CANDIDATES ARE FORMALLY NAMED

Local Electors Have Twelve Gentlemen From Whom to Select

NOMINATORS OF CONSERVATIVES

Promise of More Activity in Campaign Now That Official Nominations Have Been Made

The nomination of candidates to contest the pending general election for the provincial legislature took place yesterday. It was held at practically the same time in all the constituencies of the province. The contestants having been formally placed in the field, the campaign may be considered well under way. From now until polling day, the 2nd of February, the fight may be expected to be prosecuted with earnestness by all concerned.

In the pending election the competing interests are more diversified than ever before in the history of the province. The principal parties, of course, are the Liberal-Conservatives and the Liberals, the former having forty-two candidates and the latter thirty-nine. Then there is the Labor-Liberal element with three representatives and the Socialist party with about twenty-three standard-bearers. It is a noteworthy fact that the latter are stronger, numerically speaking, than has been the case heretofore. Lastly an entirely new organization, the Canadian Labor party, has made its first appearance in the political arena of British Columbia. This body is represented only in Victoria and Vancouver, having two candidates in each city.

Twelve candidates were nominated before Returning Officer W. H. Price, of the constituency of Victoria, at the court house. Among the first proposed were the "Big Four" of the Liberal-Conservative ticket, namely, Hon. Richard McBride, premier of the province; H. B. Thomson, Frederick Davey and H. F. W. Behnsen. Besides these, was the Liberal ticket—R. L. Drury, Richard Hall, W. G. Cameron and J. D. McNiven; the two Canadian Labor party representatives, Dr. Ernest Hall and A. Johnson; the two socialists, W. H. Marcon and J. C. Watters.

The proposers, seconders and assenters to the respective Liberal-Conservative candidates follow:

Hon. Richard McBride.

We the undersigned hereby assent to the nomination of Hon. Richard McBride for the Victoria City Electoral District, and pledge our support and influence: H. J. Bittancourt, Geo. Penketh, D. Hart, A. S. Shore, W. Jones, G. W. Anderson, A. S. Robinson, J. E. Phillips J. L. Beckwith, H. M. Graham, F. W. Jeeves, Tom Palmer, F. Shade, S. Baker, Joe Brown, W. E. Auld, A. B. Osborne, Ole Christianson, R. Osborne, J. Walker, J. Doesing, W. Paterson, Geo. Mellor, J. J. Bothwell, A. A. Moore, F. G. Robbins, W. Short, A. C. Boyce, W. Harrison, J. G. Mann, James Speirie, J. D. Robinson, C. M. Cookson, E. Pierson, Geo. Jay, Thos. Earle, Ridgway Wilson, G. J. Harvey, A. E. Mills, W. J. Kelty, F. R. Allatt, P. R. Fleming, R. Foster, H. D. Twigg, R. W. Eaton, R. Roper, A. Cameron, H. J. McDonell, R. H. McMillan, A. Bird, E. E. Lewis, W. Gidley, P. Raymond, T. Brown, J. J. Delahunty, J. K. Angus, F. Worlock, Fred. Carne, Roy Goodacre, P. A. Babington, H. Rivers, H. E. Levy, S. J. Heald, J. Wriglesworth, Robt. Chadwick, T. H. Matthews, Alex. Watson, Jr., E. E. Hayward, James Dupen, Joe Levy, Thos. J. Deakers, G. Sheldon Williams, J. E. Huxtable, J. S. Murray, A. E. Wade, E. J. Salmon, R. Tate, L. Goodacre, C. W. Rhodes, J. Raymond, Arthur Cassan, W. Allen, Chas. Hayward, Geo. Marsden, Hugh Macdonald, J. H. Griffiths, W. Lourie, A. Henderson, Geo. Snider, T. E. Lancaster, H. Stevenson, J. H. Dixon, W. H. Cox, A. Gray, R. H. Johnston, C. J. Tallis, R. Green, Thos. P. Sehl, R. Ryan, G. Morphy, G. W. Kirk, T. Redding.

