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Col. Peters Transferred

Has Been Appointed to Succeed Col. Evans, No. 2 District, Toronto.

Will Be Succeeded Here by Major Benson, of Quebec.

ch not yet made public, the Times possession of information to the that the next militia general or- contain the announcement of the transfer of Lieut-Col James Peters from the command of Military District No. 11 (province of British Columbia) to that of D.O.C. of M.D., No. 2, Toronto.

It is understood that he will be succeeded in Victoria by Capt. Benson, R.C.A., now captain of No. 2 Company of Garrison Artillery at Quebec. Capt. Benson holds the brevet rank of major.

The transfer of Col. Peters from this district will be generally regretted by militia men in many respects in this province, as well as by the officers of the regular force with whom he was brought in contact in his capacity as D. O. C. of No. 11 District. His transfer to the Toronto district, however, is a distinct compliment to him, as it is the premier district in many respects in the whole militia system of the Dominion.

It comprises the third brigade division including the force in the counties of Brant, Haldimand, Lincoln, Monck, Niagara, Norfolk, Welland, Wentworth, city of Hamilton, and the Fourth Brigade Division comprising the counties of Carleton Place, Algonquin (east of Nepean), Ontario, Peel, Simcoe, Halton and York, and the Fifth Brigade Division, Toronto.

The executive head of District No. 11, until very recently, was Lieut-Col. Oter, now commanding the Canadian contingent in South Africa. Lieut-Col. Oter was summoned from the Yukon to succeed him, his duties being temporarily assumed by Col. Holmes of the London district (No. 1). The appointment of Col. Evans to the second detachment of Canadian troops has necessitated another officer being named for that district, and the choice has now fallen on Col. Peters.

Major Benson's appointment to Victoria is regarded among military men as a temporary measure, the number of vacancies occasioned by the dispatch of officers and troops to the Transvaal having compelled the department to make a number of hitherto unlooked for transfers.

Col. Peters is understood to be adverse to leaving Victoria, and on a previous occasion when his transfer was suggested it was said he would prefer retiring to being transferred to the department, however would hardly consent to his dropping out of the service at present, and it is probable he will proceed to his new command.

Col. Peters was born in St. John, N. B., on September 11th, 1853, and in 1872 was gazetted to his first command as a subaltern in the 62nd Battalion. After holding similar rank in the Garrison Artillery of Manitoba and in A Battery, R.C.A., he was promoted to captain in the latter in 1878. He attained his majority in 1887 and became a lieutenant-colonel in 1893. It was in August of that year that he came to Victoria as D.O.C. of M.D., No. 11. He was adjutant of the Shoeburyness team in 1881 and served with distinction in the Northwest rebellion of 1885. For his gallantry in that campaign he was repeatedly mentioned in dispatches, and was awarded the medal of 1885.

GRAND FORKS ENTERPRISE. Mayor Manly Contemplates the Construction of 100 Miles of Railway.

Lloyd A. Manly, mayor of Grand Forks, was trying to get a railroad, being in the way of his business connected with the welfare of his city, has applied to the Dominion government for a charter to build about 100 miles of railroad in the Grand Forks district. The enterprise also contemplates the construction of a mammoth dam at Grand Forks and the ultimate protection by other parties of a proposed Republic camp at Rossland. The particular object of the American road is to provide transportation for the ores of the great Republic mine at Grand Forks, where they may be treated by a mixture of water and steam, and by the product of the Summit camp and with the product of the Knob Hill and Ironsides mine of the Greenwood district. The promoter of the American road is G. G. McQuay, the principal financial agent in the Republic.

"My application," Mr. Manly said, "is an explanation of his project, 'is for a charter to build, first, a twenty-mile road starting at Hill's farm on the boundary line and thence via Grand Forks to Grand Forks on the boundary. Then for a road from Grand Forks up Kettle river sixty-five miles to Franklin camp; also another short road from Grand Forks to the mine, taking in the Bonifant mountain district. The application is now before the Ottawa government, and it will probably be acted on in February."

