

BUILDING FOR APRIL LARGE GREAT GAIN ALL THROUGH CANADA

Construction During Month Showed an Increase of 43 per Cent on Previous April

An average gain of 43 per cent, representing a total investment of \$12,294,780, as against \$8,552,375 in the corresponding period last year, or an amount approximately \$4,000,000 in excess of that recorded in the preceding month, is the story of Canada's wonderful building progress, as briefly told by the comparative figures for April submitted to Construction, Toronto, from twenty-eight representative cities scattered broadcast throughout the Dominion. Halley's comet on its trip past the earth this time found much that it failed to observe when it came this way before, and Canadian builders in all sections, it seems, exerted every effort by the erection of new structures, to make it difficult for this celestial wonder to whisk its tail by without, as it were, causing it to sit up and take notice. So marked has the development been, in fact, that several sections of the west are on the verge of a building material famine, such as has never experienced before. In Winnipeg and Calgary prices are said to have steadily increased, and that despite any willingness to accept the advance, materials cannot be obtained in sufficient quantities to in any way adequately meet the unusually heavy demand.

Possibly the most pronounced feature of the month was not so much the universal activity that prevailed in general, as much as it was the heavy proportionate gains made in all parts. Four cities totalled \$1,500,000 or better, and fourteen others registered amounts ranging from \$100,000 upwards. While five more losses are noted than in the preceding month, it must be remembered that the number of cities reporting is practically one-third greater than great. Some of the declines are due to labor trouble, as in the case of Lethbridge, where the falling off (65 per cent) can be ascribed wholly to the strike in the building trades during the first two weeks of the month.

The largest amount of the month is noted in the case of Toronto, which issued permits for \$2,222,055, an increase amounting to \$2,222,055, although Winnipeg, with a total of \$2,305,450, was a most worthy competitor for honors in this respect. Considering the huge volume of work undertaken in the same month last year, the progress made in either instance is most gratifying indeed, and especially so, in view of the fact that both of these cities report a large number of important projects in immediate prospect.

The highest increase for the month, however, goes to Stratford, which climbed to the apex with a gain of 174 per cent, representing an investment of over half a million, as compared with \$30,100 in the month of April, 1919. Ontario, in fact, turned to account six increases, besides the two mentioned, viz: Brantford, 109 per cent; Hamilton, 60; Berlin, 16; Peterboro, 48; Port Arthur, 27; and Kingston, 12 per cent. The losses noted in the province occurred in Ottawa and London, which receded 5 and 40 per cent, respectively; and at Port William and Windsor, which fell short of their corresponding figures, to the extent of 78 and 70 per cent, in order named. Windsor promises a big improvement in the near future, as a by-law has just been passed regarding the siting of sites for factories and manufacturing plants, which will in all probability bring a large number of important industrial concerns to that city and stimulate building development in all lines, while for Port William, it might be explained that the permits in April, 1919, included the mammoth elevator erected there last year, and that, owing to the fact that the city is ahead for the month on all other work, by over 50 per cent.

As regards the eastern section of the country, Montreal crowded well to the front by netting a gain of 82 per cent, her total for the month of \$1,322,082 being the third highest amount recorded; while Sydney's tremendous uplift (602 per cent) gives that place the second highest standing recorded for the month. Increase, Halifax and St. John, however, fell to the rear by a decline of 47 per cent, and 48 per cent, respectively, although the corresponding figures in the latter case are of such meagre proportions as to afford no reliable means for accurately judging the situation. Last month and the month before, this city was substantially ahead, and there is no reason to assume other than that the healthy condition, which heretofore obtained will shortly reassert itself.

In the west, operations in general were veritably rampant. As a result, Lethbridge's decrease, and a loss of 5 per cent, experienced at Moose Jaw, all places prospered to an unusual degree. Vancouver's big upturn of \$1,450,588 practically doubles the amount of work undertaken in the month of April, 1919, and is a most remarkable total, considering the phenomenal advances made by the city since the first of the year. Victoria overlapped her previous mark by a gain of 2 per cent. Calgary made a most excellent showing, registering an increase of 109 per cent, as did also Edmonton, where the total was 19 per cent, in excess of that recorded last year. Again, Regina came mightily to the fore with a striking gain of 327 per cent, while Saskatoon and Brandon, with their increases of 99 per cent, and 53 per cent, respectively, give evidence of a growth which, to say the least, is both gratifying and substantial.

