

Notes From The Gazette

Appointments to the Public Service Given Notice of in Yesterday's Issue.

Private Bills Being Prepared For Next Session of the Legis. ture.

Yesterday's Gazette contained notice of the appointment of:

Ernest Spraggs, as a justice of the peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.

Valentine John Robert Christian, of Vancouver, to be fourth clerk in the land registry office at the said city.

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Alfred Marchmont Watson, of Alhambra, B. C., to be resident physician at the said place.

The appointments of Hon. J. D. Prentice as acting justice minister and of Hon. W. O. Wells to issue marriage licenses, etc., during the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor, have been rescinded.

The resignations of W. J. Brewer, of Vancouver, as justice of the peace for the County of Vancouver, and of E. P. Horn, of Williams Lake, as coroner, have been accepted.

G. Murray has been appointed a deputy mining recorder at Nicola.

The firm of M. R. Smith & Co., of this city, manufacturers of bread, biscuits and confectionery, has been incorporated, with a capital of \$100,000.

H. B. Beecher, of Barkerville, has resigned.

All placer claims held in Revelstoke riding of West Kootenay may be held over until June 1.

The Dominion government has transferred to the province a tract of land on the North Thompson river, for school purposes.

Messrs. Bodwell & Duff give notice, as published in the Colonist yesterday, of their intention to incorporate a company to build and operate a railway and steam ferry between the said places.

Mr. P. P. Bodwell will apply for an act to invalidate certain by-laws of the city of Grand Forks, by which the Mayor was asked for incorporation of a company to build a railway from the junction of the Coldwater and Nicola rivers to Princeton.

A list of the barristers and solicitors practicing in the province is published, as required by statute.

G. L. R. Voss has been appointed attorney of the Chateau Consolidated Mining Co., vice J. M. Williams and C. W. G. Brown.

Doxat & Rayson, freighters and contractors, of Cariboo road, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Doxat continues.

A meeting of the Empress of India Mining Co. will be held on December 19, for the purpose of considering the advisability of selling the Empress of India mineral claim.

The council of public instruction has created the tract of land included within the under-mentioned boundaries a school district, under the title of Anacostia school district:

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The council has also altered and re-defined the boundaries of the following school districts as follows: All that area embraced within the corporate limits of the city of Greenwood.

SOLDIERS' ROV.
Germans and British Come to Blow in Shanghai.

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The gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) is known to eat to some extent the fruit of the North, although fruit is sometimes eaten by that species. It is also occasionally the gray fox tears down the corn stalks and feeds on the corn in the milk. That a knowledge of the fruit-eating habits of foxes is old is shown by this quotation, attributed to him whose name has become a proverb for wisdom: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes."

The fox grapes of Eastern America, however, are familiar to every country dweller, are believed to have received their name, not from the fact that they are eaten by foxes to any extent, nor from the fact that they hang from high and so are inaccessible, but from the slightly foxy or musky odor which the clusters exhale.