Mr. C. G. McQuay, of Montreal, the principal financial agent in the Republic, desiring to cheapen the method of treating the ores of both camps, seeks to have a road constructed from Republic to Grand Forks, where he proposes establishing a smelter. And for this purpose he now have just about completed at Grand Forks a smelter constructed at a cost of about \$250,000 by the Granby Smelting Company of Granby, Canada, and Philadelphia.

It is one of the very best, if not the best, smelters on the North American continent. J. P. Graves is the promoter of this enterprise. Among other equipment a smelter is to have a 1,500 horse power.

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Provincial News.

NELSON. Electrical trams started running here on Thursday.

Contractor Hawley, who is taking out stone for the new gas works, fired some unusually heavy shots last week in the quarry back of the smelter. The blasts were very successful and enough material is now on the dump to complete the works.

SILVERTON. The first attempt at robbery that has occurred here since the time of the boom took place shortly after midnight on Thursday morning, the Wm. Hunter Co.'s store being the scene of operations. The robbers had succeeded in gaining an entrance to the store through the door out of which, he had reserved a large pane of glass. The store's entrance was broken through by Mr. Wilson, who room over the shop, and they proceeded to investigate. At the first sound of their approach however the burglar fled.

A sudden gale of wind Thursday morning struck the three arches of the roof of the new skating rink, and with a crash came down on the residence of Mr. Manning, but, fortunately, doing very little damage, though Mrs. Manning was badly frightened and Frank Craig, one of the carpenters employed on the work, had a narrow escape. He was part way up on one of the benches, and when the wind struck the roof he fell and was hurt. The rest of the mischief succeeded in getting out of the way of the falling timbers.

James B. Crockett died very suddenly on Wednesday morning while on the way from the station to the Columbia Hotel and was removed from the scene of the accident by a narrow escape. The other occupants of the car were generally commented upon. When the ponderous train, which weighed at least 30,000 pounds, left the track at the corner on Kootenay street, it jumped fully six feet from the rails and landed on its side. The windows were shattered and a great rock out on the road made a deep impression about an extent of the under side. T. C. Duncan, secretary of the company, was seated within, and, strange to say, escaped without a scratch. Messrs. Carey, Hawkins, Wilson and Chapman, who were also aboard, each sustained flesh wounds.

NEW WESTMINSTER. By turning a corner too sharply on Saturday night the delivery wagon of Nelson's brewery was upset and a man named Graham was driving at the time, was thrown out and given a severe shaking up by coming in contact with the ground. Through retaining his hold on the lines his condition was not improved, and he was carried into T. A. Muir's drug store. Dr. Parish was summoned, but after examination found no bones had been broken.

At 11:30 on Tuesday morning Mrs. McCroon, wife of Mr. David McCroon, dropped dead at her own home on Queen's avenue. Mrs. McCroon had just been conversing with a neighbor and appeared to be in her usual health and spirits. Remarkably on the fine weather she separated, and Mrs. McCroon turned to go into the house but, on the threshold, suddenly fell. Her little boy, who had seen her fall, at once summoned the neighbor aforesaid, thinking it was only one of those epileptic attacks to which his mother had for some time been subject. The neighbor, Mr. Dawson, arrived scarcely a minute after she had been speaking to the deceased, but found no sign of life, and a doctor, who arrived soon after, confirmed this, and attributed death to heart failure.

KAMLOOPS. At a public meeting in Raven's Hill last Tuesday evening, for the purpose of discussing the affairs of the hospital and means of bettering its condition, a resolution, unanimously adopted, urged upon the provincial government the necessity of providing increased financial aid for the hospital. Speaking to this resolution Mr. Deane, M.P.P., stated the cause of delay on the part of the government in coming to the assistance of the hospital, and announced that he had received word from the minister of finance that as a temporary arrangement for the present year the fixed grant to the hospital would be increased from five to fifteen hundred dollars in addition to the capitation grant.

Rev. J. Clarke Stewart and wife and Miss Norris went down to Vancouver on Friday and will remain there until after New Year's day.

John Fleet celebrated his Christmas in a very happy manner by taking into himself a wife in the person of Miss Mary J. Guerin, a daughter of the late James Guerin. The wedding ceremony took place at the Methodist parsonage on Saturday evening, Rev. Chas. Ladner tying the nuptial knot.

