

THE CITY.

[From the DAILY COLONIST, October 16.]

Mr. J. GERRARD THAMES has prepared plans for new premises to be immediately erected at Kamloops by E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd., to replace those recently destroyed by fire.

An application, under the Winding Up Act, will be made on behalf of Green, Worlock & Co. for a winding-up order in the case of the Point Comfort Hotel Co., Limited.

The Police Commissioners having investigated the charges preferred against Sergeant Hawton in connection with his recent visit to the Central school, commended him for his action in regard to the outcast nuisance. The sergeant denies having searched the boys or ordered them to produce their pocket knives.

Word was received from Ottawa last evening that Capt. P. A. Irving and Capt. W. J. Quinlan had been promoted to the rank of Major in the B.C.R.A. and that the former takes command of No. 1 company, in place of the Adjutant General. The promotions are an outcome of the recently authorized increase in the strength of the brigade, and the provision then made that each of the five companies should be in command of a Major.

The robbery and "kidnapping or murder" affair at the Admiralty Head lighthouse is still shrouded in mystery. A supposition, at first generally discredited, but which is now gaining acceptance, is that Harry Evans, the missing son of the lighthouse keeper, robbed the place of everything valuable and went off alone in the lighthouse boat. It appears that in this, as in many other cases of recent date, British Columbia Indians have been blamed for something with which they had no connection whatever.

The San Francisco Call has the following on the now celebrated Lee Fook Bow case, which is again before the courts: Lee Fook Bow, the Chinese who brought the woman Chumme Yung from Victoria, B.C., into this country last April, is being examined before United States Commissioner Hancock on a charge of perjury. Chumme Yung, it may be remembered, was finally sent to China after she had almost become a fixture on the steamer Unatilla. The order of the court deporting her was that she should be returned to the steamer upon which she came, and as the Victoria authorities refused to let her land there without the payment of a head tax of \$50, and the courts would not let her land in this country, she enjoyed a number of trips between this city and Puget Sound. The charge of perjury against Lee Fook Bow is based upon his representation last June before United District Judge Hanford at Seattle, upon habeas corpus proceedings that the woman was his wife. He said that she was born in this city twenty-five years ago, and that he had been married to her five years. According to the story she had simply gone on a visit to Victoria to visit her mother. The federal authorities are endeavoring to show that Chumme Yung was one of four Chinese women who went to British Columbia from Hongkong on the steamer City of Japan last January. The other three were Sun Que, Wong Quay and Dong See. One of these, Sun Que, is also said to have been a wife of Lee Fook Bow, at least it is told by the two women from Victoria, Sun Que being one and Chumme Yung the other.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The sixth annual meeting of the Northwest Baptist Convention began at the First Baptist church, Seattle, on Thursday. The convention embraces all the churches in Washington and British Columbia west of the Cascades.

The following officers and members of the board were present: First Vice-President, Rev. W. F. Harper, Tacoma; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. D. D. Proper, Seattle; Recording Secretary, Rev. B. W. Beaven, Quilley; Treasurer, C. A. Cavender, Tacoma; Historical Secretary, D. J. Pierce, D.D., Seattle; Members of the board—Thomas Houghton, Victoria, B.C.; G. W. Ward, Seattle; H. M. Butler, New Whatcom; R. S. Greene, Seattle; G. A. C. Rochester, Seattle; J. E. Coombs, Victoria; W. C. Weir, Vancouver; Rev. W. E. C. Weir, Tacoma; C. A. Cavender, Tacoma; Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., Everett; Robert Knipe, Seattle; A. Hull, Seattle; Jesse R. Francis, La Conner; H. Hill, Tacoma.

The address on home mission work was delivered by Miss Fannie Allan, of Spokane, general missionary for the state. She briefly explained the great need of the cause in energy by the servants of God. The forces of evil have arrayed themselves against God with an energy rarely ever before equaled, and require the efforts of Christians to defeat. God has signally blessed their efforts in every country where they have planted the banner of Christ.

The Women's Baptist Home Mission Society covers a large field where no line is drawn, but is open to all races. This society has been organized fifteen years, and the good work done in other lands is commendable to the untiring efforts of the mothers of the land.

A paper on foreign mission work was read by Miss Carrie E. Kallio, of New Whatcom. It gave an excellent review of the work.

Yesterday's session was an interesting one. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. W. C. Weir. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Thomas Baldwin, of Ennsman Baptist church, Victoria.

