

## MATERS BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE

PLANS FOR ENSUING SUMMER DISCUSSED

At Meeting of Tourist Association Members—Issuance of Handsome Colored Poster Recommended

At a recent meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association a number of matters of more than usual interest were dealt with. In the course of a discussion on next year's programme it was decided to commence work immediately on a big poster in colors for circulation throughout California and eastern resorts. Other propositions were made but no definite understanding was reached, it being agreed to leave them in abeyance for financial reasons. The secretary also submitted a most graphic report on the exhibit of the Victoria and Vancouver Associations at the Lewis & Clarke exposition, Portland.

After the usual formalities the secretary was called upon to read a budget of communications, principally consisting of inquiries regarding the climatic and other prevailing conditions on this part of Vancouver Island. These were from widely separated points in the United States and Canada. For instance, one came from J. M. Hill, of Mount Vernon, Ill., and asked for a few copies of Victoria newspapers, while another from E. Stanford, of Port William, Ont., read in part as follows: "Noticing your advertisement at the station here I have been induced to ask if you would be kind enough to send me a few particulars of Victoria." It was this, the opening sentence, of the letter to which Secretary Cuthbert drew the attention of those present. He pointed out the influence of advertising, claiming that it was directly due to the increased influx of settlers during the past year or so. A splendidly illustrated article, which appeared in this month's issue of "The Coast," a Seattle publication, was also referred to and elicited many favorable comments.

Doctor Oswa Wandell, a German lecturer, also wrote conveying his appreciation of a number of booklets on Victoria and its surroundings forwarded him some time ago. He announced that he was using them in giving lectures at addresses on the western coast of North America.

The following self-explanatory communication was then submitted:

Sacramento, Cal., October 17th, 1905.  
Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, Secy. Tourist Association, Victoria, B. C.

My Dear Mr. Cuthbert:—I desire to again express on behalf of myself and other members of the Sacramento valley excursion party which visited Victoria, September 28th, 1905, our appreciation of the courtesies extended by yourself and Mr. Oddy, representing the people of Victoria, and through which courtesies we were enabled to make so pleasant a trip. We spent a brief time at our disposal as would otherwise have been possible. We appreciate this the more because we were strangers in a foreign land, although I beg to say that we were not in giving lectures at addresses on the western coast of North America.

After our departure from Victoria the members of the party gathered in the cabin of the steamer Whistler and adopted a resolution expressive of their appreciation and of the pleasure which they felt in their visit to your beautiful city, a copy of which is enclosed.

I trust you may carry out your expressed intention of visiting California in the early future, and I beg to reiterate here my invitation to visit Sacramento, where I will take great pleasure in reciprocating your courtesies to our party.

Again thanking you, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
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In Charge of Excursion.

The resolution mentioned is appended: Resolved, by the members of the Sacramento Valley Development Association excursion on board steamer Whistler, Oct. 28th, 1905, to express their most hearty appreciation of the most cordial reception which greeted us on foreign soil, and that our thanks are hereby extended to the Tourist Association of Victoria and to Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Oddy, representing that association, for courtesies extended during our brief stay in their beautiful city.

Adopted as above stated.  
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Replying to this the secretary expressed the thanks of the executive for "such kindly references to the efforts of officials of the Victoria Association."

These matters having been disposed of a number of suggestions were made with reference to the preparation for the association's work next summer. Only one found general favor, namely, the issuance of a large poster in colors. Such a thing, it was claimed, could be got up in the best possible style and be ready for distribution among the tourist centers of California and the Eastern States early in the spring. It was decided to carry the proposal through, providing the expense was not too great, and to ask the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company and the Colonist to submit designs for consideration at the next meeting.

Secretary Cuthbert reported that at a recent meeting of advertising agents held in Seattle the local society, in the quality of its advertising matter and the methods adopted in its circulation, had been held up as a pattern and referred to as the most successful institution of its kind upon the Pacific Coast. This had been done by a prominent official of one of the transcontinental railroads and was endorsed by the real estate and businessmen present. Mr. Cuthbert had been informed of the incident by an absolute stranger, and thought it was a compliment of which his society was proud.

It was also reported that five silver medals had been received from the management of the Lewis & Clarke exposition. These were given for different features of the joint exhibit of the Victoria and Vancouver Associations. One was for game fish, a second for the collection of ores, a third for stuffed animals, a fourth for native woods, while the fifth, one of bronze, was for game birds. In this connection Secretary Cuthbert stated

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WEAVER'S SYRUP  
For Humors  
Salt Rheum  
Scrofulous Swellings, etc.  
WEAVER'S CERATE  
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Beautifies the Complexion.

