PROGRAMME IS READY FOR THE CELEBRATION

Encouraging Reports Received From Committees on Various Events

Further steps were taken last evening towards the completion of the programme for the Victoria Day celebration, and everything is now practically in readiness for the annual summer festival. Reports were received from every committee, and from all very glowing statements were presented.

Everything points to one of the most successful celebrations ever held in Victoria, and given fine weather there is no reason why it should not be. At the meeting last evening Mayor Morley occupied the chair, and the others present were, C. E. Redfern, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., Aldermen Verrinder, Gleason, and Henderson, Major Currie, Alex. Peden, Noah Shakespeare, L. Tait, W. H. Price and J. W. Lorimer.

The first report to be received was that from the fireworks committee. In making this report it was pointed out that a further amount would be required than was placed at the disposal of the committee by the general executive. Before considering this report it was decided that the city should be requested to increase their grant to the celebration from $2,000 to $2,500. It was pointed out that it would be almost impossible to carry on the celebration with the grant as proposed by the city.

It was pointed out that the total expenditure of last year was $2,654, and it would seriously interfere with the success of the celebration if the total expenditure was kept down to $2,000. Regarding the fireworks, the grant for this feature was increased $50 for illumination of Beacon Hill park. In this connection everything is progressing very favorably, and it is expected that the display this year will be much better than that of any previous celebration.

A communication from the Ladies' Musical club requesting that their concert on the evening of May 23rd be given a place on the official programme, caused some discussion. A similiar request was received from Mrs. Lester regarding a dance. The members of the committee commented very freely on this question, the majority of them being in favor of charging advertising rates for every feature for which an admission fee was collected. This also includes baseball, lacrosse, and the fireworks display at the Gorge. It was finally decided that $5 be charged every attraction which is not given as a free exhibition.

The Calvary Baptist Church asked permission to conduct a refreshment stand in the city park at the Victoria Arm. It was decided that any person desiring to conduct a stand in the park grounds should be allowed to do so on the payment of $10 in advance.

The music committee reported that arrangements had been completed to have the Ladysmith and Fifth Regiment bands in connection with the celebration, the former at a cost of $160 and the latter to give four concerts for $125. An additional $25 was granted in order that the Victoria pipers might be engaged.

The report was adopted.

The regatta committee recommended that an age limit be placed on the boys' race in the regatta, and it was decided that sixteen should be the age.

The matter of transportation was then taken up, and the attention of the committee was drawn to the fact that the residents along the E. & N. railway were anxious that a train should leave Nanaimo on the evening of Thursday, May 23rd. It was moved that the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway company be requested to meet the requirements. The meeting then adjourned.

WINNIPEG LIMITED WRECKED

St. Paul, Minn., May 8.—The Winnipeg limited, on the Great Northern for St. Paul, was wrecked today near Robinsdale. The engine, tender, three baggage cars and smoker were derailed. Spreading rails are believed to have been the cause of the accident. None of the pasengers or the crew were injured.

GUILTY OF FORGERY.

Chatham, Ont., May 8.—Neil Edwards, a farmer, of Wardsville, pleaded guilty to forgery before Judge Dowling, and was remanded for a week for sentence. He represented himself as James Glasgow at the Merchant's bank in Bothwell, Ont., and discounted several forged farmers' sale notes for $347.73.

Confidence in Victoria

George Skinner, the well-known Winnipeg and Victoria real estate speculator, left this morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver on his way back to Winnipeg after a sojourn of several weeks in this vicinity. Mr. Skinner intends to spend the summer in Winnipeg, but will return to Victoria in the fall. He has large real estate holdings here, and is so impressed with the future of Victoria that he intends to retain all his holdings and will make no sales until his return. Mr. Skinner has great confidence in this city and thinks it will be one of the big cities of the Dominion before long.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN

MacIVER—At Innerdale Bank, Garbally road, Victoria, May, 3rd, the wife of Murdock MacIver, of a son.

JOHNSTON—In this city, on May 6, the wife of G. J. Johnston, of a son.

MARRIED

LEWIS-SPRING—On April 30th, Alfred Lewis of New York to Miss Fusanne Elizabeth Spring, daughter of late Capt. Wm. Spring, by Rev. Mr. Drahne.

GEORGE-POCOCK—On May-day at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, by the Rev. Canon Beanlands, Emma George, daughter of the late W. E. George, of Hereford, England, to Richard Lawrence Pocock, of Bath, England, and British Columbia

DIED

SMART—At Colwood, on Saturday, May 4, Caroline Smart, relict of the late Joseph Smart. Deceased was aged 85 years and was a native of St. Leonard's, England.

