

DATES OF SPRING COURTS OF ASSIZE

OFFICIAL NOTICES IN CURRENT GAZETTE

List of License Commissioners for Province Gazetted—Companies Incorporated—Other Matters.

The Official Gazette published last evening contains the appointment of the following license commissioners: Victoria—F. W. Vincent, alderman; Alexander G. McCann, alderman; Kaslo—David Jackson Young, alderman; Neil E. Mackay, alderman; Phoenix—Daniel G. Munro, alderman; W. R. Williams, J. P.; Campbellton—J. E. Calnan, alderman; A. H. Peacey, alderman; Slokan—Donald D. Robertson, alderman; George Nicol, alderman; Vernon—R. W. Timmons, alderman; W. F. Cameron, alderman; Kamloops—James A. Gill, alderman; John R. Michell, alderman; Nanaimo—Morgan Harris, alderman; Gilbert McKinnell, alderman; New Westminster—P. Venables, alderman; Ernest Spraggett, J. P.; Greenwood—John G. Canfield, alderman; Charles Joseph McArthur, alderman; Sandon—Thomas Brown, alderman; A. B. Docksteader, alderman; Trail—J. P. Byers, alderman; R. M. Perdue, alderman; Revelstoke—J. McLeod, alderman; Robert Gordon, alderman; The following appointments are also gazetted: James Ross, of Shuswap, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

John T. Williams, of the city of Vancouver, to be a stipendiary magistrate in and for the province of Vancouver; Edward James Palmer and James S. Gibson, of Chemainus, to be members of the board of trustees of the Chemainus General Hospital for the year 1902; Albert Edward Bolton, of Port Simpson, M. D., J. P. and Osborne Morris, of the city of Vernon, M. D., to be medical health officers; George A. B. Hall, of the city of Nelson, M. D., to be a medical health officer in and for the Nelson mining division; Messrs. R. J. Skinner, J. R. Martin, John Murray and Charles J. McArthur, have been appointed officers of the lands and works department, with full power to carry out the provisions of the Land Act relating to the collection of royalty upon timber, cordwood and other wood, including the power to seize, detain and sell timber, and to cut and other wood upon which the royalties imposed by law have not been paid to the Crown.

HEARING OF JOHNSON CASE THIS MORNING

Charged With Refusing to Sign His Name When Required by Returning Officer.

The case of John James, charged with the attempt to personate James Friday, deceased, at the recent bye-election, was called in the police court this morning. The accused was represented by Counsel J. E. Walls, who also defended John Johnson, who is charged under another section of the act.

The prosecution was in the hands of H. McKenzie Cleland, J. H. Lawson, Jr., and E. A. Powell. The information was amended to the effect that the accused had applied for a ballot in the name of James Friday, deceased. Mr. Walls objected to this amendment, contending that it amounted to a charge of perjury, but as it was allowed by the magistrate, he pressed for an adjournment. This was granted, and the case went over until tomorrow morning.

The other case, that of John Johnson, who is charged under section 177 of the act with refusing to sign his name when called upon to do so, was proceeded with. The hearing of this case was long drawn out, the court not rising till about 1:30.

Mr. Siddall, election clerk, was the only witness examined. His evidence in brief was to the effect that he noticed the accused wandering around in a suspicious manner, and from conversation received and his own observation determined to investigate. He, therefore, took him to the returning officer's office, and in the presence of the returning officer, and his request, required the defendant to write his name in the book kept for the purpose. This Johnson refused to do, and witness did it for him. With the accused were two others, and when witness asked him if he had a ballot paper on him, two of the three handed him a card. He believed one of the two was Johnson, but was not sure. He had destroyed the card, as he had destroyed others which contained instructions other than those officially given. He had, however, an exact duplicate of it with him.

A protracted argument ensued between counsel as to the admission of the card, and finally it was not declared admissible, the witness not having examined it closely in comparison with the card destroyed.

The prosecution were permitted to question the witness as to his recollection of what was on the card. While unable to swear positively as to the contents of the card, the witness said to the best of his recollection it contained the names of both candidates with the cross placed opposite that of Col. Prier.

During the course of his evidence Mr. Siddall explained that he was not appearing for either side, but as a public official.

He was cross-examined at length by Mr. Walls regarding the refusal of the accused to sign his name in the book. Counsel for the defence urged a number of objections, among them being the fact that the returning officer had not laid the information, that it was not laid at the instigation of the returning officer, and that the witness had not produced his instructions as election clerk.

Judgment was reserved. In regard to the card produced by Mr. Siddall, which was declared inadmissible as evidence, it might be noted that a very decided cross appeared opposite Col. Prier's name.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VICTORIA LACROSSE CLUB

Of the Victoria Lacrosse Club to be held next Tuesday evening.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held on Tuesday evening, March 25th, to reorganize for the coming season. Officers will be elected for the year and the financial statement submitted. It will show that all accounts of the club for 1900 and 1901 have been settled, and there is a small surplus on hand. The club will thus start out on another year in the most satisfactory financial condition.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association will be held in this city on the second Saturday in April. Officers will be elected and reports submitted. Victoria is entitled to the presidency this year. Vancouver having had it last year and New Westminster the previous twelve months. The present president is D. A. Smith, of the Terminal City. There are excellent prospects for the coming year. The Royal City will have her usual share and the reunion between the Y. M. C. A. and the Vancouver team having been settled they will also be in a position to play a formidable team.