Combined, these preparations act powerfully upon the system, completely eradicating the Poison in the blood.  
Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., Montreal.

that the expense entailed in the collecting and maintenance of the exhibit during the fair amounted to only \$250 more than what the space alone cost the adjoining exhibitor.

Members of the executive complimented Mr. Cuthbert, who had charge of the display, upon the economic as well as successful administration.

Other matters of minor interest came up, after which the meeting adjourned.

### MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Discussed at Meeting Held in Spring Ridge Last Evening.

The Spring Ridge Municipal Association met last evening in the Odd Fellows' hall, Fernwood road. Wm. Marchant occupied the chair, and A. R. Sherck acted as secretary.

The nomination of officers was proceeded with resulting in the following being duly named as candidates for president, A. R. McNeill, A. J. Pines, J. G. Brown and Mr. Andrews. The same names were put in nomination for the office of vice-president.

A. R. Sherck was unanimously elected secretary-treasurer.

The election is to be held in two weeks' time.

Ald. Furlott was then asked to outline the work done by the council, and was subjected to examination on various points by members present. Among the questions raised was the one of employing E. V. Bodwell, K. C. and E. P. Davies, K. C., as counsel in the water case.

Ald. Furlott said it had been thought wise to employ these solicitors in before proceeding to trial.

A. Blyth did not think the case would last long. He also took occasion to find fault with the secretary, who was observed by the council in the transaction of business.

Ed. Bragg thought it was a mistake to carry the water case to court. He did not think the present council was equal to those of former years in point of business. He had no fault to find with the members of the council as citizens.

The chairman, in the course of a few comments upon municipal affairs, justly referred to the "discovery" lately made by Ald. Foll and the rest of the council as to gambling. These things were patent to everybody who sought to know the truth, and attention had been continually called to this evil which excluded the white population as well as the Chinese. He then called attention to the inequality of the wards, and condemned the six members of the council who voted against the reform of the present council.

A delegation consisting of Messrs. Grant and Sprague from the Work estate was present, and stated that they intended to form a new local organization in that section of the city.

The meeting then adjourned for two weeks.

### YUKON NEWS

Story of Trying Experience Through Which Three Prospectors Passed—General Freeze Up.

A Dawson dispatch, dated October 31st, says: W. H. C. Jackson, George Belkirk and James Landale arrived at Selkirk on Thanksgiving Day with the remnants of a wolf robe, the greater portion of which they had cooked and eaten to sustain life for eight days. They had a thrilling experience in coming down the Yukon river. Amid the heavy running ice they swamped their boat and lost their provisions the first day out. For eight days, partly by raft and partly by climbing hills over land, they made their way to Selkirk in time for a Thanksgiving dinner, which, after a diet of wolf robe, was duly appreciated. The men were nearly exhausted, but were able to take the Prospectors to Dawson, arriving here yesterday.

A big ice jam has occurred in the Yukon river below Forty-Mile. The block of ice is rising rapidly and is already are three feet higher at Forty-Mile town than before the jam occurred.

Capt. Shannon, of the steamer Prospector, reports all streams flowing into the Yukon now frozen solid.

James Gibbon, government engineer, has returned from a survey trip along the North Fork of the Klondike. He made a photogeographical survey of the country where the proposed government water ditch may run. Mr. Gibbon has been in the field since the middle of the summer, and has covered 95 miles of country.

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### ELECTRIC LIGHTING

Reduction Will Be Made in the Rates in Vancouver.

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SAYS MR. CONRAD OF THE WINDY ARM MINES

Smelter and Tramways to Be Built—Ore Showing is Continuous For Miles.

J. H. Conrad, capitalist, one of the best known mining men in this part of the country, and president of the Conrad Consolidated Mines, registered at the Driad, He expects to leave to-night for Seattle and other points on mining business.

Mr. Conrad is just down from the Windy Arm mining district of the north. Possibly to be a little more exact, he is just in from Central City, where he appears after his name on the hotel register. Conrad City is one of the growing towns of the north and gives promise of becoming one of the important cities of the Yukon.

Mr. Conrad is at the head of the mining affairs of the Windy Arm district, and it is said will send over a million dollars in the development of the mining properties there. Mining men have conceded that this district is one of the best and richest ever struck, and that without a doubt the coming spring will see a rush of prospectors to that country such as must follow the opening up of such a rich field. W. Fleet Robertson, provincial mineral geologist, has just returned from there and was greatly surprised and pleased with the showing that had been made in the limited time the prospecting had been going on.

