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DELEGATES DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAND

Convention at Victoria Considers a Number of Important Questions and Hears Suggestions---Officers Elected.

Special to the Pioneer News:

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22—Great enthusiasm attended the organization of the Vancouver Island League here today.

Delegates from every part of the island were present, and were welcomed by Simon Leiser, president of the Victoria board of trade, and after a short morning session the gathering adjourned to the Empress hotel where a special luncheon was served. Addresses on publicity were delivered by Premier McBride, and C. C. Chapman, publicity agent of the Portland Development league.

At the afternoon session the following officers were elected:

President—Hon. Col. Prior.

Vice-presidents—

J. W. Coburn, Nanaimo.

P. Peterson, Duncans.

Mayor Nicholson, Ladysmith.

Joseph McPhee, Courtenay.

Leonard Frank, Alberni.

On the recommendation of Leonard Frank the League decided to investigate the inadequacy of the mail service on the island, particularly with regard to points not on a railway line, and urge the Dominion government to make an improvement.

In the plan of organization it was decided that each locality would have its own branch, the Victoria branch to look after the unsettled districts.

Pamphlets describing the Island resources and scenery will be prepared and circulated in Seattle and Portland.

The League will urge upon the Provincial government the necessity of making and maintaining more trails.

The Dominion government will be pressed to have a complete geological survey of the island made.

W. J. Sutton gave an interesting address on the natural resources and geology of Vancouver Island.

Prizes Presented.

A social meeting of the New Alberni Badminton club was held in the Somass hotel on Monday night when the prizes won in the recent tournament were presented as follows:

Ladies Singles—Miss Withers, fancy bottle of perfume, donated by P. R. Chaney.

Ladies Doubles—Misses Elizabeth and Adelaide Davie, silver mounted scent bottles, donated by C. Wise.

Mixed Doubles—H. Porritt and Miss E. Davie, silver pen holder and case of cards, donated by A. Carmichael.

Gentlemen's Singles—H. Porritt, traveling clock, donated by the club.

Gentlemen's Doubles—H. Porritt and Rev. G. A. Love, silver pencil cases, donated by C. A. Moorhead.

Rev. G. A. Love occupied the chair.

The club now has a membership of twenty-four and is in a flourishing condition.

Hector Mckenzie died at Port Essington on Sunday last after being ill for a short time with pneumonia. Deceased was at one time a resident of Alberni, but had lived at Port Essington for the past fourteen years. He was a brother of Donald, Douglass, and John McKenzie, and Mrs. Frost of Alberni, and Mrs. Grandy of New Alberni. He was 37 years of age.

SLOAN STEPS OUT TO LET TEMPLEMAN IN

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22.---A dispatch from Ottawa, today, announces that Wm. Sloan has resigned his seat in favor of Hon. Wm. Templeman, and that a bye-election in Comox-Atlin will be held in March.

West Coast Life-Boat Wrecked

The West Coast life-saving ship, built at a cost to the Dominion government of $15,000, is a wreck.

It broke away from its moorings during a southeast gale on Friday morning of last week and drifted onto Robbers' Island where it was badly smashed.

Where the captain and crew were, or what they were doing, when the boat broke away, will probably be a matter of official investigation.

There are altogether eleven men employed on the boat, a captain, engineer, cook, and a crew of eight. The headquarters for the craft are in Bamfield Creek.

There is a slip onto which the boat is supposed to be pulled at nights, except in case of threatening weather when it is to be kept in the water and ready for an immediate answer to a call.

The members of the crew are provided with living quarters right back of the slip or where the boat is to be moored.

On Thursday night the life-boat was left in the water, and on Friday morning it was gone. There was no one on board.

The life-boat was later found on the rocks of Robbers Island, so badly wrecked that the engines were all that was thought to be worth saving.

Capt. Gillen and his crew managed to float the derelict and tow it back to Bamfield where it was later put aboard the steamer Leebro and taken to Victoria there to be investigated in a repair yard.

CONSERVATIVES NOTICE!

A meeting of the Conservative association will be held in Waterhouse's hall tonight, to take steps towards calling a Convention for the nomination of a candidate to contest Comox-Atlin in the bye-election.

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LAYING RAILS FROM WELLINGTON NORTH

Progress of Construction on E. & N. Railway Extension to New Alberni---Location Work at this End of Line.

