

Provincial Gazette

An Unimportant Issue of the Official Government Organ.

New School Districts Formed—Appointments in the Upper Country.

The official gazette which issues to-night contains the following: The Minister of Mines gives notice that an extension of time has been granted to the first of September, 1899, during which all claims legally held on Swift Current Creek and tributaries in the Tete Jaune Cache district, and declared laid over.

The Council of Public Instruction have created the following new districts: Harrison Hot Springs, Campbell Creek and Columbia. The council has been pleased to alter and re-define the boundaries of the following districts: Grand Forks, Kettle River, New Denver, Silverton, Belmont Prairie and Ducks.

Herbert C. Clouston, of Victoria, has been appointed attorney for the "Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company, Limited, in place of F. M. Rattenbury.

The following companies are incorporated: St. John's Church Building Company, Limited, of Burnaby; capital, \$10,000. Golden Fire Mines, Limited, of Nelson; capital, \$250,000. White Bear Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, of Rossland; capital, \$300,000. The Imperial Mines of Rossland, B. C. Limited, of Rossland; capital, \$1,500,000. Python Mining Company, Limited, of Kamloops; capital, \$2,000,000.

John H. Kerr, B.A., John W. Laing, M.A., F. R. G. S., and Ed. B. Paul, M.A., have been appointed examiners to act with the superintendent of education at the examination of public school teachers for 1899.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:

Samuel P. Tuck, of Kaslo, to be sheriff of South Kootenay, vice W. P. Robinson, resigned.

Wm. S. Deacon, of Rossland, and Geo. W. F. Carter, B.C.L., of Windermere, to be notaries public for the province.

A. L. Beyer, of Vancouver, and A. Henderson, of New Westminster, to be Her Majesty's counsel learned in the law, the former to take precedence after A. H. MacNeill, Q.C., and the latter after said A. L. Beyer.

Louis J. Seymour, of Victoria, to be an official stenographer, under the provisions of the Supreme Courts Act.

Wm. L. Fagan, of Vancouver, to be assessor and collector under the "Assessment Act" and collector under the Revenue Tax Act for the county of Victoria, vice Jas. D. Byrne, resigned.

Harry E. Gault, of Columbia, to be a notary public for Yukon, and A. Henderson, of New Westminster, to be a notary public for Kootenay.

The Court of Revision for the consideration of appeals against the assessment of lands made in the Chilkoot, Chilkwa and Wrangell districts, which was held at Chilkwa, on June 29th, at 10 a. m., has been postponed until July 6th at same time and place.

E. N. Murphy, of Kuskonogok, to be mining recorder for Coast River district mining division of West Kootenay, vice J. C. Rykert, jr., resigned. The recorder to reside at Kuskonogok.

Hon. P. A. E. Irving, of Victoria, a judge of the Supreme court of British Columbia, to be a special commissioner, under the provisions of the Bennett-Atlin Commission Act, 1890.

Oscar C. Bass, of Vancouver, to be official stenographer and clerk to the special commission under the provisions of the same act.

Alan Forster, of Brooklyn, to be chief licensing inspector for the Victoria licensing district, vice G. D. Blair, resigned.

E. Leonard Barr, of Columbia City, and John W. Spence, of Columbia, to be members of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for that city.

ANNUAL COMPANY MEETING.
No. 2 Company Association Elect Officers For The Year.

The annual meeting of No. 2 Company Association of the 7th Regiment was held last night in the Drill Hall. Captain McCann, in the absence of the president, Major Williams, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. The statements of the secretary, treasurer and auditors were duly read and adopted, and the business of the appointment of executive officers and standing committees for the ensuing year was proceeded with and resulted as follows:

Secretary, Gunner W. C. Speck; treasurer, Gunner W. T. Williams; auditors, Bomber, Walt Winsay, Gunner A. Toller, executive council, Corporal W. A. Winsay, Gunner A. Toller, Gunner Benches, Battalion sports committee, Bomber, Bomber, Bomber, Walt Winsay, Bomber, Bomber, Gunner W. T. Williams, Gunner Galtley, representatives to Victoria Garrison Rifle Association, Bomber, Bomber, Bomber, Walt Winsay, library committee, Gunner Lawson, Gunner J. Y. Margison; custodian of ammunition, H. P. Winsay, 44 Port Street.

The report of the committee appointed to consolidate and revise the by-laws of the association was received and the amendments suggested were adopted. It was decided to pay the expenses up to \$15 each of the three men making the best aggregate in the league shoots now being held. The annual meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association, providing these men had not won that privilege, before.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers and the meeting adjourned.

