

TENDERS FOR CITY SUPPLIES OPENED

AND REFERRED TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Legislation Sought to Settle Songhees Indian Reserve—Sea Encroachments on Cemetery.

Tenders were opened at Monday's weekly meeting of the city council for the usual corporation supplies. Among other important matters receiving the attention of the civic solons was the Songhees reserve question, and a report from a special committee regarding the encroachment of the sea on Ross Bay cemetery.

The council did not sit until 8:30 A. M. Hall being alone on hand in the council chamber at 8:15 p. m. In the order of business the first communication read was from the secretary of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, asking for the names of the councilmen who will act on the executive of that association this year.

On motion of Ald. Oddy the old members were reappointed.

E. T. Lory applied for the position of janitor of the new library. Laid on the table.

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron made application for any surplus books left over from the old library for the South Ward school. Tabled.

The city clerk of Revelstoke enclosed a copy of a resolution that certain property in the city be not registered. The letter was received and filed.

E. J. Beney, city clerk of Fernie, forwarded a copy of resolutions passed by the council there and asking that the Municipal Clauses Act be amended. Referred to legislative committee for report.

R. Chapman reported that a milk ranch on Lansdowne road was proving a nuisance. Referred to sanitary officer for report.

City Clerk Dowler reported that the following communications had been received since the last meeting of the city council, and referred to city engineer for report:

Mrs. J. Luney, asking that a sidewalk be laid down on Queen's avenue, north side.

W. D. Adams, calling attention to the unsanitary condition of the open ditches along the George road.

Mrs. Jessie Cameron, asking that a crossing be laid on Fort street, opposite the Redmond theatre.

Chris. J. Low, renewing request for a sidewalk on the north side of Niagara street, between Carr and South Turner streets.

H. A. Ross, directing attention to the condition of Kingston street, James Bay, between Oswego and Menzies streets.

A. Brakes, desiring the extension of the sidewalk on Shakespeare street northward.

L. N. Anderson, re sidewalk on Maple street.

W. D. Scovell et al, requesting that certain improvements be made to Dudley avenue in the way of removing the brush therefrom, and the avenue be put in passable condition, and that a drain be constructed along the east side of said avenue.

Received and filed.

The city engineer reported that he had authorized an improvement to a drain on King's road at a cost of \$200. Approved.

The sanitary officer and building inspector reported as follows:

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 30th, 1905. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—We would respectfully report on the condition of the following buildings:

First—A shed at the rear of lot No. 107, block 3, and facing Blanchard street, assessed in the name of Mr. George Stealy.

Second—Shed and barn on the rear end of lot 108, block 3, facing Johnson street; also a large shed on the rear of lot 90, block 3, facing Johnson street. These two lots are assessed in the name of Mr. S. T. Styles.

Third—Three old one-story buildings on the rear of lot 572, block 3, facing Yates street, assessed in the name of Mr. R. Hall.

Fourth—Two 2-story frame buildings, with sheds and outhouses in the rear, on parts of lots 422 and 423, block 2, facing Broad street; assessed in the name of Mrs. Esser Estate, and Messrs. Heisterman & Co. as agents.

Fifth—1 1/2-story frame building on the north part of lot 658, block U, facing Broad street, and assessed in the name of the Metropolitan Estate Co., Messrs. Lee & Fraser, agents.

street be planned in a state of repair. Referred to city engineer for report.

Tenders for groceries, cordwood and other supplies were opened as follows:

For cordwood—John W. Speed and Josiah Bull, \$5.10 per cord; John P. Piercy, \$5.25. The former tender was accepted.

For hauling coal—John Hagerty, \$1 per ton, to North Dairy pumping station, 50 cents to the Yates street station; Jones & Rosie, 97 1/2c; and 40c; Port & DeVerno, 95c, and 40c. The latter tender was accepted.

For bricks—Baker Bros., \$7 per thousand; Jennings, \$6.75 and M. Humber \$6.45.

These, with numerous tenders for other supplies, were referred to committee after being opened.

The cemetery committee reported that a portion of the property facing the sea had been carried away, and recommended that the city engineer be asked to report on the best method for preventing further encroachments of the sea. Carried.

