

EAGLES HOLD ANNUAL BALL

ENJOYABLE EVENING AT ASSEMBLY HALL

Many Pretty Costumes Worn by Those in Attendance.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The annual masquerade ball given in Assembly hall, by the Fraternal Order of Eagles last night, was a very delightful and brilliant affair.

The hall was decorated with the Eagles' colors, white and blue, supplemented by numerous flags, separating the dancing hall from the supper room. At the back of the latter, two large American flags were crossed, and quantities of Chinese lanterns aided in carrying out an effective color scheme.

An excellent programme of dance music was furnished by Bantley's orchestra, all the members of which were danced most enthusiastically by the gay crowd present. The floor committee and directors were most assiduous in looking after the enjoyment of their guests. After the awarding of the prizes, refreshments were served in a most satisfactory manner, and dancing was resumed.

The gallery and sides of the hall were crowded with spectators to view the grand opening march, which from a picturesque standpoint was one of the best ever seen in Victoria. Marie Stuart, in a very beautiful court costume of purple velvet and white, went by with Bonnie Prince Charlie; then came a Zulu in full native costume, including things in ears and nose, and a native voice to his war cry. Next a gaily costumed Prince Charming, with Rosalind, marched by, and following close at their heels were a Monk and Irish Colleen. Alone in his glory marched the golden American Eagle, clad from head to foot in golden feathers. Then a white-gowned, night-capped woman, with a lantern in one hand and a broom in the other, pursued a fruitless search for a husband. Next came a Mexican troubadour in a magnificent suit of brown velvet, sombrero hat, and mandolin slung over his shoulder; with him was a Mexican lady, in a rich and very beautiful costume of blue and silver, with strands of pearls. A couple of dancing Highlanders followed, and then a huge Totem pole, manipulated by a man inside, went its way with a throng. Next came a flour and feed walking advertisement, and hanging on his arm a sprightly dandy-boy girl. Then a clown and a dancing girl, a sailor boy and a housemaid, a maid wheeling a large and precocious infant in a carriage, and feeding it in most approved fashion when it cried, the frequent frequent for more beer. Tolly and an American girl, wearing their gay way, chaffing with Topsy and a coon. The daughter of the Regiment chatted with a Norseman in the costume of a mail. Finally, a butterfly changed remarks with a jockey, and a woman who "took in" cleaning by the day pilled her trade vigorously with scrubbing brush and floor cloth. In a corner of the hall, a sundress hung over her washing to dry, and the latest invention in the way of air ships advised all to join the Eagles and live high. Altogether it was a most amusing scene, and the task of awarding prizes was an exceedingly difficult one. The final decisions were as follows:

Tomboia prize—Mrs. N. MacDonald, drop-head White sewing machine. Finest costume lady (wearing best evening dress)—Mrs. F. Bellinger, set of furs; 2nd, Mrs. J. MacDonald, handsome table cover. Best evening dress, gentleman—C. Benson, large range. Best national character, lady—Mrs. L. A. Fletcher, McKinley rocker. Best original character, gentleman (representing trade or profession)—C. Benson, one year's subscription to Daily Colonist. Best character, representing Fraternal Order of Eagles, lady—Mrs. P. Shandley, silver tea set; best gentleman—V. B. Ruff, gramophone. Best original character, stock in trade, lady—Mrs. R. Archibald, lady's arm chair; gentleman, Mr. J. Wachter, Morris chair. Best sustained character, lady—Mrs. M. Landray, rocker; gentleman, T. Fisher, one year's subscription to Daily Times. Most comical character, lady—Miss Evelyn Gaudin, dinner set; gentleman, George Budd, mahogany writing table. Many costumes not winning prizes are well worthy of note. A few are as follows:

Mrs. John McIntosh, Highland lassie; jockey, W. Moir; Norseman, in suit of mail, T. Moir; Highlander, John Grant; baby girl, Miss Katie Herberger; flower girl, Mrs. Le Lewis; butterfly, Miss Harrison; cigar girl, Miss Annie Wilson; daughter of regiment, Mrs. Doncaster; very rich and effective Turkish costume, Mrs. Frederick; U. S. trooper, E. J. Neilson; Spanish girl, Mrs. R. Tripp; Polly, in purple and silver, Mrs. Nora Teake; Napoleon, W. M. Brayshaw; Night, Miss Angus; Time, a yellow dress with pictures of clocks, Mrs. J. Macdonald; Queen of Hearts, Mrs. Keown; Dolly Varden, Mrs. Rose; Spanish dancer, Mrs. Turner; French army maid, Mrs. Coulter; bugler, Mr. Kelly; snow maiden, Mrs. Newcome; cowboy girl, Miss Gouge; Swan Soap advertisement, blue dress with white lettering, Miss Norma Sears; Queen Victoria, Mrs. Bagshaw; Mary Queen of Scots, Miss MacDonald; Mexican troubadour, Mr. Stokes; Chinaman, T. Alan; Fra Diavolo, T. A. Whistler.

The Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia held the fourth session of the annual convention in the A. O. U. W. hall this morning, when the committee returned the various reports read yesterday with recommendations for their adoption. A telegram was received from Rev. W. B. T. A. Duff, Toronto, organizer of the mutual benefit fund, which congratulated the members on the holding of the nineteenth convention, and asked that the fund be remembered. Grand Organizer Whiteley was engaged to carry on the work for another year in the province, work having increased greatly under his hand the last year. The luncheon adjournment was then taken.

The balloting for officers was the first business taken up at this afternoon session. At the afternoon session yesterday a welcome was extended the visitors by Mayor Hall, who gave them the freedom of the city during their stay, and hoped their deliberations would be beneficial to each and every one of them individually and to the order as a whole. R. W. G. C. R. J. McIntyre responded on behalf of the order, expressing his confidence in the gathering that the Mayor's welcome was kindly felt and appreciated.

Dr. Fagan appeared before the convention, and addressed those present on the subject of tuberculosis, going over the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society in the province, and asking for the support of the Orangemen in the work. He was supported in his remarks by Dr. J. C. G. R. J. McIntyre, who gave a short address on the same subject. The speakers were replied to by R. W. P. G. M. H. T. Thrift, of Esquimalt, and R. W. P. G. M. D. J. Jeffe, of Vancouver, who endorsed the reply of the former speaker.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor proposed by R. W. P. G. M. John Wallace, Victoria, and seconded by County Master Schofield, was carried with musical honors. The balance of the afternoon was taken up with the reception of the reports of committees on petitions and appeals, credentialed and the auditor's report. An invitation from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. to use the association rooms, was received and accepted. During the day the following were named for committee work for the year:

Credentials, George Schofield, R. P. Fawcett, E. Bush, H. R. Thorpe, W. J. Allen, F. Gibbard, A. H. Bagshaw, and George Hargreaves; correspondence, R. T. Thrift, H. G. Taylor, Rev. J. McIntyre, Thos. Cunningham and J. H. Armstrong; finance, R. J. Stevens, W. J. Ore and H. Anderson; suspensions and expulsions, W. H. Donaghy, G. A. Boothroyd, H. Bayford, P. Packington, James Robertson, W. H. Haskett and J. Carnac; petitions and appeals, R. E. C. Bagshaw, James Campbell, George McCurdy, J. R. Thompson, Bert Robinson, L. D. McCall and W. H. Jones; insurance, J. V. Whiteley, W. H. Dunmore, E. E. Matthei, and C. G. R. J. McIntyre; John Coyle and W. O. Scott; transportation, E. J. Clark, D. C. McLaren, J. McRae, J. Langford, T. W. Campbell and John Dilworth; constitution and laws, S. M. McCuire, H. Brethour, E. C. Bagshaw, W. T. Jago, John Wallace, R. J. S. Jensen, Thomas Todd, Alexander Armstrong, H. Wilkenson and E. Sherri; press, R. A. Stoney, F. E. Harmer, George Grimes, A. H. Barker, Alexander Garrett and L. T. Smil.

