NEW MINISTER OF RAILWAYS SWORN IN

Responsibilities of the Hon. Thomas Taylor are Increased—An Important Portfolio, with Many Duties

The Hon. Thomas Taylor, Revelstoke riding's energetic and capable representative in the provincial legislature, was at noon yesterday formally sworn in by his honor, Lieutenant-Governor Paterson as British Columbia's first minister of railways, there being present at the informal ceremony Hon. Premier McBride, Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary and Hon. William R. Ross, lands minister, each of whom extended congratulations and felicitations to their popular colleague upon the augmentation of his responsibilities.

It is the intention of the new minister to proceed forthwith to the systematic organization of the new department over which he will temporarily preside, and the expectation is that announcements will be made by the end of the present month as to the personnel of the railway department staff. This will be an extensive one, its senior members, too, being necessarily possessed of wide and expert knowledge in all matters affecting the construction and operation of railways. The senior departmental offices will be those of the deputy minister and the chief engineer, for which positions it is understood that selection have already been virtually decided upon.

The railway department as constituted by legislation of the just closed session, in view of the very important and expensive railway works now in progress or assured throughout the province, will probably become in the very near future one of the hardest worked and most important branches of the provincial service. Its functions not only will include those heretofore exercised by the legislature in the chartering and control of new railway companies, but also to a very large extent duties and responsibilities closely akin to those performed and devolving upon the railway commission in so far as railways for the general benefit of Canada are concerned.

Businesslike System

The new department will be inaugurated with strict regard to businesslike system, and is fortunate in having at its first head so thorough and practical an administrator as "Good Roads" Taylor has proven himself to be in his direction of the department of public works during the past three years.

The new minister of railways and public works is a native of London, Ontario, where he began his career as a student of law. Coming to British Columbia as a young man he has had a varied and practical training in commercial enterprises, and during more than a decade past has played a useful and conspicuous part in the public life of British Columbia, being first elected to the local house in 1900, and promoted to cabinet honors, for which he has since shown himself especially fitted, in the autumn of 1908.

A quiet, unassuming, conscientious and practical business man, he has brought to the administration of his very important department a large store of shrewd commonsense and useful experience, and in the comprehensive development of a well considered policy of good roads for British Columbia has already built up for himself an enviable fame that is not confined to this province only but extends, as well, to the neighboring provinces of the prairies.

BATTERS RESTAURANT

Incensed Diner Fined in Police Court For Smashing Up Things

With a plank as a battering ram John Finlay wrecked the Klondike restaurant and Matsumoto San came to the police seeking justice therefore. He, with his fellow brown men, who are waiters in the Johnson street restaurant, came to tell of Finlay coming in, and after putting away coffee and pie refused to pay the ten cents asked, and became violent. He smashed things generally, and went out, leaving his hat behind. Then he reappeared with a plank—the timber was lugged into court by the Japanese—and battered it through the window on one side, then through the door, and then smashed another window. The magistrate sentenced him to a fine of $15, and ordered him to pay $15 for the damage done, with the option of spending a month in jail. He has not yet paid.

Two women, found in a cabin engaged in a beer drinking bout with Robert Oakle, longshoreman, were charged with vagrancy. One, Georgie Baker, who has been imprisoned previously, last summer, being sent to jail after being found in a Chinese opium den, was convicted of vagrancy, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Nellie Anderson, the other, was found not guilty, and dismissed.

Fort George to Coast

Engineer Gunn, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, last week completed his portion of the survey of the railway line from Fort George to Vancouver. The portion of the line under his charge joined that of the engineer working from Lytton a short distance below Soda Creek. This completes the survey for the complete distance to Vancouver. According to a statement of vice-president Chamberlin, work on the Vancouver branch will not be commenced until the main line of the railway is completed. It is believed by many, however, that trade interests of the Pacific Coast have brought to the attention of the railway directorate the loss of trade Coast cities will suffer in being shut out from the markets of the northern interior for such a period, and that the Vancouver branch will be commenced early in the spring.