GAME PRESERVES.

Provincial Warden Williams Outlines What His Plans Are.

Mr. Williams, provincial game warden, spoken to at Nanaimo on the much vexed and much misunderstood question of game reserves, says that he is as enthusiastic as ever over the game reserve idea. It is not his intention, he says, to establish preserves for the private individual or corporation, much less the C. P. R. With the proposed C. P. R. preserves, he has nothing to do in any shape or form. What his object is, is to establish three reserves in the province, two on the mainland and one on Vancouver island. These reserves will be in the nature of national parks, as at Yellowstone park, in the States, and Algonquin park in Ontario. People will be allowed to camp in them, build hotels and do anything except hunt the game or destroy their feeding grounds. This would result in perpetuating the game, and surplus game would drift from this place to other parts of the island for game purposes. In addition to this we would have national parks where our own people, and people from a distance would holiday in. They would result in bringing money into the country, perpetuate the game and save such animals as the elk, which are rapidly becoming extinct, and allow many people who are physically incapable of hunting, some of the pleasures of observing the game. The government would control the parks and no one would have any more rights there than anyone else.

If something is not done soon, says Mr. Williams, there will soon be no game to speak of in the province.

Regarding the gun license, the game warden says that he has nothing whatever to do with it—the government controls that. All he wants is money from the government to carry on the work of keeping the woods stocked with game and seeing that the laws are obeyed.

NEW POSTAL RATES ARE NOW IN EFFECT

Periodicals Pay Eight Times Former Amount Between Canada and States

Yesterday the new postal rates on newspapers and periodicals mailed between Canada and the United States and vice versa were put into force. The rate has been increased to eight times its former amount. Whereas, newspapers, magazines and other periodicals which were formerly sent to Canada paid one-half cent per pound, the rate being prepaid on the bulk sent from the office, the amount now charged is one cent per four ounces—four cents per pound, instead of half a cent. This amount must be paid in stamps placed.

The change is the result of the recent postal conference held between Canadian and American postal officials, at which it was decided to advance the rate on newspapers and periodicals. The change was due to the insistence of the Canadian officials, and was taken to stop the mails being flooded with cheap periodicals, more or less trashy, which encumber the mails and the carriage of which is a loss to the postal authorities.

The result of the change is to increase the cost of many newspapers and periodicals published in the United States to Canadian subscribers. For instance, under the new postage rates it costs six cents to send the Seattle Sunday Times or Post-Intelligencer to a Victoria subscriber, who does not pay that much under the existing rates of subscription for the paper. As with the newspapers so with the magazines; the cost of postage on a ten-cent magazine sent from the United States will be more than half the price of the publication.

The changed rates affect mails between the United States and Canada only, and British magazines and periodicals will have a considerable advantage over their competitors because of the new conditions. Already several of the more prominent of the British magazines publish Canadian editions at Toronto, and it is expected that with the new conditions others will follow.

At the present time there is an average daily newspaper mail from the United States of from thirty to forty bags, but under the changed conditions this is expected to dwindle. Yesterday the Seattle newspapers did not use the mails as aforetime, papers being sent by express instead.

AN OUNCE OF MOTHER

We remember hearing once of a mother who went to her minister to ask him how early she should begin to train her child for God. "How old is the child?" he inquired. "Three years old," she replied. "Madam," said the minister earnestly, "you have lost three years already." And he was right. From the beginning, from the very beginning, the wise and thoughtful mother will be training her child for God. Long before consciousness begins, habit-forming begins, and the plastic nature may receive its bent towards truth and purity and goodness. And with the first awakening of conscious individuality there should be constant, prayerful, systematic training Godward. How Ruskin speaks of his mother's influence! And how thousands and tens of thousands of other men, less known and noted, have spoken of their mothers' influence! The old proverb says truly, "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy," It is indeed.—Bristol Times.

FATALITIES AT SCHREIBER

Port Arthur, May 6.—The remains of Ben Daniels, who was crushed so badly at Schreiber between a locomotive and the side of a turn-table that he died while en route to the hospital here, were sent East to be interred. Violent deaths, it is said, have overtaken ten residents of Schreiber in as many days.

