

Provincial Gazette.

Official List of Appointments Made During the Past Week.

Companies Incorporated and Licensed—Some Other Notices

Quite a number of appointments were given notice of in yesterday's issue of the Provincial Gazette. They follow:

Thomas Mathews, of Vancouver, to be official administrator for the county of Vancouver, vice J. D. Byrne.

J. H. Whitmore, of Duncan, to be a notary public for Nanaimo county.

F. W. Laing, of Nelson, to be a clerk in the office of the government agent in that city.

John Peck, of New Westminster, to be inspector of steam boilers under the Steam Boiler Inspection act, 1889, such appointment to take effect on July 1st, 1899.

Jas. Matland-Dougall, of Duncan, to be assessor and collector under the Assessment act and a collector under the Revenue Tax act for Cowichan county, a registrar under the Marriage act, vice H. O. Wellburn.

Alan Forester, of Rossland, to be a notary public for the county of Kootenay.

The name of John Walter Weart, J. P., of Burnaby, as described, and not as per Gazette of May 23rd.

Thomas O'Connell, of Nanaimo, to be a member of the board of commissioners of police for the said city.

W. Trail Heddle, of Nanaimo, to be a member of the board of commissioners of police for the said city.

Edwin R. Atherton, of Sandon, alderman, to be a member of the board of commissioners of police for the said city.

Alfred C. Flumetier, Cuyler A. Holland, and Richard Low, of Victoria, to be directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.

George C. Tunstall, and W. H. Evans, of Kamloops, to be directors of the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops.

John Bowron, of Barkerville, government agent, to be a director of the Royal Inland Hospital, Barkerville.

Alfred Edw. Ball, of Vancouver, barrister-at-law, to be a notary public with and for the province of British Columbia.

The resignation of Dr. Ernest Crompton, M.R.C.S., as a coroner for the province has been accepted.

Premier Selin has been deputed to execute marriage licenses or money warrants under any statute of the legislature, during the absence of the Lieut. Governor.

NEW ORDERS.

Gold commissioners and mining records have been instructed to forward to the minister of mines on the first day of each month a complete list of all the free miners' certificates issued from the respective offices during the preceding month, showing the names of the holders, the number of the certificate, the date of issue and the date of expiry, such returns to commence from the 1st of May.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

During the week the following companies were incorporated: The Bendigo Gold Mining Company, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$100,000; British Columbia Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$1,000,000; British Columbia Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company of British Columbia, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$2,000,000; British Columbia Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company, Limited, of Greenwood, capital \$250,000.

COMPANIES LICENSED.

The following extra-provincial companies have been licensed: Tracy Mining Company, of Spokane, capital \$100,000; local office Port Steele; R. O. Jennings, attorney, Montreal Boundary Creek Mining Company, Limited, of St. John, New Brunswick, capital \$2,000,000; local office, Greenwood; Chas. Pringle, attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Four new school districts have been created, viz., Prairie, Belmont, Spring Brook and Langley.

Mr. Burns, R. Nelson, and E. Stuart Wood, of Kamloops, have been appointed sub-examiners, to preside at the examination for teachers' certificates in Nelson and Kamloops respectively, and to assign marks to candidates in reading.

The head office of the Whitewater Mines, Limited, has been removed from Nelson to Kaslo, and Geo. P. R. Robertson has been appointed agent in place of J. R. Robertson.

M. A. Wilson, merchant tailor of Rossland, has assigned to Ed. Baellie. The creditors meet on June 25th at 4 o'clock.

A special general meeting of the Nelson Portman Gold Mining Company, Limited, will be held at Vancouver on July 17th at 4 p.m., to consider the disposal of the company's assets, and to consider means of raising money to proceed with the development work.

F. C. Gamble, inspector of dykes, is calling for tenders for clearing the site of the proposed dykes at Chilliwack. Tenders will be received up to Friday, June 30th.

THE DARDANELLES.

Encouraging Report Presented by the Chairman at an Adjourned Meeting.

At an adjourned meeting of the Dardanelles Mining Co., Ltd., held on Tuesday evening, with Mr. Fred. Peters in the chair, it was moved by Mr. Shawcross, seconded by Mr. Bury and carried that Hon. G. B. Foster be nominated as a director of the company, and on a ballot being taken Mr. Foster was unanimously elected.

The chairman referred to the encouraging nature of the reports received from the mine, and also to the fact that it had been arranged amongst the holders of the 200,000 shares of new treasury stock that the same should be sold.

The chairman also reported that the directors are still determined to at once proceed rigorously with the development of the Okanagan and Okanogan Cross claims. Leads have been discovered on both of these claims so promising a nature as to lead to the belief that a reasonable amount of development may prove that on both of these claims mines exist.

As to the condition of the Dardanelles mine proper at the present time, the chairman's statement was most encouraging. He showed that the shaft had been sunk over 500 feet, and that the bottom of the shaft is still in good ore.

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Major Halder has had considerable mining experience in other countries, and is in a position to express an opinion as to the disabilities the mining interests lie under in this country. He has carefully observed the conditions appertaining to mining since his arrival, and has endeavored as far as possible to ascertain the causes of the present state of affairs.

The meeting then adjourned, with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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