

THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW ORGANIZED

LIVELY INTEREST IS SHOWN BY CITIZENS

Good Membership Already Enrolled—Some Useful Suggestions Regarding the Society's Scope.

There was a gratifying attendance at the organization meeting of the Victoria Association last night, over one hundred ladies and gentlemen assembling for that purpose. The representative and active body of ladies and gentlemen manifested the liveliest interest in the organization, and the association was launched under the most happy auspices.

Mayor Hayward presided, F. I. Clarke acting as secretary. A letter of regret at inability to be present was read from Bishop Perrin and also from H. G. Gosnell, of the department of immigration and information. The latter gentleman suggested that the movement was one in which concerted action should be taken by the coast cities, and concluded with the following suggestions:

1. There are several matters to which I would like to draw the attention of the meeting as being especially worthy of consideration. One is the making of this city, or some city on the coast, an educational centre, by which the sons and daughters of Europeans in China, Japan and India, may be educated without being sent to England, as is the case at the present time. In fact, many of the retired official class of those countries might be induced to live here altogether, preferring it to England as much easier and cheaper to live in accordance with their rank, if they only knew of the social and residential advantages which British Columbia offers. Another matter is the making of bicycle paths, which apart from improving the streets, would be of immense convenience. In Vancouver, and I presume in other cities, the owners of bicycles are obliged to take out a license, paying one dollar per annum therefor. The revenue therefrom, for one thousand bicycles, if funded, would pay the interest on a sum sufficient to make one hundred miles of track as good as any bicyclist would desire. I may also refer to the associations which have been formed in cities of the East for the improvement and beautifying of streets. Victoria is certainly a village like in many parts, and untidy in most of its streets. The associations referred to have for their object the planting of trees and shrubs, the making and maintaining of boulevards, and the keeping clean of streets and sidewalks opposite the property of members. They are voluntary and co-operative entirely, and the results have been remarkable in many instances. The attractiveness and neatness of a city, the character of its roads and drives and generally the public spirit displayed in the matter of improvements are in direct proportion to the extent of the associations. It is as a tourist resort and as a place of residence that Victoria will find its peculiar destiny. Personally, so far as assisting to beautify the city is concerned, although not possessing any property of my own, and unable to afford the cost of employing others, I am willing to give of my own labor, for the purpose of my own street, if others will co-operate. This, I take it, the spirit in which improvement of the character indicated must be undertaken if the movement is to be a success. In conclusion, I beg to assure you of my earnest desire to assist in any possible way in carrying out the objects of the Tourists' Association.
2. The chairman in opening the meeting described the initial steps which had been taken, and dwelt on the great benefits such an organization would be to the community.
3. The draft constitution was then read by the secretary.
4. E. A. Lewis wanted the commercial side of Victoria given prominence.
5. A. L. Belyea said if Mr. Lewis wanted this he should go to that time-worn and time-honored, either for good or evil, organization, the board of trade.
6. They were not going to be an immigration society, but a tourist association, pure and simple. He also wanted the words "educational centre" struck out, one of the audience suggesting the words "desirable place of residence."
7. Mr. Crease suggested striking out all of the clauses after the words "advertising Victoria," leaving the committee unlimited scope.
8. Chris. Morley suggested home missionary work. Nature had done marvels for the place, but the people had done little. He suggested ward committees to induce men to tear down their high fences.
9. The clause providing that the association operate under the city council and board of trade was laid over till the close of the meeting.
10. Some discussion arose as to what the membership fee should be, the committee having named no minimum figure, believing that the question should be left an open one. It was felt by several of the speakers that more money would be raised in that way than by fixing a sum.
11. C. Morley advocated financing the association by general taxation. The minimum fee was finally placed at \$1.
12. The quorum was fixed at nine. The clauses defining the duties of the different officers stood as submitted.
13. C. Morley moved that the word "subscription" be eliminated from the clause.
14. M. Griffin pointed out the association was already declared to be voluntary, hence such a system would be impossible.
15. A. Henderson reminded the meeting that they could not make such a demand, although the council would doubtless be willing to contribute freely. The clause was finally adopted by simply empowering the executive to solicit subscriptions.
16. The by-laws having been adopted, Mr.

Belyea asked, amid laughter, in whose hands lay the power of veto. The laid-over clause 4 was struck out, namely, that providing that the association work under the auspices of the city council and the board of trade.

