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URGE FORWARD STEP

Annual Report of Society Shows That Deterrent Influence is Exerted.

The twelfth annual meeting of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in the city hall on Wednesday evening last, when his Worship the Mayor presided. The hon. secretary, Thomas W. Palmer, read the report of the committee, and the treasurer's statement of finances for the year. From the latter the summarized items are as follows: Receipts from all sources, including balance from last year, \$712.68; expenses, \$427.55; balance in hand, \$285.13. The annual report was as follows:

In presenting the 12th report of our work of the society for the past year we draw the attention of the subscribers and members to the fact that not a single prosecution has taken place in the cases which have been brought to the society's notice, and the reasons are twofold.

1. That in all cases where ignorance, thoughtlessness or indifference has been the cause, a caution has effected a remedy, and a second complaint has not been made in a single instance.

2. The refusal of those who have been eye-witnesses to acts of callous cruelty to attend as witnesses in the case of a prosecution.

With respect to the first reason there seems to be an idea in the minds of some of the members that because there are no instances where a prosecution has taken place, that nothing is done in the way of prevention. This, however, is not the case, and in every instance where the complaint is bona fide and backed by the name and address of the informant, a caution is given verbally or by letter, and in the event of such caution being disregarded legal proceedings would at once be taken.

With respect to the second reason, here comes the difficulty: the society is unable to prove the case by the refusal of the informants to give the necessary evidence at the police court. Your committee desires in this report to express to the president how deeply they feel the obligations that they and the public are under for the untiring labor given so willingly for the protection of those who cannot speak for themselves.

The following is a summary of the cases enquired into by him during this year:

Horses—9 lame, 3 totally unfit for work, 3 abused and 1 neglected, 2 destroyed. Cows, 8 small animals, 4 Total, 114.

We feel that an unfair burden is put on the shoulders of our president and that a qualified officer, paid by the society, should be appointed to effect him, and thus supply him with the help he so sorely needs.

An annual general meeting affords an opportunity of reminding the public that the work has been done, and that the prosecution of offenders only represents extreme cases. Ever watchful eyes have noted where remedial measures might be aptly applied, and a word of suggestion has often been sufficient to awaken the dormant thought of the careless. Still the fact remains that some natures require the presence of a deterrent. The lament that more has not been effected in creating a healthy opinion, may well lead to a closer scrutiny of methods. "The presence," says the Jersey Times of October 1st, "of penal clauses in the code of Khammurabi, B. C. 254, reveals the existence of cruel practices, which the law of the land was determined to check. For instance, No. 245 reads thus: 'If a man has hired an ox, and through neglect or by blows has caused it to die, or for ox to the owner he shall render.'"

The Mosaic code was doubtless mainly based on that of Khammurabi, but we are faint to confess our surprise at the discovery of so distinct a tone of humanity in an age that was characterized by much brutality. "But does a penalty inflicted upon an adult," the

writer goes on to say, "rank with an atmosphere which has been created amongst the young? The instinct of goodness should draw children to the side of kindness, for love begets love. The chief thing is to guide the child's thoughts into the best channel of all, viz.: into the constant observation of the golden rule, 'to do unto others as you would they should do unto you.' Let kindness cease to be occasional."

Your committee wish to state to the public their illustration of the foregoing remarks, their endeavor during the coming year, to do unto others as you would they should do unto you. Let kindness cease to be occasional."

We regret very much, in spite of the protest and good example of our gracious Majesty the Queen, and the constant protest of this society in all parts of the world, that those who should be most upon the side of mercy, are the greatest offenders in still contributing to the wholesale slaughter of beautiful plumed birds, and the groves, birds of paradise and herons, in order to follow the dictates of fashion.

In conclusion we desire to thank those who have brought instances of cruelty to the work of the society, and to assure all such that the strictest secrecy is practiced with respect to their names. No legal measures are ever taken without the consent of those furnishing the information, agreeing to attend as witnesses. Anonymous letters are frequently received, but in the absence of the writers' names the contents of such letters are of no value.

The thanks of the society are due also to the provincial and city police, the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and to the city council for their grant to the society's funds.

W. BAUGH ALLEN, B. C. MILLER, THOS. W. PALMER, Report Committee.

The Bishop of Columbia in moving the adoption of the report complimented the report committee on the interesting matter therein contained. He emphasized the necessity of carrying out, if possible, the appointment of an officer who would devote his whole time to the work of the society, and thus be the means of securing convictions in cases of cruelty, which at present the society is unable to do, owing to the disinclination of eye-witnesses to give evidence at the police court.

Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, in seconding the adoption of the report, strongly supported the proposition of the bishop, and expressed his opinion that a man in uniform in the employ of the society, would be a strong deterrent in cases of cruelty, remarking that the very large increase in the population of the city during the last year or two had multiplied the cases for the society, and the time had come when the work of the president would have to be lightened. He believed if the residents realized the important work of the society they would be a marked increase in the amount of the subscriptions.

Rev. E. G. Miller remarked that although he felt the great need of a paid officer, he felt that upon the fact of there being no prosecutions during the past year rather as the result of the society's work; the knowledge that the officials were keenly alive to discover cases acted as a strong deterrent.

A discussion took place with respect to the contravention of the by-law as to tying horses in the street (with reference to a recent accident), and on the motion of Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, seconded by the Bishop of Columbia, the secretary was requested to write the police commissioners on the matter.

It was decided to offer two prizes to gentlemen owning horses driven in their express wagons for the best conditioned animals from January 1st, 1939, to the date of the next exhibition.

The secretary stated that it was the intention of the society to have lectures with lantern slides in the school rooms and public buildings in order to interest the young, and he appealed to the members present and others to lend him pictures, prints or photographs illustrating acts of cruelty in order that the slides may be made from them.

MORE ORE SHIPPED FROM SYDNEY MINES

Eight Hundred Tons Sent to the Smelter During Past Week.

(Special Correspondence.)

Clayquinet, Dec. 19.—During the past week about 800 tons of ore was shipped from Sidney Inlet to the Tyee smelter. Tinners' cruises still continue to visit the district but there is no sign of any timber being cut. It is reported that the Sutton Lumber Company will not resume for some time.

The public school closed on the 15th and the teacher, Miss Hillary, leaves on the next boat for her Christmas vacation.

Chief Joseph, of the Cayoquot band, is building a large potlatch hall. It will be ready for use in a week or two.

Mr. Cassidy is building a new 30-foot launch.

Mr. Hovelack is leaving for a trip to England. He expects to be gone about two months.

HITCH IN COLONY SCHEME.

Leader of Hindus Seeks New Site Near Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—Teja Singh, the leader of the local Hindus and Sikhs, has encountered unforeseen obstacles in his project for the establishment of an East Indian agricultural colony. It transpires that the negotiations for the purchase of a tract of 141 acres in North Vancouver municipality, given Lighthouse Keeper Irwin of Point Atkinson, for \$41,000 are virtually at a standstill. Although Teja Singh had \$1,000 in cash to bind the bargain, no money, it appears, was paid over.

Meantime it is understood Teja Singh is negotiating for another tract as a site for the proposed gardens.

New South Wales has no workhouses.

DATES SET FOR WESTMINSTER FAIR

Will Open on October 12th—Manager Secretary Keary Retires.

New Westminster, Dec. 19.—The provincial exhibition held annually in this city will be opened on October 12th next year, this date being chosen in order not to conflict too closely with the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibition to be held in Seattle during 1939.

Another important announcement made in connection with the exhibition is the retirement of Mayor W. H. Keary as manager-secretary. In announcing his retirement Mr. Keary stated that he had accepted an important position on the staff of a new evening paper to be started in New Westminster in the spring of 1939, and he would consequently be unable to attend to the duties of manager of the exhibition.

The advisability of erecting a new pavilion for evening entertainments and other purposes was discussed, also the question of increasing the value of the prizes offered in the children's departments and several other matters of detail.

NOTICES IN WEEK'S PROVINCIAL GAZETTE

Appointments Made—Companies Incorporated—Many More Reserves.

(From Friday's Daily.)

This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments:

To be notaries public for the province of British Columbia—Hector Mackinnon and William Alfred Gallie, barrister-at-law, of the city of Vancouver; Robert DeBorja Hovell, of Kamloops, solicitor.

Alister Kenneth McDowell, of Grand Forks, to be a provincial constable from the 15th day of December, 1938.

The formal proclamation prohibiting the hunting of caribou on the Queen Charlotte Islands appears in this issue.

The announcement is made that Saturday, the 26th instant, and Saturday, January 2nd, are to be public holidays, and that the government offices will be closed on those days, as well as on Christmas and New Year's days.

Further reserves of lands have been placed by the government. Notice is given in the Gazette that all vacant and unalienated crown land in Delta municipality and on Lulu Island are reserves for government purposes.

Notice is given that all vacant unreserved crown land, situated in range 5, Coast district and Cariboo district, and within the following described boundaries, is reserved from sale or lease: Commencing at the northeast corner of township 18, range 5, coast; thence due east twelve miles; thence due north six miles; thence due west three miles; thence due north six miles; thence due east six miles; thence due south twelve miles; thence due east six miles; thence due south eighteen miles to the 54th parallel of north latitude; thence due west along said parallel six miles to the eastern boundary of township 10, range 5, Coast district; thence due north two miles north of the 54th parallel; thence due west six miles; thence due north four miles to point of commencement.

