



THE NEW HOTEL MOUNT BAKER AT OAK BAY.

As announced in the Times a few days since, ground will be broken shortly for the new structure at Oak Bay, which is to replace Mount Baker hotel at that place. Messrs. Macure & Bodley, the architects of this city, have the plans in hand, and through their kindness, as well as that of Manager Virtue, the Times today prints a sketch plan of the new structure.

In the slightest, the harmony of its leading lines. The architects have carried out an idea of the proprietors most successfully in keeping the sleeping apartments practically distinct from the more public parts of the building. As will be seen by the plan, these stretch away in a southerly direction, from one of the rear corners of the main structure. One side of the wing commands a fine view of the sea, the other looks out on the wooded tracts and park in the rear of the building. This annex can be prolonged on amplified to almost any extent, and in this way the manager has provided for that development of tourist trade in Victoria of which we have already experienced a forerunner.

From this central section steps lead up a half story and down a half story to the dining and bar room respectively. This bar is also approached from the lawn, but by a device adopted by the architect, the bar is approached from a practically cut off from the rest of the house. Above the bar room, the dining room is carried up the full two stories to the roof, and around it runs a gallery, through which, and a winding staircase, the guests can approach the dining hall without communicating with the other portions of the building. This gallery, too, can be employed for the use of spectators when the dining room is being used for festive occasions, balls, etc.

Adjoining the main dining room, are private dining rooms, and these are so arranged that service to them can be given as efficiently from the kitchen, which is situated above the billiard room, as to the main dining hall. Beyond the billiard room, provision is made for the servants' hall, and in the rear of the billiard room a bowling alley will be laid out, which has thus much in common with other parts of the building, viz., it can be enlarged to almost any extent.

On the bar room are situated "tap rooms, reading rooms, wine cellar, etc., and a billiard room light is admitted to both sides. A quaint idea has been carried out in the carriage porch, shown in the left-hand corner of the cut. The new house will open for trade not later than the first of July.

DEEPLY CONCERNS THIS PROVINCE

CITIZENS DISCUSSED BOUNDARY QUESTION

Views of Prominent People on the Matter—British Columbia Should Have a Representative.

Despite the interest and importance attached to the Alaska boundary arbitration question, it is apparently hardly attractive enough to fill the council chamber of a Saturday night. The citizens doubtless consider that since the matter has become so tropically alive they have heard and read sufficiently about it. It is quite true that little news was brought out at the meeting, the speakers wisely refraining from an attempt to discuss the merits of the question, but the object of the gathering was principally to bring home to Victorians a realization of its local importance, and to urge by resolution that the Dominion government recommend a British Columbia representative for the board and a British Columbia counsel. The resolution was carried by a narrow margin.

Mr. Bodwell having offered an amendment providing that the question of what suggestions shall be made to the Dominion government be referred to a committee to be appointed by the mayor. Mr. McCandless occupied the chair, and with him were Col. P. P. P., Col. Prior, A. E. McPhillips, M. P. P., Richard Hall, M. P. P., Hon. D. W. Higgins and S. Perry Mills, K. C.

His Worship in opening the proceedings alluded to the great importance of the boundary question to British Columbia. It was a matter which should receive the most careful consideration of Victorians, because it very closely affected them. It was a matter which should be considered by them as a whole, and that all Victorians should be compelled to transact their business with the great North through foreign territory. The strip of land in dispute, which was formerly of trifling importance, had become a strong factor in trade since the discovery of gold in the Canadian territory to the northeast. It was the desire of the people of this city to see that the matter was placed before the commission in the clearest possible manner. Otherwise they would have nobody but themselves to blame if an adverse decision was rendered. If defeated he hoped they would accept their defeat like honorable men.

Whereas it has been determined that the demarcation of the boundaries between Alaska and Canada and the line of demarcation between Alaska and Canada shall be submitted to the arbitration of a board of three arbitrators to represent the United States of America and three to represent His Britannic Majesty.

And whereas the matter to be determined by the board is of vital importance to Canada, as affecting a large portion of the Pacific seaboard and the waterways entering thereon, and trade and commerce.

Whereas the province of British Columbia is locally the most interested party in the matter to be determined.

Therefore be it resolved, That the government of the Dominion of Canada be respectfully requested to recommend one member of the court of arbitration, who shall be a resident of British Columbia, and who shall be a man of high standing, at least of local knowledge, and that such local knowledge shall be a mere advantage to Canada—no doubt, but that he shall be local knowledge present, these appointed on behalf of the United States of America.

In dispute in this way. The people of this province are noted for their aggressiveness and ability to get ahead, and this should move Canada to show that she was the equal of the United States in men of courage, ability and intellect. (Applause.)

Mr. McPhillips further pointed out that there was no empire on the Behring Sea commission, and yet the question was amicably settled. He felt certain that the United States was actuated by the proper principles, and would be prepared to adjudicate impartially on the matter. But Canada should see that the commission had all the advice and knowledge necessary to enable them to arrive at a satisfactory settlement. (Applause.)

D. W. Higgins spoke briefly to the resolution. He said that Senator Turner had been selected by the United States because of his local knowledge. The British case was handicapped because two of the opposing commissioners had expressed themselves in the most partisan manner. An umpire should be appointed, as was the case in the San Juan arbitration. In conclusion he expressed the hope that the resolution would be carried, because it was necessary that this province should be represented. He also hoped that some of the sittings would be held in this city—practically on the ground.

