BEGINS THE NEW YEAR'S BUSINESS

COUNCIL HELD FIRST SESSION ON MONDAY

Ald. Douglas's Motion Respecting the Esquimalt Naval Station—Standing Committees Appointed.

On Monday the new city council got down to work, forming in semi-circular order before His Worship from left to right in the following manner: Aldermen Fullerton, Douglas, Hanna, Hall, Elford, Oddy, Fell, Stewart and Goodacre. The usual certificates from Mr. Justice Martin, showing the swearing in of the aldermen, were first read, after which a letter was read from the Mayor suggesting that the option on a lot between Melrose street and Victoria Arm be secured. This was agreed to, and His Worship next named the following standing committees:

Finance—Goodacre, Hall and Oddy.

Old Men's Home—Elford, Fell and Hall.

Electric Light—Hall, Fell and Elford.

Fire Wardens—Oddy, Fullerton and Stewart.

Park—Douglas, Hanna and Goodacre.

Cemetery—Fullerton, Douglas and Elford.

Waterworks Improvement—Stewart, Oddy and Hanna.

Legislation—Fell, Stewart and Fullerton.

Indian Reserve—Hanna, Douglas and Goodacre.

The clerk of the municipality of Toronto forwarded a copy of petition seeking an amendment to all charters granted telephone companies, so that the latter could not erect poles, etc., in any municipality without that municipality's consent.

Referred to streets, sewers and bridges committee for report.

A. J. Garesche called attention to the bad condition of a street consequent on certain tramway operations. Received and filed, the writer to be informed that the improvement will be made at an early date.

Reginald Tait again directed the attention of the council to the need of a light on Front and other streets.

Ald. Fell thought it unnecessary to refer the communication to the electric light committee, as that committee could do nothing under the circumstances. Tabled.

H. J. Miller made application to supply the police station with meals at 45 cents a day, or at 15 cents a meal. Referred to the police commissioners.

The secretary of the Tourist Association wrote laying before the council the request made to the council of 1904, namely, that no foreshore rights be granted above Point Ellice bridge. Received and filed.

James Barton applied for the position of janitor for the new city library.

A number of applications were also received for the position of assistant librarian.

Ald. Fell moved that all applicants be informed that the applications would be duly advertised for, and that the writers should then renew them. The motion carried.

The city returning officer presented his usual report on the returns of the recent municipal elections, also on the result of the voting on the by-laws providing for a new home for the aged and infirm, and for the extension of Douglas street.

The water commissioner reported that A. Sheritt had fulfilled his contract with the city in regard to furnishing certain supplies. Referred to the finance committee, with power to act.

Harold B. Robinson and other residents of south Rockland avenue petitioned for a light, and also for the repair of that street and St. Charles street.

The part of the letter asking for a light was referred to the electric light committee and the other part to the streets committee.

The finance committee recommended the payment of $2,921 out of the revenue of the present year. Carried.

Ald. Douglas's motion that the council memorialize the Dominion government to urge upon the Imperial authorities the advisability of maintaining the Esquimalt naval station in its former status, carried.

Ald. Oddy's motion to introduce a by-law to be known as the Annual Loan By-law, 1905, was carried, after which the meeting adjourned.

AWAITING DECISION.

Judgment Not Given in Application to Set Aside Decree of Probate in California.

Those interested in the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir will case are awaiting the announcement from San Francisco of the decision of Judge Coffey of the Superior Court of California in the application for the setting aside of the decree of ancillary probate. Judgment has been reserved by Judge Coffey, but may be given any day.

The San Francisco Chronicle in summing up the last day's proceedings in the Superior court says:

The James Dunsmuir interests contended on Wednesday that Alexander Dunsmuir, at the time of his death, was not domiciled in San Francisco. Yesterday they took the bull by the other horn and declared that it made no difference if he was.

"I have heard the startling proposition here announced that, for some inscrutable reason, the court of British Columbia had no jurisdiction," said Attorney Wheeler. "If it be true that only the court of the domicile may grant original probate, then many great properties, among them the Fair estate, have not been distributed according to law."