While these figures truthfully reflect the wholesome conditions as regards building operations which exist in all sections of the country, they fail materially to measure the full force of activity in general. There are hundreds of secondary towns and villages throughout the length and breadth of the land that are going ahead at equally as stupendous strides, and it is only necessary to glance at the daily or weekly press in almost any locality to be impressed with the tremendous development that is taking place. As regards the outlook immediate indications are that the present pace will be maintained indefinitely, as practically all architectural offices are well laden with work, and a large number of important projects as well as much small work will be carried out during the summer months.

The return of permits issued in April, 1919 and 1920, follows:

	April, 1919	April, 1920	Inc. Dec.
Berlin	\$1,831	\$75,300	16.88
Brandon	52,150	38,875	83.94
Brantford	79,320	38,015	406.99
Calgary	633,530	174,150	365.73
Edmonton	232,196	210,590	19.98
Port Arthur	281,825	1,116,000	76.55
Halifax	29,500	57,000	47.38
Hamilton	382,175	225,580	69.35
Kingston	48,185	43,000	12.60
Lethbridge	100,425	22,440	56.25
London	194,838	177,720	40.82
Montreal	1,822,082	1,111,891	63.87
Moose Jaw	153,250	161,250	4.56
Ottawa	240,475	338,000	4.26
Peterboro	121,201	157,221	48.31
Port Arthur	107,650	87,600	22.88
Regina	507,295	71,875	327.41
Saskatoon	5,330	10,000	48.76
Saskatoon	292,956	147,090	99.16
Stratford	554,300	30,100	1,741.82
Sydney	53,025	378,000	6.28
Toronto	2,222,055	2,305,450	2.58
Vancouver	1,450,588	783,490	86.41
Victoria	132,440	188,000	2.52
Windsor	18,250	64,350	35.70
Winnipeg	2,305,450	1,084,200	116.63
Total	\$12,294,780	\$8,552,375	43.75

MISSING SUPERVISOR HAS BEEN FOUND

"Big Jim" Gallagher, of San Francisco, is Now Living at North Vancouver

Vancouver, June 9.—Reoccupying in a secluded spot on the sunny slopes of North Vancouver, is "Big Jim" Gallagher, one of the board of supervisors of San Francisco in the days of the Schmitz regime, who now forms the missing link in the prosecution's case against Abraham Reuf.

Mr. Gallagher is living quietly with his wife and family in a small cottage. In response to a knock, the door opened and there stood a woman of stature, plainly dressed, a woman whose kindness of manner the blows of fate have not impaired.

"Does Mr. Gallagher live here, and could I speak with him?" "Mr. Who-Gallagher," gasped the woman, who by the expression on her face showed her surprise. "Er—what do you want?"

On being told that it was a reporter speaking and that it was his purpose to see Mr. Gallagher if possible, the helpmate of the former supervisor slowly and half hesitantly stepped out into an adjoining room and ushered in a rather stout man of reddish complexion. This was Mr. Gallagher. "I am Mr. Gallagher, what do you want?"

"I am a press reporter and was sent out to get an interview with you. What have you to say about the case?" "On what subject, may I ask? Why should you want an interview with me? Do you know who I am?"

"I understand that you came here from San Francisco, and would like to get an expression of opinion regarding certain matters very much before the public of California at the present time."

"No; I am from New York, but to be frank with you, I once resided in San Francisco. I have been interviewed by a thousand newspaper men since I left, and I cannot have not given any statement, and already I am feeling the benefits of the invigorating air. It is not our intention to return to the scene for some time, according to present arrangements, but things are so uncertain now-a-days that one can not foresee the future more than a day or two."

"Do you think that Reuf will get his liberty should you decide to remain away from San Francisco indefinitely?" "That would be indeed hard for me to say, and again I must say that I refuse to take any part in the case. The case does not interest me in the least. I am through with the whole matter."

"You no doubt have had your troubles during the last few years, but you can escape the worry which is hanging over your head and will surely fall when you touch a foot on California soil."

"That's not worrying me in the least. It is not very imperative that I should go back at any time," retorted Mr. Gallagher with a smile. "Now, you have got out of me all I can or will say, so good day."