Richard P. P., described the question as one of the greatest importance to British Columbia, and of the utmost gravity, accentuated by the gold discoveries in the British territory. The entrance to the gold fields was commanded by the United States, who had hampered Canadian trade and shipping by restrictions. In consequence of their restrictions the gateway ports are in the hands, and through their kindness, as well as that of Manager Virtue, the Times today prints a sketch plan of the new structure.

It will be noticed that the style of architecture of the new building differs radically from that of the old. The conventional hotel idea has been abandoned in favor of something infinitely more artistic and striking. The building in contemplation will be a study of the early English or country club house, with its quaint gables and old-fashioned eaves. This picturesque kind of architecture is one which is coming more and more into favor, especially in tourist resorts, and has been adopted, in more or less modified form, in some of the C. P. R. resorts.

This style of building is much more attractive to the pleasure-seeker than one fashioned on the conventional lines, and it can easily be imagined that the construction of such a building at Oak Bay will enhance, rather than detract from, the picturesque quality of the surroundings. The new hotel will stand on almost the same ground as the old, but will be a slight distance farther back from the road. It will be almost as spacious in accommodation as its predecessor, and will be so planned that wings may be added to it indefinitely, without marcing.

dispute so that they would be thoroughly familiar with the facts. He extended a tribute to Alex. Beger, who had spent so much time and labor in collecting data on this very momentous question. He urged that the resolution be altered, recommending the government to select the best men. He thought that the British Columbia bar had sufficient able talent from which to select a man to assist Mr. Blake. He endorsed the action of the local government in the matter, and was pleased to see that Victoria was interesting itself in the question.

Mr. Bodwell moved the following amendment: "To strike out the words after 'that,' and the following substituted: 'That the question whether any, or if so, what, suggestions should be made to the Dominion government respecting the boundary commission, be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Mayor, such committee to report to a subsequent meeting of the citizens.'

This was seconded by Mr. Macdowell, and much discussion ensued, the upshot being the defeat of the amendment and the passage of the resolution by a narrow majority.

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COURTNEY PEOPLE FOR ISLAND RAILWAY

Passed a Resolution Last Week Endorsing the Movement—Lands Granted Should Be Purchasable.

A public meeting was held in the Agricultural hall, Courtney, last week, for the purpose of discussing the Island railway question. The chairman, Dr. Millard, invited anyone wishing to address the meeting to state his views on the question. Jos. McPhee, Wm. Mathewson, J. A. Halliday and Robt. Duncan availed themselves of the opportunity, the former going into the matter very fully.

The following resolution was then adopted: "Whereas it is necessary for the opening up and development of the mineral, agricultural and timber resources of Vancouver Island that a railway extending from Wellington to some point at the north end of the island be constructed; and whereas the organization now being made to secure the construction and active operation of the said proposed railway; therefore be it

Resolved, That this meeting, composed of the residents of Courtney, strongly favors the movement having for its object the construction of the said railway, and is of the opinion that an inducement in the form of land subsidies be offered some reasonable amount to the contractor, but that any land granted should be made purchasable at the same price and under the same conditions as are government lands; and

Further, That the most feasible route for a railway is that running through, or close proximity to, the settled agricultural portions of the Island; and

Further, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representatives in the Dominion and provincial Houses.

AWAITING A VERDICT.

Geo. Powell Raises a Knotty Point Respecting Impersonation Case.

In the provincial police court on Friday the hearing of the charge against Phil Robinson of attempting to induce persons to act as impersonators was continued before J. Peirson and R. B. McMicking, justices of the peace. The hearing was taken up altogether with hearing addresses of counsel.

On opening, Geo. Powell, for the defence, having called no witnesses claimed the right to close the argument. R. Cassidy, K. C., claimed to represent the Attorney-General. This was combated by Mr. Powell. Finally Mr. Powell was given the right to close.

Mr. Cassidy went fully into the case in proof of the alleged crime of the defendant of having induced parties to act in the capacity of impersonators. Mr. Powell raised a point which had a very important bearing on the case. It was that according to the section under which the information was laid punishment was provided for an "attempt to induce." If, as was contended by the counsel for the prosecution, it had been proved that Robinson had succeeded in inducing men to impersonate voters Mr. Powell held that the crime of the statute was attempted and not the crime.

Mr. Cassidy contended otherwise, and the court was adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock in order to allow of a verdict being arrived at.

COMPANY MEETING.

Imperial Automatic Voting Machine, Shareholders in Annual Session.

The annual meeting of the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine Co. was held on Friday in Labor hall, when about one hundred shareholders were present. The directors' report, financial statement and auditors' report were adopted, and the meeting showing the company to be in a good position. These reports were adopted.

The directors announced that two proposals for the purchase of the patent rights for the United States were before the board, and were under negotiation. Dr. Farwell, the inventor, was present, having come from Toronto for the meeting, bringing with him the United States model for a voting machine. This machine is much larger and more comprehensive than the Canadian one, and is a marvel of ingenuity.

The meeting adjourned until next Wednesday evening, when it is expected the propositions will be in sufficiently explicit form to lay before the shareholders.