The same committee recommended that the charges heretofore imposed for the burial of pauper Indians be not enforced. The recommendation was based on a letter from A. W. Vowell, of the Indian department complaining of the high charges.

Ald. Stewart considered that the request did not look good coming from the department.

Ald. Oddy said there was no such man as pauper Indians. They were all wards of the government.

Ald. Fullerton pointed out that there had been very few, and the committee thought it was unfair to charge for pauper Indian graves and not for other pauper graves.

Ald. Fell thought that those in the Indian office had time to burn to write such letters.

Referred back to the committee.

The Home for the Aged and Infirm committee recommended the admittance of Joseph Reily to the institution.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts totalling \$1,435.55. Adopted.

Ald. Hanna moved as follows: That whereas the corporation is advised by the city barrister that in order to effect a settlement of the Songhees Indian reserve question it is necessary that legislation should be passed by the Dominion parliament authorizing a disposition of the rights of the Indians, whether in esse or in futuro, and also that legislation be passed by the legislative assembly of the province authorizing a sale of the land free from encumbrances.

Therefore be it resolved, That the corporation of the city of Victoria humbly requests the Dominion and provincial governments to bring in legislation accordingly.

The mover said that after considering the matter, he thought that this was the proper method for settling the reserve question. The Indians would never be of use according to the law, and the Dominion government was the party which should take the initiative in dealing with them.

Ald. Hall thought it rather strange that the Dominion government should refer the matter to the provincial government if it came within the former's sphere to deal with it.

Ald. Fall said it would be no good if the Indians did go. Nothing could be done with the land until proper legislation was obtained, and this would have to be in a kind of triangular shape.

The motion carried.

The motion of Ald. Goodacre that the Municipal Assessment Act for 1904 was again adopted.

Tenders for carbons will be called for at once.

The Yates Street Debutante By-Law, 1905, was then finally passed, and the council adjourned.

JAPS HAVE SEIZED STEAMER WYFIELD

Vessel, Which is Registered Here, Was Bound for Vladivostok With Contraband.

Another Victoria registered ship has fallen prey to the Japanese. She is the British steamship Wyfield, which a dispatch from Tokio today reports was captured yesterday off Heikaido island, northern Japan, while en route to Vladivostok with contraband for the Russians.

The Wyfield is loaded from San Francisco, and was caught in almost the same place as the M. S. Dollar a few days ago.

The ship is so well known to local shipping that it is hardly necessary to mention that she has been employed in the coal carrying business on this coast for a number of years. A few years ago she was given a Victoria registry when transferred from a shipping firm in the East to the Western Steamship Company, of Nanaimo. The deal was through R. P. Rithet & Company, of this city. The company buying have been organized specially to complete the purchase.

The Wyfield is a vessel of 3,225 tons, and makes a valuable prize. She is of steel, 329 feet long by 45 beam, and 16 feet depth of hold. The Japs have been looking for the ship for some time. In fact it was announced several days ago that she would be taken. At the same time it was mentioned that the Tacoma was likely to be seized, and news of the latter is now awaited.

SCHOONER ASHORE.

Port Townsend, Jan. 31.—Schooner David Evans, 745 tons, Capt. White, lumber laden from Everett, for San Francisco, went ashore near Point No Point yesterday. The small tug Enola, of this port, an Elk, of Tacoma, happened along and took a pull at the beached schooner, but could not budge her. The Enola proceeded to Port Gamble, from where a telephone message was sent to Point Barrow for assistance. The large tug Pioneer went to the rescue this morning, and it is thought will have no trouble getting the schooner off. The beach where she is ashore is soft and the schooner is probably unharmed.

CHURCHES WILL BE ASKED TO HELP

IN FIGHT AGAINST THE WHITE PLAGUE

Anti-Tuberculosis Society Held Regular Meeting Yesterday and Discussed Matters of Importance.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society held a meeting in the city hall Monday afternoon. There was a fair attendance, and the members manifested great enthusiasm in the work of the organization. Mrs. Roche-Robertson presided.

Dr. Fagan advised the asking of the various clergymen of the city to do what they could towards co-operating in fixing a Sunday to be called the Tuberculosis day. One that day special attention could be called to this subject. The benefits from this would be very great. He moved in this direction.

