MASONS HOLD AN ENJOYABLE BANQUET

LARGE GATHERING OF CRAFTSMEN PRESENT

Signalizing Installation of Officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge—Good Songs and Speeches.

It is certainly no play of fancy to say that never has the interior of the A. O. U. W. hall presented a more striking scene than it did Friday when about one hundred and seventy-five Masons sat down to a banquet signalizing the installation of officers of Victoria-Columbia lodge, No. 1. Moreover there is no doubt that the function was one of the most successful and thoroughly enjoyable in the history of local Masonry, a statement, which in view of the excellence of the repasts of former years, means a great deal. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and bunting, while in the arrangement of tables the caterer, Bro. Leason, had called into activity all the ingenuity which long experience has placed at his command. They were formed in the shape of a horseshoe, and to a nicety accommodated the number who were expected to attend. Furthermore they were neatly ornamented by flowers and plants of various kinds, harmonizing with the general decorative display in a manner that added much to the attractiveness of the scene. The banquetters were unstinted in their praise of the excellence of the arrangements, and Bro. Leason was complimented all round. Messrs. Pauline and Longfield presided at the piano and violin respectively, their excellent programme materially enhancing the pleasure of the gathering.

It was quite late when the members of the craft arrived from their meeting place, the Masonic temple, the installation ceremony occupying their attention until that time. Once in their seats around the tables, however, they acquitted themselves in a manner which in itself was a striking compliment to the caterer. The newly installed W. M. of Victoria-Columbia lodge, G. D. Christie, presided, flanked on the right and left by M. W. grand master for the province, W. J. Bowser, M. P. P., Vancouver, and P. M. W. K. Houston of Victoria-Columbia lodge, No. 1, while members of the grand lodge from both Island and Mainland points occupied seats of honor.

The menu speaks for itself. It is as follows:

Celery. Spanish Olives.
Crab, Lobster and Potato Salads.
Island Turkey. Spiced Veal.
Westphalia Tongue. B. C. Ham.
Mashed Potatoes.
Dominion Snow Pudding.
Pistachio, Wild Cherry and Pineapple Jelly.
Strawberry, Lemon and Raspberry
Tart'ets.
Assorted Cakes and Pattles.
Oranges and Bananas.
Stilton and McLaren Cheese.
Coffee.

After the above collation had been effectually disposed of the toast list was proceeded with. The chairman, W. Bro. G. D. Christie, proposed the loyal toast "The King and the Craft," which was drunk with enthusiasm amid strains of "God Save the King." Bro. Rev. E. S. Rowe proposed the health of the strenuous "Teddy" Roosevelt in his best vein. He expressed his acknowledgment of the great honor conferred upon him in permitting him to propose the health of the President of the United States, at the same time recognizing the heavy obligation laid upon him to express in fitting terms the sentiments suggested by the toast. He pointed out, however, that there was no ruler whose health could not be drunk at a Masonic banquet, for Masonry knew no limitations of nationality or creed.

The great commonwealth on the south he characterized as the largest product of the British Empire. It had got from Great Briain those laws and sentiments which found expression in the democratic form of government prevailing there. The same principles existed in Canada, and in religious tolerance and civil liberty it was impossible to find a difference between this country, which is under a monarchy, and the United States, which is a democracy. He paid an eloquent tribute to President Roosevelt as an administrator and a man, commenting on his courage, his desire to promote the advancement of humanity, and the development of a great and free people, his friendly attitude towards his neighbors on the north, and sympathy for Great Britain. He also alluded to the desire of the people south of the line for a closer interchange of trade between the two countries, and recalled that once Canada had sought this of them, had knocked at their door, but they were not at home. Now they must come to Canada. In closing he voiced the esteem which Victorians all felt for President Roosevelt's representative in this city, who he was glad to say was also a member of the craft.

Hon. A. E. Smith in responding acknowledged the eloquent manner in which the toast was proposed and the cordial response it received. He was deeply thankful for the great friendliness which prevailed between the two great nations. He was proud to drink the health of President Roosevelt, whom a majority of two and a half millions had again sent to the White House—an endorsement that had never been recorded before.

He spoke glowingly of the admirable qualities of the Masons who had just been installed—gentlemen who were ornaments to Masonry. He was also pleased to see present so many brethren from Vancouver. This was the eighth banquet of the kind he had attended in Victoria, and he hoped he would be privileged to attend many more. He commented on the fact that the foremost men of the States, including Vice-President Fairbanks, were members of the craft.