Wanted in San Francisco. San Francisco, Cal., June 9.—James L. Gallagher, known here as "Big Jim," former chairman of the boodling board of supervisors under the Reuf-Schmitz regime, is wanted here as the principal witness in the case of Patrick Calhoun, indicted head of the United Railways, a street car corporation, and in the cases of other indicted trolley officials.

Shortly before District Attorney Fickert was elected to office over Francis J. Heney, who as special prosecutor procured the trolley indictments, Gallagher left San Francisco. Fickert claims that his office was with the witness in advance of his predecessor in office and of William J. Burns, chief detective of the graft prosecution.

On this argument, Fickert recently moved down to the office against Calhoun and his subordinates. The motion was denied and the cases were continued until July.

Fickert claims that Gallagher can show light upon the alleged money used to persuade him to leave the jurisdiction of the California court, and also upon various alleged irregularities in the methods of the graft prosecution.

WILL RACE FROM SCOUND TO ALASKA

GRUELLING TEST FOR
LAUNCHES ARRANGED

Thousand-Mile Course Will Try
Boats and Men Between Ketchikan and Seattle

Local launch owners will be greatly interested in the announcement that a power-boat race will be held, starting on August 10th, over the route of 750 miles between Ketchikan, Alaska, and Puget Sound. There will be no stops allowed in this contest, which will be held under the auspices of the Pacific International Power Boat Association, and it is anticipated that there will be several Vancouver and Victoria entrants.

The race will be, according to the preliminary announcement just made, primarily for cruisers 40 to 60 feet in length, with a limited sail area. Prizes will be offered for the boats finishing first, second and third under the measurement handicap, providing the number of entries warrant of this award. An additional prize will be given for the fastest time made over the course by a boat restricted only as to waterline length. Special prizes will be offered for cruisers over 60 feet in length, providing two or more can be found to compete. Up to the beginning of the month, before the race had been publicly announced, six entries had been received.

A new club has been formed in Ketchikan to take charge of the details at the northern end, and it is expected that a preliminary race will take place from Juneau to Ketchikan, making the total distance covered by the boats approximately 1,000 miles.

Probably no course offers more opportunities for the test of expert seamanship than this so-called "scound passage," which has many dangerous channels and stretches of open water where storms of great violence are known. As a test of courage and skill, of the solidity of hulls of fishing boats, and of endurance of engines, it is doubtful if a better route could be selected.

The United States government has been asked to patrol the coast, to keep the course in its most dangerous parts, and it is probable that the Canadian government will also receive a request of this nature.

Before the race a cruise of power boats will be held through the inside passage to the starting point, the contesting launches being escorted by the launches of sightseers and pleasure seekers. The details of fishing, hunting, mountain-climbing, photography and other pastimes and amusements of lower Alaska will be taken advantage of by the cruisers.

IN POLICE COURT

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

In the police court this morning R. A. Grant was fined \$10 for driving to the common danger of Reason Hill on June 6th. He was driving a small automobile with four passengers and ascending the hill. The prosecution was by Constable Wright, who the defendant said, was impertinent at the time of stopping him from the hill.

P. Fleming, for the defence, said in his opinion, he agreed with accused that the constable was not driven to the common danger. The magistrate accepted the evidence of the constable against the two witnesses for the defence.

H. C. Cook, J. Slater and C. Hampton were fined \$3 each for riding bicycles on the sidewalk. The case was heard by W. J. Williams on May 24th. The men have been brought before the court charged, who had been served with a summons to appear and had not done so.

J. Walker and J. King were charged with stealing a camera from the store of F. J. Williams on May 24th. The men have been brought before the court charged, who had been served with a summons to appear and had not done so.

In the city police court J. K. Hanley was fined \$10 for driving fast and for riding a bicycle without a light. Both offences occurred on the same day and both informations were laid by Constable Smith.

The police commissioners yesterday appointed J. Beaton to succeed W. Tennant as mounted constable, the latter having resigned.

C. Jackson, convicted of the theft of a watch and chain at Cumberland, and sentenced by Magistrate Abrams to one month's imprisonment, has been brought from Cumberland and transferred to the Hillside Avenue Jail.