DEED OF A MANIAC IN SAN FRANCISCO

Insane Carpenter Killed Six Persons With Shotgun in House Where He Lived

San Francisco, May 7.— Walter C. Davis, a carpenter, in a fit of insanity yesterday shot and killed six persons with which he resided at 414 Pierce street, this city.

The dead are:

ORSON R. BUSH, aged 57, his wife and their young son.

W. S. BEARD, a carpenter, with relatives in St. Louis and Denver.

M. E. VINTON, a surveyor, recently from New York.

MRS. LILLIAN B. CAROTHERS, an elderly woman who boarded in the house.

Davis and his victims all resided in the house, which was conducted as a boarding house by the Bush family. Davis' home was in Farmersville, near Visalia, this state where he has a wife and six children. He has been working here as a carpenter since the fire.

The shooting was done with a double barreled shotgun. Davis who slept in the same room with yound Bush and Beard, arose shortly after 5 o'clock, and after arming himself with a gun, shot his two roommates and then visited each room in turn, killing the occupants.

He fancied that the people in the house had formed a plot to kill him and take his money. The shots attracted a large crowd and a rush was made upon Davis as he was attempting to reload his weapon, and he was overpowered and turned over to the police, by whom he was taken to the detention ward of the hospital.

The bodies of the victims were taken to the morgue.

One lodger in the house escaped. She was a young girl of 17. Davis pointed the gun at her and was prepared to shoot when he said she resembled his daughter, and so spared her life.

After killing Bush and Beard the maniac took a box of shells from a shelf and walked down the hallway, where he met Mrs. Lillian B. Carothers, an elderly woman, who had heard the first two shots and had come to her doorway to find out what was the matter. He shot her and with the remaining shell killed Mrs. Orson Bush.

M. E. Vinton, a government surveyor who came here from New York, was shot as he lay in bed.

Orson Bush, sr., was a Tally, N. D., employe of the Dieckman Lumber Company, and had gotten up early in order to prepare his coffee before going to the mill. He heard the shooting and rushed upstairs, where he was met by Davis. The appearance of the hallway indicates that Bush made a desperate fight for his life. His body was found as it had fallen at the head of the stairs.

Seventen-year-old Annie Bush came running into the hallway and was met by Davis, his shotgun still clutched in his hands. She was too dazed to speak or move and could only stare at the murderer. Davis pointed his gun fairly at her head, but as she stood mutely before him the mad man faltered, his hands trembled and when the girl found presence of mind to plead "Don't kill me," the gun dropped from Davis' hands and he said:

"I can't do it, you're a good girl. Besides, you look like my own child, and I would see her face if I killed you.

Picking up his gun, Davis then walked down to the kitchen. He wandered aimlessly around the house until the turning of a key in the front door attracted his attention. He rushed forward, prepared for another emergency.

Officer Fred J. Staeglich was walking on Pierce street, Pelt and Oak when he heard the sound of two shots. He rushed up Pierce street and opened the door leading to the flat No. 414.

He was met by Davis, who pointed his shotgun full at the policeman's breast and told him that he, too should die. The policeman made his escape and met Policeman Thomas E. Bolger and the two made a second attempt to capture Davis. They were unsuccessful, and a riot call was turned in. Corporal Ferguson and six officers responded in an automobile. Staeglich and J. Quigley, a flagpole climber, engaged Davis in conversation, while Ferguson and Policeman Lewis got behind him and pinioned his arms. The murderer put up a terrific battle, during which Ferguson was bitten on the hand, but Davis was finally captured and removed to the detention hospital.

When the police got the murderer to the detention hospital he was quiet in a straightjacket and put into a cell. He seemed to be dazed and had no realization of what he had done and merely said that he had been worried.

Mrs. Bush received a note last Sunday from Davis which gave a premonition of the tragedy of this morning. They were warned that the man might do the harm. This is the note:

"You have killed my sons and my nephews, but you havn't all of them yet. You expected to kill me tonight. Perhaps I'll kill myself."

NEW INSURANCE COMPANIES

Canadian Manufacturers' Association Committee Takes a Decisive Step

Toronto, May 8.—Coming from London, Waterloo, Ottawa, Montreal, as well as Toronto some of Canada's most prominent business men met in conference in the offices of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

For some time a movement has been on foot to organize Mutual Benefit Insurance companies among the manufacturers, and application was made to the government for permission to do so. But $50,000 deposit was required by the insurance laws, for each company formed. Those back of the movement felt that this was an imposition, owing to the very nature of the projected companies. They claim that only in the case of stock companies is this necessary, and that no similar organization in the United States is required to make any deposit. But Parliament required the deposit, and yesterday's meeting was to decide upon the next move.