Harriman Taxes in Utah

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 10.—State officials today forwarded to New York for collection a check of $798,546.85 signed by Mary W. Harriman. The check was given in payment of the 5 per cent. inheritance tax on 55,000 shares of preferred stock in the Union Pacific railroad, worth $15,980,937 belonging to the estate of the late E. H. Harriman. Utah was entitled to the tax by reason of the fact that the Union Pacific is incorporated here.

WON'T SEND STANLEY CUP TO MONTREAL

MONTREAL, March 10.—Stanley Cup Trustee W. B. Foran, of Ottawa, this morning returned the bond forwarded by the Wanderers Hockey Club for the Stanley Cup with the intimation that since the championship for this season was virtually decided no good or useful purpose would be served in sending the cup to Montreal at this late date.

The attitude of the trustees in having held the Cup for a whole year—Wanderers having cinched the N.H.A. championship of 1910 on March 5 last—is creating a good deal of unfavorable comment in local hockey circles.

The outcome of it all may be that the old Stanley Cup may be relegated to the shelf. The feeling among the Wanderers and Canadiens is that Ottawa having virtually won the Cup this year may be expected to keep it indefinitely, since it is evidently the wish of Mr. Foran to keep the mug anchored in the Capital.

FIRE SWEEPING ALASKA TOWN

Douglas, Seat of Famous Treadwell Mines, in Danger of Total Destruction—Cold Hampers Workers

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 9.—The town of Douglas, on Douglas Island, across Gastineau Channel from Juneau, is burning. The fire, which started in a barber shop, has already swept the greater portion of Front street and driven by a high wind is spreading rapidly. The cold is intense, and the 800 men from the Treadwell gold mines who are fighting the flames are greatly hampered in their work.

It is almost certain that the entire town will be destroyed. The telephone girl in the Douglas exchange telephoned Juneau that the office is burning and that she would leave the building at once. Douglas is the seat of the famous Treadwell mines, which employ 2,000 men, and Superintendent Kensle has ordered all the men out of the mines to join in fighting the fire.

The high wind has whipped the channel into a fury and the large boats are unable to go from here to take assistance to the burning town. The ferry has been loaded with fire-fighting apparatus and men from Juneau and is ready to cross the channel to Douglas.

BURNS SUES CAR COMPANY FOR DAMAGES

Ex-Heavyweight Champion Claims Injuries Lose Him $25,000 Annually

SEATTLE, March 9.—For injuries to his knee that he says have greatly diminished his earning capacity of more than $25,000 a year, Noah Brusso, known as Tommy Burns, filed suit against the Puget Sound Electric Company in the superior court this morning for $50,200. Burns was hurt on December 13, when an interurban car in which he was coming from Tacoma to Seattle, collided with another at Farrow Station. Brusso says his right arm, right leg and knee and shoulders and back were severely wrenched and bruised. The injury to his knee, he is convinced will prove permanent.

Hackenschmidt and Roller

WICHITA, Kas., March 9.—Geo. Hackenschmidt threw Dr. Roller twice here tonight, the first fall in one hour and thirty-seven minutes, and the second in 14 minutes, 47 seconds. Hackenschmidt threw Roller through the ropes twice, and was hissed for his roughness.

SALEM, Mass., March 9.—Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler threw Geo. Lagrange, of France, in two straight falls tonight. The first fall was secured in 18 minutes, 50 seconds; the second in 7 minutes, 45 seconds.

Rev. Dr. Ferguson Resigns

NELSON, B. C., March 9.—Rev. Dr. J. T. Ferguson, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church here, and Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia, and one of the most scholarly divines in Canada, tonight resigned his pastorate on account of ill-health. His resignation was accepted by the congregation with deep regret. Dr. Ferguson, who recently had the degree of D.D. conferred by the Manitoba University, has presided over the church here for six years with great success. He came from a large and wealthy congregation in Fifeshire, Scotland. He was until last year in charge of the home missionary department of the Presbyterian church in British Columbia. His illness is due to overwork. After a rest he will probably resume his labors in Canada.

