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DR. DUNCAN DEPOSED.

The New Superintendent, Dr. A. T. Watt, Assumes Charge of Quarantine Affairs.

Practical Suggestions as to the Safeguarding of the Public Health.

The suspended sword under which Dr. George H. Duncan has for several months past discharged his duties as superintendent of quarantine for British Columbia and port quarantine officer of Victoria city, descended yesterday, when having faithfully and efficiently filled that position since the 4th of May last, he was succeeded in the charge of affairs at William Head by Dr. A. T. Watt, and as port quarantine officer by Dr. R. L. Fraser. In illustration of the Grit acceptance of the principle that to the victors belong the spoils, the change in the direction of quarantine affairs is peculiarly interesting, especially as in the past public officers, by whatever government appointed, have as a rule been continued in service when their management of the departments committed to their care has been unobjectionable. There can be no truthful denial that the retiring superintendent has zealously performed his duties and has devoted his best energies to the solution of the difficulties presenting themselves in regard to the safeguarding of the public health. This is admitted by all who have been brought in contact with him officially. He retires with the knowledge that he has performed his duties faithfully and well, and that he has thereby earned the approbation of all interested in public affairs.

In addition to the case of his succession being unusual as an example of purely political office manipulation, Dr. Duncan stands in the position, fortunately uncommon in Canada, of a man convicted and punished without trial or opportunity of defence—for the charge that has been made the pretext for his removal has never even been stated to him.

"On the 4th of May last I was instructed by wire from the deputy minister of agriculture to take charge of the William Head quarantine station," said Dr. Duncan when questioned in this connection. "On the 8th of the present month I was notified, again by wire, that Dr. Watt had been appointed superintendent of quarantine for British Columbia. These are the only intimations I have had from the department."

"But did you not receive notice that the order in council had been signed appointing you to the position?" was asked.

"I saw by the press reports that this had been done, and Mr. Earle, M.P., also advised me to the same effect. I then resigned my position as city medical health officer.

"No, I have never been asked for an explanation of any charges against me; nor have I had any charges laid before me. Some little time ago I received a letter from my brother, Rev. W. A. Duncan, of Sault Ste. Marie, a life-long Grit by the way, enclosing a copy of an order-in-council passed on October 13 and forwarded to him by Hon. Mr. Mulock. It states:

"'That on the 23rd June last, Dr. George H. Duncan was in charge of the Isolation hospital in Victoria; that on that day he allowed a suspect liberty befor the period of quarantine detention, 14 days, had expired; and that I'—the memo is signed by Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture—'therefore recommend his dismissal from office.'

"This is the only official information I have had in the matter and, as you see, I obtained it in a very indirect and roundabout way," Dr. Duncan continued. "But no sooner had this order-in-council been passed than the Liberal newspapers in the East published, without correction by Hon. Mr. Fisher, that I had allowed a 'suspect' just recovering from smallpox out to vote, and therefore had been dismissed!

"In regard to the case itself of which so much has been said. I wish to again deny that the public health was in any way endangered. I believed the case to be chicken-pox, as it afterwards proved to be, though I took all the precaution of isolating as for smallpox. Had it been smallpox the public health would not have been jeopardized. But see what the General Superintendent of Quarantine, Dr. Montizambert, has to say about suspects and vaccination, and place it side by side with this order-in-council. To quote an official communication:

"'In the case of those whose arms 'take' and also of those who resist vaccination, assurance sometimes becomes so secure that the full routine detention of 14 days is not essential.' Dr. Osler, one of the leading pathologists of the world, in his up-to-date text-book on medicine says: 'A patient was put into the hospital by a Montreal physician with smallpox; I, feeling sure he had not smallpox, disinfected him and sent him home.' Yet here was a man in the smallpox hospital, not an isolation ward, a real suspect!

"There is no question in the matter. The smallest excuse is taken advantage of to make a change according to the wishes of the leaders of 'the party' in Victoria."

The subject of quarantine precautions, generally being introduced, Dr. Duncan was asked if his experience while in charge at William Head had induced him to make any special recommendations, looking to the betterment of quarantine facilities in this part of the world.

"Why, certainly," he replied. "My last official report dealt very fully with the inspection of vessels entering the Dominion through the Straits of Fuca. Here are the principal suggestions I have had to offer:

"Vessels from Oriental ports are and have been for some time past inspected at William Head, whether bound for Victoria or Vancouver. There is no reason why the Vancouver bound vessels should not continue to be so inspected at the very gateway of the Dominion provided provision be made, as roughly outlined herein, for the performance of inspection without delay and therefore without loss to shipping interests. The difference in the course steered by Vancouver bound and Victoria bound steamers from the Orient is so slight that—provided the quarantine officers anticipate their coming—having been notified as they pass Cape Carmanah signal station on their way up the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, neither inconvenience nor delay need result.