The railway committee of the legislature on Tuesday considered and passed the bills incorporating the Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway Company, the Portland Canal Short Line Railway Company and the Graham Island Railway Company. All these were in charge of Dr. Kerzlin, member for Skeena. The opening up of the northern country by the entry of the C. P. R. is stimulating further railway enterprise in this district.

The committee also took up the bill to incorporate the Vancouver and Northern Railway Company, in support of which the secretary of the committee appeared. It is designed to serve a mining, lumbering and agriculture district north of Burrard Inlet and east of Howe Sound.

Evoy, of Vancouver, a director of the company, opposed the bill so far as its route paralleled that of the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway, which got a charter in 1907.

M. Paris, a young scientist of the Pasteur Institute, claims to have discovered the secret of how to make sapphires. The artificial gems which he produces can only be distinguished from genuine stones with the aid of microscope, and chemically they are exactly the same.

GUNNERY TESTS ON LOCAL WAR SLOOPS

Showings Made by Algerine and Shearwater in Annual Practice.

The admiralty has just issued the results of the gunnery tests in the fleet. In the year 1908 the Shearwater and Algerine, which represent the British navy on the Pacific coasts, their shooting is classed amongst the group of fourteen tenders, special service ships, etc. Amongst these the Algerine and the Shearwater take the fifth and sixth places respectively. From her four 4-inch guns the Algerine, Commander Edwin H. Edwards, commanding, fired twenty-six rounds and made eleven hits, which works out at an average of 43.15 points per gun. The firing was at the rate of 8.67 rounds per minute and 3.67 hits per minute, whilst the best shot was First Class Petty Officer G. Thomas, who made three out of the eleven hits.

The Shearwater, Commander Chas. W. G. Crawford, commanding, made a score of 32.25 for her six 4-inch guns, scoring fifteen hits out of forty-five rounds. Her firing was much more rapid than that of her consort, but not so effective, the rate of rounds per minute being 10.00, whilst the rate of hits was 4.33. Her best shot was Able Seaman F. Wyatt, who secured five out of the fifteen hits. The Shearwater fired forty rounds in 1907, and made thirteen hits, which worked out an average of 23.24 points per gun, which shows that the marksmanship of her gun crews has improved considerably. The Algerine did not fire in 1907, as she was then in the reserve at Hongkong.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office, February 19th to 19th, 1909.

At Victoria there were registered 24 hours and 30 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature, 53.5 on 16th; lowest, 38.2 on 17th; rain, 1.29 inches. Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 23 hours; highest temperature, 51 on 16th; lowest, 25 on 17th and 18th; rain, 2.59 inches. New Westminster—Highest, 50 on 16th and 18th; lowest, 20 on 17th; rain, 2.20 inches. Esquimalt—Highest, 50 on 16th; lowest, 22 below zero on 14th; precipitation, .35 inch. Barkerville—Highest, 34 on 16th; lowest, 20 below zero on 12th; precipitation, .44 inch. Port Simpson—Highest, 42 on 16th; lowest, 20 on 12th; rain, .48 inch. Athol—Highest, 6 on 16th; lowest, 40 below zero on 12th; snow, one inch. Dawson—Highest, 4 below zero on 16th; lowest, 52 below zero on 14th.