Rev. A. Ewing was in accord with this. He said that the subject would be brought up at the next meeting of the Ministerial Association. He lamented the fact that so little was known with respect to this disease. It was the duty of the churches to aid in this work. He pointed out a difficulty in taking up collections. He advised having envelopes prepared and forwarded to the churches to be used for taking up the contributions to the fund.

It was decided to ask the churches to do this.

Dr. Fagan during the course of the meeting drew attention to the fact that the society was not for ladies alone. Gentlemen were asked also to join.

Dr. Fagan mentioned that there was a false impression prevailing with respect to consumption. The teaching which had been so long in vogue that the disease was hereditary had done much in this way. It was a fact, however, that consumption was not hereditary. It was given by the patient to the healthy subject. Knowing this, the public could be assured that they never needed to contract consumption. It was the duty of the society to do what it could towards enlightening the public on this subject. He proposed that a series of lectures, say one each month, should be given under the auspices of the society. He proposed that these should be given by the doctors of the city before the school pupils. He suggested the appointment of a committee to take this subject up. By means of these lectures the public could be instructed in what steps to take to avoid the contraction of the disease and the cure of it, if effected.

A committee was appointed to take this subject up.

The president advised approaching the city council with the purpose of asking for the enforcement of the by-law respecting spitting. The other women's societies might also take similar action.

Dr. Fagan speaking to this, said that there was a great deal of misunderstanding with respect to this habit. It was unnecessary to spit. Dr. Fagan said: "Why did men spit when women did not?"

"They chew tobacco," interjected one of the ladies present.

Dr. Fagan said if spitting could be stopped a great advance could be made in fighting consumption.

It was decided to ask the city council to enforce the by-law referred to.

It was agreed that monthly meetings of the society should be held. It was decided that these should be held on the second Monday at 4 o'clock.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Barker, showing the receipts and expenditure in connection with the concert given in the opera house in aid of the society. This showed that the receipts were \$512.55, the expenses \$102, leaving a balance on hand of \$410.55.

The report was adopted and motion of Dr. Fagan a vote of thanks was accorded the concert committee for its labors.

Dr. Fagan before the close of the meeting outlined the work which had been undertaken. The consumptive was precluded from all public institutions. Some time ago he had approached moneyed men with the object in view of getting funds to provide a sanatorium. The trouble met with was that these men said: How are you going to maintain the institution when it is built? You will then be coming to us to keep it going.

That was the reason for the attempt to raise funds to keep the institution after it was built. Referring to the funds that had been raised in various ways, he said that \$1,151 had been promised. This would be paid yearly for ten years. The whole province would be concerned in this way before June, when the work of collection would cease, and work would be done.

Mrs. Grant suggested that a proposal might be made to erect a tent on the hospital grounds for the treatment of a case mentioned when Neil Grant, about time he was formerly been an inmate of the Protestant Orphans' Home, might be treated.

Mrs. Stuart Robertson suggested that they might get leave to establish the tent in connection with the reformatory.

The committee consisting of Messrs. Jenkins, Grant and Simpson, and Dr. Fagan will go into this subject and see if arrangements for a tent cannot be made with one of the institutions.

The president reported that Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dickinson had consented to give a dance for children and young people in aid of the fund to be given in Assembly hall on 24th February.

The president in introducing a card which had been prepared for circulation in soliciting subscriptions urged women to do all they could in this crusade against the white plague. If all helped in ten years' time this disease could be stamped out.

The meeting then adjourned.

Severe cold is being experienced in Italy. Moun' Vesuvius is covered with snow and rain at Palermo, Sicily, snow fell abundantly for the first time in 20 years.

INTERESTING LECTURE

Rev. W. W. Baer, of Nelson, lectured to between five and six hundred people in Centennial Methodist church Monday night on "Psychic Forces and Phenomena".

Suit Against Stevenson Withdrawn from Court—Transaction Will Not Affect Local Business.

Chris. Spencer, of the firm of D. Spencer, Ltd., of the city, left Monday evening for Vancouver for the purpose of settling up the details in connection with the amalgamation with Gordon Drysdale, of the firm of Drysdale, Stevenson & Co.