J. C. Campbell, who had been pacing restlessly up and down the further end of the courtroom, paused to remark that he had only said that the court of the domicile, when it did grant probate, must do it by virtue of its original and not ancillary jurisdiction. Wheeler retorted that the probate could not be attacked on motion in any case, and that the opponents should have proceeded by a bill in equity.

Great stress was laid by both sides upon the case of Goldtree against McAllister, Attorney Wheeler insisting that it was decided by the Supreme Court of California, upon grounds which sustained his reasoning in the case at bar. The opposing counsel strenuously questioned this view.

It was stated by the representatives of the beneficiary that a will could be proved in this country without the world outside knowing anything about it, but Judge Coffey interrupted to say that such was not the practice in his court, notwithstanding the impression which seemed to prevail that cases could be railroaded through.

After further argument, Counsel Wheeler said:

"If not for the purpose of facilitating the settlement of the estate, why did James Dunsmuir take this will to be probated in British Columbia?

"Why? For the purpose of avoiding the laws of the land under which Alexander Dunsmuir made his fortune," retorted Campbell. "James Dunsmuir was the man who walked off with the money. When did he become aware that Alexander Dunsmuir was only temporarily residing here? Why, when he found that the United States had a claim upon the estate under the collateral inheritance law. I sincerely hope for the sake of brother Wheeler that the effect of his argument has not been the same upon your honor as upon myself."

The attorneys for the other side travesty the statement that the will was taken to a foreign country to avoid the collateral inheritance tax, saying that the tax depends upon the amount of property in California, and not upon the place of probate.

A PROTEST ENTERED AGAINST COMMISSION

Meeting Held at Ladner Condemns the Assessment Act and the Present Inquiry.

John Oliver, M. P. P., held a public meeting at Ladner on January 12th to discuss the working of the Provincial Assessment Act (1904) A. De K. Taylor was voted to the chair, H. J. Cresswell acting as secretary.

Mr. Oliver first touched upon the irregularity in the working of the act with regard to railways, one railroad at the present time owing to assessment by mileage) paying a tax of one per cent., another two per cent., another three per cent., and yet another thirty-eight per cent. of the gross earnings respectively, thus showing that the poorest railroad was the most heavily taxed.

He then referred more in detail to the effect of the act upon the farming community, and showed that a farmer would have to pay in taxes to the provincial government at least ten per cent. of his gross income, over and above all other taxes he is at present burdened with. At the same time other portions of the act had been dropped by the government, without authority from the people's representatives; noticeably, the tax upon money in banks. He also spoke of the tax upon debts, and showed that the wholesale merchant was liable to pay tax upon all outstanding accounts with the retailer, whether good or bad. The retailer again was liable to tax upon all debts due to him, and so the government was able to levy tax upon the same values over and over again indefinitely.

Mr. Oliver gave many other instances to prove that the Assessment Act, as forced through by the Conservative government, was ill-considered, unbusinesslike and unworkable.

In spite of all this increase of taxation, the province was faced with another deficit, expenditure having been far in excess of revenue. And now the government had appointed an irresponsible commission at a cost to the province of $5,000 to report upon the working of one of its own acts, two cabinet ministers who were responsible for the act sitting upon the commission, the only representative of the general public being the Brackman-Ker Milling Company and the B. C. Electric Railway Compaiy.

The above meeting was well attended, and Mr. Oliver's remarks were listened to with great interest, and elicited many questions from the audience.

At the close the following resolutions were drawn up and unanimously passed, and the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the same to the commission now siting in Victoria:

Resolved, That this meeting disapproves of the personnel of the provincial assessment commission, neither the farming, mining nor lumbering interests being represented on the commission.

Resolved, That the taxation of farm products, in addition to real estate and personal property, imposes a grievous, unjust and inequitable burden upon the agricultural interests.

Resolved, That the determination arrived at that the commission will only take evidence in Victoria is an unfair discrimination against the interests of the other portions of the province and will tend to prevent a full inquiry.

Resolved, That the representatives of the people in parliament assembled are better qualified to deal with the questions of assessment and taxation than are the present assessment commission.

DEPORTED.