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HONORED MEMORY OF PAARDEBERG HEROES

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ROYAL COMMISSION AND ORIENTAL QUESTION

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ORANGE LODGE ENDS SESSION

H. G. TAYLOR, VANCOUVER, ELECTED GRAND MASTER

Banquet in A. O. U. W. Hall Brings Proceedings to Close.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The nineteenth annual convention of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia was brought to a conclusion yesterday afternoon in the A. O. U. W. hall with the election of officers and the selection of a meeting place for next year. The place chosen was Kamloops. Officers were elected as follows:

Rt. Worshipful Grand Master, H. G. Taylor, Vancouver; Deputy Grand Master, Rev. R. J. McIntyre, Summerland; Assistant Grand Master, G. J. Grimeson, Victoria; Grand Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Thorpe, Vernon; Grand Treasurer, E. J. Clarke, Vancouver; Grand Lecturer, R. G. Patterson, New Westminster; Director of Ceremonies, H. M. Abercrombie, Vancouver; Deputy Grand Secretary, W. T. Jago, Vancouver; Grand Auditors, R. Mitchell and G. Schofield, Vancouver; Deputy Grand Chaplains, Rev. A. J. Braco, Victoria; Dr. Reid, New Westminster; Morton Smith, Vancouver and Newton Powell, Upper Country; Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Lecturer of British America, H. Macdonald, Victoria.

Several members were placed on the new regulations may be imposed from time to time in the matter of increased fees, etc. At the same time restrictions are proposed with respect to burning the brush left after cutting out the timber, so as to prevent bush fires.

The visiting Orangemen who have been attending the Orange lodge convention here were last night the guests of the local lodges at a banquet held in the A. O. U. W. hall, which was well attended. D. G. M., Bro. Geo. Grimson occupied the chair, and had at his right Bro. H. G. Taylor, of Vancouver, the grand master; Rev. R. J. McIntyre and Bro. W. H. Brett, grand secretary; E. J. Clark, grand treasurer; W. T. Jago, deputy grand secretary; R. Mitchell, grand auditor, and E. C. R. Bagshaw, and upon his left hand, Bro. D. C. McLaren, past grand master; Dr. Thos. Jeffe, past grand master; E. Sherri, past grand master, and J. W. Whiteley, grand organizer.

The toast of the King proposed by the chairman was responded to with musical honors, and was followed by the toast of "The glorious, pious and immortal memory of King William III, Prince of Orange," which was drunk in silence.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of B. N. A., coupled with the name of Bro. John J. Dilworth of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was the signal for the singing of Dilworth, who in reply said: "I assure you of the pleasure I feel in being present in this beautiful city of Victoria. I am always pleased to meet the brethren, and to be with you and to more gatherings of this nature." He entered a plea for the attendance of the ladies at such gatherings. Time, he said, would not allow telling of the lodge's history in Manitoba, but he was the first Orangeman that stepped on Manitoba soil. He referred to the late Bro. Scott, who was shot at the time of the first rebellion. The speaker said the lodge was saddened by the death and with two others was thrown into jail with Scott. The citizens of Winnipeg have built a hall to Scott's memory. "They say Orangemen is all right back in history," he continued, "but it is needed here also."

"I would rather have a band of Orangemen behind me than any others. I've had experience. We had six hundred men to go out and take Fort Gary, but only thirty took up their arms and went to the front when called on. We were sold, and the man who sold us is now a resident of Victoria, but I won't mention any names. With flying colors the order would prosper and continue as in the past and a tribute to the progress made in the province this year the speaker concluded his address.

W. G. M. H. G. Taylor, responding to the toast of the "Grand Lodge of B. C.," said the most prominent feature of the order was that it stood for equal rights to all and special privileges for none. One of the school system and one official language. He referred to the work of the organizer and the increase of the order this year, and was convinced that the same increase would be maintained this year. Many people were under a wrong impression as to the order, holding it was at war with the Roman Catholic church. This, however, was not the case for they had no quarrel with the church if it would keep its own place in the state. The order, however, would never be satisfied with less than the separation of church and state.

In response to the toast of "The Royal Orange Association of Canada," Bro. J. W. Whiteley laid special emphasis on the fact that every member was a loyal and true subject of the King. Of the first contingent that went to South Africa, fifty-five per cent were either Orangemen or sons of Orangemen. Sir John A. Macdonald was a member of the order. They stood for two principles, the open Bible and loyalty to the King and Empire. (Cheers.) The speaker then said, "Britannia Rules the Waves."