The work of laying rails on the grade of the Alberni extension of the E. & N. railway has commenced, and will be continued as actively as possible. A large rock cut, not yet completed by the graders, about three miles out from Wellington, will hold the track layers in temporary check, but blasting operations are being carried on aggressively, and as soon as this work is finished there will be practically nothing to hinder the laying of steel as far as French Creek to which point is is expected the line will be in operation by mid-summer.

The work of revising location on the mountain section, east of the summit, has been practically completed, and all that stands in the way of a call for tenders for the grading of the line right through to New Alberni, the western terminus, is a few miles of revisionary work this side of the summit. It is at this end that the most difficult and expensive work is encountered, and as this is the final effort in deciding a satisfactory location the work is necessarily being done with great care, causing progress to be slow. The recent inclement weather has also, to some extent, held back the work.

Kind Farewell.

The Men's Club of All Saints church gave a farewell party on Monday night for the Rev. and Hon. T. R. Heneage who has been acting-rector during the absence in England of Rev. Mr. Wimberley.

Mr. Heneage, who during his short stay in Alberni has become thoroughly popular with the people without respect to denomination, was the recipient of a handsome traveling clock. The members present expressed high appreciation of his services to the church and the club, and sincere regret over his departure. It was not one of those cut and dried affairs when half-meant compliments are given a par value face. It was a heart-to-heart exchange of well-deserved kindnesses, and when the members of the club said that the gift was only a slight token of their esteem and that the separation caused them sorrow, their was full meaning in their remarks. When Mr. Heneage said he was sorry that his stay had come to an end he said it with all sincerity, and when he expressed the desire and hope to be always rembered by the people with whom he had been associated in Alberni he struck truly responsive chords. It was with real pleasure that the gathering heard him say that he expected it would be his privilege to visit Alberni again and often.

Mr. Heneage has arranged to hold services at various points on the West Coast, and to return within a couple of weeks. He has invited the club members to dine with him at the Arlington hotel on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 4.

The Winnipeg Tribune, which for years past, has been an indepent newspaper is hereafter to be Conservative. R. L. Richardson, who was its chief, has disposed of all his interest in the enterprise.

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LESSON ON WEST COAST.

Presuming that there will be an investigation by the Department of Marine, with the object of fixing responsibility for the wreck of the West Coast life-saving boat, it is in order to withhold criticism of the captain and crew until such time as the facts are officially brought to light.

But right here we deem it proper to urge that the enquiry shall not be limited to the bare circumstances of which this disaster was the direct result.

There are, in the background, some facts which, if brought to the front, might be found to have a significant bearing on the question.

An exposure of these facts should have a beneficial effect on the whole life-saving system on the West Coast. It could be shown that appointments have been made, and the discipline affected by political "pull;" that the main consideration with the influential politicians was the herding of voters who could be counted upon to vote the Liberal ticket.

Incidents of affected discipline, associated with political squabbles, at Bamfield and Clayoquot, were referred to in the Pioneer News a few weeks ago. This reference provoked a flippant reply, from a Clayoquot man through the columns of the Victoria Times, to the effect that there were no more than two Conservatives among the residents of Clayoquot, and, also, that there was something wrong about the way a Provincial Government appropriation for a trail was being expended. The writer assumed to speak for the Liberal association and the life-savers all of whom are claimed as members of that body.

This impertinence, which was intended as gall for the Pioneer News to swallow, simply reflected the attitude of the politician life savers, and was tantamount to a declaration that so long as they had the political strength they would run things to suit themselves.

As it is here opportune another incident, affecting another life station, is recalled: Two members of a life-saving crew came to Alberni for a political conference, and after they returned home they were brought back again and fined by a magistrate for supplying liquor to Indians. They were politicians and their standing in the service was not affected.

Hon. William Templeman, Ralph Smith and William Sloan could tell a court of general enquiry a lot about how this "humane" scheme has been used for the advantage of politicians whom they would be too sensitive to call unscrupulous. If they should be excused, on the ground of delicacy, others, less reticent, might be found.

The Socialist is to be commended for practical demonstrations of the belief that it pays to advertise. He will put up his deposit money and go into an election when he feels sure that he is going to lose both, being satisfied to reap what advertising benefits he can for his cause. The latest example of this was in Revelstoke where a Socialist was beaten, by a very large majority, by the Hon. Thomas Taylor the new provincial cabinet minister.