Since Beginning of Year Eleven Hundred Immigrants Have Been Sent From New York.

New York, Jan. 17.—Deportation records in New York show that for sixteen days in January 1,100 persons were sent away. Of these a large proportion were Russian Hebrews, mainly refugees. No such record has ever been attained at Ellis Island. The number deported equals eight per cent. of the total arrivals, the previous average having been 1½ per cent. The immigration officials have received information from a number of English Hebrews who arrived on the Umbria to the effect that the east end of London is flooded with Hebrews who say they are waiting an opportunity to get to America.

Mrs. S. Campbell arrived on the Amur from Ketchikan Monday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. R. S. Byrn.

FUNERAL MONDAY.

Remains of Dr. William Grant Mitchell Laid at Rest.

The remains of Dr. William Grant Mitchell were laid at rest Monday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company. Impressive religious services were conducted at Christ church cathedral and at Ross Bay cemetery by Canon Beanlands. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. C. M. Roberts, T. C. Boutton, R. W. Turner, H. H. Barker, G. V. Cuppage and Major Wilson.

As mentioned a few days ago Dr. Mitchell passed away at the Jubilee hospital last week from the effects of pneumonia. He was a native of Quebec, but left there at an early age to attend college in the Old Country. He went through Guy's hospital and then to Edinburgh University. While at the latter city he established a reputation as a Rugby football player, being considered one of the finest full-back players in the British Isles. He went to South Africa as one of the representative teams of England. Dr. Mitchell came to British Columbia as ship's surgeon on the R. M. S. Tartar. Leaving this service he became interested in Atlin, and has since been engaged in mining operations.

Of the late Dr. Mitchell the Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The deceased was largely interested in placer mining operations in Atlin, having gone up North with the early rush to that camp, and had many friends in both this city and Victoria, as he had usually come down from the north for the winter. Few of his friends were aware of his illness, and the news of his untimely death will come as a sudden shock. The late Dr. Mitchell was only about 36 or 37 years of age. He was one of the star players of Guy's hospital team, and was also an 'International,' in fact, he had frequently been styled the 'W. G. Grace' of the Rugby game."

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

Friends Who Remembered W. C. T. U. Mission During Festive Season.

The Times is asked to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations by the W. C. T. U. mission for December and New Year's Day: Mr. Robinson, groceries; Mrs. Kingham, cake; Metropolitan church, groceries and cake; Mr. Hinton, three electric lights set in free; Electric Light Co., reduction of rate for light; another large light of glass. J. Sears; labor, Mr. Wiggs and Mr. Molyneux; Mr. Powell and Mr. Salmon, loan of crockery; Mr. Yeo, free expressage; Mrs. Munn, clothes; Mrs. Williams, coat; Mrs. Capt. McCullough, clothes. For Christmas and New Year's—Miss Wand, cake; Mrs. Graham, cake; Mrs. McNaughton, jellies, milk and cake; Mrs. S. A. Spencer, two milk pitchers; Mrs. C. Kent, sugar bowl; Mrs. Wellwood, cake and fruit; Mrs. Williams, apples, buns and butter; Mrs. Hodges, fruit; Mrs. Andrews, pies; Mrs. Afferton, 75 cents; Mrs. Dowler, 50 cents; Mrs. R. A. Brown, $1; Mrs. Brett, $1; F. Bowden, $1; A Friend, per Mr. Molyneux, $1; G. Powell, two dozen plates; Mrs. Jeffs, cake; Mrs. Anderson, cake; Mrs. Burkholder, cake; Mrs. Cox, cake; Mrs. Mittlestat, cake; Mr. Darling, Christmas and small cakes and bread; Mrs. Crawford, cake; Mrs. Gleason, spoons, bread and cake; Mrs. H. Kent, cake; Mrs. J. Wilby, cake and milk; Mrs. Flett, cake; Mrs. A. Davis, cake; Mrs. D. Davis, cake; Mrs. Deville, sugar; L. Goodacre, joint beef; Mrs. Dean, coffee, meat and bread; Mrs. McCrimmon, pies; Mrs. M. Wilson, tarts and pie; Mrs. Riddle, pie; Mrs. R. Wilson, cake; Mrs. F. Adams, pies, coffee and milk; Mrs. Scowcroft, bread and pies.