H. F. W. Behnsen

We the undersigned hereby assent to the nomination of Mr. H. F. W. Behnsen for the Victoria City Electoral District, and pledge our support and inuence: Wm. Lorimer, A. Henderson, Geo. Snider, Tom E. Lancester, Herbert Stevenson, John W. Dixon, W. Edw. Robbins, Harry Monteith, Robt. Hy. Johnson, Richard W. Roper, C. J. Tallis, Frank Leroy, Thos. P. Sehl, F. Worth, Richard Ryan, Geo. Morphy, J. H. Griffith, C. W. Kirk, Thos. Redding, J. W. Gidley, P. A. Raymond, F. Brown, F. N. Shad, S. Baker, Jos H. Brown, W. E. Auld, A. B. Osborne, Ole Christenson, R. Osborne, J. Walker J. Dressing, W. Paterson, G. C. J. Beth, A. E. Moore, J. J. Bothwell, J. J. Delahuntz, P. G. Robbins, Thos. S. Fletcher, John F. Dickson, Edward Kruse, Geo. Stokes, J. H. Gosness, Fred Carne, Roy Goodacre, Harry Rivers, H. C. Levy, Joseph Wriglesworth, Robt. Chadwick, W. Short, A. C. Boyce, Wm. Harrison, J. Y. Maua, Jas. Lawrie, James D. Robinson, Rob. Tate, E. G. Prior, L. Goodacre, C. W. Rhodes, J. Raymond, Arthur Croghan, Wm. Allen Chas. Hayward, E. J. Bittancourt, Geo. Penketh, Geo. Jay, D. Hart, A. E. Shore, W. James, G. H. Anderson, A. Robertson, Jos. E. Phipps J. L. Beckwith, B. M. Graham, F. W. Jervis, Tom Palmer, W. H. Mason, E. J. Salmon, Thomas Earle, A. E. Mills, L. S. Eaton, F. A. Allott, R. C. McMillan, P. D. S. Fleming, Rob. Foster, C. Hosking, W. H. Smith, Jr., W. J. Kelly, Geo. Marsden.

H. B. Thomson

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F. W. Davey

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At the Masonic Hall, Esquimalt, Returning Officer A. J. M. Inverarity, recorded the nomination of Hon. C. E. Pooley, the veteran standard-bearer of the Liberal-Conservative association of that district, and John Jardine, the Liberal candidate. The former was proposed by John Muir, of Sooke; seconded by A. J. M. Inverarity; assented to by Henry Cogan, of Happy valley; Robert Allen Anderson, of Craigflower road; Percival Robert Brown, of Craigflower road; William Phillips, of Sooke; William Battersby, of Craigflower road, and others.

Those proposing and seconding, as well as some of the assenters to the nomination of D. M. Eberts, K. C., in Saanich district and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., in the Islands' riding, have been published in these columns. It is sufficient to say that the Liberal-Conservative representatives were formally launched upon the campaign under the most favorable auspices throughout the province.

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MANY TRANSACTIONS IN REALTY MARKET

Investors Purchase Large Number of Properties and Investigate Others

Though yesterday was a short day in many of the real estate offices, a number of transactions were put through and others advanced to a considerable extent. Negotiations were progressed with, although not quite completed, for the sale of two brick blocks and a large acreage area involving an amount of nearly $150,000 in the aggregate. Despite the unfavorable weather, during last week property to the extent of at least $300,000 changed hands within the city limits, in addition to several outside areas.

The most important single sale noted yesterday was that of block No. 16, Portage inlet, on Victoria arm, containing 200 acres. It was purchased by two eastern and one local investor, the consideration being $23,000.

E. A. Harris & Co., report having sold within the past few days, 160 acres in Metchosin district, 25 acres at Cadboro Bay and 16 acres inside the city limits. All brought a most satisfactory figure.

A. A. Mullins, the cattle king of Winnipeg, yesterday purchased lots 894 and 895 at the corner of Menzies and Quebec streets, opposite the government buildings. This sale was put through by the Hugo Ross Realty Co., Ltd. and involved quite a large amount Mr. Mullins has not yet decided whether he will build a residence there or not. This transaction covered almost the last piece of property on the market facing the Legislative Assembly block.

Grant & Lineham stated yesterday that business was extremely active. They have listed $150,000 worth of property within the past few days. Among this firm's sales yesterday was that of a cottage on the waterfront at Esquimalt, with a boathouse and landing, purchased by a local man. Another was that of an acre on Oak Bay avenue, to a Winnipeg investor.