"In the enforcement of regulations in British Columbia as everywhere else, the two-fold character of successful quarantine must never be lost sight of—(1) it must prevent the introduction of any contagious or infectious disease; and (2) it must do so while causing the least possible delay to traffic and to trade interests. The government has furnished and fitted up at William Head an admirably located and efficiently equipped quarantine station, and this station should on general principles be universally recognized as the door to be shut against disease for the protection of the health of the Canadian people. Under the head of foreign going vessels we have only to consider and deal with those bound for the cities and towns of British Columbia. Nanaimo's foreign shipping interests being entirely of the one class, coal carriers, I should exclude them from consideration in the same category as the interests of the provincial capital and the two coast cities of the Mainland.

"Of these, first in importance in their relation to the public health are the passenger steamers plying from the Orient or the South seas to either Victoria or Vancouver. The course of the latter—of in fact all craft from sea for Mainland ports—is after leaving the Straits of San Juan de Fuca proper to and past Discovery island light. This point, the quarantine station at William Head, and the point at which the courses of Victoria-bound and Vancouver-bound vessels naturally diverge may be taken as the angles of a triangle; while the point of divergence, the quarantine station and Victoria may be taken as the angles of a second triangle. It will be noticed that if obliged to go direct to William Head, Vancouver-bound liners would be occasioned but three miles additional steaming. Even this, however, is not a necessity. By the improvement of the telegraphic signal service between Victoria and Cape Carmanah, and of the telephonic service between Victoria and the quarantine station, the superintendent of quarantine will be enabled to receive word of each vessel passing inward in ample time to make necessary preparation for meeting and boarding her off the station with the quarantine steamer.

"The inbound steamer will be obliged merely to slow-down momentarily while the official runs alongside, the inspection being made while the vessel inspected continues on her course, and on its conclusion the inspecting officer returning to the quarantine station with his steamer. The loss of time to the inbound vessel under such conditions would be so nominal as to be hardly worth consideration. Victoria-bound vessels should be similarly dealt with, the conditions being in general respects identical. I would include, too, passenger steamers from San Francisco in the list of vessels requiring to pass inspection at William Head, for the reason that they are constantly carrying large numbers of steerage passengers, contributions from all parts of the world, who may be a source of danger to the public health.

"I would not, however, include the steamers from Puget Sound ports, or colliers passing up to Departure Bay (Nanaimo), or Comox for cargo. The passenger steamers from Puget Sound maintain what is practically a ferry service, and it would be a misinterpretation of the principle of quarantine to impose upon them all the conditions necessarily employed in dealing with vessels from far distant ports, as to the health of which it is impossible for the superintendent of quarantine to have reliable information.

"The quarantine superintendent should at all times, however, keep himself informed as to the state of health not only in the coast cities of Puget Sound, but in all the states contributory to the traffic of those cities, so that in the event of disease becoming epidemic at any point from which it might be communicated through the medium of these steamers he could immediately advise your department of the necessity of making close inspection of these steamers—if necessary appointing a competent physician in each city to do the work promptly and thoroughly.

"I would therefore strongly advise that coasting vessels from ports in the United States on Puget Sound should be relieved from the operation of the quarantine regulations except as above instanced; and should by any possibility a vessel reach one of the British Columbia ports without necessary inspection having been made, the Collector of Customs at that port, if he deemed it necessary, might act in accordance with section 34 of your regulations.

"Colliers are peculiarly situated, and though frequently coming from a considerably distance are in a position dissimilar to that of other foreign shipping. They carry no passengers; their mission is simply to go to the colliery and take cargo; and their crew who are during the stay at the colliery employed in loading the ship, do not, from all the information which I have been able to obtain, mingle with the community. So that if provided with clean bills of health from their ports of departure, colliers on arrival they do not in reality require to be subjected to rigid inspection as do other classes of foreign shipping.

"Incoming sailing vessels are as a fact in a position very similar to that of steamers in regard to their relation to the quarantine. If they come in under sail for any British Columbia port they almost invariably come to anchor in the Royal Roads, contiguous to the William Head station, so that the work of inspection is greatly facilitated. If towed in, they are in the same position as steamers. The objection has been raised that a vessel having towed in from Cape Flattery, at the entrance to the Straits, with an American tug, must, if she is inspected at William Head, be relinquished by such tug and secure a Canadian bottom for the tow to her port of destination. This difficulty may be easily avoided by the making of the inspection while the vessel proceeds—so long as the tug and her tow are not compelled to drop anchor, the shipping condition cited, I am informed by Collector Milne, C.M.G., would not apply.