Dr. Farwell before adjourning described the Orangeville election, at which the machines were used last January. The results were known three minutes after the poll closed, and the machines worked without a hitch throughout.

The following officers and board of directors were selected for the next year: President, John Nelson; vice-president, P. S. Lammiman; secretary, J. S. Murray; treasurer, A. K. Munro; auditor, T. W. Brooks; directors, I. E. Campbell, P. J. Riddell, D. Campbell, I. V. St. G. Williams and M. King.

SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

Beaumont Boggs and Business Men Thanked by High School Rugby Team.

Beaumont Boggs is in receipt of the following communication from Frederick Wood, secretary of Victoria High School Rugby Football Association:

Dear Sir:—I am requested on behalf of the High school Rugby team to convey our thanks to you for your assistance in getting us to go to Vancouver, and to ask you to kindly convey to the business men of the city our appreciation of the expense of the trip, the gratitude of the members of the Rugby team, and also to request that you thank the boys took over with them, as guardian, one of the teachers.

Yours respectfully, FREDERICK WOOD, Sec. V. H. S., S. A.

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There are 25 Roman Catholic boys' brigades, with 2,000 members, in London. London has over 30 King streets and the same number of Queen streets or roads.

CATCHES.

Interest has just been by the receipt of two sealion spots, the sealing islanders are reported to have been on the sea as exceptionally soon as though the seal season had been a success. Both of these seals were of a number of years' age. This is the first seal ever taken in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It will be remembered that the seal season in the Gulf of St. Lawrence is out at Halifax, and that the seal catch on the Behring Sea was

News

Contested Association. The season was storm between the two sides at Cowichan, and although they tried to keep up the which soon after apparent to the actors who had of the district

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Gatarrh is Curable

OR NOT CURABLE. Just exactly according to the way it is treated. Get a doctor, doctor theoretically, or through the stomach—it's a cure! Attacked directly with Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder, it is first alleviated, then eradicated. Thousands say so, from giant generalists. In an acre, more or less, of general testimonials. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure relieves heart disease in 30 minutes and cures. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—71.

with this division of the province. He moved in amendment that the board of horticulture be recommended to make a new division of the province along the lines outlined in the resolution.

Mr. Kirby, representing the Dominion Express Company, spoke upon the question of transportation. He said he had hoped to have been able to say that a reduction would be made in the rates of transportation this year. He read the list of rates now given showing that a reduction would not be made. He hoped to see a test of the ventilated car made. It would only cost \$2 per hundred additional to get the use of that car. Two shipments of 1,000 pounds each would be required to be guaranteed, but he thought it would be paid for.

Continuing, Mr. Kirby said his company will put its service on June 1st, for the carrying of strawberries and other perishable fruits, patent ventilated cars, which will be used daily during the fruit season. This will permit the growers to successfully market this class of fruit at all points as far East as Rat Portage, Ontario, and should enable shippers to compete in and control the very desirable Winnipeg market, heretofore left almost entirely to be supplied from southern points with imported fruit.

A resolution was introduced by R. M. Palmer and Mr. Raymer recommending that a copy of the resolution passed in favor of continuing the services of Maxwell Smith, inspector under the Fruit Marks Act, be forwarded to Hon. Senator Templeman.

The resolution carried. Thos. G. Earl was made an honorary life member of the association. The question of the adulteration of jams came up for discussion through letters from provincial manufacturers of jams being read.

J. R. Anderson read a letter from F. R. Stewart & Co. urging that only a small percentage of the jam received from the East was pure to name. He read the report of the provincial analyst and of the Dominion analyst upon samples which were submitted. In these apple tissue, gelatinous matter, figs, etc., were found.

Mr. Duncan called attention to the fact that honey was readily adulterated and pure honey could not find a market.

Another delegate said he formerly sold to Oskell & Morris. Since they ceased he had put in a little plant and was putting up his own strawberries. He found difficulty in getting sale for this pure jam. As long as the cheap adulterated jams from Ontario were brought in there was no use trying to sell the real article.

J. R. Anderson held that as the analyst's report showed what was doing that it was the duty of Dominion officials to prosecute these parties in their adulteration of jams.

Mr. Kipp thought something should be done. He had an opinion that the prevalence of cancer was due in no small measure to injurious constituents of these food products.

Mr. Cunningham held that it was an important matter. Why could not the Dominion government protect them from adulterated jam just as it did in the way of preventing bad fruit being shipped. He believed in the association taking a determined stand on this matter. The assistance of the local government should be enlisted. He favored the appointment of a committee to deal with this by conferring with the government.

Mr. Palmer called attention to the fact that an incorporated city might appoint an officer to look after the law with respect to this subject. These officers had the same power to enforce the law as the revenue officers of the Dominion government.

Mr. Grant called attention to the fact that the fruit growers of the province were being placed at a disadvantage by the importation of these cheap jams and jellies. The surplus of the fruit had to be made into jams. The pure fruit was protected against this adulterated product.

Maxwell Smith said that not only was British Columbia to be enabled to ship a large amount of fruit out of the province, but it should also be able to ship out a vast quantity of preserved fruits. He thought Dominion legislation was what would be most effective.

A motion of Mr. Cunningham was introduced for the appointment of a committee to confer with the provincial government with a view to affording protection to the province against adulterated honey, jams and jellies.

