

INTRODUCTION

The Vancouver Police Force is placed under the control and government of a Board of Police Commissioners by Section 233, Chapter 144, of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, by which the appointment of the Board is provided for, and their powers and authority defined.

224. The Commissioners shall have power to summon and examine witnesses on oath in all matters connected with the administration of their duties, and they shall have the same power to enforce the attendance of such witnesses, and to compel them to give evidence, as is vested in any Court of Law in civil cases. A notice to attend before the Board shall be sufficient, if signed by the Chairman of the Board or any one of the Commissioners; but no party or witness shall be compelled to answer any question by his answer to which he might render himself liable to a criminal prosecution. 1896, c. 37, s. 220.

225. All meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners shall be open to the press and the public, unless otherwise decided by the Board. 1896, c. 37, s. 221.

226. All By-laws of the Board of Commissioners of Police shall be deemed to be sufficiently authenticated when signed by the Chairman of the Board which passes the same; and a copy of such by-laws, written or printed and certified to be a true copy by any member of the Board, shall be deemed authentic, and be received in evidence in any Court of Justice, without proof of such signature, unless it is specially proved or alleged that the signature to such original by-law has been forged. 1896, c. 37, s. 222.

227. In all cases where the Board of Commissioners of Police are authorized to make by-laws, either under this or under any other Act or law, they shall have power, in and by such by-laws, to attach penalties for the infraction thereof, to be recovered and enforced by summary proceedings before the Police Magistrate of the city for which the same are passed, or in his absence before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction therein, in the manner and to the extent that by-laws of City or Town Councils may be enforced under