

gency Meeting held by Victoria Lodge on the evening of that day, presided over by W. Bro. Mat. Coates, the following transaction is recorded in the minutes:

"The British Columbia Lodge No. 5, having previously opened their Regular Monthly Meeting, was now admitted and the two Lodges were merged into one, called Victoria-Columbia No. 1, and the minutes were taken by the Secretary of the New Lodge."

Immediately afterwards the officers of the newly amalgamated Lodges were installed by the Most W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B. C., Most W. Bro. F. Williams, W. Bro. Mat. Coates being installed as W. Master, Bro. J. C. Bales as S. W., Bro. W. Harrison as J.W., and Bro. C. C. McKenzie as Secretary. Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, consequently passed the 40th milestone on its Masonic journey, under its present constitution, on April 3rd last.

Many distinguished Brethren have filled the office of W. Master in No. 1 Lodge since its inception. Time does not suffice to make an extended reference to each Brother, but the following mentioned Brethren have occupied the W. Master's Chair from 1859 to the present year:

1859 Joseph Johnston Southgate	1889.....Geo. S. Russell
1860 Joseph Johnston Southgate	1890.....Thos. B. Pearson
1861 Joseph Johnston Southgate	1891.....W. J. Quinlan
1862.....George Pearkes	1892.....Benjamin Williams
1863.....Robert Burnaby	1893.....Arthur St. G. Flint
1864.....Thomas Harris	1894.....Benjamin S. Oddy
1865.....Robert Burnaby	1895.....Arthur L. Belyea
1866.....Lumley Franklin	1896.....Harry L. Salmon
1867.....Richard Lewis	1897.....Dr. W. A. Richardson
1868.....J. F. McCreight	1898.....Alex. Stewart
1869.....S. W. Blackbourne	1899.....Robert E. Brett
1870.....Henry Nathan	1900.....C. Dubois Mason
1871.....Cornelius Thorne	1901.....John W. Crocker
1872.....Vincent Ragazzini	1902.....Peter J. Riddell
1873.....Fred Williams	1903.....Samuel W. Edwards
1874.....Fred Williams	1904.....W. K. Houston
1875.....John Weller	1905.....Gilbert D. Christie
1876.....W. T. Livock	1906.....James H. Greer
1877.....Matthew Coates	1907.....W. H. F. Richdale
1878.....T. R. Mitchell	1908.....Dr. G. L. Milne
1879.....E. Crow Baker	1909.....J. F. Sallaway
1880.....John Teague	1910.....Andrew F. Forbes
1881.....John Teague	1911.....Stephen Jones
1882.....John Teague	1912.....John R. Saunders
1883.....James Miller	1913.....R. Ford Verrinder
1884.....C. C. McKenzie	1914.....Allan S. Ashwell
1885.....E. J. Salmon	1915.....Duncan B. McLearn
1886.....D. Cartmel	1916.....John Minto
1887.....John Piercy	1917.....Albert A. Belbeck
1888.....W. W. Northcott	