Parsons, Love & Co. yesterday sold 8 lots in the Seaview estate, north of Hillside avenue and 4 lots near to the entrance of Bowker park.

Late last night Grant & Lineham sold the residence on Pandora avenue belonging to J. L. Armson, to an investor from the prairie. The consideration was in the vicinity of $4,000.

A PRAIRIE SUICIDE

Swift Current, Sask., Jan. 19.—At Wayne's ranch, forty miles north of here, Campbell McCutcheon, a young man, shot himself on Tuesday. Wayne left the ranch early in the morning to visit a neighboring ranch, and returning at night found McCutcheon lying on the floor, his brains blown out and a discharged shotgun beside him. Deceased came to Canada last year from Epsom, England. He has two brothers, Douglas and Stanley, both homesteading beyond the Saskatchewan river fifty miles north of Maple creek.

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Sworn In.—Yesterday afternoon all the members of the city council, except Dr. Verrinder, foregathered in the County courtroom, and there before His Honor Judge Lampman were duly sworn in. Mayor Morley also took the oath of office. Dr. Verrinder, who is now in Vancouver, having left the city on Friday night, was sworn in on Friday.

VICTORIAN TELLS OF STRICKEN CITY

Jamaica Has Been Visited by Many Calamities—Almost Obliterated by One

SOME FEATURES OF KINGSTON

One of Victims of Earthquake Is Canadian—Yukoners Among Visitors at the Present Time

Kingston, scene of the latest earthquake disaster, is a most picturesque city lying at the foot of the Blue mountains which run from end to end of Jamaica, according to a Victorian who has large interests in Jamaica and who recently returned from there. Estimate published of the population have been low; instead of from 60,000 to 80,000 people, as stated, there are 110,000 people in Kingston. The city is situated on a large bay, where large fleets of steamers are docked; and the waterfront esplanade, with its groves of cocoanut trees and mercantile and shipping offices, mostly painted white, is one of the favorite thoroughfares. As the city sprawls back toward the rise leading to the Blue mountains its streets rise slowly. There are many fine stores and office buildings, but nearly all are low, mostly one story-buildings built to withstand earthquakes. Duke, Port Royal King and East streets, which are reported ravaged by fire, are the principal streets of the city. They were swept in the last great fire of 1815, when one store escaped strangely, although located in the centre of the burned area.

It is a modern city, with hotels and other important buildings and institutions, fine parks and public squares, paved streets, trolley cars, electric lighting—in fact, it has all modern conveniences.

The approach to Kingston is magnificent. Passing by Port Royal, four miles out Port Hamilton and Fort George, the steamer steams into the bay, where the old city of Port Royal lies at the bottom of the harbor—it sank during the great earthquake of June 7, 1692, which swallowed the greater part of the city and submerged the buildings and people, like lost Atlantis—the steamers round into the big bay. From their decks the Blue mountains are seen with their perpetual dazzling blue seen plainly in the soft lights of the tropical sky. At Port Royal is the naval headquarters, and also barracks for 1,000 black troops. The governor's residence, where General Sweetenham lives, is on a hill three miles from the city. This hill, which commands the city, is well fortified and the white troops are stationed there.

Survived Alone

To the tourist visiting Jamaica one of the first sights to which guides point the way is the monument of the sole survivor of the last earthquake, that which engulfed Port Royal in the bay which is now the harbor. This man, it seems, was carried down with all the rest swallowed up in waters, but by dint of more fortunate circumstances he was thrown up on the land by a second shock, and until his death his story of the great disaster of 1692 was told again and again. The monument built to him is inscribed with the story of his escape.

Another tourist sight of Kingston is the dungeon built by the notorious buccaneer, Henry Morgan, who for a time was acting governor of the possession, and who hanged many of his old-time comrades in piratic ventures when he was in charge of the Island. In its earlier days Kingston was the depot of pirates, and much of the early history of Sir Henry Morgan, pirate, is connected with the island.

The island is considered the most lovely of all in the Caribbean sea. The mountains and hills, which abound throughout the island, is covered with luxuriant tropical vegetation, and there are mountain streams with waterfalls, beautiful rivers and lakes and pools. Constant Spring, is especially beautiful, and this is a large tourist centre. The name Jamaica is interpreted "The land of streams." The botanical gardens at Kingston are considered to be among the finest in the world.