Victoria will have nearly the same aggregation as last year, with the addition of a few new players who are now residing in the city. Among them are Fred White, the well-known stick bander, while Stanley Pelee, late of New Westminster, may play.

ENCOURAGING REPORT OF LAST YEAR'S WORK OF BIBLE SOCIETY

Officers Were Elected and a Resolution of Gratitude Passed Unanimously.

The annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening. There was a good attendance, and Shakespear occupied the chair. He briefly dealt with the work of last year and stated that the society would present His Majesty with a Bible at the time of coronation. Officers were elected as follows:

President, N. Shakespear; secretary, treasurer, Arthur Lee; executive committee, Mr. Price, C. T. Penwell, Thorton Fell, Robert Rendall, George Carter, Wm. Scowcroft, Donald Fraser, Leonard Pitt, D. McLean, J. B. McKillop, R. L. Drury, Arthur Lee, S. M. Okell, L. Leigh, N. B. Deaville, N. Shakespear, J. McKenzie, Wm. Green, R. C. McLean, E. A. Jacob, R. S. Dray, Chris. Spence, D. Ballantyne and the pastors of the various churches represented.

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The annual report, which will be presented at the meeting, will contain interesting information as to the work of the labors in our own country through the agency of our agents and co-workers, and it also contains some of the most interesting information as to the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which will be found to give some idea of the progress of this world-wide work in the translation of the Scriptures, at the same time I would especially emphasize the high privileges which we enjoy of aiding, by our free contributions to the British and Foreign Bible Society, the great work of sending to the peoples and nations of the world, in their various languages, the blessed tidings of salvation. The British and Foreign Bible Society, London, England, was organized in 1804 for the promotion of the translation of the Bible, without note or comment, into all languages, and its circulation in all lands. Since 1804 the society has issued 169,715,454 copies of the Word in whole or in part, in some 675 different languages and dialects, at a cost of \$55,000,000. Last year it issued 4,914,253 copies, or over 13,000 daily, 213 languages, and 1,200,000 were added to the society's list during the reign of Queen Victoria. Growing out of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, have sprung other kindred societies, such as the National Bible Society of Scotland, the Hibernian Bible Society, the Netherlands Bible Society of Holland, and the German Bible Society. These societies have issued about 125,000,000 copies.

The society has supported, during the past year, in 27 different countries, an average of 519 schools, and has aided nearly 1,000,000 copies of the Scriptures; and 616 native Christian Bible women, connected with some 30 different missionary societies, have been trained in the use of the Bible. To help the British and Foreign Bible Society in its gigantic work of translation into the many different languages and dialects, and also to meet the needs of our own land, the (afterwards Toronto) Auxiliary Bible Society was formed in 1828. In 1840 it became the Upper Canada Bible Society, and is now the largest auxiliary which the British and Foreign Bible Society has in any part of the world. Besides 112 branches or depositories in Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia, it has five branches in Ontario, most of them having a depository where the Scriptures are sold or given away when expedient. The society at present maintains eight colporteurs, ranging from house to house, offer for sale to the people copies of the Word of God at cost, and if they cannot afford to buy they are supplied with reduced prices or given away free. These colporteurs often carry many pamphlets especially when laboring in the most destitute and unenlightened portions of the world, and the sympathy and support of the Christian people of our own country. The board employs only men who they believe will command, both by their words and their lives, the sacred book they carry. Last year the society, through its depositories and colporteurs, and in grants to missions and schools in destitute districts, hospitals, prisons, hotels, steamboats, railways, etc., circulated 27,553 copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, and since its formation has issued 1,339,139 copies. In addition to this work in its own field, costing last year \$1,873.45, the society has sent \$8,048.30 to the parent society in England, to assist in the world-wide work, and \$2,000 to the Quebec Bible Society to aid French colporteurs in Quebec province.

In referring to our own work locally, during the year, your executive have held meetings which have been fully well attended and full of interest. We are at present without a colporteur, but negotiations are being conducted with a view to having one appointed at an early date. During the month of May last year our late colporteur travelled 383 miles, made 902 visits, sold 72 Bibles and Testaments, gave away 11 Bibles and Testaments.

Our stock of books at our depository with the firm of T. N. Hibben & Co., there are now about 500 volumes on hand, valued at \$400.72, any of which can be purchased at cost price at the depository. Our annual collections have been taken as far as possible, and returns received from the following churches:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$39.00; First Presbyterian Church, 12.50; Congregational Church, 4.25; Central Methodist Church, 11.50; Victoria West Methodist Church, 2.50.

