NO PEDIGREES IN STOCK

Fussy, officious meddlesomeness never got it over the knuckles more neatly than the Hon. Clifford Sifton gave it in his reply to Sir Charles Tupper, in reply to a query from the aged knight. It really does seem as if the Tories could not open their mouths these days without putting both feet in it. Everything they touch turns to ridicule upon their heads, and everything they say is taken by the house and country as a huge joke. It is the sad fate of the late Rev. Sidney Smith over again—he couldn't ask the lady next to him at dinner to kindly pass the salt without the dear creature going off into a fit of giggles and exclaiming, "Oh, Mr. Smith, what an awfully funny man you are." Sad is the lot of the professional funny man, be he after dinner orator or Tory leader in the Canadian House of Commons.

This is the little incident which set the house in a roar a few days ago: Sir Charles thought he had the government shooshed up into a cul-de-sac, and down on its hunker bones where he could get a whack at it in a leisurely fashion, and he prolonged the pleasure of his supposed stab like a king of the cannibal island, gloating upon the struggles of his dinner-to-be. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., asked:

1. "Is J. W. Willison, crown timber agent in Yukon, a cousin of J. S. Willison, Esq., editor of the Toronto Globe newspaper?

2. "Is William Wright, an employee in the recording office at Dawson, a nephew of the said J. S. Willison?"

The minister of the interior was seen to be somewhat agitated when he rose to reply to those grave international and ethnological, not to mention genealogical, interrogatories (it was afterwards ascertained that he was in deadly contest with a rebellious smile that wanted to go in for a red-hot expansive policy all over his face). Mr. Sifton said:

"Neither the pedigree of the editor of the Globe nor of the officers mentioned is on record in the department, and the government have no information upon the subject. I am quite unable to answer the hon. gentleman's question."

During the loud and long explosion of laughter which followed, Sir Charles endeavored to read a page of the votes and proceedings upside down, the way a foreman does in a printing office, and he became so intent on the job that he did not notice that the whole house was audibly smiling at his expense. It is impossible to take the Tory statesmen or their followers seriously, so long as they refuse to do so themselves.

CANADA'S THEIR OYSTER.

Some day the people of this Dominion will awaken to the unpleasant fact that half-a-dozen or more able-bodied corporations (monopolies), are sucking its very life-blood, hampering individual enterprise, increasing the difficulties and the costliness of government, and retarding national progress and improvement. Warning voices are already heard throughout the land, but so far those real friends of Canada are meeting with the reception that all men ahead of their time must expect to be like Cassandra, disbelieved till the evil come they predicted.

A strong article on this subject appears in the Winnipeg Daily Tribune, entitled "Sham opposition and real agreement." The opening sentences of that article show at once that we are far from exaggerating the gravity of the situation in Canada. The Tribune says:

"Two incidents in last Thursday's proceedings of the railway committee are of peculiar interest to Manitobans. One goes to indicate the desire of the C.P.R. and Mann & Mackenzie to make a show of separate interests; the other goes to demonstrate the identity of their interests."

The first of those incidents is a sample strawberry; the box is full of beauties as big and as luscious; this is it:

"Mann & Mackenzie some time ago secured possession of the Hudson's Bay railway charter, and amalgamated the Hudson's Bay Railway Co. and the Dauphin Railway Co., taking the "Canadian Northern" as their new name. They thus acquired the 40 miles of grade built by the old Hudson's Bay Company. By laying the track on this line and operating it, they can get the Dominion land grant. This they intend to do. Now no one would expect the C.P.R. to parallel a line belonging to Mann & Mackenzie, and so diminish their revenue from it. And it is not going to do anything of the sort. But there is nothing to prevent it from talking about doing so and, thus making a show of diverse interests—and anything that can help to persuade the public of that, will be of assistance to the projects of these allies. In harmony with this we have a proposal for a C.P.R. line competing with the E.&N.R. 40-mile extension, brought up in the house and then killed. It is remarkable with what facility the decision of the railway committee was reached, and how little of its time was taken up by the obliging representatives of the C.P.R. The protracted discussions and adjournments which have occurred when there has been opposition to other C.P.R. demands were all dispensed with."