"The City of Victoria" was responded to by P. D. M., Bro. John Braden, who said he was proud of the honor conferred on the members by the mayor, who had given them the freedom of the city, which was an honor only given a few. He hoped the delegates would take back with them memories of a pleasant trip here, and he thanked all on behalf of the citizens of Victoria.

"The Sentinel and Bro. Controller H. C. Hooker" was replied to by Bro. Rev. Mr. McIntyre, who said the paper in question had always done a splendid work for the good of the order and should be read by all. He was glad that some of the Canadian papers were now fearless in regard to

printing the truth, and he hoped the Victoria press would never hesitate to print the truth.

"The Press" and "Our Hosts" were replied to by Mr. Lumsden and A. J. Braco, respectively. Songs were contributed during the evening by J. T. Evans, James Graham and W. T. Jago, and the proceedings ended with the National Anthem and cheers for the chairman.

The tables were waited on by Mesdames J. C. Jessop, Russell, Westcott, J. E. Musgrave, J. A. Scott, W. J. Bowden, N. J. Ledingham, R. L. Ledingham, B. Bailey and S. J. Dank; Miss Edith Howell and Miss Jean Hendry; Messrs. H. Godfrey, J. B. McCallum, Owen Linsdale, Jesse E. Stokes, Fred K. Harding, Albert Mason, Hugh Macdonald and A. J. Braco.

GOVERNMENT PARTY

FOLLOWS LIBERALS

Ministry Is Being Urged in Caucus to Accept J. A. Macdonald's Policy.

According to report J. A. Macdonald is not only the leader of the Liberal party in the legislature, but is also the leader of the Conservative branch of the House. The timber legislation which the government supporters are forcing upon the government in caucus is said to be that which was outlined by Mr. Macdonald.

The policy which is being forced upon the government includes the renewal of the licenses from year to year after the expiration of the 21 years which they have to run with, whatever the new regulations may be imposed from time to time in the matter of increased fees, etc. At the same time restrictions are proposed with respect to burning the brush left after cutting out the timber, so as to prevent bush fires.

—Rev. John Robson, D. D., gave an interesting lecture on the history of the schoolroom of the Centennial Methodist church on "Early Days in British Columbia." During the evening E. Parsons sang a solo, and the Centennial quartette rendered several selections.

—Major and Mrs. Plant, musical experts, will conduct special Salvation Army services in the A. O. U. W. hall on Sunday. The major is a world-wide traveller, and a very clever musician. He plays many instruments, including the banjo, fanny bells, Canadian sleigh bells, 21 silver toned hand bells and the aluminum chimes.

—A Valentine social was held Monday evening by the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian church. There were a large number present, and a pleasant evening was spent. A good programme was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Miss Hastie; vocal solo, Duncan Campbell; reading, Miss McKilliam; vocal solo, Miss McKilliam; vocal solo, R. Morrison; vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Perry; reading, D. A. Fraser. During the evening a contest took place which consisted of hanging coat washed garments. Miss Simpson won the prize, defeating her opponents, two gentlemen. Refreshments were served at the close.

—An "at home" was given Monday by J. Locke at his residence on Cook street. Dancing was the main feature of the evening. Supper was served at midnight, the tables being prettily decorated with red carnations and asparagus fern. The following gentlemen were present: Mr. J. W. Locke and the Misses Bloomquist, Fekka, Bishop and Locke, Messrs. Mason, Ellis, Pearson, Wilson, MacConnan and W. Locke.

—The death occurred on Sunday evening last of Ann Mackintosh Cameron, at the residence of her nephew, A. T. R. Blackwood, 539 Victoria Crescent. Deceased was a native of Invernesshire, Scotland, and had reached the advanced age of 92 years. The deceased came here some time ago from Winnipeg. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, after which the remains were sent to her old home at St. Thomas, Ont. Rev. D. McRae officiated.