The Windy Arm district is located on Tagish lake, about 50 miles from the coast. The country can be easily reached, being on the line of the White Pass railway.

This camp is of great importance, and, unlike anything ever before found in the Yukon, since it offers steady and permanent work to the miners and other laborers every day in the year. The climate is a good one, and very much like that of Montana and the Alberta country.

The development work in this district only commenced the past spring, and so far there has been done about 2,000 feet. This work was done in the J. H. Conrad Bonanza mines and in the Conrad Consolidated mines. The latter has built a tramway about four miles long. There will be four other tramways built during the coming spring and summer.

Just as quick as supplies and houses can be gotten on the ground it is the intention to give employment to several thousand men. Arrangements have also been made for getting the best results from the ore right on the ground.

Mr. Conrad was seen this morning by Times representative and during the interview said: "The Windy Arm mining district has a known width of three and a half miles and a known length of seven miles, in porphyry formation. The ore is of the best quality, and as yet known, as they continue to find that it extends on both sides, to the southeast and the northwest."

There were many claims located during the past summer by prospectors. These claims were readily sold to mining men who were on the ground with ready cash to pay for them.

There was one prospector, whom I know of who sold his claim for rather 80 per cent. of his claim for \$105,000. He retained a 20 per cent. paid up interest. In my opinion this was a very smart work of what his property was worth.

"The veins in this district are true fissure veins, and they cut the formation in a true sense regardless of dikes or other intersections. As evidence of this, the Conrad Consolidated group opened the Montana mine with open cuts and tunnels for a distance of over a mile. The idea was to get the vein in what is known as Montana canyon, about half a mile away. A crosscut tunnel was driven 240 feet through a glacial moraine, and the vein was found within a few feet of where the surveyor had staked to cut it."

"This particular vein is no exception to the rule that applies to that camp. There are many veins, and both in the eastern and western direction, while others run in a northern and southern direction, that show on the surface. You can see the veins for miles, finding the same ore in one spot as you do in another. It is very unlike any mining camp I have ever been in. The ore, instead of showing in chutes, is continuous for miles."

"About 80 to 90 per cent. of the values in most of the veins is in silver. The balance is gold. There are two veins, however, in the district, where gold predominates. We consider this discovery of greater importance than any yet made in the north. There will undoubtedly be a rush of prospectors to this country in the spring. Without a doubt the big population of the Yukon territory will be in this new district in the near future."

"The provincial board of horticulture closed its regular meeting at the parliament buildings last evening. There was the usual amount of routine business. Report B. Vanner was appointed chairman of the committee on horticulture. Steps were taken to further prevent the introduction of diseased nursery stock into the province and a few amendments to the act along this line will be proposed."

"The management of the Victoria theatre wishes to correct the statement appearing in the Colonist that the Victoria troupe, which the London Bioscope Co. begins its engagement at the Victoria theatre to-morrow evening. The initial performance of the company will be given this evening, as mentioned elsewhere in this issue."

"The customs returns for the port of Victoria for the month just ended show the exports to have amounted to \$117,308; the imports, \$210,491; and the revenue, \$55,927.22. Of the exports, \$100,103 represented domestic and \$8,205 foreign goods. There was \$55,989.77 collected in duty."

### INQUIRY CLOSED.

Capt. Gaudin Finds Both Masters Responsible For Last Year's Collision on Skeena.

At 2.30 o'clock this afternoon Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries department, gave his decision in the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the collision between the steamers Mount Royal and Haselton on the Skeena river last year. Capt. Gaudin has found both vessels to blame. He gives four reasons for this conclusion. These were as follows:

1. The Mount Royal, being the overtaking vessel, was in default of non-observance articles 19 and 24 of the regulations, preventing collisions at sea.
2. The Haselton, after getting under way from the wood pile on the south side, unnecessarily crossed the Mount Royal to the north bank, and I can find no reason for this. When the vessels were clear the Haselton was in default under article 19 for not keeping clear of the other vessel.
3. Considering the dangerous part of the river in which the vessels were navigating, and in the interval between the two vessels, through his lawyer, H. Dallas Heincken, to appeal the case.

Capt. Gaudin will forward his verdict, together with all affidavits and testimony, to Ottawa to-morrow. In the meanwhile, it is understood that the captain of the Mount Royal, through his lawyer, H. Dallas Heincken, to appeal the case.

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