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In responding M. W. G. M. W. J. Bowser, of Vancouver, delivered a capital speech, in which earnestness and raillery were deftly mingled. He dwelt on the personnel of the Grand Lodge, and then spoke eloquently of the universality of Masonry, represented in every country on the earth. There was no secret organization that could compare with it; among its members were the greatest men of the time, including rulers and celebrities in every calling. He then commented on the extent of the British Columbia jurisdiction, which he extolled as the grandest in North America, and he deeply appreciated the honor conferred upon him in being delegated grand master. There may be other jurisdictions more influential and populous, but none could boast of more intelligent or handsome men than this one. (Laughter). He closed by urging all to do their utmost to advance the cause of Masonry.

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FRUIT GROWERS.

They Are in Convention at Duncans—Recommendations Made By Them.

The annual convention of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association is in session at Duncans. The following officers have been elected for the year: President, T. W. Stirling, Kelowna; first vice-president, Thos. A. Brydon; Victoria; second vice-president, J. C. Metcalfe, Port Hammond; third vice-president, James Johnstone, Nelson; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Brandrith, New Westminster; executive committee, Messrs. T. W. Stirling, J. C. Metcalfe, R. H. Palmer (Victoria), H. Kipp (Chilliwack), and W. J. Brandrith.

Resolutions were passed urging upon the Dominion government the establishment of experimental orchards in the dry belt of British Columbia, and asking for a better enforcement of the Pure Foods' Act.

Another resolution to go before the provincial government asks for better assistance being given Thos. Cunningham, the chief inspector of fruit pests.

Rev. G. W. Taylor read a very interesting paper before the convention on the subject "How to Deal With Injurious Insects."

The quarterly meetings arranged for are as follows: At Victoria in April, at Nelson in July. The October meeting will be fixed later. Vancouver was selected as the meeting place for the next annual convention.

Neuralgic Pains

ARE THE CRY OF THE NERVES FOR BETTER BLOOD.

Enrich the Blood and Neuralgia Will Disappear—It is Only Those Whose Blood is Poor and Watery That Suffer.

No part of the human system is more sensitive than the nerves. Many of the most excruciating pains that afflict mankind come from weak, shaky, shattered nerves, and among the nerve pains there is perhaps none that cause more intense suffering than neuralgia, which generally attacks the nerves of the face and head, sometimes causing swift, darting, agonizing pains—at other times a dull, heavy aching feeling which makes life miserable. There is only one way to get rid of neuralgia and other nervous troubles, and that is through the blood. Poor, watery blood makes the nerves shaky and invite disease. Rich, red blood makes the nerves strong and banishes all nerve troubles. No medicine in the world can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a blood builder and nerve tonic; every dose helps to make rich, red blood, and every drop of this new blood feeds and strengthens the nerves and banishes all nerve aches and pains. Among those who offer strong proof of this is Mr. John McDermott, Bond Head, Ont., who says: "A few years ago while working as a carpenter in Buffalo I got wet. I neglected to change my clothes and next morning I awoke with cramps and pains throughout my entire body. I was unable to go to work so called in a doctor. I followed his treatment, but it did not help me. As I was unable to work I returned to my home at Bond Head. Here I consulted a doctor, who said I was suffering from neuralgia, but though he treated me for some time, he also failed to help me. I had often read of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, so decided to try them. I had not used more than three boxes before I felt they were helping me. From that on I gained day by day, and after I had used some ten boxes I had fully recovered my old-time strength and have since been able to work at my trade without any trouble. The pains and aches no longer torture me, and I have gained in weight. I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills an invaluable medicine, and shall always have a good word to say for them."

Neuralgia, sciatica, rheumatism, St. Vitus dance, and the many other blood and nerve troubles all vanish when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are used—but you must get the genuine, bearing the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper around every box. Sold by druggists or direct by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Time for Completing Assessment Rolls Extended—Companies Incorporated.

Last week's Provincial Gazette contained notice of the following appointment: John Errington Houghton, of Crawford Bay, West Kootenay, to be a justice of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

Notice is given assessors that the time for completing the duties of the courts of revision and appeal, and adjournments thereof, where necessary, with respect to the assessment rolls for 1905, has been further extended until on or before 16th January, 1905.

The Gold Bug Mining Company, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital of $250,000 to carry on operations in Deadwood camp.

The Herald Publishing Company, Limited, with a capital of $15,000, has been granted incorporation.

The Pacific Trust Company, Limited, with a capital of $100,000, is incorporated to carry on business.