And so the amusing game of grab goes on. The other incident is quite as instructive, and throws just as clear a light on the operations of those powerful corporations as the first-mentioned:

"Mann & Mackenzie are seeking to build a branch line from Portage la Prairie to Rapid City. The value of this line to Mann & Mackenzie, if they were independent, would depend largely on their extending it west and northwest along the surveyed route of the Great Northwest Central to the Saskatchewan valley, and bringing over it the traffic from such an extension. To allow the C.P.R., by means of an extension of the G.N.W.C. charter, to secure possession of the G.N.W.C. route, and to occupy it with a branch line, would be a severe injury to the Mann & Mackenzie railway, if it were independent. But the C.P.R. came before the committee, asked for extension of time and obtained it without the slightest hesitation of opposition from Mann & Mackenzie—exactly what would occur if a Mann & Mackenzie line from Portage to Rapid City were practically a C.P.R. line."

Our pleasure as Canadians at seeing the great Northwest intersected with railways must be seriously modified by the thought that they are only so many more public utilities in the hands of men who will see to it that the most is made of the opportunity to amass huge fortunes at the expense of the Canadian people. How is the country to make real progress so long as this impudent shuffling about of national interests goes on? Every one of those railways should be the property of the people of Canada, and should be operated for their sole use and advantage. Why not? Is it an absurdity to suggest that great (and small) public utilities should be operated for the benefit of the people, and not for the enrichment of small parties of private persons? Canada will be laboring under a most serious disability so long as it tolerates private ownership of railways.

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LICENSING BOARDS.

Proceedings for the Esquimalt and South Victoria Districts.

A meeting of the Esquimalt License Commissioners was held in the Esquimalt school house at 11 o'clock this morning, Duncan Greeves acting as chairman, H. W. Pauline and J. Atkins, commissioners, and D. Campbell, inspector of licenses. The following applications were heard:

Van Rhein, Globe Hotel, Esquimalt, granted a new license.

Mrs. Price, Six-Mile House, Parson's Bridge, temporary license (for six months).

Renewals — Colwood Hotel, Jos. Dubois; Traveller's Exchange, L. O. Demers; New Inn (Esquimalt), F. McAdam; Half-Way House, H. T. Bailey; Coach and Horses, W. B. Smith; Howard Hotel, Mrs. Mary Howard; Ship Inn, Fred. Stilsen; Esquimalt Hotel, J. E. Day; Gorge Hotel, Mrs. Marshall; Goldstream Hotel, Jas. Phair; Four-Mile House, Joseph Calvert.

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Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending June 13 were $570,000; balances, $144,495.

—Major Ben Williams returned from Bennett City via Seattle last evening, having taken the Humboldt from the northern port. He brings news of the drowning of a Mr. Mart and a Mr. Kaine in Lake Lindemann by the capsizing of a sail boat.

—The Second Battalion has extended an invitation through Major Bennett to the First Battalion, represented by Lt.-Col. Gregory, to attend the Dominion Day celebration at Vancouver on July 1st. A meeting will shortly be called to consider the invitation.

—Paul Higgins, the youngest son of the ex-speaker, Hon. D. W. Higgins, has been successful in passing his final examination for the degree of M. D. at McGill University, Montreal. He has not yet decided where he will commence the practice of his profession.

—There was a very large attendance and many beautiful flowers at the funeral of the late Mrs. Chas. Davies, which took place this morning from the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Rev. Father Althoff conducted the services there and at the cemetery, and the following assisted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. Wilson, C. Lear, J. King, T. Darcey, R. Curry, and P. Kirby.

—The funeral of the late Herbert Duncan McLeod, who was a victim of a railway accident at Butte, Montana, took place yesterday from the residence of Mr. W. Clarke, 92 Niagara street, Rev. D. McRae conducting the services. The following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. W. C. Wilson, W. F. Fraser, H. Matthews, E. A. Campbell, F. A. Graham and J. Aden.

—The following are candidates at the McGill University Matriculation Examinations which opened yesterday in St. Andrew's schoolroom, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., being presiding examiner: Joseph Douglas, Joseph Hunter, E. McMicking, D. S. Scholefield, J. W. B. Hanington, R. B. Powell, A. Langley, A. Robertson, and R. and W. N. Musgrave, of Duncan.

—Most of the Sunday schools of the city are preparing to hold their annual picnics on the first of July, as no other events are announced locally for that day. The Methodists schools have chartered a special train and will go to Bazan Bay; the Presbyterian schools will go to Ferndale on the E. & N. road, and Calvary Baptist school will picnic as usual at Kanaka ranch.

