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**SATURDAY IS THE DAY WE CELEBRATE.**

Notwithstanding the official proclamation of the city council that, Empire Day falling on a Saturday, Monday is declared a civic holiday, our list of all of the leading business concerns who announce that they will close on Saturday, added to which are the five banks and all the government offices, certainly represents a public sentiment that is worthy of the council's consideration. In passing the resolution to make Monday a holiday the council apprehended no harm being done, as the people could either take an additional holiday or choose between the national holiday and the civic holiday. Now they know it did work slight harm, in that it perplexed the minds of the people as to which day was to be the

general holiday, and that is an important point. People are gregarious, and especially so in their moments of recreation. When they are on pleasure bent they desire to meet and mix with others on the same errand; to join with them and enjoy the holiday together.

However, the matter is now satisfactorily settled by those most interested, the merchants, bankers and tradesmen who yesterday announced their intention of closing up business and taking their holiday on Saturday. This means that the day will be a general holiday for all, and it is hoped that we have fine weather and that it will be thoroughly enjoyed. Of course, the civic holiday will also be observed—by the civic employees—and probably there will be no particular objection raised to their taking advantage of the city's proclamation.

**NEW LINERS LIKELY TO CALL AT RUPERT**

Getting Vancouver Quarters Until the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is Completed.

Vancouver, May 20.—Only a week ago the Hamburg-American Line, represented by the steamer Sithonia, made its debut in Vancouver; the first liner of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, the Flintshire, is on her way, and now comes the announcement that the famous Russian Volunteer fleet will have a regular service on the Pacific Coast to commence the beginning of July. The vessels will run between Vladivostok and Vancouver, calling at Victoria.

The steamers to operate on the run are the Sarkoff, the St. Petersburg and the Herion, and the first sailing from Vladivostok will be some time between July 1 and 14. There will be a six weekly service at first and if the trade should justify it eventually a monthly one.

It will be a boon to Russian immigrants who, instead of trav-

elling round the globe, will be able to go by the trans-Siberian Railway to Vladivostok and ship direct to British Columbia.

**COLLECTING A STAFF FOR THE NEW SMELTER**

Immense Amount of Ore Treated by Company's Plant at Grand Forks

Grand Forks, May 20.—The report of the Granby smelter for the first week of May shows a total treatment of 26,006 tons of ore. Of this amount 23,743 tons were from the company's Phoenix properties, while 263 tons were custom ore. The blister copper shipments for the first seven days of the month were 349,000 pounds.

A number of employees of the Granby company of this city will shortly leave for the new Hidden Creek plant, among whom are Messrs. Hamilton, Trotter and Whitmore of the office staff, and chief electrician Rathburn.

The man who is only as honest as he has to be is as dishonest as he can be.



THE DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER

The Duke has instituted proceedings against her for divorce, which action has set England by the ears as the hearings of the case promise some extremely racy scandals.

**GREAT FARMING POSSIBILITIES OF THIS PROVINCE ARE SHOWN**

GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS DEMONSTRATE VALUABLE ASSET BRITISH COLUMBIA POSSESSES IN HER AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL LANDS.

Gold was the lodestone which first attracted attention to British Columbia; next the fame of its forests and fisheries spread, and lumbering and salmon fishing assumed the importance of great industries. The agricultural possibilities were overlooked or ignored by the miner, lumberman and fisherman, and for many years the world at large was ignorant of their existence. The opening of the country by the trunk line and branches of the Canadian Pacific Railway, however, disclosed the fact that the agricultural and pastoral lands of British Columbia are not the least valuable of its assets, and that they are not confined to a small proportion of the total acreage. Professor Macoun, after careful personal investigation, says:

"The whole of British Columbia, south of 52 degrees and east of the Coast Range, is a grazing country up to 3,500 feet, and a farming country up to 2,500 feet, where irrigation is possible."

This is a most important statement, and its truth is being confirmed by the practical experience of settlers who have established themselves in the country. Within the boundaries thus roughly defined by Professor Macoun the capabilities of the soil are practically unlimited. All of it that is not too elevated to serve only for grazing purposes will produce all the ordinary vegetables and roots, much of it will grow cereals to perfection, while everywhere the hardier varieties of fruits can be successfully cultivated. As far north as the 55th degree it has been practically demonstrated that apples will flourish, while in the southern belt the

more delicate fruits, peaches, grapes, apricots, etc., are an assured crop.

Roughly estimated, the extent of these fertile lands, actually under cultivation or partly developed, may be set down at 3,000,000 acres, but this figure will probably be found far below the actual quantity capable of cultivation when the country has been thoroughly examined. The anticipation of such a result is justified from the fact that at several points in the mountains even in the most unpromising looking localities, where clearing and cultivation has been pronounced only fit for pastorage by old timers, has been broken and cropped with very satisfactory results.

The agricultural lands just mentioned are located in East and West Kootenay, North and South Thompson valleys, Okanagan, Nicola, Similkameen, Kettle River valley, Lillooet, Southern Cariboo, Lower Fraser valley, Westminster, Vancouver Island and adjacent islands in the Gulf of Georgia. These sections of the province are recognized as agricultural districts and are fairly well settled, but much of the land is still wild and untitled. North of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on the Pacific slope, and but partially explored, are vast areas of agricultural and grazing lands, which will be turned to profitable account when the country is a few years older.

Much of this northern region is fit for wheat growing, and all of it will produce crops of the coarser cereals, roots and vegetables, except the higher plateaux which will afford pastorage to

countless herds of cattle, horses and sheep. Some of these districts best known and in which settlements have been established are Chilcotin, Nechaco, Blackwater, Bulkley, Ootsa, Kispitox, Skeena, Naas and Peace River valleys, and they are estimated to include some 11,000,000 acres. That this is a conservative estimate is clear from the fact that the late Dr. Dawson and Professor Macoun credited that portion of the Peace River valley lying within British Columbia with 10,000,000 acres of wheat land.

**Ran Himself to Death**

Spokane, Wash., May 20.—Ralph Bishop, aged eight, is dead today at the home of his father, near Othello, Wn., following a long chase after a young rabbit. Death was caused by exhaustion and the failure of the boy's heart to subside to normal action after the severe strain.

**Vancouver Professor Honored**

In recognition of his works of research, Professor Charles Hill-Tout, of Abbotsford, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, which is the highest honor that a scholar can receive in the Dominion of Canada. The election was made last Wednesday at a meeting of the Society.

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