Mr. Heaton, the expert of the Insurance Committee of the association was seen after the conference, and expressed himself as being perfectly satisfied with the outcome.

"It is definitely decided," said he, "to organize two companies, to be known as the eastern Canada Manufacturers' Mutual and the Central Canada Manufacturers' Mutual. The depositing of the $100,000 is a comparatively small matter, and that amount will be raised at once."

"What will the capitalization of these companies be?" was asked.

"Well, it was decided that to insure success in both companies, an amount of $4,000,000 for each must be guaranteed by the manufacturers, and unless this is done within three months the companies will not organize."

"What was the general feeling of the meeting?"

"Most of those present felt that while this is a large amount to secure before actual organizing, yet the prospects were sufficiently enticing to warrant the belief that no difficulty would be experienced in raising the required amount."

SASKATCHEWAN K. C.'S

List Provided for by Order of Provincial Government

Regina, May 7.—By virtue of the authority conferred in the act respecting the King's counsel and precedence at the bar, passed at the recent session of the legislature, an order-in-council has been passed appointing the following King's counsel in and for the province of Saskatchewan: J. H. Lamont, attorney-general of Saskatchewan; F W. C. Haultain, former attorney-general of the Northwest Territories; T. H. McGuire, former chief justice of the Supreme court of the Northwest Territories; James McKay, of Prince Albert; Norman Mackenzie, of Regina; J. T. Brown, M. P. P. of Moosomin; Frank Ford, deputy attorney-general.

The attorney-general of the province becomes K. C. by virtue of his office. The three gentlemen whose names immediately follow his in the list given above were created K. C.'s by the Dominion government, which government administered justice in the Territories With the transfer of the administration of justice from federal to provincial authority and the consequent abolition of the Dominion courts, which will follow upon the bringing into effect of the court legislation passed at the recent session, the commissions of these gentlemen will become null and void. The government has in its order-in-council given them provincial commissions.

V. & S. RAILWAY JOINS MARCH OF PROGRESS

Improvements Undertaken Will Put Road in Better Condition

The Victoria and Sidney Railway Co. has a number of improvements under way on the line that should bring the road to as near a state of perfection as is possible under the conditions. Recently all the cars and coaches of the company paid a visit to the shops, and have come out overhauled thoroughly, and equipped with automatic couplers, and air-brakes, features in which they were lacking previously. The new equipment brings the rolling stock strictly up-to-date in every respect, and will mean much better passenger and freight service for the future.

Work has been commenced on the rebuilding of the bridges and culverts along the entire line from this city to Sidney. The old wooden structures will be replaced by new timber throughout. The roadbed is being ballasted and improved wherever required, and considerable money will be expended in this work. The wharf at Sidney is to receive a thorough overhauling. The damaged pilling is to be taken out and new flooring laid. The wharf will be as good as new when the work is completed.

F. Van Sant, the general manager of the company, paid a visit to Sidney the other day looking over the contemplate improvements and as a result of his trip work has already commenced on the rebuilding of the bridges. The improvement to the Sidney wharf will be undertaken at once and the entire work will be rushed to completion. Traffic will not be interrupted to any extent during the rebuilding of the bridges, as these will be replaced in sections. Business on this road is quite brisk at the present time, and is continually growing in extent.

THE SUNDAY QUESTION.

Ottawa, May 6.—Preaching in Erskine church last night, Rev. Mr. Moore, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, stated that the Sunday Observance Act, which came into force on March 1st, had given a day of rest to 50,000 men in Canada, who had previously been working Sunday. He was in communication with five attorney-generals of the provinces in respect to the enforcement of the act, and expected that within a short time it would be in complete operation all over Canada.

Montreal May 6.—Montreal felt the first serious effect of the new Sunday law yesterday by the non-arrival of the New York Sunday papers. When the news dealers went to the G. T. P. station this morning they found no papers. All the express clerks could say was that the papers had been stopped on the frontier in accordance with the new law. The Montreal News Company will fight the question with the support of the American publishers, who will contend that the delivery of papers is not a breach of the law.

RIOTERS IN INDIA

Agitators in Colleges—Christian Missions Attacked

Simla, British India, May 6.—The schools and colleges of Bengal, which are affiliated with the University of Calcutta, have become such hotbeds of political agitation that the government has resolved to take drastic action. A circular has been sent to the university authorities prohibiting the participation of professors, teachers or puplis of the higher educational establishments in political movements.