—There was a row on the C. P. N. wharf last night by which the city is the richer by about $60. About twenty Chinamen, who had been hired by a Chinese contractor to work in northern canneries, had conveyed their baggage to the wharf preparatory to shipping for Vancouver and thence north. Notwithstanding that the contractor had told Collector Winsby that he had hired no men, Mr. Winsby swooped down on the men and seized their baggage. In spite of their protests the collector was inexorable, and finally the contractor paid over the tax of $3 per man, and the baggage was released.

—A meeting was held last night in the reading room of the Provincial library to organize a branch of the University Extension Association in Victoria. The meeting was very successful, and it was decided to commence at once a course of political economy Mr. Arthur Crease occupied the chair pro tem. The following officers were elected: President, Col. Gregory; vice-president, Rev. Leslie Clay; leader, Rev. Canon Beanlands; secretary, E. O. S. Scholefield. Associated with these gentlemen on the executive committee will be Messrs. E. B. Paul, Arthur Crease and J. H. Lawson. Regular weekly meetings will be held in the future. The object of the association is to encourage learning among those who are unable to take a university course. By the means of this association a chance to take an advanced course of study on many subjects is afforded to those who otherwise would be unable to obtain this boon.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—Henry Wilson, of Springfield avenue, Victoria West, eldest son of Mr. Henry Wilson, died at St. Joseph's hospital this morning, aged 23. Deceased was a native of Essex, England. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

—Theodore and W. J. Ludgate, whose effort to secure Deadman's Island, have made that bit of land historical, are in Tacoma, and the chamber of commerce there are using every effort to induce them to locate in that city.

—The funeral of the late W. B. Hutchison, which takes place to-morrow afternoon, will in all probability be one of the most largely attended ever held here. Mr. Hutchison was a member of several fraternal societies, among them the A. O. F. and the Eagles, and enjoyed the very highest opinion of all who knew him. The orders mentioned will attend the funeral in a body.

—To-day the workmen at the Elk Lake reservoir will complete the work of concreting the slopes and work has already commenced in removing the sediment from the brick bottom of the reservoir. It has been decided to concrete the bottom to a depth of several inches on the top of the brick. City Engineer Topp hopes to have filtered water in the mains by the first week in July.

—A pretty function took place at the Roman Catholic Cathedral last night at the closing meeting of the fair. Chief Sheppard, the defeated candidate in the popularity contest, was standing modestly near the door when he was called to the platform. The successful competitor, Chief Deasy, on behalf of the clergy and congregation, presented him with a stout ebony staff surmounted with a head of gold. In a felicitous speech the fire chief referred to the friendly contest through which they had both passed and of the good nature with which it had been conducted. Chief Sheppard, on rising to respond, received a veritable ovation, which showed that if he did not win the coveted ring he was no mean antagonist for the palm of popularity. A graceful reference to the enterprise displayed by Archbishop Christie during his residence in the city was received with a storm of cheers which showed the warm place His Grace holds in the hearts of his people.

—The trackmen in the employ of the B. C. Electric Railway Company were agreeably surprised a few days since when upon opening their pay envelopes for May they found the company had restored the old wage of $2 a day, which ruled several years ago. Owing to the hard times the rate was reduced to $1.75, a figure which the men have considered rather low, but against which no protest was made. The action of the company was purely voluntary, and is on that account appreciated the more by their employees.

—To give an idea of the rise in value in American towns consequent upon railway construction it may be mentioned that on Monday last sixteen acres of state tide-lands at Port Angeles, just across the Straits, were sold by public auction at the rate of $610 an acre—most of the purchases being on account of eastern investors. Less than two months ago, and before railway building was begun, forty acres of similarly situated land were sold at private vendue at $275 per acre. Monday's sale, which disposed of the last piece of Angeles tide-land in the hands of the state, shows an advance of 115 per cent. within 60 days.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The butcher shops were all closed yesterday afternoon, a mutual arrangement having been concluded among them. The custom will be observed all summer.

—A fisherman named Michael Connors states that while passing Clover Point yesterday he saw the body of a man floating in the water. He brought his sloop round as quickly as possible but was unable to find the remains.

—As Dr. Fletcher will only be able to give three weeks to the province, Mr. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, finds it impossible to accede to all the requests received for meetings. Dr. Fletcher will be accompanied to the coast by his daughter.