—John McMillan, formerly an alderman of this city, but now filling that office in the Vancouver city council, was in Victoria Monday. In the evening he attended the sitting of the local council, being invited to take a seat beside the mayor. Before leaving for the steamer he addressed the council briefly, expressing his satisfaction at being present and gave voice to his opposition to the relegating of the government of cities to boards of control.

—The "mock trial by jury," which was held in the First Congregational church under the auspices of the Men's Own Social Club, was a very successful event. The case was one of slander, in which the side of the plaintiff was taken up by J. E. Anderson, while A. Hornsall acted for the defendant, G. Carter being judge. There was a large number present and the trial was amusing throughout.

—The street railway employees are making arrangements already for the annual concert and dance, which is to be held Thursday, March 4th. This event is always a most enjoyable one, and this year the members of local divisions 108, S. R. E. intend to surpass the previous entertainments. It will be the fifth event of this kind, and will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall, commencing at 8 o'clock in the evening.

—The usual meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Society will be held on Monday next in the Y. M. C. A. rooms for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and receiving reports from the retiring officers. The dates have already been set for the rose show. This will be on June 25th, while the flower show will be held August 15th and 16th. The prize list this year will be larger than on any previous occasion and it is found that much interest is already being taken by the amateur gardeners. The prize list has been prepared but is not yet printed.

ARBITRATION BY-LAW DEFECTIVE

CITY MEASURE IS FOUND ULTRA VIRES

Court Decides Against Proceedings in Victoria West Street Line Case.

The Victoria West street line arbitration proceedings, according to a judgment given by Mr. Justice Martin on Wednesday, are doomed to fall flat. Application was made in chambers against the proceedings being conducted by the official arbitrator, Mr. Harris. The application was made by H. Shandley, acting on behalf of Mrs. Ward, one of those whose property was concerned.

Among other points urged was that Mr. Harris had no jurisdiction to hear the arbitration and that the Victoria West Arbitration by-law of 1904 was ultra vires. It was urged that the by-law under which the arbitration was being conducted was defective, not conforming with the statute under which it was allowed.

His Lordship replied the objection and gave judgment with costs in favor of the applicant.

VOTE OF RATEPAYERS

MAY BE NECESSARY

City Council Discusses Proposed Agreement With Electric Company.

The city council will in all probability have to submit to the people the proposition made by the B. C. Electric Company to the city with respect to power. The city council held a meeting last evening in the city hall when A. T. Goward, representing the tramway company, and W. J. Taylor, K. C., the city barrister, were present.

It is said that a reference to the statutes revealed the fact that it was altogether likely that an appeal would have to be taken to the ratepayers before the agreement proposed by the city and the electric company can be entered into by the council.

This clause, it is stated, was originally introduced into the act by the late Theodore Davis for the very purpose of taking out of the hands of the council of that day any arrangements with the tramline company.

ENLARGING PLANT.

B. C. Soap Works Will Make Additions to Meet Demand.

The B. C. Soap Works are contemplating additions to the factory made necessary by the increased demands for the product. The additions that will be made will enable the company to increase its output in all lines. White Swan soap and White Swan washing powder are finding increased sales, while in the lime and sulphur solutions made by the company for tree spraying there has been very great demand. When the additions to the plant are made there will be no difficulty to meet the increased trade in all these lines.

—The fire brigade had a run about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to the grocery store of Frank Schroeder, Douglas street. The blaze was easily extinguished and but little damage was done.

—Judge Lammpan has handed down judgment in Geiger vs. Morton, which was tried a little time ago. The plaintiff claimed about \$55 for extras in plumbing in a house erected by the defendant at Duncan. It was argued that the extras were never ordered. His Honor decided in favor of the defendant, giving the plaintiff the right, however, to remove the fixtures concerned unless \$25 was paid by the defendant.

The following building permits have been issued: L. E. and Lee Kow, for twenty brick cabins at Comorant street, \$2,600; James Donegan,