Mr. Cunningham held that the province had the power to do such a thing. He thought it was useless to expect help from the Dominion government. The Fraser river valley has been protected after the Dominion government promising many years ago to afford assistance to the settlers.

Mr. Anderson thought money expended in prosecuting some of the guilty parties would be well spent.

The resolution carried, and the following committee was appointed: R. M. Palmer, Thos. Cunningham and J. R. Anderson.

A resolution by Maxwell Smith was introduced recommending that the Dominion government fix a standard size for a box for packing apples.

In moving the resolution Mr. Smith said the Dominion government had the subject of a standard apple box under consideration, and wished information. Two boxes were shown. One was 20 inches by 11 inches by 10 inches, and contained 2,300 cubic inches; the other was 18 1/2 inches by 10 1/2 inches by 11 1/2 inches, containing 2,293 cubic inches.

Duncan contended that some of the apples put up were too large for first-class commercial purposes. He thought the provincial government should be asked to make a standard box rather than the Dominion government. He favored the 20 by 11 by 10 box.

Mr. Anderson said that the provincial government had announced that it had no power in the matter. The Dominion government were wishing this information. The California box was the recognized one in England. Expert packers showed that they could pack any size of apples in these boxes.

Mr. Cunningham said two sizes of boxes were required. The cubic contents of these boxes were practically the same.

The British Columbia packed fruit recommended the California boxes. Mr. Grant thought the cubic contents only should be specified, and not the size of the boxes.

The president called attention to the fact that the Northwest market was their best one, and they ought to consider its demands. On the suggestion of Mr. Palmer the resolution was amended by adding that the size be the same as recommended by previous meetings of the association and the provincial board of horticulture, namely, 20 by 11 by 10 inside measurement.

The resolution carried. A resolution was introduced asking that the Dominion Express Company be asked to reduce its rates to the Northwest Territory. This was carried.

Another resolution requested the cutting off of the additional rate of 50 cents from Chilliwack and Vancouver Island. The resolution was carried.

A resolution asked that the law covering the importation of apples and pears into this province be strictly enforced. This was carried. A communication was read from Nanaimo asking for the appointment of a judge of fruit for the annual exhibition.

The following judges were named for the exhibition: Messrs. Earl, Sharpe, Palmer, Kipp, Dashwood, Jones, Campbell, Layritz, W. Baker, Frank J. Sears, N. J. Harris, W. L. Knight, J. C. McFarlane. The secretary was empowered to add to the number.

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Tenders are being invited by the city for 8,000 feet of 4-inch cast-iron water pipe. The tenders must be in by 3 o'clock on March 30th.

Word has been received by Ald. F. S. Barnard announcing the death of his uncle James T. Barnard, in Halifax. Deceased was a brother of the late Hon. F. J. Barnard and of Mrs. M. B. Sargison, of this city.

H. Wade, secretary of the Dominion Shorthorn Association, has written Beaumont Boggs announcing that the Dominion Shorthorn Association has voted \$100 towards the shorthorn prize contest. The terms must be in by 3 o'clock on March 30th.

The work of the Tourist Association is being appreciated by the citizens as frequently evidenced. To-day the association has received a couple of substantial contributions, one from Ald. A. Stewart, amounting to \$10, and the other from the John Hendry, of the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company, consisting of a cheque for \$100. During the coming summer it is expected that there will be a large number of tourists.

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CARRIE NATION IS TO COME HERE. NOTORIOUS HATCHET ARTISTE ON COAST. Will Make a Tour of Various Cities in Northwest—She Has a Manager.

Carrie Nation, the most renowned tomahawk artist of modern times, before whose prowess the biggest Comanche would quail with terror, is to appear in this city some time about the end of the month. This is the announcement of her manager, Mr. Ray, who has outlined the battle and mirror smasher's tour as follows: Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Blaine, Everett, Vancouver and Victoria.

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BETWEEN TWO. By Mrs. C. N. Will. Author of "Lady Mary House," "The Woman Queen Sweetheart," "Sport," "The Barn Sto."

SYNOPSIS OF PREDICING. The story presupposes a trigue between Great Britain and the political parties of Sir Greaves, niece of Sir Gordon home secretary. It is in love with his young nephew. But you taken a fancy to her, has set on foot a plan to marry her. Marion is jealous, and private conversation between the two young people is overheard. Revell and Brent. The commission is of great importance to a man. Julette de Nevers, who is a British spy or agent, and this lady are very friendly to her own advantage.

Told by Marion Sitgreaves, Gordon Revellstone, the Secretary.

How I Accomplished a CHAPTER II. Margot was up, had had a muslim dressing gown, a white, Foster brushed her hair, "Why, Marion?" she exclaimed. I knocked and entered. "Yes, I have rather," "Margot, I should like to talk about something. It's quite late. But if you'd prefer to have breakfast I suppose I must."

"No, let me hear it now, got, cheerfully, little gussie in store for her. "Potter brushing my hair." "This meant that Potter was so she understood it. "Why your breakfast in your room, same, miss," she asked me, "going downstairs?" "I think I'll go down," I said. "I'll be in the house."