—Next Sunday's excursion via the E. & N. railroad will probably be the biggest of the series, as the crowd will be augmented by a large number of the Seattle wheelmen who will visit Victoria on that day. Trains will leave for Goldstream at 9 a. m. and at 2 p. m., leaving Goldstream for Victoria at 5, 6, and 7:30 p. m.

—The timbers which impede the course of the Arm under the Gorge bridge were the cause of another mishap last night. A solitary boatman, in attempting to pass through the Gorge came to grief on them and was overturned into the water. He clambered out on the timbers, and after some difficulty the boat was recovered.

—The residence of Mr. James Parfitt, 102 North Chatham street, was the scene of a pretty home wedding last evening, the principals being Mr. B. Lewis and Miss Eveline H. Parfitt, Rev. J. C. Speer tying the nuptial knot. C. E. Ray supported his friend the groom, while Miss Bertha M. Hall was maid of honor. Many beautiful and useful presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis intend making their home on Niagara street.

—At the meeting of the officers of the First Battalion yesterday it was decided to accept the invitation of the Vancouver battalion to be their guests during the Dominion Day celebration. It was decided to devote two days to the outing, going up on Friday night and returning on Sunday. Because of its distance from the city, Brocklen Point was not regarded favorably for camping, and if arrangement can be made the First will sleep in the drill hall during their stay.

—One of the largest private funerals ever held in Victoria was that of the late W. B. Hutchison this afternoon. In addition to a large number of friends of the family, the A. O. F. and the Fraternal Order of Eagles turned out in bodies, there being also many members of the Vintners' Association to pay the last mark of respect to the deceased. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Rev. Dr. Wilson, of the Reformed Episcopal church, read the services over the remains, which were laid to rest by P. Crombie, A. F. Adams, T. Brooks, J. W. Robinson, C. W. Ruckhaber and H. Maynard.

—The new pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Rev. J. G. Hastings, arrived in the city last evening and will occupy the pulpit at both services on Sunday. Mr. Hastings comes here from Moosomin, N. W. T., and is delighted with the change from the inclement and trying climate of the territories to the more enjoyable conditions at the coast. Mr. Hastings has had twenty years experience in the ministry, ten years in Canada and ten in the States. He was stationed in Chicago and the suburbs for several years, and enjoys the very highest reputation as a speaker, in fact he was invited to deliver the memorial sermon on Decoration Day to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, his expenses on the journey from Moosomin to Chicago and return being defrayed by his admirers. Mr. Hastings is accompanied by his wife and boy, and will make his residence temporarily with Mr. Spofford, North Pembroke street. On Wednesday evening the congregation will tender the new pastor a formal reception, invitations being sent to the pastors of other churches to meet him.

A LITTLE LIGHT.

Every young woman needs a little light upon the subject of health. There is far too much new-fashioned prudery among mothers. Every young woman should have explained to her the supreme necessity of keeping herself pure and wholesome and free from weakness and disease in a womanly way.

Her general health, her future happiness, her good looks, her physical strength, her capability as a wife and mother, and the health and strength of generations to come are dependent upon this.

Nothing in the world will destroy the good looks, wholesomeness, the amiability, and the usefulness of a woman quicker than disorders of the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all medicines for women who are ailing in this way. It makes a woman strong and healthy where a woman most needs health and strength. It relieves pain, soothes inflammation, heals ulceration and gives rest and tone to the tortured nerves. It cures all the ills and pains too commonly considered an uncomfortable inheritance of womankind. It has been used for over thirty years with an unbroken record of success. More of it has been sold than of all the other medicines for women combined. It is the discovery of Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. He will cheerfully answer, without charge, all letters from ailing women.

"Three years ago," writes Mrs. J. N. Messler, of 1794 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, N. Y., "the best physicians in this city said there was no cure for me—unless I would go to a hospital and have an operation performed. I could not walk across the room. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and after three bottles I could work, walk and ride."

Torpid liver and constipation are surely and speedily cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They never gripe. They regulate, tone up and invigorate the liver, stomach and bowels. No substitute urged by mercenary dealers is as good.

THE LICENSING BOARD.

List of Applications Being Heard at This Afternoon Sitting.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Victoria City Board of Licensing Commissioners is being held this afternoon. The following applications are before them for adjustment:

Transfer of license of the Telegraph Hotel, Store street, from Chas. De La Haye and Fred. Sturin to Fred. Sturin.