Arthur P. Noel and Miss Delina Letalien, both of Lillooet, were married in this city on Sunday evening. The wedding was held at the residence of the bride, at the Church of the Sacred Heart at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Father Michael officiating.

C. W. Ward, of the law firm of Fulton & Ward, is shortly to leave Kamloops to take up permanent residence in Nelson.

BELLA COOLA. Mr. Morrison arrived from Chilcoet on December 12th. He reported beautiful weather in the interior. He found about an inch of snow on the highest part of the trail on the way down. He returned next day to get in before a possible fall of snow.

Mr. Clayton has completed the outside work on his new cannery. What remains to be done can be easily completed before the fishing season.

Mr. H. P. Polard has erected a neat frame house on his ranch.

Mr. S. G. Hill has purchased land, and steps into building.

The fall and winter has been filled with an unusual amount of rain. On December 11th it rained again. On the 12th and 13th a cold wind blew down the valley, and the river was frozen over. The 17th mild weather, which continues, set in. There was a little snow in the valley, but it has gone.

During the last few days two Bella Coola settlers were married.

Mr. Hanson is off on a business trip to Vancouver.

The merchants of the valley are doing a good business.

What Bella Coola now needs is a railway to bring the interior trade to her and open up the vast territory of Chilcoet, Blackwater and Nachaco valleys, for grazing and desiring industries.

We have had a good mail service from the Swan, the only drawback being the uncertainty of arrival. Our postmaster comes down the valley when the mail is expected, and if it does not arrive he is thus detained from his business, much to his own and his customers' inconvenience.

The Bella Coola saw mill has been working most of the fall, but is not able to supply local demand.

It is rumored we are to have another saw mill soon.

An Indian who is mentally unbalanced is causing considerable uneasiness in this district.

Mr. Henry is preparing to burn charcoal for use in the cannery.

Mr. Robertson is spending the winter in Chilcoet. He is much pleased with the opportunities offered in this part of the country. He has staked off his ranch and will proceed to stock it.

Macdonald; song, Winter Winds, school.

At the close of the programme the chairman expressed himself in warm terms of all he had seen and heard, stating that this added one more experience to his many years, and hoped that he might yet be spared to be with the company on the occasion. He then called for three cheers for Mr. Sinclair, which were most heartily responded to.

Santa Claus now made his appearance and managed very successfully, with the aid of Mr. Sinclair and staff, to distribute his presents, and after wishing all a very happy Christmas, etc., he hobbled off on his long journey.

The room was now cleared for dancing, which was kept up until an early hour in the morning, when the company retired, having spent a very enjoyable time.

ROSSLAND. Mr. Buchard, the present principal of the city schools, has resigned his position and after the Christmas holidays Mr. J. D. McLean, of Mission City, will occupy the position.

Mr. William Henderson, the resident architect of the Dominion public works department, left on Thursday night for Nelson. It is understood that he sent wire to the government, suggesting the government to accept one of four different sites for the new Federal buildings: The sites mentioned are the corner of Washington and First avenue, and Spokane street, known as the Spellman corner, the block on the northeast corner of Washington and First avenue, the lot on the southeast corner of First avenue and Washington street, and the lot on the northwest corner of Columbia avenue and Lincoln street.

Mr. J. R. Fraser, employed at the War Eagle mine, has the sympathy of his many friends in this city, who are mourning the loss of his only daughter, Ella. The young girl was 15 years of age and died on Saturday morning. Mr. Fraser is the oldest employee of the War Eagle.

Mr. Donald Guthrie, chief of the fire department, was presented with a handsome watch on Saturday morning. The presentation was made by Assistant Chief Collins on behalf of himself and the other members of the fire department, to which Chief Guthrie made a fitting response.

A requisition requesting Mayor Goodenough to bestow a gold medal on the Chief Collins on behalf of himself and the other members of the fire department, to which Chief Guthrie made a fitting response.

The Public Grand theatre will open on January 1st under the management of Messrs. J. J. Billaudeau, Ardley Brothers, Jack, Joe, Will and Paul Beyrnan.