Potter went out, and I went alone together. I sat and could watch her reflection in the mirror. "What are you doing?" she said, "what are you doing?" "I'm going to tell me." "Two things," I replied. "Go with last night, and on morning. They are both very things. You know that you will never breathe Uncle Gordon or anyone else."

"Why, of course I would," she said. "You know that things about me." "You promise and sweet happens to make you want your mind?" "I hope I never broke a promise. I'm a good girl, quite indignant. I do promise you now. He has been proposing to you!" "No, I replied, hurriedly told me though, that he meant to marry me. He has a story which belongs to last. A brilliant color sprang face. But all she said was, "You know we have been friends that long time." "So it wasn't strange that he had an idea in his mind."

"You have often said things about your friend," I said. "I'm sorry, but I've been months back from the Himalayas ago. First, there was a cheerful, a married woman, beautiful Juliette de Nevers, who was a French girl, but as much about it as I, a dear, sweet fellow, and a locking and fascinating, and the question is, whether he was to your satisfaction, that is, "Yes—that is the question, Margot in a low voice."

By this time she was looking pale blue mistle morning, I took notice of her. "You're pretty, child-like-looking little hands that men said such things about. I was glad that they said that. "Perhaps I might be able to give you a little more, quite sure," I purposely said. "What do you mean?" "I'm afraid it wouldn't be to anyone, for me to cry you," willing to tell me everything you accepted Mr. Brent or you tell me that?"

Margot had fastened her dress and looked at me in a pink rose from a vase on her dressing table. Now she stood looking down an excuse of picking off the petals. "I hadn't meant to say any more," she said. "But since you know told you before hand, and—was you who always impressed me so strongly that I would go to trust him when you earned, you may as well know. Mr. Brent did tell me last he cared, and I—almost saw wanted me to say; but not of his own accord. He had a chance to speak in quite a way from what I intended. I talked about the others he posed to have liked, and I especially mentioned the doctor. He vowed that there had been anything between the friendship, and that he'd never love with anyone but me, and he again. "Then usually do you see such circumstances," I said. "Yes, I know. But, Margot, Frank Lake, B. C."

NOTICE. IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. In the Matter of the Title of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to Parts of Lots 46 and 48. According to the Official Map of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and in the Matter of the "Quieting Titles Act."

Notice is hereby given that any person or persons having an adverse claim or claims recognized by the petition herein of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. F., of the parts of Victoria City lots, numbers 405 and 406, more particularly described as follows: "Commencing at a point on the east side line of Broad street, in the said City of Victoria, thence running in a southerly direction along the said east side line of Broad street to its intersection with Fort street, a distance of fifty-one feet more or less, thence easterly along the north side line of said Fort street a distance of seventy-six feet five inches more or less, thence at right angles in a northerly direction a distance of fifty-two feet more or less, thence in a straight line to a point on the west side line of the said Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. F., as shown on the plan attached to the said Declaration of Title should not issue to the petitioners herein under the "Quieting Titles Act," are hereby required to file a statement of his or their claim, verified by affidavit, to be filed therewith on or before Friday, the twentieth day of February next, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said Declaration will be signed by one of the Justices of the Supreme Court in and for the County of Victoria, British Columbia, and the said Declaration will be deemed to have been signed by the Justices of the said Supreme Court, Victoria, British Columbia, unless notice of filing the said statement of verification must be served upon the petitioners personally or upon the undersigned, Messrs. J. E. Campbell, Solicitors for the Petitioners, Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C.

LEGAL NEWS. Number of Applications Were Disposed of in Chambers by Mr. Justice Drake. Mr. Justice Drake presided in Chambers Saturday and disposed of the following applications: Re S. A. Copeland, deceased. Application for an order for payment out of certain moneys now in the Savings bank to credit of this matter. A. L. Beisen, K. C. for application. Order made. Re Anderson Company Ltd. Application by L. Crease (for liquidator), for an order allowing payment of certain expenses incurred by liquidator. Order made.

VICTORIA VERSUS WEST COAST PORTS

LONG DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT THURSDAY

Report on Island Resources Referred Back to Committee of Board of Trade.

For over three hours on Thursday the board of trade discussed the advisability of referring the report on the resources of Vancouver Island and its advantages for a transcontinental terminus back to the committee which drafted it. The discussion was most exhaustive, and to a number of members it was concluded that the meeting of D. W. Higgins had something to say along this line. The proceedings, he complained, were not orderly, and he thought that it was about time that a set of rules were provided for future meetings of the board of trade. Every one had been allowed to speak, move amendments, motions, etc., indiscriminately, and he felt that that was the way business would be conducted in the future he would not again attend. He had in mind the deliberations of the mining convention, which had met and conducted a vast amount of business in three days and a half. J. J. Shalloress, however, disagreed with Mr. Higgins and thought the discussions did good.

J. H. Todd, vice-president, occupied the chair. A letter was read from C. H. Logrin, one of the committee who had assisted in the preparation of the report, as follows: F. Ewerth, Secretary of the Board of Trade, City.