Empire Hotel, Johnston street, from A. P. Briggs to G. S. Walker.

Mirror Saloon, corner Yates and Broad streets, from E. E. Leeson to Alf. H. Tyson.

Commercial Hotel, Douglas street, from E. Nash to Wm. Field.

Everett's Exchange Saloon, Esquimalt road, from Fred. Smith to Jos. Ball.

Rock Bay Hotel, from F. J. Brock to G. B. Harrison.

Colonist Hotel, Beacon Hill, from Ed. Smith to Alf. Wood.

Hotel Victoria, Government street, from J. C. Voss to J. C. Voss and E. G. Luson.

New York Hotel (Dawson Hotel), Yates street, from M. White to John Michel.

Jubilee Saloon, Johnson street, from John McPherson and Hugh Simpson to F. E. Newberger.

Boomerang Saloon, Langley avenue, from Sarah Jensen to H. C. Man.

Garrick's Head Saloon, Bastion street, from J. Johnson to M. Powers.

Klondike Saloon, Johnson and Blanchard streets, from Geo. Stelly to B. Gouge.

Louvre Saloon, from S. Edmonds to John Parker.

Elk Saloon, Douglas street, from Jos. A. Rogers to L. Dickinson.

Empire Hotel, from G. G. Walker to Alex. Lipsky.

Telegraph Hotel—Temporary permission for transfer from Charles de la Haye and Fred Sturm to Fred Sturm, ratified and further extended until the next quarterly sitting of the commission.

Empire Hotel—Temporary permission for transfer from A. P. Briggs to E. G. Walker, and from E. G. Walker to Alfred Lipsky, ratified and extended until the next quarterly sitting of the commission.

Mirror Saloon (now Manhattan)—Transfer granted from E. E. Leason to Alfred H. Tyson.

Commercial Hotel—Transfer granted from Edward Nash to William Field.

Everett's Exchange—Transfer granted from Frederick Smith to Joseph Ball.

Rock Bay Hotel—Transfer granted from F. J. Brock to G. B. Harrison.

Colonist Hotel—Transfer granted from "Denver" Edward Smith to Alfred Wood.

Hotel Victoria—Transfer granted from J. C. Voss to J. C. Voss and E. E. Leason.

New York Hotel — Transfer granted from (Mrs.) Margaret White to John Michel.

Jubilee Saloon—Transfer granted from John McPherson and Hugh Simpson to Frederick E. Newberger.

Boomerang Saloon—Transfer granted from (Mrs.) Sarah Jensen to Henry C. Marr.

Garrick Head Saloon—Transfer granted from John Johnson to Michael Powers.

Klondike Saloon — Transfer granted from George Stelly to Bertram Gouge.

Louvre Saloon—Temporary permission ratified and extended until the next sitting of the commission for transfer of George Edmonds' interest in the license privileges to his partner, John Parker.

Elk Saloon — Temporary permission ratified and extended until the next sitting of the court for transfer from Joseph A. Rogers to L. Dickenson.

The board for the South Victoria district met in the Provincial police office at 2 o'clock, the commissioners being George Sangster, chairman, and George Deans. Sergeant John M. Langley was in attendance as chief license commissioner.

Applications for renewals of hotel licenses were made and granted as follows:

Wm. Chas. Ferneyhough, Victoria Gardens Hotel.

W. M. Clayton, Stevens Hotel, Saanich road.

J. W. Rowland, Burnside Hotel, Burnside road.

John Camp, Prairie Tavern, Saanich road.

J. A. Virtue, Oak Bay.

L. Duval, Royal Oak.

Ed. Davis, The Willows.

FRENCH CABINET CRISIS.

Paris, June 13.—M. Poincare has declined to accept the premiership, but has intimated to President Loubet that he might enter a cabinet presided over by M. Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber of deputies, who had previously been in conference with M. Loubet.

M. Poincare and Deschannel are conferring with their friends this evening and will return to the Elysee at ten o'clock to-morrow morning to report the result.

President Loubet's predilection is for M. Waldeck Rousseau, who has been summoned to return to Paris as soon as possible. M. Waldeck Rousseau is a staunch defender of Dreyfus.

Provincial Gazette

A Long List of Appointments Announced This Week.

A Boiler Inspector Chosen—New Companies—The Official Budget.

