

PROVINCIAL ACT IS ULTRA VIRES

THE OPENING SEASONS FOR TROUT FISHING

Dominion Regulations Apply in British Columbia—Opinion of Department of Justice.

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WILL CONTINUE SALES

White Prices at New Westminister Were Not Large Management Was Satisfied.

The sale of live stock at New Westminister was not a success and so encouraged are those in charge of it that they have decided to make it an annual affair. It is expected that the interest will continue to increase and that the future will be more successful than the one held this year. The prices realized this year were not as large as they should have been, but it is expected this will be removed in future years.

APPOINTED CHIEF OF NELSON DEPARTMENT

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PROPOSED TRIP TO THE POLE IN AUTO

Two Seattle Men Plan a Novel Journey North—To Be Made During Winter.

Now that so much interest is being taken in the movements of Capt. Mikkelsen and his expedition to the Arctic region, the intention of two Seattle men to attempt to reach the pole in an auto may come as a surprise. Frederick R. Burch, and his brother, Chas. E. S. Burch, are the enterprising couple. In an auto mounted on trucks they will attempt to reach the pole itself, and to cross the polar pack from the coast of the great North sea to the pole, make a few observations and journey back in a perfectly safe and easy manner, undisturbed by a thermometer that crawls down a few dozen degrees below zero, and unchecked by hummocks of ice or drifts of loose snow.

A NEW BUSINESS HOUSE

R. A. Ogilvie Opens a Modern Hardware Store.

A new hardware concern has been added to the business establishments of Victoria. It has been opened by R. A. Ogilvie, a gentleman of over seven years' experience in this branch of the trade, and is situated at the corner of Broad and Yates streets—the spacious premises formerly occupied by Fred Carne. Mr. Ogilvie knows the province well, and on severing his connection with the province he came to Victoria, and subsequently started business for himself, decided that there was no better opening in the province than Victoria presented. "I want to look over the business interests of Victoria," says Mr. Ogilvie, "and am convinced that it will go ahead, and have other coast cities, and I want to share in the property." The new store has been fitted up in the best style, and is stocked with fresh goods shipped direct from the leading factories and carefully selected. The stock consists of builders' hardware, tools, cutlery, paints, varnishes, brushes, steel rules, house furnishings, etc., all of which are displayed to the best advantage on open fixtures—no counters. Mr. Ogilvie hopes by careful and prompt attention, and an up-to-date stock, to give a share of the patronage of the hardware trade of Victoria and vicinity.

SECOND MEMBER OF CREW IS ILL

A CHINESE FIREMAN CONTRACTS SMALLPOX

The Saloon Passengers of Tartar Will Be Given Their Freedom on Sunday.

Another Chinese boy, a fireman on the R. M. S. Tartar, which was recently in quarantine has been taken ill with smallpox. He was taken to the hospital, and he is now recovering. The Tartar is due to leave for Hongkong, the voyage on which he took sick being the first which he had made across the Pacific. He was engaged by the Chinese crew as a kind of cook, and consequently mingled among all pretty freely. For this reason the crew and steerage passengers for a longer period than those who traveled in the saloon who were less exposed, they not having come in contact with the patient. These, Dr. Watt, Dominion quarantine officer, says he will allow out on Sunday, as that date will mark the 15th day that has elapsed since the first case of smallpox appeared aboard the steamer. He is of the opinion that there is less danger of smallpox occurring among them than among the steerage passengers, and the members of the crew whom he will hold for a longer term at William Head.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Work on Plastering and Decorating Walls of C. P. R. Hotel Will Soon Begin.

With the splendid progress made on the new C. P. R. hotel during the winter months there is every prospect that the building will be completed in the time specified. More work has been done than appears from the outside. In addition to the walls, which have been completed to the fourth story there has been a considerable amount of plastering and decorating on the lower floors. The frame work has been carried up with the walls, and in addition there have been cement floors put in as the work progressed. In consequence of this latter condition the plastering and decorative work on the walls may commence within a very short time in the lower stories.

THE TRANSFER OF LOCAL BARRACKS

PREPARATION FOR A CHANGE IN PROGRESS

Departure of Imperial Forces Early in May Assured—Athletic Sports Arranged.

Since receiving instructions by cablegram to prepare to evacuate Work Point barracks, Lt.-Col. English, R. E. commanding that garrison, has been in communication with the authorities upon the subject. He states that everything goes to confirm the report that his force will leave the coast early in May and that the Canadian government will assume control on the 1st of that month. Preparations for moving are already well under way, and by the time the relieving troops arrive there will be nothing for the imperial corps to do more than to pick up traps and board the steamer for the Old Country.

