

FIRE BRIGADE AS MINSTRELS

PERFORMANCE GIVEN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Their Work as Entertainers Delighted a Large Audience.

Not only are the members of Victoria's fire brigade a splendid fire-fighting force, but as entertainers they are unexcelled.

The work of the fire ladders showed the astute practice they have had. For some weeks they have been putting in spare time on it, and as a consequence the performance went with dash and vim.

The following was the programme: Orchestral selection, by "Blowright's" orchestra, chorus by the entire troupe; song, "My Miss Maudie"; "J. Ferris"; song, "My Kentucky Babe"; J. Barton; song, "My Dusky Rose"; E. Ewer; dance, "Fox"; piano quartette, Messrs. B. Ewe, J. Harding, A. Ewe and E. Ballard; song, "When a Coon Wants to Spoon"; J. Ferris; duet, "Monkey Honey"; Messrs. Ferris, Fox and Thompson; song, "Columbia Girl"; J. Barton; song, "Pleasant Mine"; J. G. Brown; grand finale, "This Victoria's Fire Brigade," chorus by the entire troupe.

Mayor Hall, at the opening and again at the close spoke in high praise of the brigade, chief and men. In proposing and seconding a vote of thanks to the performers, Aldermen McKee and Henderson also complimented the department and spoke in high praise of what it had attained.

A dance followed, which was interrupted once, when the firemen responded to the first alarm of the year. It was from box 23, and was a false alarm, and the men were soon back. At midnight a buffet supper was served, and the gathering welcomed the new year with a song, "Auld Lang Syne."

The hall, and in fact the whole of the fire headquarters, had been tastefully and lavishly decorated. The men had gone to great trouble, and the appearance of the hall was a credit to them.

TO BUILD ELEVATOR. New Westminster, Jan. 1.—The affirmation that a large grain elevator would be built in New Westminster, probably before next summer, was made by E. H. Heaps, of Vancouver, who is interested in the Alberta-British Columbia Elevator & Wharf Company. This company states it has been refused aid in its project to erect elevators in Vancouver, Prince Rupert and New Westminster by the provincial government, but it has received promises of assistance from Alberta, and intend to go ahead alone with this help.

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FORMAL TRANSFER OF THE SAYWARD MILLS

Hanken Now in Charge of Important Local Industry.

A. Hanken, who has for some time past been the superintendent of the saw mill of the Michigan Pacific Lumber Company at Jordan River, will hereafter be in charge of the Sayward mills, which were taken over on Saturday by the syndicate of eastern capitalists, who recently acquired Mr. Sayward's timbering and milling interests.

On Saturday evening the office employees at the Sayward mills in this city sent to Mr. Sayward's residence a present in the shape of a beautiful silver and oak salad dish, the same being tendered as a tribute to the esteem in which he was held by all those associated with him in the conduct of the business for so many years.

INLAND REVENUE AND CUSTOMS RETURNS

Collections at Nanaimo for Year Which Has Just Closed.

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—The inland revenue returns for Nanaimo for the month of December were as follows: Salt, \$1,514.15; spirits, \$850.95; malt, \$188.92; cigars, \$90.

The total collections for the year 1909 were \$28,210.32, divided as follows: January, \$2,625.97; February, \$1,961.22; March, \$3,475.29; April, \$1,538.47; May, \$2,120.90; June, \$3,340.63; July, \$3,315.56; August, \$1,518.66; September, \$1,829.27; October, \$1,421.40; November, \$2,754.30; December, \$2,864.12.

The total customs returns for Nanaimo district for the year 1909 were \$113,289.46, and for Nanaimo city alone \$81,257. The collections for this city during each month in the year were as follows: January, \$8,875.38; February, \$4,440.44; March, \$9,106.24; April, \$3,231.95; May, \$6,011.86; June, \$6,891.03; July, \$6,700.73; August, \$3,370.90; September, \$5,846.43; October, \$6,292.85; November, \$4,886.23; December, \$5,788.19. Grand total, \$91,257.

MARRIAGE LICENSES GREATLY INCREASED

Nearly Twice as Many Issued in 1909 as in 1908.

There was close on twice as many marriage licenses issued in 1909 as in the year before. During the four summer months the numbers ran considerably over 100 a month, reaching a high of 147 in July of 1909. The chief cause of this was, of course, the marriage laws adopted in the neighboring state of Washington, and modified when it was seen how they worked-out, which drove a great many young couples over to this side to get married.

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They Keep the Brakes Set. AND SO CAN NEVER DO THEIR BEST.