Montague Powell, charged on remand with driving an automobile on the night of May 30th to the common danger on Government street, was acquitted on Tuesday in the police court.

The magistrate held, in view of the evidence submitted, that there was no doubt, and that the constable may have been mistaken in taking the number of the machine which passed him at a fast pace.

William Whittaker was sentenced to three months on a charge of vagrancy. He pleaded guilty, saying he had been without food for several days, and had applied for relief at the police station.

M. Marcel Hanriot, aged 17, the youngest aviator in the world, met at Reed a series of five flights in a Hanriot monoplane. One of the flights lasted 21 minutes.

PARTY COMING HERE WILL BE LARGE ONE

E. O. S. Scholefield Tells of Plans
for Big Convention of
Librarians

As announced in the Times Tuesday, E. O. S. Scholefield, provincial librarian, who has just returned from Portland, where he was in attendance at the annual session of the North Pacific Library Association, is very hopeful that the American Library Association, of which the former is a branch, may meet in convention in Victoria in June next year.

Mr. Scholefield was seen by a Times reporter on Wednesday and explained that at the meeting in Portland he strongly advocated the holding of the convention of the international association next year in Victoria. This suggestion met with the unanimous approval of those in attendance. When the western delegates to the executive committee will urge this recommendation.

Personally, Mr. Scholefield is most hopeful that Victoria will get the big convention. The party coming to Victoria would be a very large one, numbering possibly 600 people.

LICENSE TRANSFERS.

Five Approved by License Commission
Wednesday Afternoon.

The license commissioners met this afternoon and granted the following transfers:

Empire hotel—Alex Lipsky to P. A. Mitchell.
Albion hotel—Temporary permit to A. M. L. McDonald ratified.
Occidental hotel—George Lund to T. Steele's saloon—J. J. Jackson to Frank Jewell.
Rainier hotel—G. W. Bragby to J. G. Ballen.

The certificate of conviction against W. A. Anderson, Regent saloon, for selling to an underling, was handed in.

OBITUARY RECORD

The remains of the late John Lawson Brown were interred in Ross Bay cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral took place from the Hanna parlors, Yates street, at 2:30 o'clock, where services were conducted by Rev. A. E. Roberts. The casket was borne by several floral offerings, covered the casket.

Capt. Chas. Matthews passed away at St. John's, Nfld., on Tuesday, after a lingering illness extending over a period of six years. Deceased was 87 years of age and was a native of St. Louis, Mo. He came to this city several years ago.

Ernest Claidie mourn the loss of their infant daughter, Assunta. The death occurred on Tuesday at the family residence, 861 Broughton street, where she resided. Deceased was born in this city.

There passed away at an early hour Wednesday, at the family residence, 1708 Fernwood road, John Moore, after a lingering illness. The deceased was a native of Alberta about two and a half years ago. He was 55 years of age and was born in Ontario. The late Mr. Moore, although first mate and Clarence Arthur, of Victoria, in charge of the engines. Her full company consisted of 21 men all told, all British and mostly Scotch. The majority of these will remain here. Captain Golding will take command of the new boat and W. Keeling will be the purser. The other officers have not yet been appointed.

The remains of the late Mrs. Minnie M. Haughton, wife of E. J. Haughton, Dominion superintendent of wireless stations in B. C., were laid in their last resting place on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of her mother, Mrs. D. S. Morrison, 40 San Juan avenue. Rev. Dr. Reid conducted services of an impressive nature, making touching reference to the loss the family had sustained, and also giving words of comfort to the bereaved husband and children. The cortege proceeded from the house to the cemetery, where the services for the dead were read by the officiating minister. The attendance of friends was very large, the late Mrs. Haughton being widely known throughout this city for her many kind offerings were presented which testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

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NEW STEAMER FOR VICTORIA

BOSCOWITZ COASTER
ARRIVED LAST NIGHT

Venture Fulfills All Expectations
of Owners and Public and
Should Prove Popular

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The new Boscowitz steamer Venture arrived last evening, completing her long voyage from the river Clyde, Captain Lewis bringing her right in to her berth at the Hudson's Bay wharf. The steamer was eagerly watched by a number of interested spectators.

That the company intends to knock old methods and enter on a new era in so far as coast shipping is concerned, was shown when the steamer arrived, for she came up to the dock at a good rate and gave the planking and piles a test which was not withstood. Apparently the new vessel was determined to cause a sensation.