Seattle, Oct. 14.—The second day's session of the Baptist convention opened yesterday at 9:30 o'clock with a praise service of thirty minutes, led by Rev. J. Cairns, of Sublimity, and read Psalm 46. The lesson was followed by numerous short prayers. At 10 a.m. the convention was called to order by Vice-President W. F. Harper, of Tacoma. Rev. C. F. Bromley, of New Whatcom, led in prayer. The convention then proceeded to the enrollment of delegates numbering about 100. Twelve new pastors who have been at work in Washington for the past year were introduced by the moderator, and all followed with responses along the line of their work.

Rev. Thomas Baldwin, of Seattle, welcomed the convention. This address, as already announced, was responded to by Rev. P. H. McEwen, of Victoria. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Weir, of Vancouver, who took for his text Matthew xxviii:18-20. The chair then appointed the following special committees:

On religious exercises—Rev. Thomas Baldwin, W. O. Hardin, D. A. B. Banks. On nomination of officers and members of the board—J. Cairns, P. H. McEwen, M. Woods, M. M. Miller, and C. A. Cavender.

At 2 p.m. the devotional exercises were led by Rev. F. K. Van Tassel, who read from Romans xii, discussing the main features.

Judge G. A. Hill, on behalf of the Seattle Baptist University, extended an invitation

to the convention to attend a banquet at the University on Saturday. The report on nominations was adopted as offered. The officers of the Board elected were: President, W. F. Harper; First Vice-President, T. Houghton (Victoria); Second Vice-President, G. A. C. Rochester; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. D. D. Proper; Recording Secretary, C. F. Brownlee; Treasurer, Rev. C. A. Cavender; Historical Secretary, Rev. D. J. Pierce, D.D.; Board of Trustees, one year—Rev. J. H. Best (Westminster), Rev. J. E. Coombs (Thomas Houghton (Victoria), G. W. Ward, H. M. Butler, R. S. Greene and G. A. C. Rochester. For two years—Rev. I. W. Read, Rev. C. F. Brownlee, Rev. W. C. Weir, Samuel Everson, Rev. W. E. Harper, Rev. C. A. Cavender and George W. Fowler. For three years—Rev. A. B. Banks, Robert Knipe, A. Hull, L. Erickson, J. D. Goodwin, J. R. Francis and G. A. Hill.

The sixth annual report of the board was read by Rev. D. D. Proper, and adopted. During the first quarter fifteen missionaries were appointed; second quarter, twenty-two; third quarter, twenty-four; fourth quarter, twenty-five. The amount collected for the convention was \$1,550. Nine new churches were organized, seven new churches were built in mission fields of the convention. Baptisms numbered 171, and 106 were added in other ways. A summary of statistics for the denomination in this field shows 75 churches and 4,644 members—an increase of 10 churches and 699 members for the present year. The number of baptisms for the year is 546, which is 64 more than for the preceding year. Other additions were 532. Women's work has not been a secondary matter, for the sisters have contributed \$310. The year was begun with a debt of \$391. The year previous to this showed a deficit of \$1,000. The total receipts from the churches from all sources for the year is \$2,562. This is \$302 less than last year. But there are pledges to liquidate all the indebtedness of the home mission.

In the evening a survey of the field was given by the corresponding secretary, Rev. D. D. Proper.

A paper on "The Heritage and Duty of the Baptists of the Northwest Branch of the Victoria," delivered by Rev. J. E. Coombs, of Victoria, was a fair description of those who have become members of the church. Following came a paper on "The Secure Larger and More General Contribution from Our Churches," by Rev. W. T. Flenner. He dwelt on systematic giving and the need of giving, saying it was the key to success in religious work. There was virtue in honest giving to the cause of religion. The pastor should possess stronger faith, larger convictions in benevolence. Churches must be largely and regularly missionary work.

RUSSIANS IN FRANCE.

Reception of the Czar's Fleet by the Mayors of Paris and Toulon.

An Enthusiastic Welcome Accorded to the Naval Visitors by the Populace.

Toulon, Oct. 14.—The Russian squadron arrived in the outer roads yesterday morning. As soon as the visitors arrived the French officials and the Russian consul, with many distinguished officers of the army and navy, went on board the Russian flagship to welcome Admiral Avelan in the name of the French Government. The usual salutes were exchanged, and on landing the Russian officers were welcomed by the Mayor of Toulon and the council. The whole city is in gala attire. The Russian colors are conspicuous everywhere, and the city is thronged with people bound to take part in the demonstration. Incoming trains are crowded. The population greeted the visitors with shouts of "Vive la Russie," coupled with "Vive la France." The stay of the visitors will be a continual round of entertainment.