SEVERE DEFEAT FOR INSURRECTOS

Madero's Force Routed and 250 of His Men Killed—Rebels Ready to March on Ensenada

MEXICO CITY, March 10.—Official confirmation was received here today of the battle at Casas Grandes in which Colonel Cuellar routed a band of 600 rebels fighting under the personal command of Francisco I. Madero. The report says the rebel loss was 250 killed and that 200 horses were captured.

Col. Cuellar is now following Madero and hopes to affect his capture.

Marching on Ensenada

MEXICALI, March 10.—By order of the Mexican junta at Los Angeles the insurrecto army in Mexicali was prepared to leave tonight to meet government troops on their own ground. The capture of Ensenada is the ultimate object of Generals Leyva and Berthold and the men in their command. The insurrectos now number 145, only five of whom are Americans. Twenty-five fully armed Indians joined the rebels today.

General Berthold said he would have 400 men in his command before reaching Ensenada. He will march by way of Tecarte and Tia Juana. A provost guard will be left to protect Mexicali, and twelve men will be sent to Algodones, the other border town held by the rebels. Ricardo Flores Magon, the leader of the Los Angeles junta, is said to be coming to Mexicali tonight to go on the march. Jose Cardoza, who deserted the rebel army with forty-five followers several days ago, is responsible for the occasional firing on the rebel outposts on the southeast of Mexicali. It was previously believed the Mexican federals were present there, but it now develops that it was Cardoza and his men. General Berthold expressed the theory that Cardoza might wreak some damage to the American government work on the Colorado river, causing the American troops to intervene and resulting to the detriment of the revolutionists.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE

Southern Indian Association Forwards Resolution to Board of Trade

The local board of trade has been forwarded a copy of a resolution recently passed by the United Planters Association of Southern India dealing with trade within the Empire. In view of the fact that the local commercial organization has already placed itself on record in favor of trade preference within the Empire it was not considered necessary to discuss the resolution which has been received. The reciprocity agreement now under discussion in the United States and Canada makes the resolution received from Bangalore of interest and it is printed as follows:

That this Association do affirm its complete adherence to the following Creed with regard to Imperial Preferential tariff:—

(a) We believe that the British-grown Coffee will be benefited by a preference in duty, and that it is sufficient in quantity for the consumption of the Empire.

(b) We believe that a preference in duty in favor of British-grown Tea will have the effect of displacing inferior teas; and, by giving the citizens of the Empire a wholesomer and better beverage, the moral and physical condition of the poorer classes will be improved.

(c) We believe that a preferential treatment for Rubber will, in the near future, prove of inestimable value to an industry in which millions of British capital have been and are being invested.

(d) We believe that a preferential tariff for Cinchona Bark and Quinine is a matter of imperial importance, and should receive the attention of every far-seeing British statesman.

(e) We believe that preference with Cocoa would remove the possibility of such a pitiful scandal as the one with which the names of reputable British firms were recently connected.

(f) We believe that attention has not been sufficiently called to the danger to Great Britain and the Empire incurred by relying to such a very great extent on the supply of Cotton from the United States of America, and that a preferential treatment for British-grown Cotton, by encouraging adequate production within the Empire, is the only way to safeguard the interests of Lancashire for all time.

(g) We believe that British-grown Wheat is necessary in sufficient quantities to meet the consumption of the Empire, and so save any part of it from the possibility of starvation in time of war, and that the only means to attain this ideal result is by giving British-grown Wheat a preference.

(h) We believe that a complete Imperial Preference Tariff is essential to the maintenance of the power and prosperity of the British Empire, and that every effort ought to be made to render the Empire self-supporting.

(i) We believe that the sentiment that would be engendered by a Preferential Tariff throughout the Empire would prove to be an Imperial Asset and a bond of union of even greater value than the benefits that would arise from its Commercial aspect:

And that this Association do communicate these views to all other Associations, Public and Private Bodies, Members of Parliament and Legislative Councillors throughout the Empire, asking for their opinions and for their active co-operation in furthering the cause of Imperial Tariff Reform.

