

MANY MANUFACTURES MAKE CITY WEALTHY

Some Lines of Industry in Which Victoria Occupies Premier Position—Valuable Opportunities for the Future.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"I want to see the wheels go round," says Toddie in that classic story of children, "Helen's Babies." If the extra "s" is eliminated and the word "round" is corrected this sentence expresses the opinion of all interested in Victoria from a manufacturing point of view. The wheels are going round more rapidly than ever before, but there is still room for a great extension in "made in Victoria" goods. A summary of the present manufacturing plants, however, furnishes good reading and is never out of place. In this connection the

Rapid Rise in Shipbuilding

One of the most important features in the old days there were certainly many sailing schooners built in and around the city, when "Laird's shipyard" on the site now occupied by the Victoria Chemical Works—Laird's shipyard was one of the most considerable activities. But more ambitious work is now undertaken. The Princess Royal, recently launched, evidences the strides made by this industry of late years. Two hundred and twenty-five feet in length, with a total expenditure of \$250,000 when furnished, this vessel is a work important enough for even the largest shipyard. It shows that C. P. R. realizes that "made in Victoria" is a good slogan for constructing ships and is only one of many evidences that point to an enlarged and prosperous future for the business of constructing deep sea vessels at Victoria. The story of the Maritime fully in these columns a few months ago, shows that Victoria has appliances, and above all, men, capable of battling with the ocean to rescue valuable property from the hands of Neptune, the lord of the sea.

Passing naturally from transportation to manufactures susceptible of sale in foreign markets

The Lumber Industry

runs up large. As stated recently in the Times the production of the province reached a total of 475,000,000 feet. In the vicinity of this city the mills have an aggregate daily capacity of 400,000 feet and all are being worked to the fullest extent. But while the production of lumber is probably the most important branch of the timber industry it must not be forgotten that the higher and more intricate forms of manufactured wood Victoria has facilities unsurpassed by any city of its size in the world. The production of furniture and cabinet work of the highest class is engaged in to a very large extent. A local firm has the contract for interior work on the new Empress hotel, a striking testimonial to the ability of local manufacturers to evolve the most perfect designs and materials.

And what of the furnishings of these beautiful homes, their interior decoration and mural adornments. Though, for the present at least, the city cannot boast the actual manufacture of tapestry and other wall hangings, the beautiful panelings of native woods—the splendid grilles and deftly moulded ceilings are all of local production and

Worthy of any artistic centre on the continent of America. Furniture, made in Victoria, gives no cause for shame when placed side by side with that of Grand Rapids. Perfect finish, ornate designs, careful workmanship and appreciation of the generous graining of native woods are all in the production of just the proper articles for their appointed places in artistic schemes of decoration.

Of the less elaborate articles of necessity to furnish the homes of the city, Victoria has its full share of manufacturers.

Stoves Made in Victoria

are bought with avidity all over the province and kitchen utensils of various kinds produced locally are fully able to compete with those of the larger, but not more perfect, concerns in the East and across the line. Every year Victoria is progressing and reaching out for fresh markets to conquer. The congestion felt continually on both lines of railway, and the enormous piles of "made in Victoria" goods that stream from the various wharves attest this fact.

And what of things good to eat and drink? It is many years since Okell and Morris and W. H. Falconer led the way in the production of Sauces, Pickles and Other Comestibles. Both are now out of the business, but they have worthy successors. There is a large and increasing demand for local products of this description, and the three firms at present engaged in the business are winning expanding favor for good goods at moderate prices. Fruit canning is a new branch of manufacturing engaged locally, but one that Sidney achieved favor almost from its inception, while the preserves put up by A. Robinson, at Dunsmuir, of fruit grown on his own ranch are favorites on the table of almost everyone in Victoria.

Salmon canning and preserving are almost new industries here, but great success has followed their introduction. Even in an off season like that just closed the owners have been able to complain of prices received for this article of diet. There is a greater demand than can easily be met and the fishing of the famous fish of the Pacific coast on the Gulf of Fare of both armies and navies of many countries means a new outlet for a large portion of the pack that will require many new

institutions to supply. The latest style of preservation.