"As to the disinfection of baggage from the Orient. Soon after being placed in charge of this station by the deputy minister of agriculture I received from him copies of communications passed between the late superintendent of quarantine here and the department in which the former stated that he was disinfecting ship's baggage from China and Japan. The letter from the department confirmed his action.

"I at once replied, informing the department that the late superintendent seemingly did not deem such disinfection necessary, since he had not been making it up to the date of his decease, and that until I received further orders from the department I should pursue the same course of action as my predecessor—which was to have all vessels from the East call at William Head and make a close inspection of crews and passengers. Since that time I have received from the department no instructions to disinfect. I have thoroughly adhered to this line of action and insisted on all steerage passengers being vaccinated, stripping them to the waist for inspection.

"When medical health officer for the city of Victoria, the city clerk and myself sent a joint-communication to the government, urging them to have all such baggage disinfected before entering the Dominion. Some time later I wrote to the health officials in Hongkong to ascertain if disinfection of steerage baggage might not be done before such baggage was received by the transportation company; and in conversation with Dr. Lowson, who had charge of the adopted measures by which the bubonic plague was stamped out in Hongkong, I learned that he was strongly of opinion that steerage baggage should at all times be, as I suggested, sterlized before being received on board ship. This might very easily be arranged and the result would be a saving of no inconsiderable extent in both time and money to the transportation companies. My suggestion was that at each port a suitable room should be provided and a reliable medical man engaged to receive the baggage, see to its thorough disinfection, making a nominal charge of say twenty-five cents to each and provide the intending passenger with a certificate as to his baggage having passed disinfection, the production of which certificate would be necessary to enable him to obtain his ticket.

"The advantages of this plan would be in the first place the removal of the great proportion of risk; in the second the protection of the health of this country and of the transportation companies; in the third the avoidance of all delays that would be occasioned by disinfection of baggage on arrival; and in the fourth place the putting upon the disease carrier of the cost of disinfection.

"I may say that the various transportation companies have expressed their hearty sympathy with the plan suggested, and I see nothing to prevent its being carried to an early and thoroughly satisfactory conclusion. The advantages of this method of treatment commend themselves, I believe, to all the leading medical authorities of the Orient, as well as to those directly interested at this side of the water."

As to Dr. Fraser's appointment as port quarantine officer, it is in the natural course of events—that the municipal health officer and the port quarantine officer should be one.

THE CITY

Another adjournment was recorded yesterday in the long-pending Lawrence-McCallum cases. The police court trial is now set for the 21st, but in the interval a settlement is not improbable.

The petitions asking the Dominion government to place a tax of $500 a head on all Chinese and Japanese immigrants were placed at the Pandora fire hall for signature yesterday, during the election hours, and many ratepayers took the opportunity of affixing their names.

The Behring sea claims commission had the Ariel case before them yesterday and got through considerable work. A few days more will complete the main part of the cases, and probably a recess of four or five days will then be taken to give counsel an opportunity to see whether anything may have been overlooked. The probability is that in a week or ten days the commission will proceed to San Francisco.

Mr. Wickens' juvenile orchestra gave a monthly recital last evening to a large and enthusiastic audience, who were there by special invitation. The orchestra was represented by thirteen instruments played by children, the youngest being only six years of age, and the performance would have done credit to an adult orchestra. Some of the numbers, particularly the "Overture to the Bohemian Girl," Haydn's Surprise Symphony and the cello duet by two little boys being worth special mention.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burkholder yesterday at 5 o'clock, when Rev. Solomon Cleaver united in marriage their eldest daughter, Josephine Lillian, to Mr. George Alfred Richardson, of the well known firm of G. A. Richardson & Co. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Burkholder and Miss Edith Richardson, sisters of the bride and groom respectively, and Mr. Herbert Burkholder, brother of the bride, supported the groom. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the intimate relations and friends of the family. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the bride was the recipient of many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson after spending their honeymoon in Portland, will make their home in Victoria.