Won't Grant Re-Hearing

CINCINNATI, O., March 9.—The National Baseball Commission today denied to the Detroit club of the American League a re-hearing of the case by which it lost title to player Tico to the Vernon, Calif., club of the Pacific Coast League. The evidence submitted by Detroit, however, showed that Tico had falsely represented himself to be a free agent and he was fined $100.

Steamship Rate Cutting

PORTLAND, March 10.—Notification was received today by the Harriman steamship lines that R. P. Shwerin, head of the service, has authorized a reduction in tariffs from Portland to the Orient from $2 a ton on grain and its products to $2 a ton on flour and $1.50 a ton on wheat, effective during March and April. The action of the Harriman line places it on a basis with lines operating from Puget Sound and British Columbia, but it is understood the Japanese lines are accepting shipments for even less.

Detective Too Stout.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 10.—How a stout detective had the misfortune to scare away his quarry is the joke of police circles here tonight. Police surrounded No. 3 Pender street east and detectives entered through a jewelry store in front, hoping to catch several score of Chinese gamblers who they knew were playing fan tan in a hall above the store. Entrance was to be gained by a trap door in the ceiling. Through this the detectives wormed themselves, but the stout member of the force got wedged tightly, and struggling to free himself, overturned some obstructions with a noise that sent over one hundred Celestials scurrying to the roof and across planks and aerial bridges to safety. Only ten Orientals were caught.

OPEN UP PEACE RIVER COUNTRY

Canadian Northern Railway will Complete Location of Line this Summer—Route Mapped Out

The Canadian Northern Railway will complete the location of a line to the Peace River country this summer. Following the announcement of this, A. Meighter, C.N.R. engineer, who has charge of the party which is locating this line, said he hoped to have a line surveyed through to the Peace River by the end of summer. Mr. Meighon left Edmonton in January with his party and will be engaged during the spring and summer in locating the route that is to be followed by the Canadian Northern when that company builds its road to the Peace River. Several preliminary surveys in the direction of the Peace River have been made previously by the railway company, but a satisfactory route has never yet been located. That will be Mr. Meighton's work during the coming summer. The Peace River line leaves the main line west of Edmonton, at Onaway, near Lac St. Anne. It crosses the Athabasca near the junction of the McLeod and Athabasca rivers, at Whitecourt. The location of the line has been completed fifteen miles beyond that point.

CRUISER BOSTON KEPT

Vancouver Man Fails in Application to Supreme Court to Gain Possession of Vessel

WASHINGTON, March 10.—That the cruiser Boston may remain in the possession of the governor of Oregon for the use of the state militia was determined today when Justice Anderson of the district supreme court, denied the writ of mandamus played for by A. Goldberg, of Vancouver, B.C., to compel Secretary Meyer to deliver the boat to him. Goldberg, in answer to proposals advertised by the department for the sale of the boat last fall submitted a bid for twenty thousand dollars.

As his bid was the highest, he claimed to be entitled to delivery of the vessel on his certified check for the purchase price. No contract was signed and the secretary of the navy determined to let the governor of Oregon use the boat, and refused Goldberg's check. The refusal of the secretary to accept Goldberg's bid is fatal to the petition for mandamus. The court holds that until a contract is actually signed by the purchaser and the department head, the sale is not binding on the United States.

Militia Not Wanted

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 10.—An order issued by Governor Cruce last night assembling three companies of the Oklahoma National Guard to be held in readiness because of the street car strike here, was countermanded early this (Friday) morning.

White Firemen Strike

CINCINNATI, March 10.—White firemen of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas railroad (Queen and Crescent) struck tonight in response to an order from a committee of locomotive firemen and enginemen, T. C. Powell, vice-president of the railroad, has asked mediation of the federal authorities under the Erdman Act. The strike is due to a dispute as to the status of negro firemen. All trains leaving Cincinnati tonight were fully manned.

The Arrow Lake Fruit Fair Association has re-organized with William Hunter, M. P. P. as honorary president, C. J. Hammond, honoray vice-president, and Thomas Abriel, president.