Mild Pickling

is being watched for by European buyers from the opening of the season, and once the impetus is given it is found that will keep smoked salmon in good condition for several months there will be such a rapidly rising market that it will tax provincial sources to supply. In the fishing industry there are many side lines of considerable value. Hauling, for example, and oysters have a ready market, only limited by the available production. While the New England Fishing Company, of Vancouver, has to a large extent a monopoly of export of the first named to the United States, the latter is absolutely no reason why this city should not be represented in this valuable market. The halibut grounds are nearer Victoria than Vancouver; equal freight rates can be secured, and it is merely a matter of capital, knowledge and energy to place this city where it should be in the forefront of gathering the harvest of the sea.

One of the largest concerns in the West catering to the growing

Appetite For Cereals

is the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., that has its headquarters and principal plant in Victoria. When, in the early nineties, it decided to branch out, and as a first step took over the business of Mathers and Milligan in New Westminster very few realized that this was the first move in a crusade that has now ramified the whole of the West and made the name of Victoria well known in localities where otherwise it would be practically an urban incoherence. It may truly be said that the Brackman & Ker Milling Co. is the largest of the British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta are most generally supplied by this enterprising corporation. Its operations are not, however, solely confined to prepared foods. Every kind of grain, hay, straw and seeds of all descriptions are included in its daily sales and Victorians generally—if they studied the growth of this business—could gather inspiration for similar branchings out in other lines of trade.

The manufacture of clothing should not be omitted. Victoria was the pioneer city of the province to enter this particular field and has always preserved its supremacy. Names need not be mentioned—there are too many on everyone's tongue. Everything, from the modest overalls of the working man to the dainty lingerie of the society dame is made right here in Victoria. One firm alone has a payroll of \$10,000 a year.

And another new feature has been added during the present year. While this city has always been the headquarters of the sealing industry and the chief station of the Hudson's Bay Company for gathering the enormous fur output of the West, it is only very recently that anything besides the raw pelts has left Victoria. But to-day there are at least two firms making a specialty of

Furrier's Millinery

and millinery can now secure their seal skin, beaver toque, or stole of marten skin among the many other "made in Victoria" goods.

And with the seal skin, the premier sign of her husband's prosperity, the dainty dame of Victoria must perforce be decked with jewelry. There is no class of production yet mined in British Columbia, the province produces ample gold and silver to make a statue of Athens for every household, and much of these precious metals is

Wrought Into Brooches

rings, bracelets, chains and earrings in Victoria for the adornment of her beautiful women. There is no need for anyone to go outside the city to obtain special designs—they can have anything made to order in Victoria. This is a city of tourist visitors, coming in increasing thousands every year, and all carry away souvenirs of Victoria's charms produced by Victoria workmen.

While dwelling for a moment on the productions of things beautiful, articles of utility require attention. As early as 1875 W. J. Pendray started the B. C. Soap Works, whose operations have now reached large dimensions. The product of this factory is known all over the West, but forms one of the chief items in spreading the worth of "made in Victoria" goods to far away localities. Not content with the success of the soap works Mr. Pendray, a few years ago, branched out in a new line by acquiring control of the British American Paint Company, whose imposing buildings cover an old land mark at Sehl's Point. Ninety percent of the paint used in British Columbia is the product of this institution, and the company has gained to the markets of the Orient for both

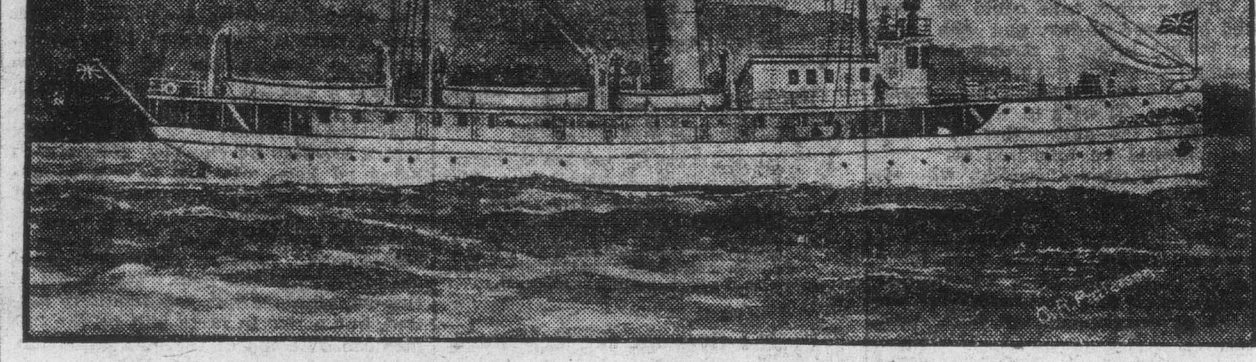
Soaps and Paints

all other products usually manufactured by similar institutions are made by these companies, including washing powders, ammonia, blueing and sal soda.