Much damage was done to farm property by a tornado which swept over the northwest part of Mills county, Ia., on Tuesday night. The house and barn and outbuildings of Mr. C. C. Thorburn, a prominent farmer living two miles north of Minola, were totally destroyed. His little girl, aged 11, was killed; one of his sons had his leg broken and others of the family were seriously injured.

Steamer Oscar will go to Telegraph Bay to-night to load powder.

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At the manse, on the 6th inst., Rev. Dr. Campbell solemnized the marriage of James E. Whitmore and Laura Bain, of Arrowhead, B. C.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell at the manse, on the 16th inst., celebrated the marriage of Franklin R. Phillips and Alice E. Dicker, of Shaohamish, U. S. A.

The election petition against the return of Mr. Wells for the constituency of North East Kootenay will be heard to-morrow morning. A commencement will be made at 11 o'clock.

Fleet Paymaster Charles E. G. Dent, of the general depot, Chatham, died a month ago at Westcombe Park, S. E., at the age of 80 years. Deceased was secretary of the Royal Naval Institution on this station from 1883 to 1896.

As a result of the long winter and shortage of food, a number of horses on the Thompson river have become affected by mange. Between seven hundred and a thousand head have had to be isolated, the local veterinary surgeons, under the instructions of the department, have instituted night methods to check the disease.

A number of cases of hog cholera have recently been discovered in the vicinity of Victoria, principally among herds owned by Chinamen. The disease is attributed to the filthy condition in which many of these people keep their swine. Dr. Tolmie is conducting an investigation on behalf of the government, and is employing every means to stamp out the disorder.

At the residence of Mrs. Moar, Campbell street, a pretty wedding took place last evening, when, in the presence of a few intimate friends, Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wm. Haddell, of Douglas Island, Alaska, and Miss Mary A. Wishart. The bride recently arrived from Scotland. The bridegroom was Miss Lily Knight, and the bridegroom was supported by Mr. A. Garnett. The happy couple will make their home on Douglas Island.

In a letter received from Gambier Point, dated November 6th, news is given of the drowning of some unknown persons. It is stated that a party of soldiers of fortune who sail in their trail craft along the northern shores ever searching for gold. The letter, which is signed by G. L. Crommett, says: "Discovered on beach at Gambier point, the remains of a man who had been drowned. Also one sailing boat and part of outfit, eight sacks flour, one can coal oil, one sack of clothes, one roll of blankets, one tent, putty, charts, sack onions and a sack of fruit."

Pete Burns, a well known saloon man and politician of Seattle, died suddenly on Monday morning, after just returning from a visit to Victoria. The cause of death is given as paralysis of the heart, which he had contracted after an unusually well informed man, making it a point to read the leading papers of Chicago and New York, in addition to local publications. He could give facts and figures about politics, was not only local, but more extended circles, that would surprise a listener. He was a man of strong friendships, and if he liked a person would go ten miles to do him a favor. He leaves a wife and one brother.

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Society for the Protection of Criminals, which was held last evening, A letter was read from a lady in Atlin giving information relative to the hair treatment accorded dogs, horses and mules working on the trails. It was decided to communicate with the N. W. M. P. and the provincial police with a view to ending the cruelties complained of. A committee was also appointed to secure information as to the best kind of pack saddles and the proper way to load horses in pamphlet form for distribution along the trails. Complaints were received of cruelty to cattle at Comox, to which was received attention. A letter May 16 came received the attention of the officers of the society. Ten of these were for cruelty to horses, one to a mule, two to dogs, two to cattle, and one to a bear.

The visiting scientists who reached the city this morning on the George W. Elder spent the forenoon at the parliament buildings, where they viewed the museum and called upon the officers of the various departments. The visitors expressed regret that they could not remain longer in the city, but they intended to make a more extended stay upon their return from the north.

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The local government are taking active steps to insure a good exhibit of minerals of the province at the Paris exposition. The co-operation of the boards of trade throughout the province is being enlisted, and in the course of a few days the provincial miners' association will be organized. Mr. W. F. Robertson, leaves for the mainland to superintend the work there, while the island collection will be attended to by Provincial Assayer Carmichael.

The congregation of the James Bay Methodist Church last night tendered a warm welcome to the visiting pastor, Rev. G. F. Swinnerton, who is severing his connection not only with the local church but with the ministry in this province. The edifice was filled with friends and admirers of the young clergyman. A programme was given in which Rev. Mr. Barralough, Dr. Large, J. W. Stewart, Misses Withers, Morris, Ficke and Lindsay took part. Address were given by Rev. Mr. Barralough, Barralough. The most pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Swinnerton of a purse containing