An odd feature of Kingston's climate is the two winds of the day, the morning breeze from the sea and the afternoon breeze from the mountains. The fire, which was fanned by the morning breeze was, seemingly, stayed by the afternoon breeze, which forced the fire back upon the burned area.

Many Canadians

There are large numbers of Canadians there, and at the present time some people well known in this vicinity are visiting the island. Judge Craig and daughter of Dawson are among the tourists there, and Herbert Wilson and wife expected to go there on a honeymoon trip when they left the west about a month ago. Dr. G. Varley, one of those reported killed, was a Canadian, a graduate of Queen's college, Kingston, Ontario. He and Dr. Robertson was stationed at the citadel on the hill, where the governor's residence is located, being the surgeons of the military barracks there

It may be interesting to note that G. White Fraser, recently of the Canadian boundary survey in Alaska, put in the electric light and power system at Kingston, and Bloomfield Smith, who is interested in the construction of the Klondike mines railroad, built the railway which runs across Jamaica and is now operated as a government road. There are 148 miles of railway on the island, 683 miles of telegraph, and 154 of telephone. The system of highways, 3,600 miles in length, extends into all parts of the island, and the roads are well built and graded, have substantial bridges and are kept in good repair.

Picturesque

Kingston is an interesting place, with its 1,000 or more of white population and its throngs of blacks. The crowded market places, with the men garbed in white and the gaudily dressed women, the crowded stalls and booths loaded with tropical fruits, the donkeys with packs and drawing light carts—these form but part of the picturesque scenes of the city. The British garrison is stationed at Port Royal, the naval station, four miles from Kingston, which is a strongly fortified place.

Port Antonio, on the northeast side of the island, is the main shipping port for the great banana industry, and is, like Kingston, a thoroughly modern city. The greatest length of the island is 144 miles and the greatest breadth 49 miles.

Since the old slave trading days, when there was much wealth at Kingston, the city has been ravaged by repeated calamities. In 1692 the great earthquake which swallowed up Port Royal took place; in 1712 and 1722 great hurricanes swept the city. On July 13, 1885, a conflagration almost wiped out the town, and in 1903 a disastrous hurricane swept the island destroying much life and property.

THE WATER SUPPLY

The preliminary steps for the securing of a good supply of fresh water for the city during the coming summer will be one of the first matters to receive the attention of the newly-elected council.

Notice was posted at the city hall by Ald. Hall yesterday that at the first meeting of the council of 1907 tomorrow evening, he would introduce a motion to the effect that the city engineer, water commissioner and foreman of the water works be instructed by the council to prepare and hand in reports bearing on the question of the water supply for the coming summer.

"It's obviously quite impossible for the city to get any permanent extension to the water system finished in time to provide for the city during the summer," said Ald. Hall, in conversation with a Colonist reporter yesterday, "and my plan is to make some temporary arrangements by which we may tide the city through the dry weather. That something will be done for the extension of the water system I have no doubt, but, even although we have plans of nearly all the sources of water available, things are not yet sufficiently far advanced to allow of work being undertaken for some time yet.

"As to what steps may be taken for the supplying of additional water to the city during the summer," continued Ald. Hall, "I am sure I can't say. I personally have absolutely no scheme, and it is with the hope that some of the officials in touch with the situation may be able to originate some idea, that I am asking that the reports be called for."

It seems probable that steps will be taken for the relief of the city during the dry weather, by improving the present works at Elk Lake, so as to make more water available. The city is at present in possession of complete plans of the lake and the surrounding country, and surveys showing that much more water than is at present being drawn by the city from the lake, could be secured without a very large expenditure. It is understood that the surveyors who have been working there for some time past are of the opinion that the capacity of the works at Elk Lake could be increased by one-half, while it may even be possible to double the present output.

RAPID PROGRESS ON THE EMPRESS HOTEL

Structure Closed In and Temporary Heating Plant Installed —Stone for Vancouver

After being shut down by inclement weather for about two weeks, local contractors have resumed building operations. The Gribble & Skene Co., a couple of days ago, recommenced work on the Empress hotel and the six-storey block they are constructing for Pither & Leiser.