Lahore, India, May 6.—The Hindu outbreak at Rawal Pindi appears to have been anti-Christian as well as anti-European. The mission buildings were the special object of the fury of the rioters. A riotous outbreak under the leadership of Hindu students has occurred at Amaritas, about 30 miles from Lahore.

"BLACK HAND" VERDICT

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 6—The sealed verdict of the jury in the "Black Hand" case was opened in court this morning. Eleven of the defendants were found guilty as indicted, and two acquitted.

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MANUKA THRONGED WITH PASSENGERS

Over Four Hundred Arrivals on Canadian-Australian Liner Coming

CLAYOQUOT MILL READY TO SHIP

Has Cargo of Four Million Feet for New York—Incorrect Report That Georgia Was Stranded

Steamer Manuka, of the Canadian-Australian line, reached port yesterday from Australia, with over 400 passengers, the largest complement brought from the Antipodes. The Manuka is taking the place of the Moana for two trips during the height of the season of heavy travel. She will make her next trip here in July. Then the present mail contract will end, and the renewal of the contract for the carriage of mails between Canada and Australia is one of the questions being discussed by Mr. Deakin and Premier Laurier in England at the colonial conference. In this regard the postmaster general of Australia, Mr. Chapman, in a recent interview given at Melbourne, said arrangements were being made for an improved service in which a New Zealand call will be included. He said further: "It would seem to be most desirable that we should keep the All Red route going, and we must get it on a good solid basis. The Union company appear to be anxious to get us, but they are not the only ones."

The Manuka had in addition to her large complement of passengers, a large cargo, of which 50 tons of general freight was landed here. The cargo consisted of timber, wool, cocoanut oil, apples and other produce. Among the passengers on the liner were: C. D. Lang, C. B., controller of the British postoffice, accompanied by Mrs. Lang and Miss Arber; Baron de Morogues, Sir Charles Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Douglas, Dr. F. A. Bennet (accompanied by his wife and family, who are proceeding on a visit to America and Europe), C. M. Newman (managing director of Howard Smith Company, Limited, and Mrs. Newman, who will proceed to England via America), and G. Inglis Hudson, and his wife and daughter, who propose to visit the old country and the continent, via Canada.

A large number of mechanics arrived from Sydney and other Australian cities on their way to San Francisco, being attracted by the offers of large wages there. There were fewer Japanese than usual from Honolulu. Those for Victoria were Messrs. McRae and Munro and Mrs. Munro, saloon, 22 second class, 28 third class and 20 Japanese steerage.

The purser report of the voyage follows:

"Departure was taken from Sydney on April 15, Brisbane April 17, Suva, Fiji, was touched on April 22, and Fannings islands on the 27th, to land stores for the cable station. Honolulu was reached on the 29th and cargo and mails landed and taken in, the steamer leaving again at 11 o'clock the same evening. Ideal weather prevailed throughout the trip, accompanied by smooth seas, deck games during the day and social entertainments in the evening were indulged in and enjoyed to the fullest extent by all on board. The final social function in the first class was held Monday evening, when a successful fancy dress ball was held, and Miss Ackman as a gypsy was perhaps the best of a decidedly good lot of fancy dresses, Messrs. Campbell and Fleming heading the list for the gentlemen. In the second class a champagne supper and concert was held, presided over by Mr. Wm. Cable, when everyone took farewell amid mutual regrets.

ANOTHER WIRELESS STATION

Smith's Island is to be Equipped to Communicate With Tatoosh

The United States government has decided to establish another wireless station at Smith's Island, Puget Sound to form direct connection with the stations at Tatoosh and Bremerton, the naval yards. Two or three months ago the wireless plants were put in operation at Tatoosh and Bremerton. On account, it is held, of peculiar atmospheric conditions communication was irregular and could not be depended upon to any great extent.

With the establishment of the station at Smith's Island it is believed that messages can be picked up at that point from Tatoosh and forwarded to Bremerton regardless of weather conditions. The proposed new station will be built at once. It is planned to have it in commission early in July. There will be a continuous chain of wireless stations between Southern California and British Columbia, making the sending of messages along the entire coast an easy matter.

Sooner or later it is declared that the owners of the commercial vessels will equip their craft with wireless plants. When that has been done it is held that there will no longer be any danger of wrecks along the coast. It is understood that the Pacific Coast Steamship company will have wireless equipments on its steamers this summer.