A deal has just been consummated by which the Columbia Telephone & Telegraph Company has acquired the lines of the Spokane Falls and British Columbia Telephone Company. The two have been operating their lines jointly, but by this consolidation they will be owned by one company and can be operated to their advantage.

Mr. R. G. Clute, Q.C., who has been conducting the investigation into the labor situation under his commission from the Dominion government, left Rossland for Spokane on Tuesday. He will go to Seattle, and from there to Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo. He expects to return East about the middle of next month. His report on the Dominion government will be prepared as rapidly as possible and presented to the government during the approaching session. Mr. Clute expressed his gratification at the way in which both miners and mine superintendents had come forward and testified in helping the investigation, and at the frank and cordial way in which the witnesses had spoken. The commissioner added that he had received all the assistance possible from every quarter of the camp, and he sincerely trusted that his efforts would eventually prove of some assistance in helping to work out the vexed problems that confronted both the mine manager and the working miner.

GREENWOOD. A fatal explosion occurred in the Snowshoe mine at Phoenix Camp on Saturday, caused by drilling into an old blast that had missed fire. The victims are: John Nelson, killed, and Stanley McCleod, seriously, perhaps, fatally, injured. The mine is owned by the Phoenix mine manager, and he has warned the miners before going to work that two shots had missed fire. Nelson was blown to pieces.

Eleven journeymen tailors met last week for the purpose of forming a union. James Gray was elected temporary chairman and Charles Wilson temporary secretary. An application for a charter was sent to the head office of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America. A special meeting will be called by the chairman as soon as the charter arrives for the purpose of electing officers, selecting a hall, etc.

A large amount of building is in progress all over the city. Hardly a day goes by but one notices the foundations for a new structure being laid; or masonry excavating the ground preparatory to building a foundation. Everything being built is of a substantial nature. Even the cold weather has not retarded work. Up till the first of the week construction work has been more or less hindered by want of lumber. This was overcome by bringing the stock of lumber up to date. But a train load or half a dozen train loads, goes nowhere when distributed among contractors who are erecting three-story frame buildings and residences of every size and description. It cannot be said to be a building boom. It is a steady growth, necessitated by the rapidly increasing business being done here and by the many new arrivals who have decided to make Greenwood their home.—Boundary Creek Times.

Forty men are employed by the Greenwood Electric Co., Ltd., on the different portions of work now in full swing for the installation of an electric lighting plant, that when finished will provide light for the city of Greenwood and the town of Phoenix. It is hoped by Superintendent W. P. Dickson that the electric fluid will be turned on

simultaneously in both towns by the middle of February, at the latest. The company will install a plant capable of furnishing at the start power for 3,000 lights.

A very serious accident occurred on Wednesday afternoon on the Columbia & Western. George Loy, bridge inspector, fell from the span below Ansonia, and fractured his skull. He rose after the fall and walked a short distance, but became unconscious. His fall was noted by the foreman of the bridge gang, who immediately went to his assistance and had him conveyed to the hospital, where he now lies in a very precarious condition.

In response to a petition addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council by the members of the Board of Trade and endorsed by the city council praying for the establishment of certain public offices in Greenwood, a reply has been received by the secretary of the Board of Trade from the provincial secretary stating that steps will be taken for the transfer of the mining recorder of the Kettle river mining division, the registrar of the county court, holden at Midway and Greenwood, to Greenwood, as soon as suitable quarters are available.

GALLIANO ISLAND. The annual Christmas tree entertainment was held at the school house December 26th, at 7:30 p.m. Quite a large gathering was present, notwithstanding heavy rain showers. The Christmas tree was a novelty, being in the shape of a log cabin. Mr. Stephen Hoskins acted as chairman. The teacher, Miss Sylvester, deserves great praise for the excellent way she had the children trained. Refreshments were served during the evening. The programme was as follows: Song, by school; Ring, Ring, Merry Bells; recitation, In the Morning, by school; dialogue, Winter's Work, by school; song, Birdie's Ball, by school; hoop drill, by school; song, Good Morning, Mary Sunshine; recitation, Three Little Mothers, by Miss Carrie Cullison and Miss Matilda Georgeson, and Miss Florence Grey; dialogue, Tom's Practical Joke, by Miss Florence Grey, Miss Matilda Georgeson and Charlie Groth; song, Marching Song, by school; recitation, When the Teacher Comes, by Miss Carrie Cullison; dialogue, Lazy and Busy, by school; dialogue, When Women Get Their Rights, by Edward Georgeson, Miss Carrie Cullison and Charlie Groth; dance, May Pole, by school. The recitations, dialogues, etc., were excellent. At the close of the programme the usual dance commenced, which lasted till daylight. The whole affair was, the best of the kind ever held in the school house.