A. L. Belyea moved that the association be empowered to affiliate with similar organizations. He did this because he knew the tourist associations of Canada were to meet in Ottawa in March to take measures to promote that traffic into all parts of the country. He thought Victoria should have a representative there. This itself would be an advertisement for Victoria.

The constitution as amended was then adopted.

The work of enrolling members was then proceeded with, almost every one in the room becoming members. The executive committee was continued in office pending a meeting for the election of permanent officers. The following were enrolled at once: A. Henderson, J. Savannah, R. Erskine, Chas. H. Lugin, A. E. McPhillips, A. H. Pengeley, Reginald Hayward, John Hall, C. E. Laine, Stephen Jones, Thos. C. Jones, W. J. Hanna, P. C. MacCrimmon, John Jardine, Dr. T. J. Jones, H. C. Janion, J. T. McDonald, W. H. Price, Charles Hayward, Frank I. Clarke, Frank A. MacKenzie, Watson Clarke, J. J. Morley, W. J. Hanna, P. C. MacGregor, G. G. Gommson, H. E. Levy, W. J. Penderay, W. G. Cameron, Dean & Hiscocks, Richard Hall, B. Stapledon, F. Gilchrist, E. A. Lewis, E. J. Salmon, Rev. W. L. Clay, Rev. E. S. Rowe, Martin Griffin, Wm. Jensen, H. Cuthbert, J. S. Yates, Wm. Burgess, J. L. Beckwith, T. H. Eaton, E. C. Prior, T. S. Fatcher, J. Sell, E. A. Wallace, L. Hall, A. B. Fraser, C. C. Revans, J. Keith Wilson, Redon Hartnagle, Chas. Redfern, A. Wilson, W. H. Maroon, D. H. Ross & Co., Heisterman & Co., E. E. Leason, Alaska S. S. Co.

The constitution as finally adopted was as follows:

1. This association shall be known as the Tourists' Association of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
2. It shall be a voluntary association composed of citizens of Victoria and other persons, for the purpose of advertising Victoria and Vancouver Island as a resort for tourists and sportsmen, as a place of resort and as a field for investment.
3. The officers of the association shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee of five.
4. The president, or, in his absence, one of the vice-presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the association.
5. All annual subscribers of one dollar and upwards to the funds of the association shall be deemed members and entitled to vote at all meetings.
6. At any regular meeting of the association nine shall form a quorum.
7. Every member shall pledge himself to use his best efforts to aid the work of the association by taking advantage of every opportunity to bring its objects before those with whom he may come in contact, inducing them to co-operate in the work, and by distributing its printed matter to the best advantage, by using it in his own correspondence and otherwise.
8. The president shall preside at all regular meetings, except as otherwise provided, and shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the association.
9. The treasurer shall receive all moneys of the association, deposit the same in a chartered bank, and disburse the same on orders signed by the chairman of the executive committee, by cheques signed by himself and countersigned by the president; he shall annually, or more frequently, if requested, present a statement of the receipts and expenditures, accompanied with proper vouchers.
10. The secretary shall keep correct minutes of all meetings and attend to all correspondence. He shall prepare or cause to be prepared, subject to the approval of the executive, such pamphlets, booklets, newspapers and magazine articles, guide books, and other printed matter, supervising the printing and publishing of the same, and shall to the best of his ability, cause the same to be published and distributed throughout the territory from which tourists, sportsmen and other visitors may be attracted.
11. The executive committee shall have charge of the business of the association, and shall cause for subscriptions. It shall be its duty to enlist the co-operation and practical sympathy of the public in the work by impressing upon all the benefits to be gained by the encouragement of tourist travel. At all meetings of the executive five shall form a quorum.
12. The order of business at all meetings shall be governed by the rules generally set forth in these by-laws.
13. The association shall hold meetings at least once a month.
14. The executive shall hold meetings as often as the due prosecution of the work shall require.
15. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on the last Tuesday of October in each year.
16. The officers of the association shall be ex-officio members of the executive committee.
17. That the executive committee be empowered to affiliate this association with similar associations.

ACCIDENT ON E. & N.

Tree Lying Across Track Caused Some Inconvenience at South Wellington.

According to reports from up the line, an accident occurred on the E. & N. railway on Wednesday morning which might have resulted very seriously had it not been for the quickness of the crew of the train in jumping at the right moment. The *Nanaimo Herald*, in an account of the accident, says that the cars were piled up by the locomotive badly wrecked.