From St. Andrew's Presbyterian church a merry bridal party emerged shortly after 9 o'clock last night, the contracting parties being Mr. William Franklin and Miss Mary Ann Clachar, two popular young people of James Bay. The ceremony, in which it seemed that all the young people of the city were interested, was performed by Rev. W. Leslie Clay and among the leading participants in the event were the Misses Maggie Sherbourne, May Franklin, Mary Collins and Maggie McDonald, as bridesmaids; Mr. Bert. Franklin, brother of the groom, and his right hand supporter and Mr. A. J. Smith, uncle to the bride, who had the "presentation" of the evening to make. The ladies were very effectively gowned, the bride being attired in brown ladies' cloth, the front of the bodice being of passamenterie over pale blue satin. The costume was completed with a brown hat, trimmed with plumes and ospreys. Incidental, Mr. George Burnett officiated at the organ. The service over, the party drove to Mr. Smith's residence on Superior street, where a display of fireworks announced the arrival of the wedding guests. Later, towards midnight, all went down to the C.P.N. wharf and saw Mr. and Mrs. Franklin depart on the Islander, it being their intention to make Kamloops their future home. Of the many and handsome presents which they received, one which Mr. Franklin highly treasures is a marble clock, the gift of the old Amity Baseball Club.

CIVIC RULERS NAMED

Mayor Redfern the Choice of the Electorate as Victoria's Chief Magistrate.

Ward Politicians Turned Under in the Contest for Council Honors.

A Ballot That Fails to Be Secret—Elections in Sister Cities.

During the current year the affairs of the city of Victoria will be conducted by a council composed of Mr. Charles E. Redfern, as mayor, and Messrs. A. G. McCandless, Moses McGregor, John Kinsman, Alexander Stewart, John Partridge, Louis Vigelius, John Hall, J. B. Harrison and William Wilson—as members of the aldermanic board. The three wards of the city will remain as at present defined, and the school trustees will include among their number another lady member, Mrs. David Jenkins and Dr. Lewis Hall having been chosen to fill the vacancies created by the retirement in their course of Trustees J. B. Lovell and Henry Saunders, and Trustee Charles Hayward being once more confirmed as a member of the body to whom is left the direction of local educational affairs, on his offering himself for re-election.

Such, in brief, is the result of yesterday's contest in the city—a result which gives very general satisfaction, particularly as it may be taken as a practical rebuff to those who sought to introduce into municipal affairs the foreign element of Dominion politics. The composition of the council has undergone a very material change, but two members of the old board having been returned, although five aldermen and the mayor sought re-election. Mr. John Macmillan, who in 1896 headed the poll in the North Ward and had recorded for him the heaviest vote of any candidate for the council, this year finds himself chosen to stay at home, a drop from 442 votes to 394 expressing the changed opinion of the public, while Mr. A. G. McCandless this year is the lion of the ward with 712 votes polled for him—the heaviest aldermanic vote on record in the city. Messrs. Humphrey and Tiarks also find themselves relegated to the shades of private life, and Messrs. J. B. Harrison, John Hall and Louis Vigelius reappear in municipal affairs, in which they have had experience as members of former councils. Ald. Partridge and Wilson are the members of the '96 board in whom the electors have expressed their confidence; the "new blood" consists of Mr. A. G. McCandless, John Kinsman, Moses McGregor and Alexander Stewart, each of whom should prove a valuable acquisition. The new council will probably be sworn in to-morrow and at once enter upon their duties.

DETAIL OF THE VOTE.

Although the Contest was Comparatively Uneventful the Electors Turned Out in Force.

Those who looked for a light vote as a sequel to the comparatively uneventful campaign were considerably out of their reckoning. The totals were fully as large as those of last year, while in school affairs lively interest was developed, the organization and effective work of the Woman's Council in behalf of their candidate being apparent all through the day. No disorder marred the city's good record in this respect, and no specially interesting incidents developed during the day.

The polling arrangements were excellent, and Mr. W. W. Northcott, the new returning officer, was at each of the stations in turn to see that they were properly carried out. Improvement was noticeable in the placing of the booths for the sake of increased privacy for the voter, but a fatal mistake was found in the ballot itself, the paper used being so thin that when folded the crosses showed plainly through and the secrecy of the vote was thereby negatived.

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Vancouver, Jan. 14.—(Special)—W. Templeton was elected Mayor of Vancouver to-day, his majority over J. J. Banfield being 319. The total vote was 2,067. The following were elected aldermen: Ward 1 (acclamation)—Ald. Shaw and Ald. Painter; Ward 2—J. McQueen and W. F. Neelands; Ward 3—Ald. McPhaiden and J. Clendining; Ward 4—Ald. W. Brown and Ald. McDonald; Ward 5—D. G. McDonnell and C. Caldwell.

Kaslo, B.C., Jan. 14.—(Special)—The elections were held here to-day, with the following result: For Mayor, R. F. Green, re-elected, defeating F.E. Archer; for Aldermen, Garland, Moore, Cameron, Goodenough and Buchanan, in the order named. This is the old council with the exception of Ald.-elect Buchanan, who replaces Ald. Whiteside.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NORTH WARD.

