

## NEW REGULATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION

### THERE WILL BE FEW CHANGES IN METHODS

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The provincial government has issued regulations for the carrying out of the provisions of the B. C. Immigration Act of 1904. This is the first time since the last revision of the act, which is founded upon the Natal Act, which is a close copy of it.

The first of the act is contained in section 3, which reads as follows: "The immigration into British Columbia of any person (hereinafter called a prohibited immigrant) who, when asked to do so by an officer, fails to write out at dictation, in the characters of some language of Europe, and sign in the presence of the officer, a passage of fifty words in length, in an European language directed by the officer, is hereby prohibited."

The act provides for the entry of prohibited immigrants, other than those who are able to satisfy the officer that they are travellers. The condition attaching to it is that each shall deposit \$500, which is refundable within thirty days by obtaining from the minister charged with the administration of the act, a certificate of exemption or by departing from the province.

This is set forth in section 7, which reads as follows: "Any prohibited immigrant within the meaning of section 3 may, if thought fit by an officer, be allowed to enter the province or to remain within the province upon the following conditions:

(a.) He shall on entering the province, or on failing to comply with the requirements of section 3, deposit with an officer the sum of five hundred dollars; (b.) He shall, within thirty days after depositing such sum, obtain from the minister a certificate of exemption in the form of the schedule, or depart from the province, and thereupon the deposit shall be returned, but otherwise the deposit or any part thereof, may be forfeited, and he may be treated as a prohibited immigrant offending against this act."

"Provided that in the case of a person entering the province from any vessel, under this section no penalty shall attach to the master, owner or charterer of the vessel."

The new regulations put in force are as follows:

"When an officer examines a person whom he shall suspect of being a 'prohibited immigrant,' he shall first ascertain whether such person is exempt from the provisions of the act as provided for in section 4, and if the officer determines that such person is exempt, he shall issue to him a certificate."

"If the officer determines that such person is not exempt, he shall then ascertain whether such person is coming into the province for the purpose of obtaining residence, or is merely passing through the province while travelling to some other country or some other province of Canada; and if the officer determines that such person is a traveller, he shall, upon production by such person of his ticket to a destination outside of the province, or other satisfactory evidence, issue to such person a certificate."

"If an intending immigrant is neither exempt under section 4 of the act, nor a traveller, the officer shall apply the educational test as provided for in section 3 of the act, and if such person complies with the requirements of the said section, the officer shall issue to such person a certificate."

"If the officer determines that a person is not exempt from the provisions of the act, is not a traveller, and cannot comply with the educational test as provided for in section 3 of the act, he shall prevent such person from entering the province, or, if such a person is found within the province without a certificate of exemption, he shall proceed as provided for in section 8 of the act, unless such person's entry into or presence in the province is made conditional as provided for in section 7 of the act, such officer shall issue a receipt to such prohibited immigrant at each such place."

"Upon receiving a deposit of \$500 and issuing such certificate, the officer shall immediately send such deposit with a copy of the certificate to the superintendent of provincial police, who will thereupon notify the minister of the receipt of the same."

"An officer may take such steps as he deems necessary to satisfy himself that a person admitted into the province as a traveller, leaves the province for his destination without unnecessary delay, and that he does not proceed as an officer by intending immigrants, to cover the expenses which the province may incur in determining whether such persons are or are not prohibited immigrants. For every certificate, \$1."

"All officers acting under the provisions of the act, shall make a return to the superintendent of provincial police at the end of each month of all moneys received and certificates issued, under the act during the month, and shall remit the money collected with the return."

These regulations, it will be noticed, do not alter in any way the method now employed in admitting Japanese to the province—except that the fee exacted from those entering shall be only \$1, which is paid to the officer in lieu of all expenses incurred in the obtaining of the necessary information. The taking of the necessary affidavits will in future therefore be confined to the provincial authorities.

The class of prohibited immigrants requiring a deposit of \$500 is one which it is thought to apply to this province. It is difficult to find a clause retained from the Natal Act which has no application in this country and is therefore an idle section.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL SHOOT

### PROGRAMME DRAFTED BY LOCAL RIFLEMEN

Preliminary Preparations Discussed  
Last Evening—General Executive  
Meets at Vancouver.