"We hope to be in possession of subscriptions from churches not yet reported at an early date. Some imagine that as so much has been done, there remains little more to do, but when you remember that even in our own favored Canada our colporteurs every month find persons, and even whole families, without a copy of God's Word, then take into consideration the number of foreigners who are continually coming here who do not possess the Bible, we must give them God's Word in their own language. Respectfully submitted, ARTHUR LEE, Secy.-Treas.

THE "CONTRACT" WAS CONSIDERED

AT PRIVATE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Committee Waits on Mr. Green Shields and the Government and Suggests Modifications.

A meeting of Victoria business men was held in the board of trade rooms on Wednesday evening. The meeting was called at the instance of the Victoria Wholesalers' Association for the purpose of discussing the Canada Northern option and making such representations to Mr. Green Shields and the government as might be considered wise in the interests of the city and the province. S. J. Pitts was voted to the chair, and among those present were Frank Richards, L. Goodacre, H. Smith, Henry Young, M. Young, S. Leiser, M. Lenz, L. G. McQuade, James Mitchell, H. J. Scott, G. A. Kirk, Stephen Jones, Gus Hartnagle, A. B. Fraser, sr., Capt. William Grant, L. Crease, J. Thompson and T. W. Paterson.

Mr. Todd said that no reporters were present, and that all were free to express their views regarding the contract. He and Messrs. McQuade and Musnie stated that they had not in any way endorsed it. Their joint letter which had been published was so worded that it contained no endorsement of the contract.

In answer to a question from Mr. Paterson, Mr. Todd stated that the contract was not signed by Mackenzie or Mann, or by the Canadian Northern, but by the Edmonton & Yukon Railway Company, of which William Mackenzie is chairman. Clause 18 of the contract was changed to make construction conditional upon Dominion government aid.

Several of those present discussed the contract, and suggested amendments in the interests of the city and the province. Messrs. Todd, McQuade, Pitts, Munroe, Thompson and Mayor Hayward were appointed a committee to interview Mr. Green Shields and the government. Mr. Green Shields received the delegation yesterday morning. He seemed anxious to meet the committee half way, and intimated that they were prepared to make such changes in the contract as would meet the views of the business men of Victoria.

The committee then saw the members of the government, and told of their interview with Mr. Green Shields, and suggested certain modifications of the contract.

The Wednesday night's meeting was not unanimous by any means. Several of those present intimated that they were dealing with a good sized gold brick, and that the purpose for which it had been introduced having been accomplished, it was useless discussing the matter further.

Mr. Paterson did not know why he had been asked to be present. He said he supposed to be alone among a group of Col. Prier's supporters, and possibly any remarks he might wish to make would not be received in the proper spirit. He did not think that the Canada Northern would prove the boon they expected. Just as soon as the road was constructed the northern trade would be diverted from Victoria to Butte Inlet, Quatsino or parts of our own coast.

The meeting was the topic of conversation on the streets yesterday. The fact that the newspapers were not notified of the meeting was criticized by prominent business men. It was pointed out that the public generally were interested in the matter of the railway contract, and that any meeting of the kind was a matter of public concern, and that the promoters of the contract should have been open to the public. It was suggested that the primary object of the meeting was to get a larger representation of business men to assume responsibility for the course adopted by Messrs. Todd, Musnie and McQuade. They became sponsors for the contract, and their opinion was widely circulated by means of flaring posters during the campaign. Now that the election is over and their object accomplished they repudiate any endorsement of the contract. The letter, while carefully worded, was exhibited by Col. Prier's supporters as an endorsement from responsible business men.

It is said that the promoters of the contract had another object in view. Members like Messrs. Helmeck and McPhillips should, in the opinion of some, support the contract, whether good or bad, and it was thought that if the business men could be organized in favor of the contract and if certain modifications could be secured, sufficient pressure could be brought to bear on the reluctant members to induce them to vote for the contract. This, in the opinion of supporters of the Dunsmuir government would be a good thing for Victoria, and incidentally for the Dunsmuir government.

D. S. Sheppard, who represents the Pacific Improvement Company, the majority shareholders in the E. & N. Railway Company, arrived from San Francisco last evening and to-day was busy with the Premier, Mr. Green Shields and other members of the government. The transfer of the E. & N. to the interests represented by Mackenzie & Mann was considered, but whether any progress was made in the negotiations could not be ascertained. Mr. Green Shields believes that they will be in a position to make a definite statement to-morrow.

T. G. Holt, who was associated with Mackenzie & Mann in several important railway contracts, arrived from Vancouver last evening, and was seen with Mr. Green Shields and members of the government this morning. It is presumed that he is assisting his old associates in carrying through the contract.

AN OLD TIMER

Lawrence Mooney Again Appears Before the Magistrate—He Got Six Months.

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Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plans and site of a wharf proposed to be erected on and opposite to Lots 20 and 21, Block II, Addition Newcastle Township, Nanaimo City, B. C., which plans, together with a description of said site, have been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C.

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