ontario, where statistics of deaths from all diseases are carefully kept, it is shown that 2,286 of the deaths occurring during the year 1901 were due to consumption, or about 40 per cent more than the number of deaths occurring from all other contagious diseases combined. These figures are startling and show the urgent necessity for taking every available means for combatting a disease that yearly claims so many victims. The time to cure consumption is not after the lungs are hopelessly involved and the doctors have given up hope. Taken in its early stages, consumption is curable. Consumption is a wasting disease of the lungs and at the earliest symptom of lung trouble steps should be taken to arrest the waste and thus stop the disease. Consumption preys upon weakness. Strength is the best measure of safety. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best tonic and strength builder known to medical science. The record of this medicinal speaks for itself and proves conclusively that taken when the symptoms of consumption develop they build up, strengthen and invigorate the patient to a point where disease disappears. In proof of this take the case of Hilda St. George, of the St. Jerome, Que., who says: "About a year ago I became greatly run down. I lost color, suffered constantly from headaches and pains in the sides; my appetite left me, and I became very weak. Then I was attacked by a cough, and was told that I was in consumption. The doctor ordered me to the Laurentian Mountains in the hope that the change of air would benefit me. I remained there for some time, but did not improve, and returned home feeling that I had not much longer to live. I then decided to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After using several bottles my appetite began to return, and this seemed to mark the change which brought about my recovery, for with the improved appetite came gradual but surely increasing strength. I continued the use of the pills, and daily felt the weakness that had threatened to end my life disappear, until finally I was again enjoying good health, and now, as those who know me can see, I show no trace of the illness I passed through. I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life, and I hope my statement will induce similar sufferers to try them."

These pills are also a certain cure for the after effects of the grippe and pneumonia, which frequently develops into consumption. Through their blood-renewing, strengthening qualities they also cure anaemia, heart troubles, kidney and liver ailments and the functional weaknesses that make the lives of so many women a source of constant misery. There are many imitations of this medicinal in the market, but the only one to be depended upon is the one which bears the name of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, "is on every box. Sold by all dealers in medicine or sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

CANCELLATION OF THE PULP RESERVE

NOTICE APPEARS IN LAST WEEK'S GAZETTE

Government Concluded That the Island Power Company Were Getting Too Much—Lands in Question.

A modest looking notice appears in Thursday's Gazette, the dimensions of which however, represent the extent of its importance. It was expected to appear in last week's Official Gazette, and the announcement in the current issue therefore does not come in the form of a surprise. Here it is: Notice is hereby given that the reservation of sundry areas of land to enable the Island Power Company, Limited, to select therefrom timber limits for wood pulp and paper manufacturing purposes, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 13th May, 1903, is cancelled.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 28th May, 1903.

It was just two weeks ago when the announcement appeared in the Gazette that certain areas daily defined were reserved from sale or other disposition except by pre-emption for two years to enable the Island Power Company, Limited, to select therefrom timber limits for wood pulp and paper manufacturing purposes, as provided by an agreement bearing date the 9th of May.

It was soon discovered that the land defined amounted to something like 700 sections, and that a howl went up from various quarters. The government were bombarded with protests, Messrs. Garden and Tatlow being particularly active, and the lands and works department investigating and found that the area was about 600 square miles more than it was intended to reserve. The ministers explained that they were under a misapprehension as to the extent of the reserve, and would cancel it. This was done. The lands in question which a "misapprehension" existed are as follows:

Area No. 1.—All the lands lying between Ninkish River and Robson Belt, extending in a southerly direction a distance of three miles, more or less, from the salt water.

Area No. 2.—All of Cracroft Island, excepting those portions already reserved as timber lands.

Area No. 3.—All the land situated at Port Neville lying west of the 120th meridian, between Sunderland Channel and Port Neville.

Area No. 4.—That portion of Thurlow Island extending six miles eastward from the westerly end.

Area No. 5.—Commencing at a point three miles west of Chatham Point; thence westerly along the westerly shore of Johnstone Strait two miles and a half; thence south three miles; thence east five miles and a half; thence north to place of beginning.

Area No. 6.—Beginning at Beaver Inlet and extending northerly along the westerly shore of Loughborough Inlet a distance of three miles; thence in a northerly direction a distance of three miles; thence southerly three miles; thence easterly three miles to point of commencement.

Area No. 7.—All the lands situated on McBride's Bay, at the head of Loughborough Inlet, and being three miles wide and extending north a distance of three miles.

Area No. 8.—All the lands lying at the head of Phillips Arm and being two miles wide and extending in a northerly direction a distance of four miles.

Area No. 9.—All the lands lying west of timber limit No. 110 and north of the fiftieth parallel, beginning at upper Campbell Lake and extending in a westerly direction along the said parallel a distance of six miles; thence in a northerly direction a distance of six miles; thence in an easterly direction six miles to place of beginning.

Area No. 10.—All the lands lying at the head waters of Campbell River and around Buttles Lake and outside of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway land grant, beginning at the Upper Campbell River and extending along the E. & N. railway land grant a distance of thirty miles; thence in a southerly direction a distance of eighteen miles; thence in a northerly direction a distance of eighteen miles to point of commencement.

IN WAIT FOR EMBREZZLER.

The Errand of Deputy Marshal Stringer, of Seattle, to this City—His Man on Tartar.

When the steamer Tartar arrived at the ocean dock on Friday from the Orient Deputy Marshal Stringer, of Seattle, was on the lookout for one of her passengers. This great steamer until recently employed in a bank at Manila, who, it is charged, embezzled a large sum of money and skipped out. The amount and name of the fugitive could not be learned, but news of his arrest may be expected in the course of a few days.

Deputy Marshal Stringer received instructions from Washington to proceed to this city to watch for the absconder. He was traced from the Philippines to Hongkong, where he was known to have boarded the Tartar. He was believed to have run across the line to San Francisco, but it is now understood that his ticket will carry him direct to New York. At any rate he proceeded to Vancouver on the Tartar. The deputy marshal is also a passenger on the line to the Territory. He will doubtless accompany the man across the continent, and as soon as he puts foot on American soil will nab him. The fugitive is said to be about 25 years of age, about six feet in height, of fine appearance and pleasant address.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Schedule of Subjects and the Time Allotted to Them—Special Attention to Reading.

As has already been announced the annual teachers' examinations will be held on July 4th. The schedule of subjects and the time allotted to them is as follows: July 4th, Saturday—British History, 9 to 11; English Grammar, 1 to 3. July 5th, Monday—Arithmetic, 9 to 11:30; Trigonometry, 9 to 12; Composition, 1 to 3; Composition and Rhetoric, 1 to 3. July 7th, Tuesday—Algebra, 9 to 12; Canadian History, 1 to 3. July 8th, Wednesday—Geometry, 9 to 12; Geography, 1 to 3; Roman History, 3 to 4; Greek History, 3 to 4. July 9th, Thursday—English Literature, 9 to 12; English Literature (Sr. Academic), 9 to 12:30; Bookkeeping, 1 to 2:30; Greek or French or German, 1 to 4; Greek or French or German (Sr. Academic), 1:30 to 4:30. July 10th, Friday—Latin, 9 to 12; Physiology, 1 to 3; Botany, 1 to 3; Chemistry, 1 to 3. July 11th, Saturday—Physical Science, 9 to 11; Reading, 1 to 3.

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