COMPLETE LINE TO TETE JAUNE CACHE

G. T. P. will be Built to Point Forty-Seven Miles West of Yellowhead Pass by the End of Season

The main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be completed as far as Tete Jaune Cache, 47 miles west of the summit of the Rocky Mountains, in the Yellowhead Pass, by the end of this season. That is the statement of the various contractors and sub-contractors who have just returned from looking over proposed contracts on the line in the mountains. It is the expectation of Foley, Welch and Stewart to complete their contract to Tete Jaune Cache before the end of the season, and with this end in view they are already commencing to ship outfits and men west, to the camps that they have established in the mountains. For the season's work they will require over 3,000 men. Active construction has already commenced on the rock-work west of the Athabasca, according to H. E. Carleton, one of the sub-contractors on the line in the Pass. He has a sub of twelve miles on the other side of the summit, and has already started some outfits to work. Practically all of the construction that is to be done on the Grand Trunk Pacific this season west of Edmonton will be rockwork and will require an immense amount of ballasting. Two tunnels of fair length will be required in the mountains, and work on these is also to proceed this summer. It is the opinion of the contractors that construction through the Yellowhead will be comparatively easy. Other sub-contractors who have been given rock contracts on the line will commence shipping in outfits within the next few weeks.

IMPERIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY INCORPORATED

Prominent Shipping Men in Organization Formed for All Red Steamship Service.

The All-Red Steamship Company formed to place steamers on the Atlantic and Pacific, has been incorporated and the title changed to the Imperial Steamship Company. The promoters of the line have been engaged on the project for some years. The original proposal provided for a quick service between a Newfoundland or Canadian port and Blacksod Bay, Ireland, with suitable rail service across Ireland, and steamboat transfer across the Irish channel to England. The question of transfer over the Irish Channel was left open, as if a car ferry service was operated, it would necessitate the reconstruction of the Irish railways, owing to a difference in a gauge. It is anticipated that the question of governmental aid for this project will come up for discussion at the Imperial Conference, which is to take place in London, Eng., after the coronation.

The incorporators of the Imperial Steamship Company include some of the most prominent British ship owners and others. Those named are: Chaplin, Grenfell & Co., Vickers Son & Maxim, Ltd., Perry & Co., Sir Thos. Tancred, Linton Clarke & Co., Sir Thos. Troubridge, F. J. Burt, Capt. C. E. S. Clitherow, London, Eng.; W. Beardmore & Co. Ltd., Glasgow, Scotland; R. Stephenson & Co., Hepburn-on-Tyne, Eng.; Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson, Ltd., E. L. Bentley, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng.; W. H. Leslie, Price Forbes & Co., Major R. P. Cobbold, W. Harris, D. H. Allan, London, Eng.; W. Fitzgerald, Dublin, Ireland; the Gloucester Wagon Co., Ltd., Gloucester, Eng.; North British Locomotive Co., Ltd., Glasgow, Scotland; J. Lithgow, Port Glasgow, Scotland; S. G. Fraser, J. Kennedy, H. McCorquodale, Hoare & Wheeler, Andrew Weir & Co., H. Houlder & Partners, Ltd.; Capt. J. A. Morrison, Gellatly, Hankey & Co., London, Eng.; Pickford & Black, H. G. Bauld, A. W. Redden, R. T. McIlreth and J. A. Chisholm, Halifax, N. S. The provisional directors are: Sir Thos. Troubridge, N. H. Skipnith, Andrew Weir, H. Houlder, H. G. Bauld, W. A. Black, and John Kennedy, with power to add to their number. The capital stock is fixed at $1,000,000 in shares of $100 each. The head office is to be in Montreal.

The All Red Steamship Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act, with a capital of $100,000, and office at Ottawa, to build, purchase or otherwise acquire and operate steam and other vessels, harbors, wharves, docks, piers, dry-docks, warehouses and other buildings, railway and steamboat terminals, etc., and to carry on the general business of carriers of passengers and freight by land and water, and to acquire interest in any similar companies. The provisional directors are J. A. and O. Ritchie, J. N. Rattey, W. J. Grace and R. M. Bobier, Ottawa.

