

COMPANY CHANGES OF NAME.

The Grain Growers B. C. Agency, Limited, has applied for change of name to "United Grain Growers B. C. Agency, Limited."

Campbell-Gordon Company, Limited, has applied for change of name to "Gordon & Belyea, Limited."

The British Columbia Electro-Metals, Limited, has applied for change of name to "Tudhope Electro-Metals, Limited."

ASSIGNMENTS, CREDITORS' NOTICES, ETC.

Henry William Bischel, lumberman, Grindrod, County of Yale, has assigned to John Monk of same town.

The Mountain Lumber Company, Limited, 602 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, has assigned to William H. Tasker, accountant, Vancouver.

The Producers & Consumers Co-operative Association, Limited, 1146 Granville Street, Vancouver, has assigned to James Ray, 225 Pacific Building, Vancouver.

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BODY.

An important change in the existing relationship between the Government and the municipalities, whereby a Government-appointed body to be known as the Local Government Board will have supervision over the various municipal councils in their carrying into effect the provisions of the Municipal Act, is contemplated by the Provincial Government. This body will also, it is expected, exercise the duties of a Public Utilities Board a body which, it has been recently announced by Attorney-General Farris, will be provided for by legislation to be brought down at the next session of the Legislature.

The appointment of the Local Government Board has been under consideration for some time and, it is stated, will be one of the chief recommendations of the report which has been compiled by Municipal Inspector Baird and Mr. F. A. McDiarmid, who have been of late making a revision of the Municipal Act with a view to bringing its somewhat contradictory provisions into harmony and generally revising a measure which, because of the frequent and wide amendments which have been made to it from time to time, is in a condition which makes it at once unwieldy and unsatisfactory.

At the forthcoming annual convention of the B. C. Union of Municipalities to be held at Penticton these recommendations will be considered and the principles involved therein discussed. The opinion of the convention upon the recommendations will be forwarded to the Government, and at the next session of the Legislature a new Act embodying what changes the Government may deem advisable will be presented to the House.

A Local Government Board would have general supervision over the municipalities, its duties being to see that all steps taken by the municipalities in carrying on business were properly taken, at the same time that the municipalities, under such supervision, would have wider powers of self-government.

PROVINCIAL TAX SALE PROBABLE.

So far as present arrangements have been made, it is the intention of the Provincial Government to hold a tax sale some time in the middle of October next.

Provincial assessors have been instructed to prepare the statements of tax arrears in order that the necessary four weeks provided the city by way of official advertisement may be carried out before the tentative date above mentioned. The sale will apply to all arrears on personal and real property, school taxes, etc., in unorganized districts, as well as on income tax. It is not yet definitely decided as to how far the sale shall apply in the matter of years; it is expected, however, that it will include at least the arrears for the year 1916 and possibly 1917.

It is announced that the Foundation Company will build twenty wooden ships for the French Government at Victoria.

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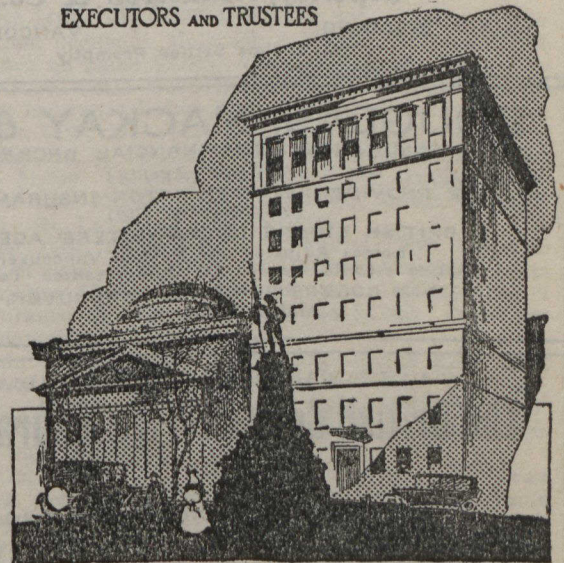
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