This was denied this morning by a local employee of the E. & N. railway. He deplored the accident as a very trivial affair. It seems that No. 10 locomotive was slowly shunting in the vicinity of Wellington about 6:30 on Wednesday morning when the front of the tender struck a tree lying across the track and precipitated a tank from a car. The force of the shock threw the fireman from the train. This, according to local officials, was all the damage done. The tree has been cleared and the line is now in as good order as it ever was.

Some delay has been caused for the past two days in the regular trains on account of some slight repairs necessary to one of the tractors, the lower beams of which were found by the section man to be out of place. These repairs have, however, now been made, and the train arrived on time today.

In Berlin sheet music is sold by weight.

MOTIONS WERE ALL PLACED ON TABLE

ALDERMEN OBSCURE REGARDING BRIDGE

Desire Public Meeting Held Before Considering Their Action With Respect to New Plans.

Notwithstanding the special meeting of the city council, called yesterday afternoon to consider the advisability of rescinding resolutions passed respecting the Point Ellice bridge, the position of the board in the matter is unaltered. The council found itself divided in the same manner as it was on the granting of the contract to the Seattle Bridge & Dredging Company. Old scores on the matter were fought out, and a number of the aldermen felt somewhat incensed at the reports for not taking more extended notes on their remarks. There was a deadlock again between the mayor and council, and an effort on the part of some to corner others on their respective actions.

NEW TIDE TABLES FOR THE COMING YEAR

Observations of Tide at Vancouver a Boon to Navigators to Canadian Pacific Coast Ports.

It is pleasing to notice important improvements in the tide tables for ports in the Straits of Georgia and for Victoria, which are now issued for the year 1902 by the tidal survey, of the marine department, work the mayor read the first resolution which was moved by Ald. Cameron and seconded by Ald. Kinsman. This was that all previous resolutions of the council having reference to the design, construction and tenders for the Point Ellice bridge be rescinded. The resolutions referred to were passed on the 10th of September.

Ald. Yates thought that in view of a conference to be held for the consideration of the bridge matter, it would be advisable to postpone action until after that event. If the resolution was lost he did not think it could be brought back.

The mayor explained that the tramway company were particularly anxious to have the bridge completed as soon as possible in order that the large cars intended for that service might be placed on the route.

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NEW COMPANIES TO OPERATE IN PROVINCE

Licenses to Carry on Business in British Columbia Granted to Big American Corporations.

The Official Gazette published last evening notice is given of the registration as an extra-provincial company for the Pacific Steel Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The head office of the company is situate at Jersey City, New Jersey, with provincial headquarters in this city. Fred Peters is attorney for the company. The objects of the company are to carry on mining in general, smelting, Bessemerizing and transportation.

The Relief Gold Mining Company, of Spokane, has likewise been registered with a capital of \$250,000, divided into shares of fifty cents each. The head office of the company in the province is at Seattle, and P. H. Nettleton is attorney.

A license to carry on business within the province has been granted to the Pactus Dredging Company, Ltd., of Scotland, with a capital of \$5,000, divided into shares of £1 each. The provincial head office of the company is at Yale, and Wm. Rattray is attorney. They have taken over the business of the Yale Dredging Company in liquidation.

The following companies have been incorporated: Comox Coal Company, Ltd., capital \$100,000; Pacific Barge Co., Ltd., capital \$5,000; West Coast Timber Co., Ltd., capital \$25,000.

Tenders are invited for the erection of the Vernon jail. They will be received by the deputy commissioner of lands and works up till noon Saturday, December 21st.

Courts of revision for the Vernon division of Yale district will be held as follows: Kelowna, December 11th; Vanderby, 13th; Vernon, 14th; for Vancouver, December 20th, and for North Yale at Kamloops, December 23rd, Princeton 28th, and Nicola Lake, 31st.

The names of the barristers and solicitors entitled to practise in this province is in all are gazetted.

Constable A. M. Ego, of Mayne Island, has been appointed chief license inspector for North Victoria license district in the absence of Provincial Constable Stephen H. Hoskins and Constable William Brent, of Camp McKinney, to a similar post for Southeast Yale license district vice Constable C. Nicholson, deceased.

LEGAL NEWS.

The last number of the B. C. Gazette contains the official list of barristers and solicitors who have taken out certificates entitling them to practice in the province for the next twelve months. By this list it appears that there are 20 qualified legal practitioners in British Columbia.

The only application heard in Chambers this morning was one for leave to issue a concurrent writ of summons for the case of *Newton vs. Isoline et al.* Mr. Justice Walken granted the application, appearance to be entered within 40 days from service of writ. T. M. Miller, of Hunter & Oliver, for plaintiff.