The weekly Gazette, which will be issued to-night, will contain the following announcements:

The head office of the Whitewater Mines, Limited, has been removed from Nelson to Kaslo, and Geo. Alexander has been appointed agent in place of J. R. Robertson.

M. A. Wilson, merchant tailor of Rossland, has assigned to Ed. Baellie. The creditors meet on June 29th at 4 o'clock.

The following new school districts have been created: Prairie, Belmont, Spring Brook, Langley.

A special general meeting of the Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company will be held at Vancouver on July 17th at 4 p.m. to consider the disposal of the company's assets, and to consider means of raising money to proceed with development work.

F. C. Gamble, inspector of Dykes, is calling for tenders for clearing the site of the proposed dyke at Chilliwack. Tenders will be received up to Friday, June 30th.

The extra provincial companies licensed are as follows: Tracy Creek Mining Co., of Spokane, capital $10,000; local office Fort Steele; R. O. Jennings attorney. Montreal Boundary Creek Mining Company, Limited, of St. John, New Brunswick, capital $2,000,000; local office, Greenwood; Chas. Pringle, attorney.

The council of public instruction has been pleased to make the following appointments: Mr. Burns, B. A., Nelson, and E. Stuart Wood, of Kamloops, to be sub-examiners, to preside at the examination for teachers' certificates in Nelson and Kamloops respectively, and to assign marks to candidates in reading.

The following companies have been incorporated: The Bendigo Gold Mining Company, Limited, of Rossland, capital $100,000. Wurzburg & Company, Limited, of Vancouver, capital $50,000. Similkameen Copper Mining Company, Limited, of Rossland, capital $1,000,000. British-American Consolidated Gold & Silver Mining Company of British Columbia, Limited, of Rossland, capital $1,500,000. Boundary Creek Copper Mines, Limited, of Greenwood, capital $250,000.

Sealed tenders will be received by W. S. Gore, deputy commissioner of lands and works, up to July 7th, for the erection and completion of school buildings at Greenwood, Ashcroft, Slocan, Revelstoke and Fernie. Specifications may be seen after 23rd of June at Victoria, Vancouver, Ashcroft, Revelstoke, Vernon, Greenwood, Nelson, Slocan, Fort Steele and Fernie.

Hon. Fred. Hume gives notice that gold commissioners and mining recorders are instructed to forward to the minister of mines on the first day of each month a complete list of all the free miners' certificates issued from their respective offices during the preceding month, showing the name of the holder, the number of the certificate, the date of issue and the date of expiry. Such returns to commence from the 1st of May.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has been pleased to depute Hon. C. A. Semlin to execute marriage licenses or money warrants, under any statute of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia during the absence of His Honor from the seat of government.

His Honor has made the following appointments:

Thomas Mathews, of Vancouver, to be official administrater for the county of Vancouver, vice J. D. Byrne.

J. H. Whittome, of Duncans, to be a notary public for Nanaimo county.

F. W. Laing, of Nelson, to be a clerk in the office of the government agent in that city.

John Peck, of New Westminster, to be inspector of steam boilers under the Steam Boiler Inspection Act, 1899; such appointment to take effect on July 1st, 1899.

Jas. Maitland-Dougall, of Duncan, to be assessor and collector under the Assessment Act and a collector under the Revenue Tax Act for Cowichan, and a registrar under the the Marriage Act, vice H. O. Wellburn.

Alan Forester, of Rossland, to be a notary public for the county of Kootenay.

The name of John Walter Weart, J. P., of Burnaby, is as described, and not as per Gazette of May 23rd.

Thomas O'Connell, of Nanaimo, to be a member of the board of commissioners of police for the said city.

W. Trail Heddle, of Nanaimo, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners for the said city.

Edwin R. Atherton, of Sandon, alderman, to be a member of the boards of licensing commissioners and commissioners of police for the said city.

Alfred C. Flumerfelt, Cuyler A. Holland, and Richard Low Drury, of Victoria, to be directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.

George C. Tunstall and W. H. Evans, of Kamloops, to be directors of the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops.

John Bowron, of Barkerville, government agent, to be a director of the Royal Cariboo Hospital, Barkerville.

Alfred Edw. Bull, of Vancouver, barrister-at-law, to be a notary public within and for the province of British Columbia.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of Mr. Ernest Crompton, M.R.C.S., of Victoria, of the office of coroner.

Mr. P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.