Riflemen from all parts of the province will gather in Victoria this summer to take part in the annual British Columbia Rifle Association matches. Judging by present indications this event will draw a larger number of participants and result in keener competition between the crack shots of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo than in previous years. In fact it is probable that the forthcoming shoot will be an even greater success than that held here last summer.

At a meeting of members of the local branch of the B. C. R. A., held Wednesday evening, preliminary preparations were discussed. It was decided to recommend to the general executive that the shoot take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 26th, 27th and 28th of July.

Among other matters the proposed programme was submitted for the consideration of those present. It did not altogether meet with approval, some changes having been introduced, which were thought would result in the discouragement of the younger shots. This was rectified by the placing of one of the cup shots at 500 instead of 600 yards.

It was also decided to alter the times suggested for the different events. This was done because the majority were of the opinion that it was not good policy to have all the long range firing take place in the forenoon. Early in the morning there was a haze which made the target very indistinct at that distance. The schedule was therefore changed so as to bring the short distance event on in the morning and the others later in the day.

Appended is the programme that will be submitted to the general executive at a meeting to be held on Saturday at Vancouver:

No. 1. Tyro Match.—Prizes value \$10 presented by the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia, Hon. Sir Robert Joly de Lotbiniere, K. C. M. G. For the encouragement of rifle shooting, and \$40 added by the B. C. R. A. First prize, \$5; 2nd prize, \$3; 3rd prize, \$2; 4th prize, \$1; 5th prize, 50c; 6th prize, 25c; 7th prize, 10c; 8th prize, 5c; 9th prize, 2c; 10th prize, 1c.

No. 2. Nanaimo Match.—200 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each range. First prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$5; 3rd prize, \$3; 4th prize, \$2; 5th prize, \$1; 6th prize, 50c; 7th prize, 25c; 8th prize, 10c; 9th prize, 5c; 10th prize, 2c; 11th prize, 1c.

No. 3. Victoria Corporation Match.—400 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each range. First prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$5; 3rd prize, \$3; 4th prize, \$2; 5th prize, \$1; 6th prize, 50c; 7th prize, 25c; 8th prize, 10c; 9th prize, 5c; 10th prize, 2c; 11th prize, 1c.

No. 4. Westminster Match.—400 yards; 10 shots. First prize, Westminster cup and \$10; 2nd prize, \$5; 3rd prize, \$3; 4th prize, \$2; 5th prize, \$1; 6th prize, 50c; 7th prize, 25c; 8th prize, 10c; 9th prize, 5c; 10th prize, 2c; 11th prize, 1c.

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No. 7. Vancouver Bankers' Match.—\$50 donated by the bankers of Vancouver, with \$8 added by the association. 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, 7 shots at each range. First prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$5; 3rd prize, \$3; 4th prize, \$2; 5th prize, \$1; 6th prize, 50c; 7th prize, 25c; 8th prize, 10c; 9th prize, 5c; 10th prize, 2c; 11th prize, 1c.

No. 8. The Service Match.—500 yards; 7 shots. Position, any with head to target. The use of slugs, vermin, orthopedic, and all slugs to sight, other than clear glass spectacles, is prohibited. The V must be used and both sights painted or smoked black; no lines, temporary or permanent, allowed. First prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$5; 3rd prize, \$3; 4th prize, \$2; 5th prize, \$1; 6th prize, 50c; 7th prize, 25c; 8th prize, 10c; 9th prize, 5c; 10th prize, 2c; 11th prize, 1c.

No. 9. Electric Railway Cup.—Presented by the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. in 1902. To be won twice in three successive competitions to become permanent property. Open to teams of eight previously named members, each representing any one of the cities of British Columbia, the aggregate of whose scores in match No. 5 (Helmeck) shall be the highest. First prize, the cup and \$24; 2nd prize, \$16; 2nd cash prize, value \$40.

The cup to be held for the year by the winner in the morning at noon and in the evening by the B. C. R. A. before 1st July, 1905. Winners in 1902, Victoria; winners in 1903, Vancouver.

No. 10. Vancouver Bankers' Match.—Team prizes to be competed for by teams of six previously named competitors, representing any one of the cities of British Columbia, whose scores in match No. 7 (Vancouver Bankers') shall be highest.

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