The Senate Committee on Divorce will have twenty applications to consider at this session, the largest number for any one year in the history of the Dominion.

The late emperor of China left one widow of the first class, eleven of the second class and eighty-one of the third class. This reads like a classification of New York loan shareholders. —Toronto News.

A Vancouver man who visited Victoria during the recent cold snap was unable to say whether the people of Victoria felt the cold or not—he did not know whether they were frozen stiff or merely in their normal condition.—Saturday Sunset.

The Domininn Government has, in consequence of the recommendation of the Civil Service commission, decided to grant a flat increase of $150 per year, without distinction as to the position, to all the present members on the permanent staff of the inside service.

The Pioneer News adds its quota of respect and good wishes for that whole-souled, informal and loveable gentleman of the cloth, the Rev. and Hon. T. R. Heneage who for the past three months has been acting-rector of All Saints church. His cheerful and sunny disposition, together with his social activity, made him a strong favorite with all classes in the community, while his sincere devotion to his church work earned for him a high degree of general respect. The Rev. and Hon. Mr. Heanage has a rightful claim to the title of "man among men." He understands men and their ways, and draws them to him.

So long as the national government is in the liquor business, and liquor is produced and put on the market under the seal of the government, men will drink it regardless of local prohibitory laws. When the government can conduct its business without the aid of the liquor license, we may expect to see the distilleries closed, but not until then. The most practical solution of the liquor question hinges upon the churches themselves. Our governments need money to run the administrative machinery. It has to be collected in the way of taxes. All church property is exempt from taxation. The liquor men are taxed to pay what the churches should pay. The day will come, and we believe soon, when every sincere preacher will demand that the church he preaches in shall "take up the white man's burden," and pay its portion into the public purse. The church will then be in a better position to ask for the abolition of the liquor evil.—Extract from Walker's Weekly on the Local Option question.

Prompt Settlement.

Alberni, B. C., Jan. 15. 1909.

A. W. Neill, Esq.,
Alberni, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt, this day, of check from the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of British Columbia for the sum of $818.50 being the full amount claimed by me in consequence of loss sustained by the burning of my house on Dec. 23, 1908.

I have to thank the company for the prompt settlement as I only posted my formal claim on Monday last.

Yours Faithfully,
E. MOORE.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

Farmers' Institute.

The annual meeting of the Alberni Farmers' Institute will be held in the Court House, Alberni, on Saturday, Jan. 23, commencing at 2 p. m.

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District of Alberni.

Take Notice that Benjamin C. Clark, of Seattle, Wash., occupation timber cruiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 30 chains in a south-west direction from the mouth of Kapouse river, thence east 60 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence north 60 chains to point of commencement.

Benjamin C. Clark.

Date, 19th September, 1908. oct13

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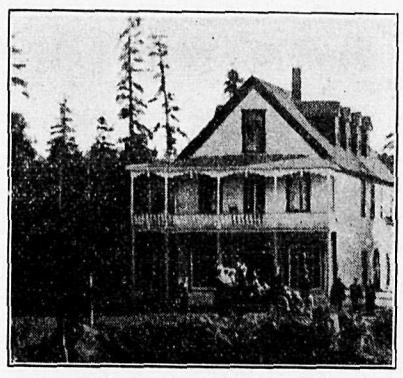

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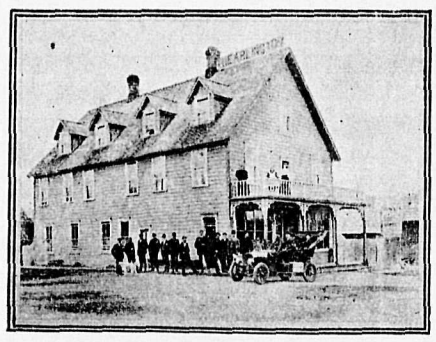

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H. H. BROWNE, civil and mining engineer, and Provincial land surveyor, has opened an office in Alberni, and is prepared to receive orders for work in any part of the district.

NOTICE.

Application For Incorporation of Railway Company.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to build, construct, maintain and operate a line of railway, of standard guage, to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other power, for the carrying of freight and passengers and express, commencing at the city of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, thence by way of Otter Point and San Juan, to a point on Barclay Sound, near Serita river, with power to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and for the public; and with power to own, use, and operate water powers convenient to the road for railway and other purposes; and with such other powers and privileges which are usually given to railway companies, and which are found in the Model Railway Bill.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 9th day of December, 1908.

