

PIONEERS AROUND FESTIVE BOARD

ANNUAL BANQUET WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Large Attendance, Excellent Speeches and Good Programme the Factors of Success.

About seventy-five guests were present at the thirty-third annual dinner of the B. C. Pioneer Society, which was held on Friday at the Victoria hotel.

The banquet was carried through in a most successful manner, the arrangements being perfect. Miss Heston is to be congratulated upon the careful preparations made.

The toasts of "The King" and the "Queen, Prince of Wales and Royal Family" were proposed by the president and responded to in the usual patriotic manner.

Next on the list was "The President of the United States," proposed by the president and responded to by United States Consul Smith in a brief but interesting speech.

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It was one of the ablest rulers in the world, and Mr. Smith expressed the hope that next year he would be able to announce his re-election to the exalted office he held.

References were then made to the phenomenal growth of the States since the Declaration of Independence. The most important historical events were touched upon including the civil war and the consequent abolition of slavery.

Coming down to the present time he spoke of the recent settlement of the Alaska Boundary, and expressed the opinion that no feeling of animosity between the two great Anglo-Saxon races should be allowed to arise out of the result of the arbitration of this question.

Turning his attention to the trouble between Colombia and the United States regarding the Isthmus of Panama, he held that the States were doing something that would redound to the benefit of all nations, especially Great Britain.

When the States first negotiated for the right to build a canal across the Isthmus, 600,000,000 together with the annual payment of about \$20,000. This was a very fair proposal.

However, the Colombia government "tried to hold us up." This would not have been the case had the States had what they wanted.

In conclusion he paid a tribute to the history of Victoria, remarking that he had lived here eight and a half years, and would like to stay that much longer.

Upon request, ex-Mayor Redfern sang "Riding on the Old Pack Mule." The "Governor-General" was proposed by Vice-President Hayward, and responded to with enthusiasm.

The "Midshipman" was sung by T. Wootton, the chorus being taken up heartily by those present.

J. W. Carey, ex-Mayor of Victoria, proposed the toast of the "Dominion Senate, Commons and Provincial Legislative Assembly." It was 40 years since he had come to British Columbia.

DEBATE BECOMES SOMEWHAT LIVELY

STORMY BREEZE ON SEALING INDUSTRY

Mr. Morley's Resolution Carries at the Board of Trade Meeting After Long and Keen Fight.

The Board of Trade meeting Friday night to discuss A. J. Morley's resolution on the sealing question lasted till 11 o'clock, and at times promised to become stormy, but they were only "cats-paws" that momentarily ruffled the sea of debate.

Mr. Higgins objected that the previous question could not be put while there was a resolution before the meeting. He held that Mr. Morley was trying to burk discussion.

Mr. Milne supported this. Mr. Morley said the reason for his motion was that there was an intention not to allow this question to come to a vote. The interests of the country had not been properly safeguarded in this question.

Mr. Shallock—No, no! Mr. Morley—if Mr. Shallock were as energetic to safeguard the interests of the country as is the Hon. American expert opinion on the subject, it would be better.

Mr. Luginj objected to the attitude assumed by Mr. Morley. S. J. Pitts objected to the preamble of Mr. Morley's resolution, and therefore would vote for the amendment.

W. Walker objected to Mr. Morley's attempt to burk discussion. The question had been already properly dealt with in the letters sent forward. It was only fair if the sealing were suspended for a number of years that those engaged in the business should be recompensed. He favored the amendment.

Mr. Shallock, in reply to Mr. Morley said the figures he had quoted were gained from Canadian sources. He took exception to the preamble to Mr. Morley's resolution, which seemed to point to the interests of the sealers of Victoria being antagonistic to the interests of Victoria. He would support Mr. Higgins' amendment.

Phil. R. Smith said there had been no denial of the rumor that the sealing company were negotiating in their own interests only.

Jas. Symons said the more he thought of the subject the more he was convinced that the safeguarding of the country's interests had been sufficiently looked after in the letters already gone forward.

Anton Henderson held that the industry belonged to the people, and should not be controlled in the interests of a few companies.

A. St. G. Flint expressed his views in favor of Mr. Morley's resolution. J. W. Forrester did not like the resolutions going forward one after another, and if the board did not know its own mind.

J. A. Grant opposed Mr. Higgins' amendment. It was clear that those who were seeking to stop this industry were not Canadians.

Mr. Milne took the view that if the industry were tied up for a period there should be some recompense to those now engaged in the industry.

W. O'Brien said the chief reason he had against Mr. Morley's resolution was that the subject had been well digested. Capt. Cox did not believe there was any intention of the United States to pay for the cessation of pelagic sealing.

He recalled the history of the sealers since 1880, when the United States began to harass the sealers. Later came the Behring Sea arbitration. He pointed out the extraordinary methods the United States had used to get evidence against the Canadian sealing industry.

COAL AND OIL LANDS.