Papers and magazines from Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. R. F. Green, Mrs. (Capt.) McCullough, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. F. Carnes, Mrs. Gleason, Dr. E. Hall, Dr. L. Hall, Mrs. Jeffs, Mrs. C. Kent, Mr. Austin, Mrs. (Rev.) E. S. Rowe (book), Mrs. W. Kermode, Mr. N. Shakespeare; also Daily Times and Colonist, Vancouver World, Nelson News and Ashcroft Journal.

These were in addition to the regular monthly subscriptions, and the committee wishes to heartily thank the donors.

NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Local Tenders for New C. P. R. Hotel Too High—Inspection of the Boundary Lines.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., is among the officials of that road in the city to-day. He reports that all the tenders for the construction of the new C. P. R. hotel in this city have been forwarded on to Montreal for final decision. They included two local tenders from Messrs. Smith & Sherbourne and F. J. Mesher, whose bids for the work are said to be so high as to leave them out of all prospect of getting the contract.

Mr. Marpole and party have just returned from a trip in the interior. The party included J. H. Cambie, consulting engineer of the Pacific division; C. E. Cartwright, divisional engineer; and Capt. Troup, superintendent of Coast steamers. The last named returned to Victoria on Saturday evening. The trip was made on board Mr. Marpole's private car, No. 15.

Asked regarding his tour, Mr. Marpole is quoted by the Vancouver Province as saying:

"We were merely on a periodical inspection trip over the lines in the Boundary country, with a view to ascertaining traffic conditions there during the winter time. We found everything generally satisfactory throughout that district, the only drawback noticed during our visit being the shortage of water caused by the extreme cold weather, which was imposing a severe hardship on some of the leading mining companies. Yes, it was pretty cold—twenty-two below zero, when we were at Phoenix. The shortage of water was naturally curtailing the output of some of the mining and smelting companies. The Granby had shut down all but two furnaces. The Cascade Power Company is seriously hampered in its operations and a number of other companies are almost at a standstill. But otherwise everything was in a promising condition, and the outlook for the season is exceedingly bright."

VERY QUESTIONABLE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Gold Brick Artist in Far Off Barcelona, Spain, Tries to Work Victoria Merchant.

"For ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain, the gold brick man is peculiar," is not an inapt pheraphrase of Bert Harte's familiar little ditty. At the same time it must be confessed that the male persuasion holds no exclusive monopoly of the game, in view of the performances of Madame Humbert and Mrs. Chadwick. The luminous feature about these elaborate "sure thing" enterprises is the colossal snaps the promoters offer, and another feature probably equally conspicuous is the avidity with which the tempting bait is swallowed by disciples of the "get rich quick" idea. One can easily understand the hope of success that would exist in the heart of a bunco operator who had won the confidence of his victim, but when a total stranger takes the trouble to throw out a line several thousand miles long and in waters that can contain nothing for him but uncertainty, he gives an exhibition of gall nothing short of sublime.

R. H. Johnston, the well-known local seed merchant, has received one of these philanthropic "offers" from some individual in Barcelona, Spain, who must have an extraordinary idea of the guileless innocence of the people of this place. He gives Mr. Johnston the opportunity of making considerably more than £9,000 in return for a comparatively trifling favor. The Victorian, however, has conscientious scruples against getting rich so quickly and easily, so he proposes to decline the offer without thanks. Moreover, in order that the public may not be kept in ignorance of the existence of the Barcelona philanthropist who is in danger of "wasting his sweetness on a desert air," Mr. Johnston has handed the letter to the press. It came in a black-bordered envelope, and was addressed as follows: "North America, British Canada; Mr. Robt. H. Johnston, seed merchant; Victoria (Columbia.)"

Here is the letter:

Barcelona, and Dec. the 22nd, 1904.

Mr. Robert H. Johnston:

Dear Sir:—Arrested here by bankruptcy, I beg to ask you if you are willing to help me to rescue an amount of £37,000 that I keep into a trunk that now lays seized by the criminal court of this town as a consequence of my process.

