

## RICHARDS GETS TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

Traveller Who Embezzled Large Sums Pleads Guilty.

Charles Richards, on remand, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to embezzlement of £2,137 from the firm of Wilson Brothers, wholesale grocers, with whom he was employed as traveller, and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. There were three other charges on which he was sentenced to two years each, the four sentences to run concurrently.

The first sentence was passed, Fred. Peters, K. C., appearing for the prosecution, said the firm did not desire a heavy sentence. According to the evidence, the firm had discovered several shortages. There were, he said, certain circumstances in the case which made it a very serious one. He said that Wilson Brothers abstain from asking heavy sentences. Accused had a wife and family, who may get along if a small sentence was given, but if a large sentence was given, the family would suffer. The firm had agreed to see that the assets of the accused would be applied to the maintenance of his family while he was in jail.

Richards before being sentenced said this thing started eight months ago when I was in Cumberland with a lot of travellers. I was drunk and went to sleep with £1,000 in my possession. When I awoke it was gone. I didn't say anything about it as I was afraid I would lose my position. I had a home in Fernie which I hoped to sell to make up the shortage, but the Fernie fire cleared that away from under my feet. My father was burned out in the Fernie fire, and I took more money to help him out. To do this I kept money that was paid me and held it for sixty days, and then had to make up the discounts which I had given according to the rules of the firm. These discounts amount to about £1,000. I have offered to make restitution to the firm.

"I submit I have been punished pretty badly. I was taken through months ago when I was in Cumberland. I have lost my reputation. I think if I have to go to jail now it will break my wife's heart. That's all I have to say." The magistrate said the crime of accused was a serious one, and that commercial houses must be protected. While the law allowed a heavy sentence, he felt there was considerable public sympathy for the family. He then passed sentence of two years on each charge.

## TRADES UNION MEETINGS.

Barbers ..... 2nd and 4th Monday  
Blacksmiths ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Brewers ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Butchers ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Carpenters ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Cooks and Waiters ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Clerks ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Electricians ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Engineers ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Farmers ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Fishermen ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Flourishers ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Gardeners ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Hatters ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Ironworkers ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Joiners ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Lathers ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Masons ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Millwrights ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Painters ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Plumbers ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Shoemakers ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Shipwrights ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Steam Fitters ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Tailors ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Tinsmiths ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Typefounders ..... 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
Typographical ..... Last Sunday

The singing of "Be Thou Nigh," by Robert Morrison at the First Presbyterian church last night, was much enjoyed by the large congregation, as was also the music generally, and the fine anthem by the choir. The large proportion of men present at the service was largely due to it being specially for the laymen's missionary movement.

The paper on the "Passage of the Inner Channels of Vancouver Island," which was to have been given by Mr. Newcombe at the last meeting of the Natural History Society, but which was postponed, will be read to-night at the room in the Carnegie library. It will be illustrated by a powerful stereopticon, and will prove of great interest to students of the early history of this province, and also to those who are interested in ornithology.

Chief Davis, of the fire department, is immensely pleased with the new city service truck which has just arrived from the factory of the Seagrave Co., of Brockville, Ont. He declares it will be the finest piece of apparatus of its kind on the coast. It cost \$2,900, and is strictly up-to-date in every particular. It will respond to alarms in all parts of the city, the old ladder truck, which is much heavier, being reserved for calls from the central section of the city.

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## WATSON'S

NO. 10

Scotch Whisky

Distilled in the Highlands

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Scotch Barley Malt.

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## OCEANO COMING.

Andrew Weir Liner Due at Victoria on 22nd Instant.

Steamer Oceano of the Bank line, plying between Manila and this port, and calling at intermediate ports in the Orient, left Yokohama on the 7th inst., and is due to arrive here about the 22nd. She has 300 tons of freight for British Columbia ports, 630 tons of overland freight for Vancouver and three first-class passengers coming here. Among the freight is 165 bales of silk. The Oceano will leave mails at this port, calling here for a few hours.

## MANY SPEAKERS AT WEDNESDAY'S MEETING

Liberals of City Will Hear Candidates at Central Mass Meeting.

The Liberal candidates in the city are working actively, and the prospects of success for the full ticket grow brighter every day. There is no doubt that the electorate is fully alive to the importance of the issue of this campaign and are rallying around the standard of clean and capable government.

On Wednesday evening there will be a mass meeting of electors in Broad street hall. In addition to the candidates, speeches will be made by leading local Liberals, and it is possible that some of the candidates from the mainland may be able to be present.

The Central Mass Meeting will be held in Semple's hall, Victoria West, this evening.

## SHIPPING GUIDE

## OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

From the Orient.

Vessel. Due.

Oceano Nov. 22

Empress of China Nov. 23

Monteale Nov. 25

From Australia.

Makura Nov. 16

From Mexico.

Lonsdale Nov. 15

Ella Nov. 21

Bellerophon Nov. 28

TO SAIL.

For the Orient.

Empress of Japan Nov. 17

For Australia.

Makura Dec. 3

For Mexico.

Lonsdale Nov. 25

Oceano Dec. 1

COASTWISE STEAMERS.

TO ARRIVE.

From San Francisco.

Vessel. Due.

Yukon Nov. 16

Yukon Nov. 23

From Skagway.

Princess May Nov. 20

From Northern B. C. Ports.

Vadso Nov. 18

Princess Beatrice Nov. 18

From West Coast.

Tees Nov. 18

TO SAIL.

For San Francisco.

Umatilla Nov. 17

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FERRY SERVICE.

Victoria-Vancouver.

Steamer Victoria daily at 1 a. m.,

arrives at Vancouver 7 a. m., returning

leaves Vancouver 1.30 p. m., arrives Victoria

6.30 p. m.

Victoria-Seattle.

Steamer Victoria daily except

Monday at 11.30 a. m., arrives at Seattle

except Tuesday, 7 a. m., returning, leaves

Seattle, except Tuesday, at 9.30 a. m., and

calls at Port Townsend arrives at Victoria,

except Tuesday, at 3 p. m.

NEW YORK HORSE SHOW.

New York, Nov. 15.—The National

Horse Show closed its twenty-fourth

and most successful season at Madison

Square Gardens Saturday night with a

parade of the horses, and the final

exhibits and awards in the championship

ship classes for harness, horse and

hunters. Only horses already awarded

first and second prizes were eligible, but these were obliged to appear under penalty of forfeiting their cash prizes and ribbons.

Judge Wm. H. Moore swelled his unprecedented total of winnings of 22 firsts Saturday afternoon, when his bay gelding, Robin Hood and tensten took another blue in the class for pairs in harness over fifteen hands high. In the same class his Leonidas and Hildegarde was second.

A. G. Vanderbilt retrieved, in a measure his poor showing this season by winning in record time the Arrowhead cup for four-in-hand driven from a point on Riverside Drive, nine and a half miles distant from the gardens to the judges' stand. He covered the distance in 28 minutes, 10 minutes better than the time made one year ago by Morris K. Hewlett, who finished second this year, three minutes ahead of his own record. The award was based on the appearance of the teams at the finish, as well as the time.

MAY VISIT ENGLAND.

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—A six weeks' trip to England next year is practically assured for the Governor-General's Footguards regiment and their band.

WINNIPEG CLOSE.

(By Courtesy of W. Stevenson & Co.)

Winnipeg, Nov. 15.—Wheat—Nov. 1909; Oats—Nov. 1909; Barley—Nov. 1909; Dec. 1909; May, 1910.

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