Victoria has always enjoyed pre-eminence in the West in the production of biscuits.

Cakes and Confectionery

There are several concerns engaged in these lines of business, such as M. J. Smith & Co., and the new firm of Popham Bros. The former has been for many years in the forefront of the confectionery trade of the province, and has a reputation attested by many diplomas and medals, including the \$50 special prize, awarded for the best display of biscuits, at the Dominion



An imposing looking vessel when built will be the new survey steamer, the contract for the building of which has been awarded by the Dominion government to the B. C. Marine Railway Company. This steamer is to be 168 feet long by 27 feet beam and 15 feet depth of hold. A description of her interior arrangements was given in the Times on Tuesday. Work on her will probably be commenced within two weeks or just as soon as the material for the construction is received from England.

fair held in New Westminster in 1905.

Rapid growth of population has caused competition in this business that Smith & Co. for many years held practically as a monopoly, but it appears to be a case of "Let 'em all come," as none of the firms engaged have the slightest difficulty in disposing of their full product.

What might, to some extent, be termed an allied industry is that of the British Columbia Rice Mills, that has an output of about five tons per diem. This is a concern conducted in direct competition with Chinese labor, and it speaks well of the energy of the management that even the cheap labor employed by competitors cannot discount improved methods and machinery and active supervision by white experts. Another unique industry in the city is that of

Curing Hams and Bacon

conducted by the B. Wilson Co., Ltd. With the exception of the Fry-Brunn Company, of Seattle, it is the only establishment of the kind on the Pacific coast, and has already secured an enviable position in competition with the world-famous houses of Swift, Armour and Libby. At present, unfortunately, there are very few corned pigs available in Canada, but Mr. Wilson looks forward to the time when the Okanagan country will furnish heavy crops of this class of feed and enable him to cure in Victoria the thousands of hogs that will surely be raised in the interior.

Liquid refreshments form no small item in the list of "made in Victoria" products. All classes in the community are catered to, both temperance advocates and those who sing the praises of glowing beer. Local manufacturers of this character enjoy an enviable reputation, so much so that distributing branches have been pressed into service on the mainland and, in one instance at least, the Victoria plant has had to be duplicated in Vancouver, to supply the market in the Terminal City created by the superiority of Victoria products.

The story was recently told of this city's

Gardens Under Glass

that supply early vegetables to markets from the Sound to the Yukon and as far east as Winnipeg. The thriving orchards and small fruit gardens have also been the subject of satisfactory comment. But while nature does her share in this class of production, really somewhat out of place in an article dealing with manufactures—mention is here made of these facts to show the dependence of the fruit and vegetable growers on other "made in Victoria" goods. Cultivation requires fertilizers and this city has the only institution of the kind in the province. The works of the Victoria Chemical Company form a landmark near the ocean docks. Standing on a rocky elevation, looking in the moonlight like a baronial castle on the Rhine, the buildings of this company are the reason of the success of the local horticulturists. The company's business also includes the manufacture of nitric, muriatic and sulphuric acids and many other things used in different businesses throughout the West.

Cigars by the hundreds of thousands are "made in Victoria." They enjoy a first class reputation, principally by reason of the fact that every box bears the blue union label showing they are manufactured under clean conditions and the artisans are paid fair wages. There is an extensive outside market catered to and for the older brands the names alone are valuable assets.

With such a heavy tonnage of shipping having its headquarters at this port it was inevitable that

Machinery and Boiler Making

should progress with the increase of visiting vessels. The different foundries of the city are always busy, generally too much so. In this connection it is well to state that there is no contract too large or too small to be met by local institutions. It is the old saying of "everything from a needle to an anchor" over again. Mention was made above the shipbuilding industry, but Victoria is also able to erect or repair engines and machinery for every class of steamer.

This city possesses some of the finest

brick and fire clay deposits in the West. As a result

Victoria Bricks.

are sold not only in this city but in many places on the mainland both in this province and the United States. The production of terra cotta, and drain pipe and tiling is constantly on the increase and the latest departure, soon to be an accomplished fact—the manufacture of sand-lime brick—will add yet another important item to Victoria's premier position in the provision of building materials for cities not so advantageously situated.