The immense hostelry facing James Bay causeway is now closed in, the roof and practically all the windows being in place. To secure as rapid drying as possible for the plaster and concrete inside a temporary heating plant was installed yesterday. This will be operated day and night until the building is completed. No damage was suffered by any part of the structure through the cold weather and work will now be rushed to the fullest extent.

As the ground floor the plastering is about completed, the only delay being occasioned by the slight rearrangement of the floor mentioned that was decided upon some time ago. It is expected that the plans for this work will be to hand in a few days when the plasterers will at once commence on the last partitions. The wood work on three floors has been completed, with lumber supplied by Lemon, Gonnason & Co., of this city, and presents an appearance consonant with the big structure.

Remove Pendray Building.

It has been decided to tear down the big brick block formerly occupied by W. J. Pendray and to erect upon the site a power plant and laundry building with quarters for employees of the hotel. Plans are being prepared, of an uniform design with the main structure and the pipe tunnel, already partially excavated will be taken in hand at once.

A contract has just been let to the Canada Foundry Co., of Toronto, for the supply of three sets of ornamental iron staircases to run from the first floor to the top of the building. These will be cast to special designs and be of a very elaborate character. The treads will be of slate. A final decision has not yet been reached as to the material from which the main staircases, from the basement to the first floor, will be constructed. The choice lies between ornamental iron and marble, and quarter sawn white oak. As soon as the matter is decided upon a contract will be let.

Electric wiring all over the building has been completed but the installation of fixtures is, of course, delayed until a large part of the interior decoration has been finished. In common with all other ornamental construction in the hotel these will be of special design, it being the idea of the architect and Mrs. Hayter Reed, who is to supervise the furnishing, to secure artistic uniformity in all the interior treatment.

Pither & Leiser Building

Another heavy contract the same company is carrying out in Victoria is the construction of the Pither & Leiser building at the corner of Fort and Wharf streets. The foundations have been laid and the walls built well above the street lines, the woodwork being in place as high as the second floor. It is intended to commence masonry work tomorrow and complete the building before the contract time limit expires on May 1.

Gets Six Weeks.—Alice Smith, the woman arrested for stealing a watch from a sleeping man at the Albion saloon, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment yesterday by Magistrate Hall in the city police court.

POULTRY SHOW TO BE GREAT SUCCESS

All Preparations are Made for the Exhibition Open ng Next Thursday

Next week the feathered aristocracy of Vancouver Island will hold the place of honor in Victoria. The occasion is the sixth annual exhibition of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock association, that will be opened to the public in the market hall by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor at 2:30 p. m. on Thursday next, Jan. 24. A full programme for the week is: Monday and Tuesday, reception of exhibits; Wednesday, judging day; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the exhibition. Everyone purchasing a ticket will be entitled to a chance for the tombola prize, a Petaluma incubator of 60-egg capacity.

No less than 1,016 entries have been received. They include, in addition to poultry, pigeons, hares, rabbits and Guinea pigs. In the smaller classes exhibits by the younger generation have not been neglected and suitable prizes will reward each boy and girl who has entered pets to be passed upon by the judge.

Chickens a Feature

But the chickens will be the leading feature. The place of pre-eminence must be given to a breed of Mediterranean origin, the Leghorns, from a city usually associated with hats, but occupying the foremost at the forthcoming show by reason of the largest number of entries. A variety of American inception, the Wyandotte, comes second, followed very closely by the Cochin Bantams, named after a little town in Suffolk, Eng., that owes its prominence entirely to the heavy plumaged buff, white and black chickens, the offshoot of a favorite variety originated there.

Though it was expected that "America's business hen," the Plymouth Rock would reach first place, in the forthcoming exhibition, it has been relegated to fourth. This is not by reason of want of quality, but rather because local breeders have been enabled, by reason of the mild climate of Vancouver Island to take up and breed to efficiency chickens of somewhat less robust constitution, but more succulent gastronomically. As for eggs, their story will be told before the exhibition closes.

A brand new variety, only brought to the standard of stability in time for the big exhibitors at Boston, Mass., last year will be displayed. It is the Partridge Rock, reputed to cross between the Plymouth Rock and Partridge Cochin. J. Woods, of this city, will exhibit this variety and his limited experience of it tends to show that it will rapidly become a favorite.