KOOTENAY SPORTSMEN PREPARE PETITION

Nelson Association Wants Game Act Amended at Forthcoming Session of Legislature.

Not only are the Fish and Game Clubs of Victoria and Vancouver interesting themselves in the introduction of measures for the better protection of game at the next session of the provincial legislature, but the newly organized Nelson association also intends taking active steps in the same direction.

Sportsmen will remember that a deputation of Victoria and Vancouver citizens waited upon the government last week, laid before Premier McBride and his colleagues the necessity for the amendment and more stringent enforcement of the Game Act in the strongest possible terms, and came away with the definite promise that an appropriation would be granted for the appointment of wardens.

Now comes a demand from residents of the Kootenay district for the following amendments in the interests of the game in that section of British Columbia:

The petition of the undersigned, residents of the districts of East and West Kootenay, humbly sheweth: 1. That the fish and game of the districts of East and West Kootenay form a valuable asset to this province and are now in great danger of extermination.

2. That the continuing forest fires, indiscriminate slaughter and inadequate protection. 3. That the game of these districts offer great inducements to tourists who annually come here in increasing numbers, and unless steps are promptly taken to protect the fish and game the province will lose the benefit of such tourist travel.

4. That the large quantities of trout are annually sold in the local markets and in the nearby towns of the United States, and the only reason for this is the wholesale depletion of our streams to make such sale illegal.

5. That pheasants and quail have recently been imported here, and a close season for three years should be imposed for their protection.

6. That many residents would act as game wardens without compensation, and the fire wardens for these districts could also be deputized as game wardens.

7. We would, therefore, humbly request the following amendments to the "Game Act": (a) Define "trout" in the act, as no definition thereof exists in the statute. (b) Make the sale of trout unlawful. (c) That the close season for deer be made the same as that for cariboo, and that no deer be sold until last October. (d) Make the sale of blue grouse unlawful. (e) That the right of fire miners to kill game be restricted to such times as they may be absolutely unable to obtain food in any other way. (f) Protect pheasants and quail for 3 years by a close season. (g) Amend section 15 of the "Game Act" so that non-residents shall only pay a license fee of \$10 in lieu of \$50. (h) Provide for the appointment of game wardens and that fire wardens and provincially constables shall act as game wardens. (i) Give the Lieutenant-Governor in council power to appoint such residents as are willing to act as game wardens without remuneration. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

ASSUMES MANAGEMENT.

S. J. Heald Takes Charge of West End Grocery—Presentation to Him Tuesday Evening.

Wednesday S. J. Heald assumed the management of the West End grocery on Government street. For 14 years Mr. Heald has been identified with the firm of Dixi Ross & Co., and during that time he has made himself popular with the public, his fellow employees and also with the firm which he served.

The popularity of Mr. Heald was manifested on Tuesday before he took leave of the firm he has served so long. The employees and representative of the firm gathered and presented him with an Albert chain and a locket, suitably inscribed. The chain was the gift of the firm, while the locket was presented by the employees of the house. The locket bears on one side the monogram of Mr. Heald, and on the other the date of his entering the employ of the house and his retirement from it. On the other side is the following inscription: "Presented to S. J. Heald by his fellow employees of Dixi H. Ross & Co. Victoria, B. C."

An illuminated address accompanied the present, and set forth the high esteem in which Mr. Heald has been held by his fellow employees. Compliments were paid to Mr. Heald for the consideration he had at all times shown as chief clerk to his associates.

His former employees joined with the staff in wishing Mr. Heald continued success in his new position.

Ingersoll, Jan. 31.—Disappointed in love, William Quinn, a Deecham farmer, aged about thirty-four years, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself.

D. SPENCER MAKES IMPORTANT DEAL

Suit Against Stevenson Withdrawn from Court—Transaction Will Not Affect Local Business.

The suit of Spencer vs. Stevenson has now been withdrawn from court. A settlement of the difficulties existing has been arrived at. C. E. Stevenson retires from the business and the firm of D. Spencer, Limited, acquires an interest in the Vancouver concern, which, under the name of Drysdale, Stevenson & Co., carries on business not only in the Terminal City, but also in Nanaimo and Ladysmith. When the suit was entered by the firm of D. Spencer, Limited, for the delivery of the shares due in the Vancouver business, it was for a controlling interest. With the settlement of the dispute out of court it is reasonable to suppose that the firm of D. Spencer gains the controlling interest.