Many other lines of industry could be added to the foregoing incomplete list of things "made in Victoria. This showing, however, augurs well for the future. It is

The City's Growing Time

The present manufacturers are pioneers, showing the way to the many more who will follow. There is room to-day for many other industries. A city of this size should have a co-operation consonant with its importance. Mention was last week made of the need of a rope walk, and attention drawn to the fact that recent apartments prove that hemp can be most successfully raised in this province. Why should not the vicinity of Victoria produce cheese the same as Langley. It is very probable that near the confines of the city suitable material could be found for the production of glass. There is already a creamery, and if there were more cheese makers to supply the demand that will come for many years from the northern and central interior. While New Westminster boasts a tannery in successful operation, this city, with four times the population, has none. Many thousands of dollars go outside every year for articles that could easily be produced in Victoria. The wheels are going round already, but the whirling of the north Pacific nature has more apparent than at present.

There is a great upheaval going on in the Orient, the confines of distressed Russia reach the Pacific on the west. British Columbia itself will double in population within the next decade and the natural inlets to the new agricultural districts are the Skeena and Stikine rivers, directly tributary to this city. Geographically, Victoria is the hub of the north Pacific nature has done everything to aid the city's growth. It is up to the men and women of Victoria to grasp these almost unprecedented natural advantages. If they act supinely by and let the sceptre of pre-eminence fall into other hands they will have no one but themselves to blame.

RICH COAL BEDS.

Discovery of Immense Measures in Alberta Near Crow's Nest Pass.

"Announcement is made that a company represented by O. A. Robertson, F. B. Lynch, and F. B. Kenyon will develop fifty-five square miles of 20 feet coal beds in Southern Alberta, north of Cowley and west of Claresholm," says the Calgary Albertan.

Of course, the discovery of these beds has been examining this property for the new owners during the past eight or twelve months, reports that four square miles in one body has a continuous bed of coal in layers, ranging from three to 28 feet in thickness of sufficient quantity to keep a mine going at the rate of 2,000 tons daily for one hundred years without any appreciable impression upon the stock of coal.

A new railway will be built, probably from the C. P. R. Crow's Nest line, following the North Fork of the Old Man's river."

OBJECT TO BY-LAW.

Members of the Automobile Club Will Make Protest at Next Council Meeting.

The Victoria Automobile Club held a meeting on Wednesday evening at which the members present that the by-law proposed before the city council, was discussed. It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that the by-law from start to finish was an imposition of unnecessary regulations and restrictions on the spark and gasoline engine.

The chief points in the by-law which have aroused the automobile fraternity are the clauses providing that everybody who handles the steering and driving gear on a machine must obtain what is practically a license permitting him to drive a motor vehicle. The by-law is required to stand out for \$2, and that referring to badges. "Who wants to drive round the city with a placard on his hat?" contemptuously noted an automobilist this morning.

The club will meet again to-morrow evening, when the members will be asked to lay the opinions of the members before the council on Monday night.

SURVIVORS ARE ON WAY TO VICTORIA

Members of Wrecked Barkentine's Crew on Board
Salvor—Cook's Body Recovered—Vessel
Total Loss.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Eight members of the crew of the wrecked barkentine Skagit, the loss of which was chronicled in last evening's edition of the Times, who escaped to shore and who were, cared for at the home of Lineman Logan, are now on board the B. C. Company's salvage steamer Salvor, and will reach Victoria this evening.

The names of those who escaped death in the accident are as follows:

E. LANKOW, mate.

J. SCHULLE, second mate.

O. KRUGER.

DAN DEVANEY.

H. JOHNSON.

JOHN WESTON.

—SELLISEN.

L. SCLOSER.

The men in question, according to the brief information obtainable, had a hard fight for their lives in making shore in the heavy sea, the darkness and the fog. The coast is iron bound, and the exhausted men were at last, after a hard fight, thrown upon the rocks, many of them badly cut and bruised. As each one reached land he assisted as far as the circumstances

and his own spent energies would permit to assist his shipmates to shore.

If the information at hand is to be relied upon the colored cook was the hero of the occasion, and might have saved his own life if he had not been so solicitous for the safety of Capt. Rose, who was a man well advanced in years and whose chances for life were correspondingly less than those of the younger men who composed his crew.

The cook, it is said, was endeavoring to help his chief to shore when he himself was overcome and sank from view.