The All Red Line, Ltd., has been incorporated under the British Columbia Companies Act. Whether there is any connection between the companies incorporated by Dominion and British Columbia letters patent and the one which is seeking incorporation by the Dominion parliament, has not transpired.

The Imperial Steamship line purposes to place fast liners on the Atlantic and the Pacific, to build docks, piers, elevators, hotels, branch railways, and to enter into agreement with the British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand governments, or other British colonial government, for carriage of mails and other services.

Marquis of Allesbury Dead

LONDON, March 10.—Henry Augustus Brudenel-Bruce, fifth Marquis of Allesbury is dead. He was born April 11, 1842.

Liquor in Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 10.—District-Attorney Crossley has begun a campaign against retail liquor dealers who sell bottled goods for consumption off the premises. Under a ruling of the attorney-general this practice is illegal, and the government has undertaken to stop it. Thus far one arrest has been made, but the government failed to obtain a conviction.

Potash Controversy

WASHINGTON, March 10.—With the American reply to the German note on the potash controversy in the hands of the German ambassador, it was said in official circles today that the dispute was capable of an amicable settlement. It was denied that there was friction in connection with the diplomatic exchange. The controversy, it is understood, probably will be settled by a compromise between the private interests involved.

SPOKANE, March 9.—The general indignation aroused over false reports of bubonic plague in Spokane recently sent out by certain newspaper correspondents culminated tonight at a meeting of the city council, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved that the city council of Spokane instruct the corporation counsel to proceed against the parties who have sent out from this city or elsewhere the libelous reports regarding the health of the city, and that the corporation counsel be instructed and urged to institute criminal proceedings against said parties to the end that they be arrested and punished to the full extent of the law."

SEVENTEEN DEAD IN NEVADA CAMPS

Avalanches Caused by Great Storm Take Heavy Toll of Life—Number May Yet be Found Greater

CARSON, Nevada, March 10.—Late despatches from Mono county, California, confirm the deaths by avalanche during the recent storm, of seventeen people.

Additional news received tonight gives details of the destruction of the Golden Gate mine in Upper Antelope valley yesterday. The snowslide carried away all the buildings at the mine. Ed Donovan, one of the owners, together with his foreman and one of the miners, were injured and the team used at the mine was killed.

Reports have been received of several slides at the head of Carson valley, but details are lacking.

Near Brady City, three men were killed.

After continuing ten days, the storm abated today, allowing parties to go in search of the dead and injured.

RUSSIA AGREES TO SEALING PACT

Arrangement For Suspension of Sealing Only Awaits Japan's Acquiescence

Advices have been received here that Russia has agreed to the sealing convention recently arranged between Canada and the United States, whereby pelagic sealing is to end for a term of years, and the three nations are now waiting upon the Japanese government for its acquiescence in the arrangement. A conference will likely be held in April in London, at which Japan's representatives will be heard.

The steamer Moana brought news from New Zealand that had been received by that government from Great Britain for the lease of the Campbell, Auckland, Antipodes and Bounty islands, for sealing purposes. The islands were advertised for lease a year ago, but the tenders were unsatisfactory, and protection was maintained for another 12 months. Since then a very satisfactory tender has been received from Great Britain, and another was on the way out.

Canadian Scores Knockout.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 10.—Private Andrew Courtney, First United States Infantry, was knocked out by Ralph Rau, who claims the Canadian amateur heavyweight championship, in the second round here tonight. Courtney had all the best of the fight, driving Rau, who outweighed him 20 pounds, all around the ring, until about the middle of the second round, when Rau landed a vicious "haymaker" on the ear and put the soldier to sleep.

Election Inspector Arrested

SEATTLE, March 9.—Geo. H. Allison, who served as an inspector of elections in the primary last September, was arrested today on an indictment returned by the grand jury, charging him with falsifying the returns. Allison is in jail in default of $2,000 bonds. Another indictment was returned, but was kept secret pending the arrest of the person for whom it was issued. The grand jury today continued the examination of witnesses in connection with the investigation of alleged graft conditions in the police department under the administration of former chief of police Charles W. Wappenstein.