To succeed, it is wanted that you may agree to have my daughter sent to your country, with all my luggage and the necessary instructions. I am wounded in bed and my health does not allow me to await to come out of my sad position. I am consequently in want of a faithful person, as you are, who may help me to carry out my proposals.

As a reward, I can give you the fourth part of the said amount.

Under the fear that my letter may not reach you, I will await your reply to sign my full name and trust you with all particulars. If you are so good as to accept, be pleased to send a cablegram to a very trustful person, who shall forward it to me at once, addressed as follows:

Jean Richard-Borrell, 117, 3.2a, Barcelona (Spain).

Await samples.

JOHNSTON.

Meantime, I pray you a whole discretion and reply by cable as soon as possible.

Very obliged, yours,

L. R. I.

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Obtain Bright Eyes, Rosy Cheeks and Perfect Health Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Miss Jennie Burrows, Rigault, Que., says: "I write to thank you for the wonderful benefit your Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done me. I am now 22 years of age, but from the time I was fourteen I did not enjoy good health. A couple of years ago while attending school I grew worse, and the Sisters in charge called in a doctor. After treating me for some time, without any improvement, he told me that I must discontinue my studies. When I got home I was sent to Caledonia Springs. The first month I was there it seemed to help me, but, like all the medicine I had taken, the help was only temporary, and I relapsed into my former condition. I grew so pale and wax-like that strangers called me the wax figure. My heart would beat so violently that I could hear the noise it made. I was so weak I could not walk a block without support, or without resting two or three times. My head would sometimes ache so violently as to almost drive me wild, and at other times I would grow so dizzy that I could not stand. All this time I was taking treatment, but all the time was getting worse and worse, and I hardly hoped ever to be better again. At this time I read in a newspaper of a somewhat similar case cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I determined to try them. By the time I had used a half dozen boxes I had improved a great deal. From that on, week by week, I gained in health and strength, until by the time I had used eleven boxes I was enjoying better health than I had done for years. I am now well and strong, and thank God for the blessing of good health your wonderful Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have conferred upon me. I would strongly advise every weak and ailing girl who reads this to lose no time in taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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AGRICULTURAL

STOCKMEN'S INTEREST IN GOOD SEED.

In discussing this subject at the Ontario winter fair, G. H. Clark, chief of the seed division, Ottawa, said:

My observations have led me to believe that breeders and feeders of live stock are, as a rule, more alive to the importance of good seed than farmers who sell the bulk of their hay and grain. We are told that more than three-fourths of the raw material harvested each year from Ontario fields is fed to live stock; a large proportion of it is manufactured into meat and dairy products. Stockmen are in a broad sense manufacturers and, as in the case of other manufacturers, much of their success depends on the quality and cost of the raw material used. It would seem clear, then, that any increase in the yield per acre of the raw material would mean a commensurate reduction in its cost to the stockman.

When compared with the labor and the yearly rental value of the land, the cost of seed is a small item of expense in the production of hay or grain, but the influence of the seed is much greater than is generally believed. Indeed, as has been well said, good seed is at the foundation of good farming.

The farms of most good stockmen are kept in a high state of fertility. In consequence, they are able to grow better crops than their neighbors who sell their grain, but it occurs to me that on most stockman's farms much more profitable crops would be obtained if the seed used were always of the best; the best seed, though its cost may seem high, is always the cheapest.

It is highly important that the variety be well suited to the conditions of soil on which it is used. But there may be a wide difference between two strains of seed of the same variety. The productive capacity of the seed may be reached before that of the soil. You may use a strain of seed of Banner oats on one of your best fields and get a return of sixty bushels per acre, or you may use another strain of the same variety, on the same field, in the same year, sown at the same time, and get seventy bushels per acre, at practically the same net cost. Similarly you may use one sire, the progeny of which may be fed at a loss, or another sire that will get good paying stock.