In the address of welcome Mayor Ferrero said he represented all the departments of France, and it was his desire to express the sympathy felt by the French people and to show that the hearts of all Frenchmen beat together and were animated by one feeling. Continuing he said: "Your visit confirms the friendship between the two nations and proves the fidelity existing between them."

Later the Russian officers, surrounded by French officials, proceeded to the Maritime Prefecture to visit the Minister of Marine, who said he was deeply sensible of the honor of receiving the distinguished visitors in behalf of France. The Admiral, in reply, said he was anxious to express all the cordiality of his reception, but he knew the Russian people were grateful for the welcome accorded his command. At the Mayor's there were similar scenes of welcome.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

RAT PORTAGE, Oct. 14.—A telegram from Milton, Ont., was received this morning stating that Judge W. D. Lyon had died there yesterday.

QUEBEC, Oct. 14.—Hon. Chief Justice Wood, of Bermuda, formerly Attorney General of British Columbia, occupied a seat on the bench of the Superior Court, on invitation of Hon. Justice Routhier, while an interesting case was going on.

AMHERST, N.S., Oct. 14.—Sentence of ten years in Dorchester penitentiary was passed upon Thomas McCoy by Judge Mesger for the manslaughter of Paul White at the Joggins mines.

STOUTVILLE, Oct. 14.—James Smith, a member of the militia, was killed by a bullet from a rifle while on duty in the militia.

The not was notified in the presence of his wife, with whom Smith is said to have been living unhappily.

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The sealing boat recently stolen from Capt. H. R. Foot has been recovered by the Provincial police, who discovered it accidentally at Darcy Island. Fortunately the lepers had not thought of using it to make their escape from the lazaretto.

A meeting of the directors of the Transvaal Company of information from the Transvaal to borrow £70,000 with which to extend the general works of the company, in the way of perfecting the service, increasing power and trackage, and improving and adding to the rolling stock.

This award to sealers for losses experienced through the enforcement of the marine viand of 1891 has, with few exceptions, been paid by Collector Milne. There is still about \$3,000 forthcoming to the sealers, the majority of whom are the sealers of the coast. Some, however, have died since 1891, but in cases of this kind the money will be forthcoming to the proper relatives.

At the last regular meeting of the Victoria Teachers' Association, Miss Agnes Deane Cameron read a paper criticizing the "readers" at present in use in the public schools, and a resolution supporting the same was adopted. A debate on corporal punishment followed, Messrs. Netherby, Paul and Ross, and Miss Cameron holding the rod to be a necessity. Some, however, have died since 1891, but in cases of this kind the money will be forthcoming to the proper relatives.

HALIFAX CHRONICLE: As might be supposed the paper published the other morning in a city contemporary, wherein it was stated the King's regiment would shortly go to British Columbia, and that the regiment was two other regiments, was a fake of the worst kind. It appears that the reporter went up to the barracks to secure some information concerning the regimental staff. He was invited into the sergeants' mess and two sergeants put up a job to "pull his leg." The reporter, thinking the sergeants were in possession of information from the Horse Guards which had not been communicated to the general and staff, opened his ears and took it all in. The whole garrison enjoyed a good laugh the next morning.

In response to an invitation from the Labor Bureau to assist in gathering the labor statistics of this city, the following resolution: "Whereas the Provincial Government has established a Bureau of Labor Statistics and Council of Conciliation and Arbitration, and whereas it is the opinion of the Council, that efficiency in the work of the department demands that the interests of labor be recognized in an official capacity; and whereas this Council refuses to recommend the trades affiliated with this body to take any action with regard to the collection of labor statistics, but this Council, and the labor statistics of this city, the following resolution: "Whereas the Provincial Government has established a Bureau of Labor Statistics and Council of Conciliation and Arbitration, and whereas it is the opinion of the Council, that efficiency in the work of the department demands that the interests of labor be recognized in an official capacity; and whereas this Council refuses to recommend the trades affiliated with this body to take any action with regard to the collection of labor statistics, but this Council, and the labor statistics of this city, the following resolution: "Whereas the Provincial Government has established a Bureau of Labor Statistics and Council of Conciliation and Arbitration, and whereas it is the opinion of the Council, that efficiency in the work of the department demands that the interests of labor be recognized in an official capacity; 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