Notice is also given that all vacant crown land, situate in range 5, Coast district, and within the following described boundaries, are reserved from sale or lease: Commencing at a point about two miles north of Wright Bay, Babine Lake; thence east five and a half miles; thence south two miles; thence east six miles; thence south twelve miles; thence east sixteen and a half miles; thence south nine miles; thence east four miles; thence south six miles; thence west six miles; thence north six miles; thence north to the north shore of Babine Lake; thence in a westerly and northwesterly direction along the shore of Babine Lake to the point of commencement.

Notice is given that all that tract of land in the Cariboo district, described as follows: A small island in the Fraser river, situate near the mouth of a slough at the junction of the Nechako and Fraser rivers, and about 60 chains in a northwesterly direction from lot 417, Cariboo district (Fort George), said island containing 10 acres, more or less; and all unoccupied lands embraced within the boundaries of lots 1431, 939, 1432 and 1432, Cariboo district, are reserved for government purposes.

The following companies have been incorporated:

American club with a capital of \$10,000 to sit up a club house in Vancouver.

C. H. Gillis & Co., with a capitalization of \$25,000, to engage in the shingle business in Vancouver.

Iniquite-Finley River Development Company, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000.

Starlight Mines, with a capitalization of \$500,000.

Stewart & McDonald (export) of Glasgow, is registered as an extra provincial company with James Thomson, of Vancouver, as attorney for the company.

The following companies have been given licenses as extra provincial companies:

Reginald Lumber Company of Regina; Peck & Livingstone Lumber Company, of Oriskany, and Van Rio Mining Company, of London.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Congress adjourned to-day until January 4th, 1939.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Miner Caught By Fall of Rock—Pioneer of Northfield Dead.

Nanaimo, Dec. 19.—David Cook, a miner, died yesterday from injuries received while at work in No. 1 mine on Thursday afternoon. The accident occurred as he was about to complete his day's work on Thursday. He was working with his brother and they were just about to leave their place in the mine for home. He was caught by a fall of rock which inflicted internal injuries. He was removed to the surface as soon as possible and taken to the hospital for treatment where it was at first thought his injuries were not of so serious a nature as to cause alarm, but the condition of the injured man became worse, however, and he finally succumbed yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Ross, wife of H. Ross, a resident of the city only for a short time. He was a native of Scotland, aged 33 years, and is survived by a wife and five small children.

Mrs. Alice Ross, wife of H. Ross, a pioneer of Northfield, B. C., died yesterday, aged 50. Deceased has been a resident of this district for the past quarter of a century, and was well known throughout the district.

BUILDING ACTIVE IN OAK BAY DISTRICT

Many New Houses Are Under Way or to Be Built.

Oak Bay continues to attract as a place of residence and there is continued activity in that suburb in the building line. Several of the new houses will be situated within spacious grounds and will be artistically arranged. Among these will be the house to be built for Curtis Sampson on Newport avenue. The foundation for this structure is being prepared, but so far no permit has been applied for. It is understood that the cost of the house will be in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

Mrs. Hardie is about to build a new house on the corner of Oak Bay avenue and Wilmut Place. This house will cost about \$4,000. The foundations for this are already being proceeded with. It is understood that Arthur Crease is going to build a house on Poul Bay road, but so far no steps have been taken to commence work. It is probable that this will be commenced early in the new year.

W. H. Langley is to build a handsome residence on Poul Bay road on the Oak Bay side.

One or two new permits have been taken out recently for smaller dwellings, among them being a 1½ story house to be built by R. A. Brown on himself on Hampshire road, the value being \$2,000. W. A. Turner will also erect two summer cottages on Oak Bay Esplanade.

J. Colbert's house is being improved. The front to the second floor has been built up with rustic stonework and has a very artistic effect.

Another new house, larger of stone, is to be built in this neighborhood by Dr. O. M. Jones. Dr. Jones already has a bungalow in the district and holds considerable property.

HAINS THINKS HE WILL GO FREE

(Continued from page 1.)

"I started across the boat towards Capt. Hains, who was in a crouching position. It was then that Thornton Hains stepped in between us and pointed a revolver in my face said 'Keep off; keep off, or I will kill you.' I stopped when Hains pointed the gun in my face and I saw Annis stagger and fall into the water. I pulled him out by the water. After the first shot I started across the dock and the pistol was then pointed in my face and it was held there until the firing was over."

After the shooting, the witness said, the Hains brothers stood near the gangway.