Dear Sir—I have so bad a cold that I think it best not to attend the meeting of the board of trade to be held on Thursday. I will have to forego my right to close the debate upon the report of the committee on Vancouver Island. I hope the board will extend to Mr. Shalloress the privilege of doing so, as he has taken a much wider range than I anticipated, and I would not under any circumstances have been willing to counter on such a subject the whole question of island development. I understand the duty of the committee to be simply to report on Vancouver Island and to express no opinion on any subject. If a majority of the members of the board think that the report should contain no reference to the existence of any other harbors on Vancouver Island than Victoria, I think it fair to the committee, the board itself should take the responsibility of it. If it is desired to make the report argumentative and to be a presentation to the Pacific coast, it is in the view of the advantages of Victoria as its Western terminus, it is in the present condition of the proposed enterprise it would be premature to do more than present the facts as they are, and to leave them to the consideration of the board. I understand the duty of the committee to be simply to report on Vancouver Island and to express no opinion on any subject. If a majority of the members of the board think that the report should contain no reference to the existence of any other harbors on Vancouver Island than Victoria, I think it fair to the committee, the board itself should take the responsibility of it. If it is desired to make the report argumentative and to be a presentation to the Pacific coast, it is in the view of the advantages of Victoria as its Western terminus, it is in the present condition of the proposed enterprise it would be premature to do more than present the facts as they are, and to leave them to the consideration of the board.

Yours truly, W. S. H. LOGRIN.

J. J. Shalloress, on being called on to address the meeting, said he desired to give way to Mr. Ker, who wished to move an amendment to the motion. This was in effect that the report be received and adopted, omitting the clauses: "From this point the Island would be reached by car ferry, and from the terminus of the ferry connection would be made with a system of railroads opening up the Island from north to south, with terminals on the West Coast at Barkley Sound or Quatsino Sound, in conjunction with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, which now runs from Victoria to Nanaimo."

"Either Barkley Sound or Quatsino would provide a terminus for steamers to the Orient, and with a less ocean mileage to the Orient than any port now used, so that the saving of time would be very considerable—certainly not less than a day on the average." D. R. Ker said that a committee of the board of trade would make a great mistake in failing to point out the advantages of Vancouver Island for a transcontinental railway. Victoria held the key to the situation. The trans-Pacific breaker could be constructed from Brockie ledge to the outer wharf would make it one of the best and most "ret-ardant" points on the Pacific. In addition there were the military and other advantages, including those of the Royal Roads. He suggested that the committee withdraw the report and include all these matters in it.

D. R. Ker did not expect when he wrote the note to the last meeting that he would be adjourned, but he did not mind backing up the stand which he had taken. The report was no doubt in keeping with the resolution, but he thought it was not the place of the committee to go out of its way to mention other ports having advantages over those of Victoria, which might be gathered after reading the report. He had hoped to have read a letter from one of the pilots which had miscarried, but the conversation he had with the two pilots elicited information which was substantiated by Capt. McCoskie, who had been requested by Mr. Green, when here, to prepare a report for railway promoters the latter was representing, showing the advantages of the different ports. This report was now in the hands of the railway promoters. Capt. McCoskie had stated that Quatsino was not, and never could be, a port that would offer any great inducements for trans-Pacific traffic. The port of Barkley Sound was not so bad; its entrance was wider. He would not go so far as to say that it could not be made a good port. Neither of these ports, however, had the advantages Victoria has. Capt. McCoskie's statements were borne out by the two pilots. He had visited Barkley Sound and had come to the conclusion that the place was certainly not going to become

any great harbor for large ships. The idea that Quatsino is going to afford a very much shorter route to the Orient was a mistake, owing to the course the great circle took.

Mr. Ker then submitted some figures which had been furnished him by Mr. Newbury, showing that Victoria has one of the best harbors in the world, easy of access from all parts of the world. The number of big ships entering here from the Orient last year was 54, and he looked forward to the time when there would be one a day. Still, there were people in Victoria who believed there was not a harbor here. The statements he had read proved it conclusively that the lines projected for the coast must look for the freight coming eastward. He intended to read from an address made by J. J. Hill at Illinois some four or five months ago. That railway magnate had said that they purposed carrying freight out from the coast at a rate that would surprise the world. The company would be enabled to do this because of their Oriental freight.

The speaker then referred to the timber belts extending along the coast. The good timber lands valley lay to the south of Seymour Narrows. It was well known that three-quarters of the timber was to be found on Vancouver Island, and that in itself would be a great inducement for any railway to come on to the island. There was a clause in the report about the navigation at Esquimalt which might well be enlarged on in this connection, in view of the existence of coal on the island, which had an important bearing on the selection of Esquimalt for Imperial purposes.

Mr. Ker then alluded to the four big lousie buildings for the great harbors, which vessels would be handicapped in trade if any port on the West Coast be made a terminus. He said that there was a population of about 200,000 people surely that was a matter worth considering by railway promoters. Where was there a better spot to catering for this trade than Esquimalt? This city was in the midst of the Sound business, and there was no reason why she should not be a transcontinental terminus. The ships which came here only landed on an average of 60 odd tons, but they found it a matter of great concern because of the convenience of this point to other centers.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Beckwith also discussed the report. The latter speaker said that no mention had been made of the fact that a railway was already connecting with Victoria. Sir Sandford Fleming could not have personally visited Barkley Sound, when he reported so highly on its advantages. Mr. H. Bone had something to say regarding Quatsino. He read from Sir Sandford Fleming's report pointing out the advantages of Quatsino for a railway terminus and the fact that the place was 200 miles nearer the Orient than Esquimalt. He said that the interests at Quatsino, but they were trifling compared with those belonging to him here. Walter Walker claimed to know something about Barkley Sound. The vessels reported to be on the coast were estimated to be about 100 tons. He also knew something about the timber of the North. He was one of those who was at Fort Simpson when the steamer Alexander was built, and remembered having to work there for weeks. No better place for a railway terminus could be found than Esquimalt harbor, which is under naval protection and in close proximity to a large population.