A. G. McCandless	712
John Kinsman	571
Moses McGregor	545
W. J. Dwyer	422
John Macmillan	394
D. H. Riddell	330

Total vote polled, 1,080; spoiled ballots, 8.

In 1896, 1,104 ballots were issued and the candidates took rank as follows: Macmillan, 442; Marchant, 404; Glover, 365; Dwyer, 362; Humber, 259; Penwill, 247; Bragg, 240; Gerow, 180; Levy, 140; Allen, 141; and McNaughton, 117.

SOUTH WARD.

John Hall	442
J. B. Harrison	413
William Wilson	398
John G. Tiarks	358

Vote polled, 631; spoiled ballots, 8.

Last year saw 624 votes polled, Ald. Wilson heading the poll with 286, followed by Tiarks, 282; Cameron, 267; Hall, 263; Jardine, 230; Oddy, 186; and Borthwick, 163.

CENTRAL WARD.

Alexander Stewart	374
John Partridge	350
Louis Vigelius	290
William Humphrey	264

Vote polled, 485.

In '96 the vote was 70 larger, and thus divided: Williams, 408; Humphrey, 273; Partridge, 268; Phillips, 267; Dalby, 225; McDonald, 94.

THE NEW TRUSTEES.

Dr. Lewis Hall	1,048
Charles Hayward	781
Mrs. David Jenkins	765
R. L. Drury	730
E. A. Lewis	715
William McKay	508

Vote polled, 1,745.

Last year the election of trustees resulted in the choice of Messrs. A. L. Belyea, J. S. Yates and R. B. McMicking and Mrs. William Grant, the vote being as follows: A. L. Belyea, 967; J. S. Yates, 838; R. B. McMicking, 773; Mrs. Helen Grant, 726; Mrs. Maria Grant, 719; C. A. Holland, 668; E. A. Lewis, 610; D. Cartmel, 573; and J. McKenzie, 331.

VICTORS AND VANQUISHED.

The New Council and Their Unsuccessful Rivals at the Declaration of the Polls:

Though the elections had been very quiet, the people seemed to gather enthusiasm as the day wore on and when the time drew near for the results to be declared a large crowd gathered outside the police court chambers, anxious for admission. At eight o'clock the returning officer took his seat at the magistrate's desk, and ordered the doors opened, a wave of humanity sweeping in, overflowing the standing space and even sending some of the more venturesome to perches of vantage on the tops of the polling booths. The results having been given out, the crowd shouted "Redfern," and cheered lustily when the mayor-elect mounted the platform and bowed his acknowledgements.

Mr. Redfern could hardly find words to express his gratitude for the honor conferred upon him. He referred to the fact that he had once before filled the position of mayor, and said he would endeavor to show the ratepayers that this present expression of their confidence was not misplaced. To those who had voted against him he said that he hoped they might at the end of his term feel satisfied with the decision of the majority. He only regretted that there was not room for Mayor Beaven as well as himself and he could say that all through the contest only the kindliest feelings had subsisted between himself and that gentleman. After a nine little compliment to Mr. Northcott for his able management as returning officer, Mr. Redfern retired amid general applause.

Hon. Mr. Beaven also met with a very cordial reception as he came forward to say his parting words to the electors. They had been good enough, he said, to relieve him of the responsibilities of office. "And though defeated," he continued smiling, "I am not beaten." He had the gratification of knowing as he gave up his trust that everything was in as good shape as possible—there was a good council elected, and a surplus in the treasury. As Mr. Redfern had said, there had not been any hard feeling between them.

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Vancouver, Jan. 14.—(Special)—W. Templeton was elected Mayor of Vancouver to-day, his majority over J. J. Banfield being 319. The total vote was 2,067. The following were elected aldermen: Ward 1 (acclamation)—Ald. Shaw and Ald. Painter; Ward 2—J. McQueen and W. F. Neelands; Ward 3—Ald. McPhaiden and J. Clendining; Ward 4—Ald. W. Brown and Ald. McDonald; Ward 5—D. G. McDonnell and C. Caldwell.

Kaslo, B.C., Jan. 14.—(Special)—The elections were held here to-day, with the following result: For Mayor, R. F. Green, re-elected, defeating F.E. Archer; for Aldermen, Garland, Moore, Cameron, Goodenough and Buchanan, in the order named. This is the old council with the exception of Ald.-elect Buchanan, who replaces Ald. Whiteside.

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