Among the notices of private bills to be introduced is one by Tupper & Griffin, acting for the applicants, who give notice that application will be made to the legislature for an act empowering commissioners to be appointed by the land owners of the Sumas dyking district for the construction of dyking works, notwithstanding anything contained in the "Public Dyking Act of 1898," and directing that the powers, rights and liabilities of such commissioners be governed by the "Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act," and the amendments thereto, and that the sections of the "Public Dyking Act, 1898," and the amendments thereto, providing for the appointment of the inspector of dykes, shall not apply to the said district, and defining the powers of the said commissioners, and to relieve the lands in the district from the issue of $18,000 of debentures issued by commissioners on the 22nd day of February, 1895, under the "Drainage Dyking and Irrigation Act, 1894," and all interest thereon.

LINER FLOATED.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Prinz Adalbert, from Genoa, Palermo and Naples, with passengers and a general cargo, which ran aground in the lower bay early today, was floated safely at 5 o'clock this morning.

COAST ADVISORY BOARD AUTHORIZED

B. C. FANCIERS WILL CONTROL LOCAL SHOWS

Canadian Kennel League Agree to Appointment of Governing Body—Last Thursday's Meeting.

Victoria's position as a result of the amalgamation of the Western Kennel League and the American Association was thoroughly discussed at a largely attended meeting of the Victoria club held Thursday evening at Pioneer hall. The action of officials in declaring for the Canadian Kennel League was endorsed. More important, however, was a communication from the latter organization announcing that permission would be granted the British Columbia clubs to form a Pacific Coast advisory board, which will have control of all shows held in the Northwest under Canadian League rules. This caused general gratification, and Secretary McConnell was immediately instructed to communicate with the C. K. L. secretary and come to some definite agreement as to the personnel and powers of the proposed advisory board.

One of the first matters introduced, after the transaction of routine business, was the disorganization of the Western Kennel League. The communications from N. J. Stewart, secretary of the defunct organization, explaining the situation, which have already been published by the Times, were read. After due deliberation the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Stewart asking for a statement of the financial standing of the disorganized league, and, providing there are funds in the treasury, that they be equally distributed among the Coast clubs.

Letters were submitted from the Seattle and Portland clubs promising the Victoria association's next annual show liberal support. These were all the more acceptable because of the prevailing opinion that the action of Victoria in joining the Canadian Kennel League would antagonize the American clubs. It was explained, however, that the association of Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver clubs with the C. K. C. will have a beneficial effect on Pacific Coast exhibitions. The fact that the Dominion League recognizes all wins outside of Canada makes it possible for local fanciers to secure a championship by winning at the three British Columbia shows and under two American judges. While the United States association will not recognize C. K. C. wins, dog breeders of Washington, Oregon and California will be induced to show at the three British Columbia exhibitions for the purpose of securing a Canadian championship. Therefore, it is hoped that the new conditions will place the local associations on a much improved standing.

The communication regarding a British Columbia advisory board, which has already been referred to, was discussed at length. As mentioned, Secretary McConnell was entrusted to make all necessary arrangements and submit a report at the next meeting. This board probably will consist of delegates from Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver and have full jurisdiction over C. K. C. shows in the Northwest.

Some preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming show were considered. The system of offering cash prizes was thought inadvisable and will be abandoned. It was decided, however, to spend $150 in cups alone for presentation to successful exhibitors. The usual bonuses will be offered large handlers. A special class for local owned and bred dogs is to be inaugurated, splendid medals being put up for winners. This step is taken to encourage local fanciers.

A meeting of a special committee will be held on Wednesday evening next for the purpose of arranging for a parlor show to take place towards the end of the month.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

Destitute Russian Jews in Montreal—Man Killed by Falling on a Circular Saw.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—City authorities and the Baron de Hirsch Institute are facing a stiff proposition just now in the shape of a thousand or so of Russian Jews who landed at St. John, N. B., last Tuesday and have reached Montreal in a stranded condition. The newcomers profess to be going to work, but there is nothing for them to do. The Montrealers out of employment during the winter months are numerous enough to attend to all stray jobs, such as snow shovelling, etc. The Baron de Hirsch Institute has been feeding these people, but finds the burden more than it can stand, and has asked the city to do something. The city feels that it is doing all it can in giving employment to its own people. The Baron de Hirsch Institute has cabled the societies in Europe to cease sending this class of emigrants until the spring months, and in the meantime is shipping as many as it can to other places.