A human body, when cremated, leaves a residuum of about eight ounces.

In some parts of Berlin there are special public houses for women.

During the present year a tide gauge has been placed at Vancouver, and observations of the current have been made simultaneously in the first Narrows. The results of these observations have been worked out with promptitude and are now given in the tide tables just issued. This enables the time of the tide at Vancouver to be known, and also the time at which the current turns in the Narrows. From observations in Baynes Sound, secured by Capt. Simpson, of H. M. S. *Esquimaux*, the relation of the tide there with Sand Heads has been determined. This comparison gives a fair idea of the run of the tide throughout the greater part of the Strait of Georgia. Data for the tide at New Westminster and Esquimalt are also given in these tide tables. This is quite a step in advance of last year's information, and although not as extensive as might be desired, it has been the practice of the tidal survey to publish information which is trustworthy and accurate rather than to give a large amount of information which might be more or less of an uncertainty. There can be no doubt therefore the tide tables now issued will be of important service to navigation.

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Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Lodge today presented to the Senate in executive session the report of the committee on foreign relations, recommending favorable action upon the Hay-Pauncefote-Ishterman canal treaty and gave notice that to-morrow he would ask the Senate to go into executive session for the consideration of the treaty, repeating the request each day until the Senate should act upon it.

The United States Senate chamber was the scene of a highly dramatic episode to-day when Senator Tillman, S. C., challenged his colleague, Senator McLaurin, to resign with him on the spot, in order to use his own language, that they might be able to wash their dirty linen at home. Mr. McLaurin did not take up the gaze. The incident today was the direct sequel of the very bitter controversy which arose between the senators in South Carolina last spring.

Mr. McLaurin arose to the question of personal privilege to-day, and proceeded to explain what he charged was a conspiracy to discredit him in his own state for acts and views which did not meet the approval of certain Democratic leaders, declaring he was being humiliated and according to public prints was to be excluded from the Democratic caucus because he had acted upon certain public issues in a way which he considered was for the best interests of the country and the people of the state. He announced himself a believer in the old democracy, and after renouncing the Democratic leaders who had brought about the destruction upon the party, declared that he could not be driven from his old allegiance into a party with which he did not care to affiliate.

Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National committee, denied that he had any ulterior motives in not inviting Mr. McLaurin to enter the caucus.

Mr. Tillman reviewed the whole controversy.

Mr. Hoar took occasion to express the opinion that it was very doubtful whether both the South Carolina seats in the Senate were not vacant. He contended that when the resignations were offered last spring to the governor they could not be withdrawn thereafter, having been immediately operative.

The climax came when Senator Tillman challenged Mr. McLaurin to join with him in preparing their point resignations and handing them to the presiding officer of the Senate. This challenge Mr. McLaurin did not accept, and the episode was brought to an abrupt close by Senator Lodge moving an executive session.

RAN AMUCK.

Murders by Hindoo Leads to Serious Fight With German Troops.

Tientsin, Dec. 9.—A sentry belonging to an Indian regiment stationed here ran amuck yesterday and killed two of his comrades. The murderer, a Punjabi infantry was at once turned out to secure him. In the meantime the sentry had been shot by German troops, who then opened fire on the Punjabi men. A free fight ensued as a result of which three German privates were killed and a German officer was mortally wounded, while three of the Indian troops were killed and several wounded. The German troops have been confined to their barracks until further orders.

DIRIGO TO BE REPAIRED.

Steamer's Rudder Braces Carried Away—Nurse Found Dead.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—An examination of the Dirigo this morning by a diver revealed that the rudder braces had been carried away. She is discharging three hundred tons of cargo and will go on the marine railway to-morrow for repairs. The passengers, thirteen in number, go north on the Amur.

A trained nurse, Lillie Middlemas, 40 years of age, was found dead in her home on Barnard street this morning with morphine beside her. She had all her clothes on. An inquest will be held.

MINE ON FIRE.

Flames Raging in Colliery Near Williams-town, Pa.—Hundreds of Men Idle.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—Fire broke out last night in the Big Lick mine between Lickens and Williamson, throwing several hundred men out of work. The fire is still burning.

The mine is owned by the Lickens Valley Coal Co., and is one of the most productive in the Lickens region.

HOUSE AND SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The House passed a resolution providing for a holiday adjournment from December 19th to January 6th.

At 12:45 p.m. to-day the senate went into executive session to consider the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.