Many men, and more women, go through life like a train with the engine tugging, but the brakes hard on. They never get anywhere near top speed, because they are never really well.

Probably they do not even to themselves know what it is to really "feel good." Always there is headache, or that "dragged out feeling" which makes good work, either mental or physical, utterly impossible.

The most common trouble with all these people is that they have Constipation. Their systems are poisoned with the waste matter, which stays in the blood, instead of being promptly removed by the bowels. Harsh purgatives are worse than no treatment at all, because they weaken and irritate the bowels, instead of curing the trouble.

The natural and permanent cure for Constipation, is "Fruit-a-lives." "Fruit-a-lives" combines the well-known laxative principles of apples, oranges, figs and prunes, and is the combination that "Fruit-a-lives" acts like the fresh fruit, by stimulating the sluggish liver to supply the proper amount of bile to move the bowels regularly.

WANTS FIREBOAT FOR VANCOUVER

Recommendations of Fire Chief Passed Along to New Committee.

Vancouver, Jan. 1.—"And now gentlemen to sum matters up," said Fire Chief Carlisle in his annual report, presented at the last meeting of the 1909 fire and police committee, "my recommendations for 1910 are as follows: One fireboat, one auto truck, two auto hose wagons, two auto chemicals, one auto each for the assistant chief and myself, a new fire hall in Kitsilano West, and one in Mount Pleasant East and two new buildings in the place of the present structures at No. 3 and 4 halls."

The request of the fire chief will mean an expenditure of at least \$200,000 if carried out. The fireboat itself will cost about \$100,000 and the other apparatus and halls will certainly equal that sum.

The loss by fire and water during 1909 is approximately \$315,000 with insurance of \$255,000, leaving a loss of \$60,000. The total loss exceeds the damage done during 1908 by about \$45,000, but this I do not consider excessive when compared with the rapid growth of the city.

The number of times this department's services are required during the year for fires caused by defective chimneys or chimneys or other defective construction in buildings is appalling and I would suggest that the building inspector be given assistants enough to enable him to have a thorough inspection made of all buildings in course of construction.

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PIONEER LAND SURVEYOR RETIRING FROM BUSINESS

Senior Member Leaves the Local Firm of Gore & McGregor.

(From Monday's Daily.) The advent of the new year has brought with it a number of important changes in some of the oldest business concerns in Victoria. The transfer of the interests of J. H. Dodd & Sons, wholesale grocers, and J. A. Sayward, sawmill proprietor and lumber manufacturer, have already been noted by the bowels. Harsh purgatives are worse than no treatment at all, because they weaken and irritate the bowels, instead of curing the trouble.

The business was founded by T. S. Gore who retired in 1884 and is thus one of the oldest established in the province. Mr. Gore was joined by Mr. Burnett in 1891, when the firm became known as Gore, Burnett & Co. In 1892 Mr. McGregor entered the business, and Mr. Burnett retiring, the firm became known as Gore & McGregor, which style and title will be preserved.

The business is one of the most extensive done by any firm of land surveyors in the province, and many surveying parties are constantly in the field.

PREPARING FOR THE OPENING OF BIG MINE

Quesnel Hydraulic Company is Spending Large Sum—Work on Swift River.

Barkerville, Jan. 1.—Work is going on at as fast as possible at the Dubois company's property on Swift river. A dam 600 feet long is being built for the purpose of raising the water of the river forty-eight feet above the present level to the level of the ditch head. The ditch will have a carrying capacity of 10,000 miners' inches, and will be about twenty-five miles long. The water will be used for hydraulic mining on Twenty-mile creek, Quesnel river. The ditch line includes three wood stave pipe siphons, one of which is over 6,000 feet in length, and three tunnel, a total of men are now engaged in running a 622 foot rock tunnel 126 feet long to serve as a waste gate. The sawmill is busy working day and night cutting timber for the siphons and tunnel. Another mill will shortly be installed.

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J. B. A. A. PROVE TO BE GOOD HOSTS

Enjoyable Dance Given by Local Club on New Year's Eve.

Broad Street hall in New Year's Eve was the scene of one of the most successful balls given by the J. B. A. A., an organization that has an enviable reputation in the way of providing enjoyable entertainments. The hall was artistically decorated in the club colors and with evergreens. A buffet supper was served, the tables being given a holiday dress.

The committee, consisting of Leo Sweeney, J. K. Gray, B. G. Robson, G. V. Jeffs, S. J. Winsby, Jno P. Sweeney, P. E. McCarter and W. N. Kennedy, were heartily congratulated on the success of the event.

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PRETTY HOME WEDDING THURSDAY EVENING

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