San Juan Fanciers

Mottled Anconas, another Mediterranian breed, exhibited on the coast for the first time, will be shown by a San Juan island fancier, who hopes to secure one of the best prizes as a novelty in the show. There will also be first class exhibits of Buff Cochins, Black Javas and Houdons, all somewhat novelties, and tending to show the enormous variety of plumage that has been developed among high-class birds.

In the bantam class there will also be an unique display. It comes from Japan, and is technically known as the White Tailed Japanese bantam. Though small, fanciers say that it shows the highest development in contour and plumage, possible and will, as the specimens shown are first class, receive a very high percentage in the scoring of points.

Pigeons will be displayed in many varieties. To the novice the catalogue comes somewhat of a surprise. Included in the list of varieties are, in addition the well known classes, such cognomens as nuns, helmets, owls, dragoons, blondinettes and archangels. And then there are canaries in eleven different classes, of which the Norwich breed has no less than six divisions. But, for this pet singing bird, interest will chiefly centre around class No. 124 in which the prize is to be given for the best canary of any variety, British or foreign.

Well Represented

Though not coming within the first four, when number of entries of chickens are considered, the Black Minorcas and Rhode Island Reds are particularly well represented. The latter will be displayed in profusion, one exhibitor showing no less than thirty specimens, all of which are expected to score very high. As an instance of the quality that will characterize the entries of this breeder, it may be mentioned that he sold, a few days ago, a young pair for $15.

All in all, the exhibition that will be thrown open on Thursday afternoon promises to be a most successful inaugural show for the season of 1907. At a well attended meeting of the association, held in the Queen's hotel parlors last night, every arrangement was gone over carefully and final details attended to. Exhibitors are reminded that their entries must be on hand, at latest, by 1 p. m. on Tuesday, and also that every boat and train will be met by a committee of the society. All coops conveying exhibits should be tagged, "The Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association," and will, upon arriving in the city, be conveyed to the exhibition hall free of charge. Children will be admitted to the show at a reduced figure.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Louis Pennis yesterday afternoon shot his wife and four-year-old son, Philip, and himself, following Mrs. Pennis' refusal to live with him on the ground of alleged cruelty. The boy died during the night, and Pennis cannot recover. The mother may survive, although suffering from a wound in the abdomen.

ARRIVALS FROM ANTIPODES

Many Mechanics Pass Through En Route to the Golden Gate

There is an extremely large traffic at present between Victoria and Australia, but not for local settlement. According to a large number of men who arrived on the Moana yesterday, word has been sent to both the Antipodes and South Africa that work awaits all competent mechanics in the rebuilding of San Francisco. This has resulted in hundreds visiting this city en route to the Golden Gate. The Moana, that arrived yesterday, brought at least a hundred mechanics, all bound south and, for a change, local hotel registers appear as directories of Australia and the Cape, instead of those of the prairie. The arrivals from the new provinces and Manitoba have somewhat slackened off and only thirty or so came here yesterday. As far as is known at present, the next big party to arrive will be about Tuesday next, when a special ex-

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Gun-Layers' Tests.—London correspondence states that the admiralty return giving the result of the gun-layers' tests in 1906, has just been published. The little Shearwater, on the Pacific station, cut a most respectable figure in the tests. With her 4-inch guns she fired 49 rounds and scored 39 hits, at the rate of 10.89 rounds discharged per minute, and 8.67 hits per minute, her best gun-layer being Able Seaman G. Fisher, who found the mark ten times. Her score was 104.65 points, which was the best one made by the fourteen ships primarily armed with this gun, and out of 89 ships which fired, she stands in the thirteenth place.

Pythian Sisters.—Last Friday night, at the regular meeting of Island Temple No. 8, Pythian Sisters, a most enjoyable hour was spent at the conclusion of the regular business, when an adjournment was taken to the banquet hall, where the sisters entertained the officers and members of Far West Lodge No. 1 and Victoria Lodge No. 17. An honored guest of the evening was Grand Chancellor William Irvine of Nelson, who is paying on official visit to the local lodges. At the conclusion of the banquet, a few well chosen remarks were given by Grand Chancellor Irvine, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Emil Pferdner, Grand Representative Thomas Gold, and Vice Chancellor E. C. Smith, after which the tables were removed and dancing was indulged in.

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