The examination of the scholars attending the school on S. E. point of Galliano took place on Friday, December 23rd. The school has only been in existence some seven weeks, and most of the children have had no prior school discipline. Miss Ethel J. Brown, of Victoria, is the teacher, and the examination has proved highly satisfactory to parents, teachers and children. It has now been decided to erect a school house right away, and have it ready for occupation as soon after the beginning of next half year as possible.

VANCOUVER. Mr. Oswald Roberts was taken to St. Paul's Hospital on Sunday, a somewhat serious illness having been brought on by blood-poisoning. Mr. Roberts has had to give up his place as one of the leading characters in the cast of "Morocco" at the Grand Opera.

A fatal accident was narrowly averted down at Evans, Coleman & Evans's wharf on Sunday night. The steamer Fraser came in early in the evening, and at 8 o'clock her Japanese cook, a young boy named Sam, fell off the plank, and struck a boomstick at the side of the wharf. When rescued it was found that the boy's leg was broken.

One of the best known of the older pioneers of the province died Sunday afternoon. He was Mr. Alfred N. C. King, for about 20 years bookkeeper and accountant at the Moodyville Mill. Mr. King died at his home, 180 Hornby street, after an illness of only a few days. He was 59 years of age. He had for some months not been in good health, but the serious illness that began in the middle of last week was not expected.

The late Mr. King was a man of excellent education, and before coming to British Columbia had been a purser in the British navy. He came out on H.M.S. S. Darin in 1877. He was an expert accountant, and several years ago did quite a business in that line in the city. On several occasions he had acted for City Clerk McQuay as deputy returning officer for Ward 4, and was well-known from other positions he held in the city. The deceased leaves a widow and four children.

Colonel J. D. B. Evans passed through the city on Sunday on his way to Ottawa. He left Dawson on November 28th, and has taken since that date a coming out. The trip was one of the toughest of his life, although it will be remembered that, as commander of the Yukon Field Force, he went north at their head, and went in by way of the Stikine route. The ice was rotten on the banks of the river that were frozen over, and a good portion of it was not frozen at all, with the snow along the banks altogether too deep to be navigated. When he reached Bennett, the weather suddenly turned cold and in three days after he arrived there it was 20 degrees below zero. Colonel Evans received an offer at Dawson of a position with the corps going to South Africa, and he immediately telegraphed his acceptance.

It is reported that it is the intention of the postmaster-general to advance the salaries of postoffice and postal delivery men, who now receive less than \$800 per year, by an addition of \$5 per month. Representations to the department have been made in this behalf for several months past.

There are many interesting characters among the coast loggers who have arrived in the city during the last few days to spend Christmas here. One man came down with his fall earnings and deposited the whole amount in the bank, making his total account in the neighborhood of \$13,000, all of which he has earned in wages during the last few years in logging camps on the coast. The man is now 60 years of age.

A sad accident with a fatal ending occurred at the home of Mr. S. W. Hunteford, 702 Ninth avenue east, Monday

Pleasant. Little Samuel, a boy of three years, while playing with, and striking his chin on the stove, the jar made him bite his tongue badly. The accident, simple in itself, resulted in the death of the poor little fellow, as the wound bled so freely he became exhausted and all the efforts of the best medical skill failed to stop the hemorrhage.

His Worship Mayor Garden has definitely announced his intention of being a candidate for the mayoralty in the coming election.

A very quiet wedding before immediate friends of the contracting parties took place at St. Paul's church on Christmas morning. Rev. Archdeacon Pentreath officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Louise Haswood, known to some as Nurse Louise, of St. Luke's home, and Rev. Henry Steele, of Grand Forks. Miss Milliken was bridesmaid and A. G. Low groomsmen. The honeymoon will be spent in the Sound cities, after which Mr. and Mrs. Steele will take up their residence at Grand Forks.