GRAND LODGE OF A. O. U. W. IN SESSION

Officers Elected and Appointments made at Annual Gathering Held This Year at Ladner

The grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. held its annual session at Ladner, commencing at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, March 8th.

In addition to the grand lodge officers the following brothers were present as representatives of various subordinate lodges, viz.:

Victoria Lodge No. 1, Fred Davey and C. Wrigglesworth.

Fraser Lodge No. 3—M. W. Minthorne.

Nanaimo Lodge No. 4—J. S. Knarston.

Vancouver Lodge No. 5—Alex. Stewart and Thomas Cashmore.

Western Star Lodge No. 7—W. E. Graham.

Rossland Lodge No. 8—J. T. McIlmoyl.

Perseverance Lodge No. 11—Arthur Harrison and J. P. Nightingale.

Delta Lodge No. 12—Thos. Todd.

Atlin Lodge No. 15—R. D. Featherstonhaugh.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 17—Edward Pope.

The following appointments were made:

Grand guide, Bro. Harrison; grand inside watch, Bro. Todd; committee on appeals and grievances, Brothers Cashmore, Nightingale and Graham; committee on good of the order, Brothers Anderson, Knarston and Adams; committee on credentials, Brothers Stewart, Beckett and Scowcroft; press committee, Bro. W. Scowcroft.

Committee on a-v-fyk..d seha hrd croft; committee on distribution, Brothers F. Davey, R. W. Featherstonhaugh and W. H. Smith.

After the roll call and other routine business, reports were presented from the G. M. Workman and other officers of grand lodge which went to show generally that the order is in a most satisfactory, prosperous and growing condition—more so, in fact, than for many years past.

Revising Constitution.

A revision of the constitution rendered necessary by the late secession from the supreme lodge, as well as by changing circumstances was fully discussed, on report from the committee on laws who had had the matter under consideration since last session of the grand lodge. The report and recommendations of the committee were in the main adopted, only slight alterations being made in the course of discussion.

The question of admission of ladies to full membership in the order was fully discussed from various points, but it was finally decided that such admission was not in the best interest of the order at present.

Discussion of other matters of special interest to the order kept the grand lodge in evening session till nearly 11.30 p. m.

At the second day's sitting after reading of minutes, and other routine business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

G. M. Workman—Bro. Thos. Cashmore.

G. Foreman—Bro. Dr. Anderson.

G. Overseer—Bro. W. A. Wilson.

G. Secretary—Bro. J. T. McIlmoyl.

G. Treasurer—Bro. Wm. Scowcroft.

G. Medical Examiner—Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith.

G. Trustee—Bro. Alex. Stewart.

No Change in Name.

On a proposal to change the name of the order the opinion was generally expressed that the old name was plenty good enough, and a change was therefore not desirable, consequently the proposal was voted down almost unanimously.

It was decided that the publication of the A. O. U. W. Record be continued during the current year with Bro. J. T. McIlmoyl acting as its editor.

Invitations having been received from New Westminster and also from Vancouver to hold the next grand lodge session in one of those cities it was resolved that the invitation of Vancouver be accepted.

Previous to the concluding sitting in the afternoon the officers of the grand lodge assembled in front of the B. C. Telephone office to be photographed.

After the installation of the elected officers the following committees were appointed:

Committee on Finance—Brothers Stewart, Wrigglesworth and F. Davey.

Committee on Laws—Brothers W. H. Smith, J. P. Nightingale and E. W. Beckett.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the retiring grand master, Bro. S. M. Eveleigh and to Bro. Budlong, who retired from the committee on laws, and also to Bro. Dr. De Wolf Smith for his services in assisting the grand secretary, as well as for his valued services during the past as grand medical examiner.

After some addresses by various members and the rendering of the minutes of the day's proceedings, the grand lodge was adjourned to meet in March next in the city of Vancouver.

VITERBO, Italy, March 10.—Everything is in readiness for the selection of a jury tomorrow for the trial of Erricone and the other Comorrists, who are charged with the murder of a former member of their band, Gennaro Cuoccolo, and his wife. Although the city is crowded, there has been no disorder.