BARNARD & ROBERTSON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Nootka.

Take notice that I, Thomas J. Marks, of Seattle, U. S. A., occupation prospector, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Tahsis canal, in Nootka Sound, at a point about 2½ miles from the mouth of Tahsis river, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north along shore line to place of commencement.

THOMAS J. MARKS.
Date, Jan. 6, 1909. jan16

NOTICE.

"LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900"

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date, I, Edward Frigon, intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a transfer of the license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises te be known as the Central Hotel, situated at Limestone Island, Quatsino, B. C., to Gustave Moerman, of the City of Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., 12th December, 1008.
EDWARD FRIGON.

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Clayoquot.

Take Notice that Jennie Spencer and and Ada Florence Rennie, by their agent, Fred. W. Muller, of Sproat Lake, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on Taylor Arm of Sproat Lake, about three-quarters of a mile in a southerly direction from Lot 622, thence south 25 chains to lake shore, thence easterly following the shore line for about 20 chains, thence northerly about 20 chains to point of commencement.

JENNIE SPENCER,
ADA FLORENCE RENNIE,
Fred. W. Muller, Agent.
Date, December 14, 1908.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

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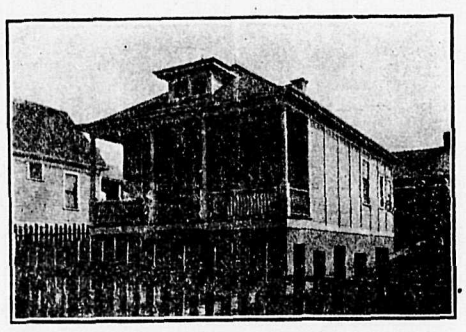

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NEWS GENERAL AND PERSONAL

S. H. Toy left on Monday on a business trip to Victoria.

William Ash left on Wednesday on a holiday trip to Victoria.

E. Griffin, New Alberni, left on Monday for Vancouver.

D. H. Riddell left on Wednesday on a business trip to Victoria.

Harold Bishop is confined to his home with an attack of tonsilitis.

There were seven passengers on the outgoing stage Monday morning.

H. M. T. Hodson went to Victoria by the steamer Tees on Wednesday.

Rev. F. H. Wimberley returned on Wednesday from a visit in England.

George Kilpatrick, New Alberni, returned on Wednesday from a visit to Vancouver.

J. Forsythe, who had been in town for the past three weeks, left on Monday for Nanaimo.

E. Moore, of Cherry Creek, left on Wednesday on a business trip to Victoria and Vancouver.

H. J. Trueman, of Vancouver, is visiting old friends in Alberni. He is registered at the Arlington.

Stanley McB. Smith, provincial assesor, is in town on official business. He is registered at the Arlington.

Miss Soule; of Tacoma, Wash., who had beeu visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Woodward, left on Wednesday for home.

H. Langford, who had been with the railway location party, camped on Cowley's ranch, left on Monday for Vancouver.

The steamer Tees, on its southward trip reached Alberni on Wednesday night, four days overdue. The delay was caused by rough weather along the coast. At Kyuquot the steamer was tied up for sixteen hours awaiting an abatement of storm.

The mail stage service has been slightly demoralized by the condition of the road over the mountain. The mail due last Saturday arrived on Sunday afternoon, Tuesday's mail came on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday's mail was missed altogether, and today's mail is yet to be heard from.

Delegate Elected.

At a public meeting, held in Waterhouse's hall, New Alberni, on Monday night, Leonard Frank was elected a delegate to the Vancouver Island Development conaention in Victoria on Friday, Jan. 22.

A committee composed of A. D. Cooper and A. T. Stephenson was appointed to raise funds to pay the expenses of the delegate, and a sufficient amount was raised on the following day.

Mr. Frank left on Wednesday morning for Victoria, and took with him a large collection of photographic views of Alberni and surrounding district which he will exhibit at the convention.

Entertainment Promised.

The members of the New Alberni Badminton club are preparing to give an entertainment which will probably take on the form of a dramatic performance. The date has not yet been set but it will likely be some day before Lent.

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