Robert continued: "I picked up Capt. Hains' revolver and Mr. Downs put his hand on the defendant's shoulder and said 'We can't allow a stranger here with a loaded revolver.' Capt. Hains broke into a cold sweat and the defendant broke open his revolver, remarking: 'You see none of the cartridges were exploded.' Thornton was standing near Capt. Hains."

The district attorney asked Roberts what Annis said when taken out of the water.

"I object," said Mr. McIntyre. "Was the deceased's dying declaration?" asked Justice Crane.

"I do not so understand it but the question may be improper," replied the district attorney and he proceeded to ask other questions.

"The Hains brothers then moved over to the other side of the float," said Roberts, "and defendant lit a cigarette and the captain lighted a pipe. Captain Hains opened a cigar case and handed out a cigar. I said to Captain Hains: 'The army must be proud of officers like you.' I told Thornton Hains: 'You are as glibly as your brother. You prevented us from stopping this shooting.'"

Robert continued: "What could I do? I am my brother. I said to the defendant that it should have been settled with fists and Hains said: 'It is evident that you were not born in this country.' The defendant said: 'I am as sorry as you are, I have been trying to keep him from doing it for some time.'"

Thornton Hains said to me that he had saved my life, that if I had gone near his brother I would have been killed. I said that's a nice way to save a man's life, to point a gun in his face and prevent him from saving a man's life."

Roberts identified the weapon which he picked up on the float after the shooting as being the revolver which Thornton Hains carried. A recess was then taken for lunch.

GOES TO ST. PAUL.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—William Whyte, second in command of the Canadian Pacific, left last night for St. Paul on railway business.

FIRE PROTECTION FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Committee of Board of Trade Will Prepare Report.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, Dec. 18.—A largely attended meeting of the board of trade was held in the court house on Monday evening. The election of officers for the coming year was held, when John Houston was elected the first president and M. M. Stephens secretary-treasurer.

A resolution was unanimously passed, petitioning the government to introduce an act at the coming session of the legislature incorporating Prince Rupert, the same to become effective by proclamation when a majority of property holders and lease-holders of the city so determined. A resolution was also passed asking the government to establish a life-saving station at Prince Rupert, or in this vicinity.

There was a long discussion as to the best means of fire protection, and the advisability of purchasing a fire engine and the necessary amount of hose, with which to pump salt water from the wharf in the event of fire and water main giving out. No definite steps were taken towards purchasing an engine, but a committee was appointed to ascertain the probable cost, etc., and this will be presented at the meeting of the board on the second Monday in January.

J. E. Merryfield, for several years connected with Kelly Douglas & Company, in Vancouver, has bought out the grocery business of Gladman & Baldwin, on Centre street.

NANAIMO MAYORALTY FIGHT.

Three Candidates Are Now in the Field For Mayor.

Nanaimo, Dec. 19.—There is to be a three-cornered fight for the mayoralty in the coming municipal elections. The candidates that constitute the list are: Ald. Geo. Barlow, ex-Ald. Hodgson and ex-Mayor Quennell. Several supporters of Mr. Quennell have been out with a requisition which has been numerously signed and in reply to this Mr. Quennell has decided to stand for nomination.

BLASTING FATALITY.

McKinley Willis Dies From Injuries in Prince Rupert Hospital.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 19.—McKinley Willis, the pioneer miner of Nanaimo, died from injuries received in a blasting accident which took place on Sunday last. He was a resident of Prince Rupert for some time, and was employed by the Nanaimo & Bulkley River Railway Company.

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WHOLESALE DRYGOODS

VICTORIA, B. C.

The prizes won at the annual examinations of the St. Barnabas church Sunday school yesterday will be presented to the winners at an entertainment to be held on Monday evening, December 28th, in the lecture room of the church.

J. R. Emery, late of High River, Alberta, arrived on Saturday at the E. & N. station with a car load of settlers' effects, and will proceed to Sidney where he has a fruit ranch, on which he will make his home.

The Driad hotel will celebrate the passing of the old year and the coming of the new with a ball and supper to be held in the large dining-room of the hotel on New Year's eve. This morning Harry Hemming, the proprietor, issued three hundred and fifty invitations for the event to guests of the hotel and friends. A suitable orchestra will provide the music and the dining-room will be turned over to the decorators on the morning of December 31st. Supper will be served in the new grill room.

The old country relatives of Albert Turner, the sailor who was killed at the corner of Government and Yates streets on February 15th by falling from the telephone pole, have written to the police for details, although these were sent to them at the time. Turner, it will be remembered, while intoxicated, made a foolhardy ascent of the pole and climbed out on the wires, but while on his way down again he missed his footing and fell twenty feet, sustaining injuries from which he died an hour later in St. Joseph's hospital. The chief will send copies of the city papers containing the account of the accident and the inquest.

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