NAVIGATION ON YUKON

Expected to Open Next Week, When Scows Will Take Perishables

A Dawson despatch of Tuesday's date says: Yukon navigation will open next week, when the first steamer and fleet of scows will leave Labarge for Dawson and Fairbanks with perishables.

Ice broke in front of Dawson yesterday and all running ice is expected to be cleared away by this time next week, when the first steamer of the year, the Lavelle Young, will leave Dawson for Fairbanks. Young will go before the craft from Upper River arrive. Dawson is short of potatoes, eggs, lemons, and oranges, and will be unable to spare any for Fairbanks.

Potatoes here are 15 cents a pound wholesale, and eggs are $25 a case, lemons $40 a case, and oranges $25.

The shortage at Fairbanks will be relieved probably by steamers to leave here about May 21.

Ice broke out at Dawson without doing any damage.

The body of Martin Rock, who was drowned in Klondike river last fall, was found today amid ice floes.

NEW TUG HERE.

Harbor Tug Built by Owners of Sadie Arrived from Vancouver for Engines.

The new tug built by Mr. J. Macgregor and associates, owners of the tug Sadie, for use in log-towing and general harbor work out of the port of Victoria, arrived from Vancouver yesterday morning in tow of the tug Sadie to have the engines placed in the vessel. The hull was constructed by the Wallace Shipyard, Ltd., at Vancouver. The engine and fittings for the vessel which were ordered through Ramsay and Patton, of this city were constructed by Bow McLachlan and Co., of Paisley, Scotland, and are now on the way to Victoria.

The Blue Funnel liner Ningchow, which left Liverpool on April 29th had on board the tug's engine, propellor, etc., and the machine will be placed in position when the round-the-world liner reaches port on July 11th.

The tug which is lying at Porter's wharf is ninety feet long, nineteen feet broad and eleven feet deep.

Tortno, May 8.—At a preliminary meeting of the arbitrators in the milkmen's case it was decided to get along without lawyers on either side.

FIFTY-SEVEN WHALES DURING THREE WEEKS

Record Catches Being Made by Whaling Steamers Orion and Saint Lawrence

SEALING FLEET RETURNS HOME

Catch of Nine Schooners Will Not Be Much Over 1000 Skins—Large Vessel in Esquimalt Dock

Fifty-seven whales in three weeks—this has been the record of the coast whalers operating from Sechart whaling station, according to advices brought by the steamer Tees, Capt. Townsend, which arrived yesterday morning from Clayoquot and way ports of the west coast of Vancouver island. The Saint Lawrence, Capt. Nelson, lost a whale a few days before the Tees sailed from the station, which according to those on board was the largest they had ever seen. They swear they were not telling the usual fisherman's story about the big one that got away; this was the biggest one that had ever spouted near where they were. Both the Orion and Saint Lawrence are being operated from Sechart pending the completion of the station at Narrow Cut Creek, Kyuquot Sound, which will not be ready until the middle of next month. The masters of both vessels are expert hunters, who have had long experiences with the gun invented by Sven Pogn. With the big whale that got away the Saint Lawrence lost seventy fathoms of line and a harpoon.

The station at Sechart was improved some time ago, and it was well that enlargement was made, for the two whalers are keeping up the supply of whales. The past three weeks have been record ones. During the first the take of the vessels was eighteen whales; the following week twenty were taken, and the third week nineteen were brought in, nine in one day.

The Tees on her last trip up the coast took a large shipment of barrels brought from London, Ontario — it would seem that there is a great opportunity for a local cooperage to supply the whalers—and when she sails tonight will carry another large shipment of barrels and a supply of coal. At the outer wharf yesterday morning 350 barrels of whale oil and 50 tons of fertilizer was loaded to add to the large shipment being forwarded to Glasgow by the next outward Blue Funnel liner. The Oanfa when recently in port loaded over a thousand barrels of whale oil consigned to Glasgow.

The Tees will also have a large shipment of lumber for the whaling company when she leaves tonight. A large amount will be sent for use in construction work at the Kyuquot station, which will be the largest whaling station of its kind in the world.

MARINE NOTES

A longshoremen's strike is in progress at Seattle, where the waterfront workers are out for higher pay. Several steamers are tied up.

In appreciation of services rendered by the Seattle fireboat at Snoqualmie when the German schooner, Arthur Fitger, took fire, Capt. Hopken, her master has forwarded $300 for division amongst the crew of the fireboat.