I wish then to remind the stockman that the profits which result from care in the feeding and selection of their breeding stock will also follow proper care in the growing and selecting of their seed grain. The principles which make for the improvement of live stock may also be applied with equal advantage from the standpoint of the practical farmer for the improvement of crops, but as much has already been done by the way of selection in the improvement of live stock and but little for the improvement of corn and other crops, it follows that there remain greater opportunities for improvement in the selection of seed grain. It was in view of these opportunities that Prof. Robertson started the project four years ago that led up to the formation in June last of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, the work of which is conducted on a basis not dissimilar to that adopted by your live stock associations.

We have twenty-three farmers in Ontario who have started to grow seed corn. Each of them provided a breeding plot of not less than one-quarter of an acre, on which they plant about twenty rows of corn, each from a separate ear, which is shelled by hand as it is dropped in the hills. Each ear will plant a single row complete, and twenty selected ears are required to plant a breeding plot, which, to prevent cross-fertilization, is kept at a distance from any other variety or field of corn. Before the pollen is ripe, the tassels are cut from all the inferior stalks so that all of the corn will be fertilized with the pollen from vigorous growing plants. When the corn is matured, one or two of the best out of the twenty rows are selected from which to choose twenty perfect ears from the best plants in those rows, to plant the breeding plot of the next year. The balance of the good ears from the breeding plots is used to plant a field on which general crop seed is grown. You may be able to get good seed corn from some of those twenty-three members next year. If so, it will be delivered to you in the ear and you will thus have some idea of the quality of the seed you are using.

Many of the growers of seed wheat, oats, and barley had good results from sowing their breeding or hand-selected seed plots with an ordinary grain drill, having every other tube plugged, thus making the drills of grain fourteen instead of seven inches apart. By this method, fifteen pounds of hand-selected seed oats may be used to good advantage on half an acre of well prepared land. The yield from a crop sown in this manner is nearly, but not quite, as large on an average as from thicker seeding, but the object is to get seed from a crop in which the individual plants have had an opportunity to reach their limit of perfection, rather than to force a crop to its maximum yield. The time required to select large heads from the ripened standing crops to get fifteen pounds of good seed—hand-selected seed—is inconsiderable when compared with the benefits derived. If the stockmen of Ontario would exercise the same care in the growing and selection of their seed grain that they do in the feeding and selection of their breeding stock they would be repaid tenfold.

DENOUNCES WITNESSES.

Bishop Conelly, Speaking at Eureka, Said Men Have Been Shot for Breaking Oaths.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Eureka, Utah, says that Bishop Daniel Connelly, in an address before the Mormon Young People's Societies of that place, has denounced as "traitors" the witnesses in the Smoot investigation who have revealed the endowment house, and declared that he had known men to be shot to death for breaking their oaths.

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PURSE FOR JOHN HOUSTON.

Presentation to the Mayor of Nelson by His Followers.

"John Houston, mayor and member of the legislative assembly, was presented on Friday evening with a purse containing $500 in gold," says the Nelson News. "The offering was subscribed by supporters of Mr. Houston in the municipal campaign, most of whom had won money on the election.

"Shortly after 7.30, about 80 men were massed in Mr. Houston's office. William Blackmore called for order, asked Mr. Houston to come forward, and after a brief introduction, read an address. The leader was assured of the confidence and esteem in which he was held by his followers. Resentment at the opposition which had been offered to him, and regret that the majority was not larger, were expressed. At the close of the address, Mr. Blakemore laid on the desk a list of the subscribers and emptied a bag containing $500 in gold.

"Mr. Houston expressed his gratitude for the testimonial of his followers' belief in his integrity and loyalty to them. He reviewed the campaign and its incidents and expressed entire satisfaction with his majority. He told of a presentation made to him on the occasion of his first election as mayor of Nelson, eight years ago. He was given a plug hat, a gold cane and an address, all of which are still treasured. After thanking his friends the mayor expressed his intention, and declared his ability, to carry out every pledge made in the campaign."

ENJOYABLE INSTALLATION.

Victoria Tent, No. 2, Knights of Maccabees, held their regular review on Tuesday last. A large number of Sir Knights were present. Ten candidates, being in waiting, were regularly introduced and initiated into the order, after which the installation ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Past Commander Jas. Bell, who was ably assisted by a number of knights. The reports for the term just ended, which were read, were very satisfactory statements.