The Venture fully realizes the expectations of her owners and of all the shipping men who have seen her and who have cared to express an opinion. Her coming brings the Boscowitz Company out of the rank of mosquito owners, giving them full title to be classed as among the first-class passenger carriers of the coast. The Venture can carry over fifty saloon passengers giving them plenty of room in the cabins and spacious decks and seating them all at one time in her fine dining room. Her cabins are all spacious and well ventilated, and all her fittings are of the most modern type.

The new vessel arrived soon after six o'clock, without having made a call at leaving Punta Arenas, although she sighted land at Clipperton Island and other points up the coast.

The steamer left the Clyde, April 11, reaching St. Vincent April 11. The same night at midnight she left that port on her long voyage. Some heavy gales were experienced crossing the Atlantic, and the decks of the steamer were often washed by the heavy seas. She rode them splendidly, however, and on May 2nd, in a thick drizzling rain, she entered the straits of McGillan. She steamed on, but just before entering the first narrows, she was ashore at Orange Point. There she remained until the following day, when she floated off and on the sixth was beached and two propeller blades which had been broken were replaced. She then coasted on to the 9th and left for Victoria. While passing Clipperton Island head winds and heavy seas were encountered and the vessel was much delayed, and her fuel pile reduced, so that as she approached this port her speed had to be slightly reduced. Her engines behaved splendidly throughout.

The interior of the vessel is none the worse for the long voyage but the exterior looked rather grimy from coal and smoke. This will be soon set right. The vessel will be docked at once and it is expected that she will be ready for her maiden trip on the run in about a week from now.

The Venture came out in command of Captain Lewis, with J. S. Horne as first mate and Clarence Arthur, of Victoria, in charge of the engines. Her full company consisted of 21 men all told, all British and mostly Scotch. The majority of these will remain here. Captain Golding will take command of the new boat and W. Keeling will be the purser. The other officers have not yet been appointed.

The bulkheads and double bottom, which make her practically unsinkable. Her engines will give an average speed of twelve knots and her twin screws will be a great aid in manœuvring the vessel in small bays and inlets where she will call. The first-class staterooms are on the awning deck, there being 28 of these, each with double lower and single upper berths. The general lounge room, ladies' sitting room and dining saloon are all large and airy, finely upholstered and decorated, comparing very favorably with any of the steamers on the coast. There is a smoking room and bar on the boat deck reached by a companion way from the main saloon.

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The remains of the late daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Ernest Claudio were laid to rest in Ross Bay cemetery this afternoon. The funeral took place at 2:15 o'clock from the family residence, Broughton street, and fifteen minutes later at Christ Church cathedral, where Rev. W. Barron conducted appropriate services. There was a large attendance of friends and many floral offerings covered the little casket.

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LOCAL NEWS

—The bank clearings for the week ending Tuesday amounted to \$2,091,232.

—The city engineers have decided to extend the sewerage system along Lechliner avenue at a cost of \$500, at the expense of C. J. V. Spratt, who makes the request for this improvement.

—Building permits were issued Tuesday to H. Murphy for a dwelling to be erected on Belmont avenue, to cost \$1,000; to Holland & Giddie for alterations to their premises on Government street, over the Victoria Book & Stationery Company, to cost \$1,500; to Mrs. Ellen Oliphant for two dwellings on Sutley street, to cost \$1,800 each.

—To assist in the purchase of a piano the pupils of North Ward school will give a patriotic concert in the A. O. U. W. hall on Saturday evening next. They will be assisted by Mrs. Stagg, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Jesse Langfield and J. G. Brown. The children will be seen in fancy drills, marches, club swinging and calisthenics.

—The timber license returns for May show that 753 licenses have been issued for lands west of the Cascades, producing a revenue of \$105,198.75; east of the Cascades, 350 licenses were issued, netting \$40,846; transfer fees amounted to \$286; penalties were \$1,725; coal licenses (\$60), \$5,000; and miscellaneous receipts \$5—a total for the month of \$155,469.75.

—Extensive improvements and alterations are being made at the city hall. The council chamber will be divided into offices for the city solicitor and the auditorium which will be located on the Pandora street side of the building. Some small alterations are being made in other parts of the building.