EGERIA'S CREW.

Ship's New Complement Due Here at End of This Month.

Captain Parry, of H. M. S. Egeria, is looking forward to the arrival of the ship's new crew on the 31st inst. The men will be due at St. John's tomorrow or Sunday. They will cross the continent by special train, there being en route over 100 officers and men. The major number of those who have served out their commission on the Egeria have been taken their departure and they will be followed by the remainder on Friday next. Capt. Parry expects to leave on the 2nd of next month, by which time he will have turned over his command to the new crew. The Egeria when she enters commission again will take up the work at Dixon entrance.

STATEMENT AS TO AIMS OF COLLEGE

M'GILL'S PLANS IN EXTENDING ITS WORK

Outline of the Scheme Which the Management of the Institution Have in View.

In connection with the McGill College to be established in Vancouver a statement has been authorized by the board of management. Dr. Tory has also been given power to expend \$3,000 on equipment for the following year. The statement is given out as follows:

DECISION GIVEN IN SAVOY LICENSE

TEMPORARY TRANSFER BUT CONDITIONALLY

Licensed Premises Must Be Regulated in Strict Conformity With the Law.

There was a brief session of the board of licensing commissioners yesterday afternoon, when a large and interested audience assembled to hear the decision as to the applications made for transfers of the licenses of the Savoy and Prince of Wales saloons. The evidence, pro and con, in these cases has been fully reported in the Times. The objection to the Savoy license was that it was applied for in the name of a company, and that the reputation of the house was not a wholesome one. A numerously signed petition was presented objecting to the transfer, although the business is only being removed from one building to that adjoining. The application for the Prince of Wales transfer was not opposed on public grounds, but by the landlord of the building on the corner of Cormorant and Government streets, who contended that the license holder was not entitled to vacate without giving six months' notice. As will be seen by the appended decision of the board, it is intended in future that liquor licenses must be conducted in strict conformity with the law—no connection with other buildings, no boxes, upstairs rooms, or private alcoves.

Regarding the application for the transfer of the Prince of Wales saloon the board decided:

1. That the owner of the building had admittedly no claim whatever upon the transfer of the license held by J. Brown.
2. That the dispute between landlord and tenant has no bearing upon the transfer of the license.
3. As no other objection has been raised to the transfer of the said license to the premises on the southeast corner of Government and Pandora streets the same is hereby granted, providing existing partitions are removed and no other partitions are made to exist within the saloon, and that no connection by stairway or otherwise be allowed to exist from the inside of the saloon to any other part of the building.

MINING PROSPECTS

Well-Known Engineer Reports Bright Outlook on Vancouver and Neighboring Islands.

Mr. McCready, a well-known mining engineer of Vancouver, has just returned to Nanaimo from Texada Island, where he acts as consulting engineer for some mining companies. He reported that the island mining properties on Texada to be in good shape, and prospects very bright for a profitable season. The Marble Bay mine is turning out about 500 tons of ore every five days, while the Loyal group, controlled by Seattle men, has a splendid showing of gold on its property.

SHEILD PRESENTED

Ship's Crew of Egeria Receive Mark of Recognition for Bravery.

This morning the silver shield, suitably inscribed, was presented to the ship's crew of H. M. S. Egeria in recognition of the services which that crew rendered in the efforts to save those on board the steamer Valencia at the time of the wreck of the latter vessel. This token was presented by citizens of Victoria as an evidence that the spirit shown by the bluejackets on that occasion was duly appreciated by citizens. It is true that the crew was not able to rescue any of those aboard as the Valencia had gone to pieces before they reached the spot. The pluck of the bluejackets was nevertheless shown and had they been earlier they would undoubtedly have been of service.

A PLEASANT SOCIAL

Held Friday Evening Under Auspices of Young Men's Christian Association.

An enjoyable social was held Friday evening by members of the Young Men's Christian Association at the rooms, Broad street. There was a large attendance. His Worship Mayor Morley presided during the rendition of a really excellent programme. In a brief opening address he congratulated the association on the success now attending its efforts. Before coming he had not realized the service it was rendering the community. He had been pleased to hear that a new building had been planned in order that its usefulness might be increased. Among those who contributed vocal selections were W. J. Dowler Wm. Bryce and Mr. Gilbert. Misses Goodie and Scovcroft acted as accompanists. Before the conclusion of the entertainment an address was delivered by E. E. Wooten, vice-president of the association. He announced that a summer membership ticket would be issued for the period extending from April to August, at the rate of 50 cents per month. He hoped that all present would take advantage of the offer.

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