The members then retired in a body to the adjoining hall, where a very enjoyable social was held, and the Sir Knights partook of the many good things provided by the social committee.

The remarks made by the district deputy commander went far to make all satisfied that Victoria Tent, No. 2, was on the eve of a grand awakening. All the Sir Knights feel assured that 'n D. D. C. S. L. Beaven Victoria Tent has got the right man in the right place.

Following is a list of the newly installed officers: Com., A. Manson; Lieut. Com., T. L. Beaven; R. K., J. Bell; F. K., R. F. John; Chaplain, Ed. Bragg; Sergt., B. Goodfield; Physicians, Drs. Jos. Gibbs and F. W. Hall; M. at A., Wm. F. Crockford; 1st M. of G., Wm. Waring; 2nd M. of G., Wm. Mintry; Sent., Geo. Murray; Sick, Jno. C. Drood.

"ATROCIOUS LIARS."

Senator Mitchell Denounces the Authors of Charge Against Him.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, made a statement in the Senate to-day regarding his indictment in connection with the Oregon land frauds. At the outset the Senator declared that the charges made against him, if true, unfitted him to occupy his seat in the Senate.

He then detailed the charges and said: "I assert in the most positive and unqualified manner that each and everyone of these charges in so far as they relate to or involve me are absolutely, unqualifiedly and atrociously false, and I here and now indignantly and defiantly denounce their authors, each and every one of them, and brand them publicly as malicious and atrocious liars."

Germany exported 34,717 tons of toys, valued at £2,786,774, in 1903.

Land Registry Act.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Sub-Division No. 10 of Lot 121 A., Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to Ellen Carroll on the 13th day of May, 1865, and numbered 1353.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 13th day of December, A. D., 1904.

G. R. LAWRENCE:—

Please take notice that should you fail to meet your portion of expenditure for assessment work for year ending Sept. 11th, 1904, on mineral claims Cascade and Forest King, on head waters of Chemainus River, your interest in same will be forfeited in time and as provided for by statute.

A. R. SHERK.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for leave to purchase forty (40) acres of land situate on Dease Lake, Cassiar District, opposite Porter's Landing, and about one (1) mile south of the outlet of the said Lake into Dease River: Commencing at the north west corner two (2) chains west of this point, thence twenty (20) chains south, thence twenty (20) chains east, thence twenty (20) chains north, and thence back to northwest corner.

WARBURTON PIKE.
Dease Lake, Cassiar, B.C., Oct. 2nd, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Fraction S. W. ¼ Sec. 31, Fraction Sec. 32 and Fraction Sec. 33, Denman Island, Nanaimo District, containing in the aggregate 487 acres more or less.

H. McFARLAN.

December 5th, 1904.

SECOND-HAND PIANO FOR SALE—$135. This instrument has been used by a teacher and is thoroughly well made. Will be delivered free to any wharf or railway station in B. C. Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., 88 Government street, Victoria; 123 Hastings street, Vancouver. We have others. Write us for catalogue.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Guernsey bull, 2½ years, from best stock in Canada, $180; strong team general purpose horses, $240; fifteen tons good hay. J. Legh, Salt Spring Island.

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

CARNEGIE TO RESCUE.

Students Who Lost Money in Bank Failure Will Receive Percentage of Deposits.

Oberlin, Jan. 17.—President King, of Oberlin college, announced at chapel today that all moneys lost by students through the failure of the Citizens' National Bank, which closed its doors at the time of the alleged Chadwick forgeries, would be paid a percentage on the amount shown in the pass books. President King announced further that Andrew Carnegie was the man who was doing this. At the time of the failure the stories of privation and hardships which would ensue to students who had their money in the bank was brought to Mr. Carnegie's attention and he asked for a list of all worthy depositors. To-day a cheque was received from Mr. Carnegie, who, President King stated, while innocently figuring in the bank failure and in nowise responsible, did not wish to see deserving students and others suffer. Besides the depositors Mr. Carnegie reimbursed the Y. M. C. A. to the extent of about $3,000, which was lost in the same failure.