Rejane's Plays.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—La Presse, the leading French newspaper of this city, to-night stated that the advertisements of Rejane, the French actress now playing here, had been cancelled and that no further criticisms of her performances would appear in consequence of the number of complaints received concerning the morality of the productions. The church authorities have decided views upon the question, and it is expected that they are responsible for the action of La Presse. Meanwhile Rejane is playing nightly to crowded houses.

Idle.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The Canada Foundry Co. has notified 800 of their employees that their services will be dispensed with for some days. It is rumored that possibly a hundred of them may be laid off permanently. The management gave as a reason for the lay-off the fact that the annual stock-taking is now in progress.

Found Dead.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Alexander Tait, a painter, was found dead in his bedroom at 41 Widmer street this morning, where a gas jet was turned on full force.

Jail for Poacher.

Quebec, Jan. 5.—Information has reached here from Amqui, county of Rimouski, that the famous poacher, German LePage, who hunts both sides of the international boundary line, has been convicted before Judge Garon, Rimouski, and sent to jail at the instance of the Quebec Protective Association. He had killed eight moose and sold their skins and two heads for $32.

Fell on Saw.

Dominion City, Man., Jan. 5.—J. Unrow was killed yesterday by falling on a circular saw.

Narrow Escapes.

Regina, Jan. 5.—Mayor Laird and family were almost asphyxiated last night by fumes from a coal stove. All are ill, but no serious results are anticipated.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTED

Of Coast Teachers' Institute—Changes in Class Book Selections.

At Wednesday's session of the Coast Teachers' Institute the president announced that the executive committee of five, as recommended by the officers-elect, were as follows: J. Shaw, Nanaimo; Miss A. D. Cameron, Victoria; William McDonagh, Vancouver; Miss Lily Laursen, Vancouver; Sidney Peel.

Superintendent Robinson said that he wished to announce that the Board of Education had decided to replace "Evangeline" with another poem, and also to cut out "Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare." He had recommended in place of "Evangeline," Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel." It had been chosen in preference to "The Lady of the Lake," which was too long for the purpose. Instead of "Lamb's Tales" they would study some of the prose selections in the class books. Other changes would also be made in the curriculum, but they would not take place till next year. He also thought that the schools should be opened at nine o'clock all the year round. All artisans and laborers were at work by 8 o'clock, and it was no benefit to them to start school half an hour later during the winter months. He thought also that if the schools opened at nine, there would be fewer business and professional men coming to their offices at 10.30 and 11 o'clock in the morning.

COAL TRAINS COLLIDE.

Nanaimo, Jan. 6.—A serious head-on collision occurred on the Cumberland-Union Bay railroad last night during a fog. Engine No. 15, a big mogul, drawing a train of thirty-two cars from Union Bay, crashed into a train of a similar number of loaded cars coming from Hamilton Lake mine. The collision took place near Chinatown. The latter train was travelling at about 25 miles an hour. As soon as the engineers saw each other, both whistled and put on the brakes and jumped before the impact, the entire crews escaping injury. Both engines are badly wrecked, however, together with a number of cars. The loss to the rolling stock is estimated at $5,000. A large gang of workmen are now engaged clearing the track. Until locomotives are secured from Victoria or Extension it will be necessary to close the Cumberland mines as all the bunkers are located at Union Bay.

MINER DROWNED.

Bellingham, Jan. 5.—Jack Wilson, a Blue Canyon coal miner, was drowned in Lake Whatcom some time on Tuesday night. Wilson took the steamer Elsinore at Silver Beach for Blue Canyon. When the vessel landed at the latter place Wilson was missing, and cries could be heard across the lake in the direction of Rogers Landing, a distance of nearly a mile. The captain immediately headed the vessel in the direction of the sounds, and after considerable cruising caught sight of Wilson, but before he could be reached he sank and rose no more. The body has not yet been recovered. It is believed he fell overboard while trying to pass around the guard rail from the forward to the after cabin.

Captain J. G. Cox is confined to his home with a severe cold.

Muddy Complexions

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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 1333.

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 northwest 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.

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—France and Morocco have settled their recent misunderstanding, and the French minister at Tangier is preparing the court of the Sultan for an audience. This news comes to the state department in a cablegram from the American vice-consul at Tangier, who also says that no foreigners will leave the capital in view of the outlook of peace.

ARRIVES IN CUSTODY.

New York, Jan. 7.—James Wallace, charged with the theft of stock certificates valued at about $30,000 from a Marquette, Mich., banker, arrived here from Liverpool to-day in charge of an officer.

He had been the banker's confidential secretary, and was arrested in Liverpool on November 29th. A letter of credit for $22,000 and a large sum of money in his possession when arrested have been recovered. He will be taken to Michigan.

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