Mr. Ker ought to move to have the original motion on the subject of the report. Mr. Higgins thought that the suggestion that the report be referred to the board laid over until the monthly meeting should not be adopted. When a report had been made which was not in accordance with facts in some places it should be amended. He hoped that the correctness of the report would be clearly established as in the case of Mr. Shalloress, in continuation of his address, pointed out that there could not be a railway across the island unless this city got a connection. There was nothing that could help the island except the development of the mineral, timber and other resources. The chairman here interrupted Mr. Shalloress, and suggested that he confine his remarks more to the subject matter before the meeting.

Mr. Shalloress believed that surely the Victoria Board of Trade would not go on record as saying that Barkley Sound was nearer the Orient than Victoria. It is very questionable if any line for the sake of 50 miles would be worth the ordinary freight by rail over the island. Victoria was likely to realize more from the natural development of the island. For the cost of a sea wall, he believed Mr. Pitts never the mark that Mr. Ker. The committee had wished a discussion on the very point to which objection had been taken. The only point reference had not been made to the Royal Roads. Because the committee had not considered facts staring all in the face, Mr. Ker found objection. Mr. Pitts had said that some reference should have been made of Victoria as a gateway to the Fraser, but that would not be particularly important for a transcontinental railway.

Mr. Ker said that he did not want to be gained in striking out any portions of the report, which was strictly in keeping with the resolutions passed. Even navigators disagree, and as good arguments, he believed, were advanced in favor of the West Coast ports as Mr. Ker had advanced against them. He was surprised to find Mr. Ker so strongly championing the advantages of Victoria. The speaker remembered when he was on the Pacific coast, he had read over the report, and found that it had involved much painstaking labor. It could have been enlarged, setting forth the many advantages of Victoria as an access point. He remembered when the idea of a trans-Pacific breaker was first mentioned, some people, yet business men indicated that this enterprise was warranted. If a breaker was built it might turn to the city's advantage in a similar manner. According to the report, the breaker would be a source of profit, and would detract from the importance of this port, and he would suggest that it be amended, and that reference be made to the naval headquarters located at Esquimalt.

Mayor McCordless said he had come late, and largely for information. He believed that the committee had worked strictly in keeping with the spirit of the resolution, and had followed out their instructions, and were in no way to be censured. This report was important, and he would like to see the debate postponed. The committee had been placed in a false position. If the meeting would adjourn the report might be improved on to suit the wishes of the meeting.

MEMBERS HERE TO ATTEND CAUCUS

THE PREMIER TO MEET HIS OWN SUPPORTERS

He Will Frankly Face Present Situation and May Appeal to the Country.

(From Friday's Daily.) Matters political are fast approaching a crisis. There have been rumors for some days that the executive were contemplating a decisive step to settle one way or the other the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, and the arrival within the last twenty-four hours of several members of the legislature, additional to the large number already here, leaves little doubt that a caucus is in the air. Up to time of going to press this had not been held, as it is stated that several more members are expected to reach the capital to-night, but it is very likely there will be a council of war of the faithful here to-morrow.

Those who are already in town, or who are expected to be in attendance, include the members of the executive, Messrs. Prior, McInnes, Prentice, Wells and Eberts, and the following members: Messrs. Tatlow, Gilmour, Hester, Rogers, Dickie, Monce, Clifton, Stables, Hayward, Helmcken, Hall, Pooler, Dunsmuir, Neil and one or two others.

Col. Prior has always been a fighter, and he is not disposed, so rumor saith, to submit tamely to a condition of affairs intolerable to a man of spirit. The recent gyrations of Joseph Martin have left no doubt in the minds of some of the supporters of the administration that he thinks he foresees a situation in the House already summoned, almost parallel to that obtaining last year, and that he was preparing to assume a role analogous to that which he played with prior or less success last year. Colonel Prior, however, thinks that he should have something to say in the matter, and if he finds that he cannot control the House without deferring to a small coterie of its members, he is disposed to treat the country to heroics and appeal to the people.

The difficulty which lies ahead in following the present course is one which does not affect the fortunes of the politicians alone. It is one of the gravest moments to the whole country. The moment the House dissolves the new redistribution of seats is inevitable, and new lists must be prepared before an appeal can be had to the people under those lists. Parliamentarians assert that this cannot be carried out inside of three months, and that could long before the House is dissolved. It is the intention to hold the forthcoming exhibition in the council chamber on April 3rd and 4th, provisional permission having been obtained from the mayor. The display will consist of all classes of school work which will lend themselves to exhibition. The idea is to show that the pupils are actually doing, so that beyond the collection of the best specimens there will be no special preparation. The time has been arranged so that it will not conflict with other prominent attractions as far as can be ascertained, and the exhibit should attract a great deal of attention. Under ordinary circumstances the exhibit would have quite an extensive tour before them if they wanted to find out altogether what the different classes were doing.