Just what arrangements will be made members of the local firm are unable to say at present. The details in connection with the transaction have yet to be decided, and upon Chris. Spencer will devolve the principal share of that work. He will remain in Vancouver for some time until final arrangements have been made.

The firm of D. Spencer, Limited, has business places in Victoria and Nanaimo. Drysdale, Stevenson & Co. carry on trade in Vancouver, Nanaimo and Ladysmith. Only in Nanaimo do the original firms meet in opposition. It is not known what disposition will be made of the Nanaimo houses when a final working basis is arranged by the heads of the stores.

While little or no change is likely to be made in Victoria, where the firm of D. Spencer, Limited, still retain the full control, it is more than probable that the advent of the Victoria house to the Vancouver firm will mean a considerable extension of the business carried on in the Terminal City. At present the firm of Drysdale, Stevenson & Co. do not carry on business in nearly all the departments which are connected with the Victoria house of D. Spencer, Limited. It is quite likely that further additions of the lines of business may be made in Vancouver.

The extension of the business relations of D. Spencer, Limited, cannot fail to be of advantage to the purchasing public, both in Victoria and Vancouver. An increase in business will come additional advantages in buying from the manufacturers and wholesale dealers, which will have its benefits for the firm and in turn for its customers.

The local house of D. Spencer, Limited, has an enviable reputation for its business ability, extending beyond even British Columbia. With its entry into the Vancouver concern there will be brought to bear all the business experience of the firm and the energy which has even characterized its conduct of affairs. This will work to the advantage of the business life of Vancouver.

While Vancouver is to be benefited by the infusion of this new life, it is gratifying to know that in no way will the Victoria house be made to suffer. The firm will carry on its business here as in the past, with the additional advantage that customers will have the benefits arising from an increased purchase of goods by the firm.

D. E. Stevenson will leave for California immediately, and the firm of D. Spencer, Limited, will take an active part in the Vancouver business.

Nerves Need Recruiting

DON'T EXPECT YOUR BRAIN AND NERVES TO KEEP UP FOREVER WITHOUT ASSISTANCE.

The brain and nerves as much as any tissues of the body require daily recruiting. The hurry and worry of modern life means a tremendous expenditure of brain matter which often is not made good.

Hasty meals, no period of rest for digestion, society engagements or renewed business activity at night soon drain away that reserve of nerve force that distinguishes between health and debility.

What are you doing to preserve your nerve vitality? A little assistance with Ferrozene will prove an enormous benefit, because the component parts of this great tonic supply just what the exhausted nerve cells lack. Ferrozene not only stimulates the nerves, but builds them up by furnishing an ample supply of nutrition. The ideal medicine for nervous, overstrained, hard-working people is Ferrozene. By its use hosts of well-known people have been restored to health like Mrs. E. D. Emmerson, of Centreville, who says:

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Try Ferrozene. It completely rebuilds the nervous system and establishes a healthy condition throughout the entire body.

Don't let any greedy dealer make you think there is anything so good as Ferrozene. It alone can cure permanently. Insist on having nothing but Ferrozene. Price 50c per box or six boxes for \$2.50, at all druggists, or by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., or Kingston, Ont.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—The Manitoba legislature prorogued this afternoon.

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10 cents off every dollar in Silverware during balance of this month.

FIRE FIEND SCORED HEAVILY TO-DAY

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE IN LOCAL FACTORY

Firm of Lenz & Leiser Being Victim—Mrs. Le Poer Trench's Residence at Saanich Destroyed.

Two serious fires occurred this morning, one at Lenz & Leiser's factory, Yates street, and the other at "Corheen," the residence of Mrs. Le Poer Trench, Saanich. In the case of the former the immediate availability of fire fighting facilities enabled the fire fiend's opponents to triumph after an hour's battle, but the beautiful home of Mrs. Le Poer Trench was completely wiped out.