Resolution Adopted at Meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade.

Rossland, Dec. 3.—The Associated Boards of Trade was in session again today. The resolutions dealt with were as follows:

Resolved that an import duty should be paid on American rough lumber brought into Canada.

Resolved that the government be petitioned to make maps of unoccupied lands in the outlying districts of the province.

The resolution by the Fernie board condemning the Canadian Pacific for failure to discharge duties as common carriers in connection with the East Kootenay coke and coal industry did not secure a second and was dropped.

Resolved, that the provincial government be petitioned to grant cash subsidies to all branch railroads, and special attention directed to the case of the proposed Kootenay Central line.

A discussion on the East Kootenay coal and oil lands resulted in resolutions denouncing the policy of locking up the lands, and urging the government to throw the territory open and adjudicate upon the rights of bona fide locators and to safeguard the interests of the province in respect thereof.

A resolution urging the abolition of the two per cent. tax on ores was reaffirmed unanimously.

The Federal government was thanked for granting the land bounty. The Fernie board's resolution, requesting legislation to make lumber mill products liable to mechanic's lien was given the six months' hoist.

The Rossland resolutions asking for the reserve of public lands for school purposes carried; also resolved to ask for free oil for concentrating purposes.

The last session of the convention takes place to-night. Next year's meeting will be held in Nelson.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Vancover, Dec. 5.—Third Mate Haskech of the Athenian, was found dead in bed this morning from heart failure.

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The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, B. C., and David Mackenzie Elzerts, whose address is Victoria, B. C., is the attorney of the Company under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and three.

MOANA IN DRYDOCK.

Ship May Require a Couple of Weeks For Repairs.

A board of survey, consisting of James Fowler, Lloyd's surveyor, Vancouver; Capt. J. G. Cox, Lloyd's local representative; J. MacGowan, chief engineer of the C. P. R. and J. A. Thomson, strait-boiler inspector, is Saturday making an examination of the injuries to the hull of the steamer Moana in dry dock.

The ship was docked Friday, and a casual investigation reveals more serious damage done than was expected. Several plates forward on the port side and in line almost directly beneath the wheelhouse have been badly dented.

At least four or five will, it is said, have to be removed and straightened. On the garboard streak many rivets have been started, and when the dock was first pumped out the ship leaked badly.

One of the keelsons is twisted in one place. The rudder post is broken at the point where it joins with the projecting keel beneath the propeller, and a piece is missing, probably a couple of feet long. The hull, too, is jammed out of position, and all the points of the propeller blades are missing.

An interesting fact in connection with the propeller is that pieces had previously been brained on the blades, but the break in each case occurred beyond where the welding had previously been done.

New blades will now be placed in their stead, but the work requiring greatest attention will be the repair of the rudder post. Only a limited number of men can be employed in the making of these, and for this reason it is thought that the Moana will be in dock at least two weeks.

The cost of repairs is roughly estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

MY SWEET ONE, AWAKE!

My sweet one, wake! The day has opened wide his eyes. So great him now a glad surprise. The lark has called thee from the sky. To do those things he loves so well.

My sweet one, wake! The breeze is waiting here for thee. To greet thee from the suppling sea. The roses droop disconsolate. And all the blooms expectant wait.

My sweet one, wake! For I can see no beauty rare. The garden is but cold and bare. Till thou dost choose it to adorn. And bring me to a joyful morn.

AN ACHING BACK.

The Trouble Usually Due to Impure Blood and Clogged Kidneys. This is a dangerous condition. It is dangerous to your health. It is dangerous to your life.

Dr. W. Higgins expressed himself sympathetically with Mr. Ker. He had looked into the matter and found that the company had no monopoly of the sealing business.

It was a fact that the sealing fleet might be moved to Vancouver or some other port at any time. He had an idea that if the Dominion government were approached with Mr. Morley's resolution it would do more harm than good.

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During the annual fair at Nishni-Novgorod more than 2,700 persons had, according to the Russian paper Volgar, to be medically treated for wounds received in the course of free fights, while more than 2,500 persons were picked up in the streets helplessly drunk.

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MAN SUFFOCATED

Sydney Landridge was found on board his own boat on Sunday morning. He had been seen by Captain Gates, who was in the boat with him, and was found dead in the cabin, who was killed by the smoke of the boiler.

MISSING PASSENGER

Failure to Locate Two Women—Did They Live?

Seattle, Dec. 8.—San Juan Is. claims say the steamer C from Seattle this morning sentengers missing. When Mrs. Harry E. Oldt and her two children were seen on the steamer after port. A few hours later he was found.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE. General French, Little Bobs, Baden Powell, General White, Sirhan Mineral Claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Renfrew District.

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MINISTER RESENTS THE

Hon. Clifford Sifton on Question of Imperial Preference

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, has today expressed his disapproval of the Imperial Club here last week. He said that the club's preference for British goods was a matter of national policy, and that the government would not support such a club.

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