Mr. James Walker, of the local branch of the Imperial Bank, who has been laid up for some days with appendicitis, is sufficiently improved to go out.

Mr. James McBeth, a prominent inhabitant of the city, died on Wednesday morning at his home, 941 Seymour street. The deceased was, very well-known throughout the city, as he had been in Vancouver for many years. He leaves a wife, a son and two daughters.

A peculiar sort of dispute started in a downtown saloon on Wednesday. The proprietor recently came from Adin and among the most treasured of his earthly possessions is a nugget worth \$130. He happened to show it to a rancher who likewise claims to hold the hot man's note for \$100, dated several years ago. The rancher put the nugget in his pocket and remarked as he went out that he would call next day and leave the extra \$30. The hotel man, however, wants his gold back and threatened to go to law about it.

As on the occasion of previous Christmases, the free dinner and entertainment given in the free library by Mrs. Machin and her friends was very much appreciated by a large number of homeless young men. The hall was crowded for a couple of hours during the evening and at the dinner, as well as at the concert later on, everyone of those present had a most enjoyable time.

Two workmen on the new Catholic church building were badly injured on Wednesday afternoon through the breaking of a scaffold. The arm of the steam-crane had lifted a large crate of brick for the inner wall, and this was let down on the scaffold. It was intended to allow it to rest easily on the planking, but instead it dropped very heavily quite a distance and, breaking the scaffold, the men standing upon it went down, with the exception of one. One of the men was Joseph Megandie, a brick mason, who was badly cut and bruised around the head and upper part of the body. He was taken to the city hospital, while the second man, Dennis Donohue was taken to St. Paul's. He was a bricklayer laborer, and one of the two was much the more seriously hurt.

NANAIMO NOTES. (Special to the Times) Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—At 11 o'clock today the arbitrators who will decide upon the price to be paid by the corporation of Nanaimo to the Nanaimo Waterworks Company for their plant, met in the court house, and there they will listen to the testimony of expert witnesses as to the value of the property.

Nearly a year ago the city decided to own the waterworks, and in September last a by-law was submitted to the people to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of making the purchase. The by-law carried, but the waterworks company declined the offer of that amount made by the city, and it was agreed to submit the matter to arbitration.

The city selected William Woodman of this city, the waterworks company chose G. A. Keeter, of Victoria, and Judge Irving was agreed upon as umpire. The city engineers from Vancouver and New Westminster and other experts are here to give testimony.

William Wood, a brakeman employed on the E. & N. railway, whose home is in Victoria, had a hand and foot badly crushed while switching in the yards here about 5 o'clock last evening. He and unaccounted several flat cars from the suboose preparatory to throwing them in on the siding, when he slipped and fell, the wheels of one of the cars passing over the hand and foot. He was taken to the Nanaimo hospital for treatment, and it is thought that he can be pulled through without amputation.

BAKERS' BAD BACKS. We little know the toil and hardship that those who make the "staff of life" undergo.

Long hours in superheated and poorly ventilated bakeries are hard on the system giving the bakers more work than they can properly do, throws poison into the system that should be carried off by these delicate filters. Then the back gets bad—aches and pains, becomes stiff and lame.

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Mr. Walter Buchanan, who has conducted a bakery in Sarnia for the past 15 years, says:

"Doan's Kidney Pills acted like a charm in curing me of my kidney troubles. For a number of years previous to taking them I suffered a great deal from brickbat sediments in the urine, and acute pains across the small of my back, pains in the back of my head, loss of appetite, dizziness, nervous-ness and general debility. From the first few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills I commenced to improve, and I have continued until I am to-day a well man. I have not got a pain or ache about me. My head is clear; the urinary difficulties all gone; my sleep is refreshing, and my health is better now than for years."

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE. Is direct to the diseased parts by the internal use. Heals the ulcers, clears the sinuses, stops droppings in the throat, cures Catarrh and Hay Fever, Blower Eye, All kinds of Dr. A. W. Chase's Medicine Co. Toronto and Bal- 1