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VICTORIA, B.C., city council has issued \$200,000 worth of debentures for sewerage purposes at 99 1-4 maturing in 1952. They were purchased by Toronto capitalists, the negotiations being carried on by Mr. W. C. Brent, of this city.

BY-LAWS to grant Chas. Barber, manufacturer of turbine water wheels, a fixed assessment for ten years and to loan Mark Smith, of Oshawa, \$10,000 repayable in ten annual instalments, without interest, and exemption from taxation except school taxes, to assist in building a canning factory were voted on on the 13th of February by the citizens of Meaford. Both were carried by large majorities.

JOHN C. FIELD, of Cobourg, who died a week ago in his 81st year, settled in that town in 1833, where his father established a mercantile house, still carried on by Field & Brother. The late Mr. Field was a man most worthily respected. He was a member of the Cobourg Town Council for many years, and in 1879 was elected Liberal member of the Ontario Legislature for West Northumberland.

APROPOS. of George Washington's birthday, which was celebrated last Monday in the United States, the exchanges closing, &c. Congressman Goldfogle, of New York, was towing a party of his constituents around the Capitol building in Washington a few days ago, when, pausing in the rotunda he said: "That is a picture of Washington giving up his commission." One of the party, a practical politician, observed regretfully: "I didn't know Washington was such a sucker as to give up his commission. How much was it?"

At a meeting of the Quebec Press Association last week, Mr. R. C. Smith, K.C., said some very sensible things in a humorous way. He thought the time was come for the amelioration of the condition of the Canadian press before the law, and a proper libel law should certainly be drawn. Railways were privileged as public conveniences, he said, and public meetings and reports of them should be privileged on the same ground. The news from the Old Country should also be improved, and the aim of the association should be to get cable despatches more independent and national in character.

THE Brandon, Man., Binder Twine Company held their annual meeting last week. It was decided to increase the company's plant; also to enquire into the possibilities of Manitoba grown flax for the manufacture of twine. Business was described as having been satisfactory. Arrangements were made for the floating additional stock to the amount of \$40,000. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: N. Wolverton, Brandon, Man.; W. T. Johnson, Wawanesa; J. T. Partridge, Sintaluta; Man.; J. G. Burke, Elfore, Assa.; Allan Leslie, Chater, Man.; A. McPhail, Brandon, John Hanbury, Brandon, Frank W. Smith, Brandon; E. L. Christie, Brandon.

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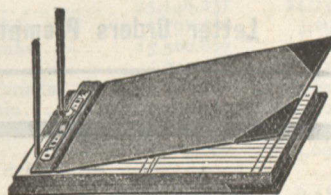
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