The contents also fell a prey to the destroying elements, and the lady herself and family had narrow escapes from a terrible death. Mrs. Le Poer Trench being burned about the hands and face.

The fire at the Lenz & Leiser factory, which is on the third floor of the building erected for Thos. Earle about four years ago, was detected by Sergeant Rind. Walker about 2:45 o'clock. He saw smoke and flames issuing through the skylight and windows, and at once rang in an alarm from box 21. The department promptly responded with all the apparatus, and soon a line of hose from the hydrant at Oriental alley was drawn through the front entrance, and up the stairs to the scene of the fire.

The smoke there was something terrific, and Fireman Joe North was nearly overcome. The engine got to work at the corner of Wharf and Yates streets, and another line of hose was carried to the roof of the building, the ascent being made from the adjoining structure. After an hour's desperate struggle the blaze was extinguished.

For a time the fire was spectacular enough to entitle the onlookers to the eager sightseer. Fortunately there was no wind, or the firemen would have found their task doubly difficult. As it was those who fought the fire at its very heart had to deal with another element of danger besides the smoke. This was the live wires, which dropped from the ceiling and gave the fire fighters a number of vicious jolts. First the chief received one that staggered him, and then several of his men followed with variations of the horripile, as the sputtering suspended tereps touched them. The men on the roof also had their crosses to bear. It threatened to cave in at any minute, and they just managed to clear it in time.

Fortunately the fire was pretty well confined to the third floor, which is the factory, or the damage would have been vastly greater. In this department there were a number of sewing machines, operated in the daytime by the factory employees, a motor which furnished the power, a large quantity of finished goods, such as overalls, shirts and a great deal of material. These and the machinery were destroyed. But this was not all. On the same floor were several thousand dollars' worth of goods, which also went up in smoke—not in the legitimate smokers' way. When the all-consuming flames encountered this delicious prey the tears that My Lady Nicotine poured out in sacrifice would have tamed Niobe green with envy. Some of the cigars that were found saturated with water, by the way, turned a few of the firemen green also, but not with envy.

It is surmised that the fire originated from the air-tight stove, which stood in the centre of the room. The goods and material in close proximity would naturally welcome the forks of flame with open arms, and what was not destroyed by the fire was ruined by the water. In the other part of the building—on the ground floor—is a warehouse used by Lenz & Leiser and Robt. Ward, while in the basement Simon Leiser has a quantity of goods stored. The office of Bowland Machin, local agent of the Bennett Fuse Company, are also situated on the ground floor. They wisely escaped damage. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000. Insurance was carried by the

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This instrument has been used by a teacher and is thoroughly well made. Will be delivered from any wharf or railway station in B. C. Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., 88 Government street, Victoria; 125 Hastings street, Vancouver. We have others. Write us for catalogue.

WANTED—Timber lands, large or small tracts; farms, improved and otherwise. Send particulars to "Agent," Times Office.

FOR SALE—Odear posts. Address Oldfield, Box 406, city.

various firms who had stock in the building.

The fire at "Corheen," the fine home of Mrs. Le Poer Trench, Saanich, was even more serious than the one described above. It occurred about 5 o'clock this morning, and in a very short time nothing but smoking debris marked the site where the house had stood. Just how the conflagration started it is impossible at the time of writing to say, but it was discovered by a Chinese domestic, who heard the crackling of the flames as they greedily consumed the woodwork. Quick by he alarmed the other occupants of the house, but so quickly did the fire spread that they had just enough time to escape with their lives. Mrs. Le Poer Trench found the ordinary means of egress filled with smoke and flame, and got out through a window, but not before she was burned on the face and hands.

There being no facilities for fighting the fire anywhere at hand, nothing could be done but to watch the place burn away. All the contents of the house, including a large and almost priceless collection of Australian and New Zealand curios, valuable paintings and other articles, which only wealth can procure, were destroyed. An insurance is carried by Mrs. Le Poer Trench on the house and contents, in the company represented locally by A. W. Jones. It is believed the fire started in the bath room. The total loss will probably amount to \$10,000.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—Prof. J. W. Hart has just been appointed director of the college of agriculture in St. Paul, Brazil. The appointment is for five years, beginning with the remuneration of \$4,000 and