An exhibit such as that contemplated will give every work which will lend itself to exhibition as a representative of the city's progress in the various industries and professions. The exhibit will include the best specimens of the various classes of school work, and will be a valuable record of the progress of the city's education. The exhibit will be held in the council chamber on April 3rd and 4th, and will be a valuable record of the progress of the city's education.

The only alternative to this course would be to call a coalition government, or in an agreement on the part of some of the members who are now disposed to be hostile to give the administration support in carrying through reasonable estimates, and in the passing of non-contentious legislation. It is stated that E. C. Smith, of Kootenay, who certainly was a consistent opponent of the government during the last session, would be anxious to give the government support, and to supporting them in passing of any necessary legislation, rather than assist in precipitating the chaotic conditions which would result from a dissolution.

John Houston, of Nelson, is also said to take the same view of the matter, although he would make an appeal to the country in the summer or fall on party lines, conditioned on the support of Houston is now head of the Liberal-Conservative executive in this province, being Chas. Wilson's choice for that post at the Revelstoke convention, and he is anxious to see how the new machine works. Prominent members of the opposition, on the other hand, like Messrs. Tatlow, McBride and Green, do not wish party lines, and recognize, as do many of the government supporters, that the time is inopportune for taking the sense of the country on party divisions. It is this sentiment which is stimulating the demand for a coalition government which will insure fairly efficient administration during the present session of the House.

The formation of such a government would seem to necessitate the abandonment of office of Col. Prior, and who his successor would be is problematical. The presence of Capt. Tatlow in town is associated with the caucus of Leaslow, and he represents the fighting forces of the opposition, and is doubtless on the ground with a view to receiving any over-dose of government may feel disposed to make.

EXPLOSION AT CUMBERLAND. Nanaimo, March 7.—An explosion of fire-damp occurred in No. 4 mine at Cumberland this morning. Eight Chinamen were injured. One white man was slightly hurt.

CONCENTRATING OPERATIONS. Two Mills Will Be Under Construction at Rossland Within Six Weeks.

"Continued warm weather and the evidences that a comparatively short time will see spring in full swing and building operations practically bringing the inauguration of concentrating operations in the Rossland camp within measurable distance," says the Rossland Mercury. "It is expected that within six weeks at the outside will see two mills under construction, and it is generally agreed that this will open a new era in the records of the Golden City."

The Le Roi No. 2 Company will be the first in the field with a new building, inasmuch as the War Eagle and Centre Star companies have their experimental plant at Shillone. It is expected that within six months almost continuously. Therefore the companies are in the same position with respect to their milling experiments that the Le Roi No. 2 will occupy four months after the latter company's projected experimental plant is completed.

"The Le Roi No. 2's concentrator is to be built on a site just beyond the present plant, and the concentrator is to be purchased from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company, and located to the west of the Josie claim on Annie ground.

It is understood that the machinery necessary for the plant has been ordered, and that delivery is expected at a comparatively early date. As stated at the annual meeting of the company, the preliminary experiments were so satisfactory as to justify the directors in giving instructions for the construction of a fifty-ton mill.

In connection with the projected War Eagle and Centre Star mill it must be borne in mind that an experimental plant crushing approximately ten tons per day has been in operation at Shilka for some months, and that the contemplated new works will not be on an experimental but on a commercial scale. Consequently the works will be of considerably more importance on the start than the smaller plant now ordered by the Le Roi No. 2 company. It is quietly intimated that the men in the building trades to construct the works are on the ground, and that the machinery and machinery are ordered and well on the way to completion.

EXTENSIVE DISPLAY OF CHILDREN'S WORK. Exhibit Will Be Held in Council Chamber About Easter—It Will Be Comprehensive.

There will be a comprehensive exhibition of school work in this city early next month, a display far more extensive than anything of the kind ever hitherto attempted. At the various industrial and agricultural exhibitions the schools have had a large display of specimens, but it can hardly be said that the exhibits, while excellent as far as they went, were as large or as varied as those which are being prepared for the teachers' institute to be held in the city early next month. The display will consist of all classes of school work which will lend themselves to exhibition. The idea is to show that the pupils are actually doing, so that beyond the collection of the best specimens there will be no special preparation. The time has been arranged so that it will not conflict with other prominent attractions as far as can be ascertained, and the exhibit should attract a great deal of attention. Under ordinary circumstances the exhibit would have quite an extensive tour before them if they wanted to find out altogether what the different classes were doing.

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"FOR WAYS THAT ARE DARK," ETC. A visitor from Nanaimo is awaiting the return of a watch from which he parted under duress a few days ago. He says that he was very peculiar and senseless. He wanted to raise five dollars on the chronometer, but he was refused. He then went to a broker in place, being especially averse to the idea of raising the money in any other way. He was told that he should go to a Chinese pawnshop, and started off for a few minutes later and said that "he no longer cared to do any more business with the Chinese." The unsophisticated Antinian encouraged him to make another attempt. He then appeared in one of the main alleys for a few minutes, but he was refused. He then went to a white man waited at the entrance. Five minutes passed and the gutless-looking Antinian came back. He was told that he should go to a Chinese pawnshop, and started off for a few minutes later and said that "he no longer cared to do any more business with the Chinese." 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