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OVERLOOK PROVISIONS FOR FUTURE There is something decidedly melancholy in the thoughts of those among Vancouver citizens who are a little more far-sighted than the average.

While countless cities east of the Rocky Mountains, whose geographical position does not permit their progress to be measured by the rule of international importance, are feeling the quickening influence of city beautification, and are today putting through ambitious schemes for remoulding their unlovely and unwholesome spots, this city—the most phenomenal as a growth gathered in the history of the western empire—remains virtually in the first primer of regulated civic advancement.

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the boom years of 1909 to 1913, its business growth astonished even those who were accustomed to rapid western changes. The city boats of business structures built by private capital that compare with any cities in the first class, and it is richly endowed with homes that stand out strikingly as examples of individual refinement and architectural grace.

At a recent meeting of the Silverton Miners' union the decision was reached to endeavor to get a six-hour shift as a day's work, with pay at a rate of \$1 an hour.

the supply of five motor trucks for city use at once. Three of the five are to be 2-ton trucks suitable for the use of the city garbage department, while one of the other two is to be a 1 1/2-ton truck to be used for the maintenance of pavements and the other a 1-ton truck for sewer maintenance.

CITY ASKS TENDERS FOR 5 MOTOR TRUCKS The civic board of works on Tuesday authorized City Purchasing Agent James Stuart to call for tenders for

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FOUR MILLION IN BOND ISSUE SEATTLE — Superintendent of Schools Cooper Tuesday night laid before the school board a proposal to issue bonds for \$4,500,000 for new school buildings, his former estimate of \$3,000,000 he felt being inadequate to fully cover the needs of the district whose school facilities are now overcrowded.

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PLAN TO SPEND \$11,100 ON NORTH SHORE STREETS NORTH VANCOUVER—In addition to the paving of Ridgway Avenue, for which tenders are to be invited soon, the city council has decided on a number of other extensive improvements to various streets which, according to the city engineer's estimate will involve an expenditure of about \$11,100. These improvements include the macadamizing of Thirteenth street from Mahon to Lonsdale Avenue at a cost of \$1,800. The proportion of this which the property owners will be called on to bear is \$1,311. It is also planned to grade and macadamize Mahon Avenue from Thirteenth to Twenty-third streets at a cost of \$9,300, in which case the charge against the properties affected would be \$7,122. Notices have been sent to owners of all properties affected that unless a sufficient number of protests are received, the work will be commenced immediately and carried out as a local improvement.

WASHINGTON—The present high wages will continue for several years, according to J. Ogden Armour. In a letter to Secretary Wilson, made public by the Department of Labor, the Chicago packer expressed the belief that the present level would continue for six fundamental reasons, as follows: 1. The practical stoppage of immigration since 1914. 2. The retention by the military and naval establishment of nearly 2,000,000 workers, which "may continue indefinitely." 3. The creation of new industries, such as shipbuilding and the manufacture of chemicals and dyes. 4. The urgent demand for building and construction of every class, long held back by the war. 5. The shortage of the world food supply. 6. This proportionately higher level of commodity prices existing practically all over Europe.

FOREIGN TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

Additional information regarding these inquiries may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Trade, Vancouver, or upon application to "The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa." Correspondents are requested to quote the number of the "opportunity" when asking for additional information. Request for each opportunity should be on a separate sheet and state opportunity number. The Bureau does not furnish credit ratings or assume responsibility as to the standing of foreign inquiries; the usual precautions should be taken in all cases. LATEST ENQUIRIES. The following inquiries are the latest received. For rapid perusal the reader may know at a glance items of interest by noting the class of goods mentioned at the end of each inquiry. IMPORTANT—Quote the number of "Opportunity" in your correspondence. 1272. Representation.—A Canadian soldier recently returned from France proposes to take a trip to Japan in July. He would like to arrange with a group of Canadian manufacturers to act as their representative. 1273. Paper, cardboard, etc.—A London firm ask for names of Canadian manufacturers of crepe paper,

napkins, cardboard, plates and lace paper doyleys. 1274. Hardware.—A London manufacturer's agent is prepared to undertake the representation of Canadian manufacturers of hardware especially brushes, brooms, tinware and enamelware), and other household supplies. 1281. Washboards, cloths pegs, pasteboards, etc.—A Liverpool firm is interested in offers of the above. 1282.—Clothes pins, Washboards.—A Liverpool importer is in the market for clothes pins and washboards. 1283.—Household woodenware.—A Liverpool firm are in the market for woodenware. 1284. Broom handles.—A Liverpool firm desire to be brought in touch with Canadian exporters. 1285. Wire nails.—A Liverpool importer inquires for wire nails. 1286. White pine.—A Liverpool firm are in the market for considerable quantities of Canadian white pine. 1287. Doors.—A Liverpool firm are interested in carlot offers of pine doors. 1288. Maple flooring.—A Liverpool firm would like to receive carlot offers of maple flooring. 1289. Broom handles, dowels.—A Liverpool firm are interested in Canadian exports. 1290. Box shooks.—A Liverpool timber broker wishes a Canadian connection for the distribution of box shooks. 1294. Birch or maple skewers.—A Liverpool importer wishes to receive offers of birch or maple skewers, 4 1/2 inch to 1 1/2-inch, in carload lots. 1295. Asbestos fibre.—A Liverpool firm wish to be placed in communication with exporters of asbestos fibre. 1296. Washboards.—A Liverpool firm are interested in washboards. 1297. Clothes pegs.—A Liverpool firm desire to hear from Canadian exporters. 1298. Wire nails.—A Liverpool firm wish to get into touch with exporters of wire nails. 1299. Mica.—A Rotterdam commission merchant is desirous of securing an agency for the sale of Canadian mica in Holland. 1302. Boots and shoes.—A manufacturer's agent in Cape Town, South Africa, would like to get into communication with Canadian manufacturers of boots and shoes with a view to development of trade in south Africa. 1304. Electrical and motor accessories.—A British firm wish to get into communication with Canadian manufacturers of electrical and motor accessories. 1305. Representation.—A New Zealand commission merchant now visiting England would like to get into communication with Canadian manufacturers desirous of representation. 1306. Cedar sticks.—A firm in London, England, require cedar sticks in lots of 100 gross and upwards. One set of samples of the sticks required has been received by the Commercial Intelligence Branch, Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. 1308. Glass.—A distributing business agency in St. John's wishes to be put in communication with a Canadian manufacturer of glass. 1312. Trade with Siberia.—A Siberian firm with offices in Vladivostok and connections with Western Siberia desirous of getting in touch with Canadian firms with a view to doing business in Siberia, especially in machinery, implements, and similar lines. 1313. Agencies.—A merchant of the island of Guadeloupe, French West Indies, would like to enter into relations with Canadian firms exporting wheat flour, codfish and beans. 1315. Agencies.—A commission merchant of Paris wishes to act as representative of Canadian manufacturers who can supply ticking, blankets and sheeting, horse-hair cord, chairs, washed and treated woods.

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