

**PERSONAL GOSSIP.**

The announcement was made in yesterday's issue of the *Official Gazette* that Mr. Farquhar Macrae has been appointed police magistrate for the city of Victoria. Mr. Macrae is an English solicitor who has been practicing in New Zealand for some years, and a few months ago came to Victoria to reside. His appointment will no doubt give general satisfaction.

Mr. Walter G. Agnew, late with Jas. H. Ashdown, Winnipeg, has arrived in this city, and will in future be found with Mr. A. McGregor, hardware, Johnson street. Mr. Agnew is a young man of excellent character, and previous to his departure from Winnipeg was presented with a handsome gold watch by his friends.

Mr. A. Lee, of Lee & Fraser, real estate agents, was on Monday evening married to Miss B. Butler, daughter of Capt. Butler, late of Newfoundland. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. C. Watson, in the presence of a number of friends of the principals. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon on the Sound.

Rev. Thos. Scouler left Vancouver last Wednesday via the C. P. R. for Toronto, from where he will proceed to Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Scouler expects to be away about three months. A large party of friends gathered at the depot to see him off and bid farewell, some of whom went out to the Junction with him.

Mr. Robert Clark, clothier, of Vancouver, was married on Monday, the 23rd inst., to Miss Frankie Gilmore, late of Chicago. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. D. McRae, took place at the Goldstream Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are now on a trip to the Sound cities.

F. W. Teague, the late general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., left last Wednesday evening, by the City of Kingston, for a visit to his old home in Worcester, Mass. He will stop over at Omaha and other cities en route, and expects to return to Victoria in September.

Harry S. Black, traveling salesman for John G. Miller & Co., Chicago, came over from Seattle for the celebration, and went away well pleased with the manner in which Victoria people recognize the anniversary of the birth of the Queen.

Mrs. Cash, of New Westminster, who was very ill at the Burnes, is somewhat improved.

Capt. Brandon Kirby, Fort Stanton, New Mexico, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

Miss Eberts, of Winnipeg, is in the city, the guest of her uncle, D. M. Eberts, M. P. P.

W. F. Cochrane, of the Cochrane Ranch Co., Fort Macleod, Alberta, is in the city.

Frank Campbell is improving, but will not be around for a week or so.

Preparations on an extensive scale are being made for the naval ball.

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