Early this morning his body was recovered, and the Salvor, which had left at 6.30 for Victoria, was signalled at Carmanah and returned to Cloo-ose to pick up the body of the brave negro.

It is being brought to Victoria, where it will receive interment, and the friends of the drowned man be notified.

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LOCAL COMPANY IS INCORPORATED

FOR DEVELOPING THE BUILDING RESOURCES

Other Notices Appearing in This Week's Issue of the British Columbia Gazette.

The Provincial Gazette this week contains notice of the incorporation of the Vancouver Island Building Resource Company, Ltd. This corporation and the work it intends doing has before been referred to in the columns of the Times. The company is largely composed of residents of Victoria.

The chairman of the board of directors is James Mitchell, of this city, formerly of Winnipeg and head of the Northern Elevator Company. Among his associates on the board are Andrew Wright, also a former resident of Winnipeg, who has now made this city his home; Wm. Fernie, S. G. Marling, James Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, Vancouver; J. Armstrong, of New Westminster; G. H. Webster, president of the B. C. general contracting company; J. E. Hobson, of the Cariboo Consolidated Mining Company; B. S. Heisterman, J. C. Newbury, Hon. Abraham E. Smith, Noah Shakespeare, A. W. McCurdy, J. C. Deaville, John Eves, G. H. Johnson, George Snider and Dr. E. Hall.

The company has in view the manufacture of bricks from lime and sand deposits of the proper character by a process lately perfected, and also the manufacture of lime and cement. The bricks so manufactured have found great favor, and the intention is to make them on a large scale. The raw material for them is found close at hand in the Esquimalt district, and the company has been acquired by the corporation in that district in section 105, and in addition section 113 of the same district has been obtained. The company, as previously mentioned, in the "Times" aims at far more than the manufacture of these bricks. The Saturna Island quarries of building stone are to be acquired, and under the articles of incorporation power is given to secure 20 acres on Saturna Island. The marble properties recently found at Nootka Sound are also to be included in the company's operations, and 260 acres of land have been secured for the purpose, including the marble deposits. According to the articles of incorporation the company is given power to acquire any sandstone, slate, marble or limestone quarries and to quarry or manufacture and deal in slates, bricks, sandstone, marble, building stone of all kinds and cement and lime. Other general powers are given the corporation such as dealing in timber and pulp and doing general trade.

The following companies have also been incorporated: C. Gardiner Johnson, Shipping, Insurance & Wharfage Company, capitalized at \$100,000; Fire Metals Mining Concentrating & Smelting Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000; Garnett Valley Land Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000; Vancouver Cigar & Tobacco Company, capitalized at \$100,000; Vancouver Fire Protection Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The Imperial Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company of Canada has been given a license as an extra-provincial company to carry on business in the province with Joshua Anderson, of Vancouver, as attorney for the province.

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Lake district, to be a justice of the peace, in and for the province of British Columbia.

William James Threlknap, of Koksness, West Kootenay, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme court under the Provincial Elections Act for the Ymir electoral district.

Notice is given that certificates of efficiency as assessors have been issued to the following: A. Harry Hook, of Greenwood; Arthur D. Miles, of Hedley; Curt A. Schroeder, of Hazelton, and B. A. Stimmel, of Boundary. These passed; at examination at Victoria on April 23rd.

Persons intending to offer themselves at the examination, to be held this fall, for provincial assessors, are requested to notify R. P. Tomin, deputy minister of mines, and in the event of a sufficient number offering, an examination will be arranged for at Nelson, B. C., as well as at Victoria, B. C.

COPPER IN SOUTHERN YUKON.

Important Discovery Made By Bryon N. White.

The association of Yukon and gold seems to be almost as natural as that of Manitoba and wheat, yet it is quite possible that, before many years are passed, Yukon and copper will seem a more intimate association than Yukon and gold. For, if the discoveries lately made in the White Horse district, develop in depth in anything like the same degree as they promise at the surface, southern Yukon will become one of the most valuable copper fields of the world.

The geological survey, represented by one of its field officers, D. D. Cairnes, has during the past summer been making surveys in this district, and his reports, full details of which will shortly appear in the department's summary report, leave no doubt that west of White Horse there are all the makings of a wonderful copper country. Mr. Cairnes, after remarking that, with the short time at his disposal, his knowledge of the geology and origin of the ores is naturally superficial, furnishes some very interesting particulars concerning development, from which the following is culled:

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