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MUSICAL SOCIETY.

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VALIDITY OF MORTGAGE IS TESTED IN THE COURTS WHEN APPEAL BROUGHT

Judgment was reserved yesterday by the appeal court in the appeal case of Columbia Bitulthic Limited and the Scott-Goldie Quarries, Limited, vs. the Vancouver Lumber Company, et al. This is an appeal against a decision of Mr. Justice Murphy given against the appellants, the Columbia Bitulthic, Ltd. The history of the case is that the Columbia Bitulthic, Ltd., and the Scott-Goldie Quarries, Ltd., had interlocking directorates, the Quarries Company supplying the Columbia Bitulthic company with large quantities of crushed rock used in its paving operations. When it became necessary, in the course of business, for the quarry company to raise money the Columbia Bitulthic, Ltd., guaranteed its account at the bank, gave notes to certain other creditors and also loaned it \$50,000 in cash, taking as security a chattel mortgage for \$50,000.

Last March one of the creditors of the Scott-Goldie Quarries, Ltd., brought a suit and secured judgment on one of the notes guaranteed by the Columbia Bitulthic, Ltd. The Columbia Bitulthic, Ltd., then appealed against the judgment on the grounds that under its charter it had no right to guarantee accounts in that manner, and the appeal was allowed. The Vancouver Lumber Company and other creditors, holders of notes that had been guaranteed by the Columbia Bitulthic, Ltd., then commenced action to test the validity of the chattel mortgage given by the Scott-Goldie Quarries, Ltd., claiming that if the paving company was unable to guarantee and virtually loan money in that manner under its charter, neither could it loan money and take a chattel mortgage as had been done and Mr. Justice Murphy upheld this contention.

Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., appeared for the Columbia Bitulthic, Ltd., and Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., for the Vancouver Lumber Company, and Mr. G. E. Housser appeared for a number of creditors of the Scott-Goldie Quarries, Ltd.

DEPOSITORS' POSITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AT MEETING TONIGHT

Great interest centres in the meeting of the depositors of the Dominion Trust Company, which will be held tonight in the Dominion Hall, Pender street, at 8 o'clock. The committee who have charge of this meeting have been energetic in arranging for a large gathering. They have also arranged that a representative of one of the most prominent legal firms in the city will be present to address the meeting on the position in which the depositors stand in reference to the "Trust Act."

In order, however, that the meeting shall be confined to those who are bona-fide depositors, only those will be admitted who will produce their pass-book. This meeting should prove of great interest to all the depositors, as they will be able to ascertain their positions under the "Trust Act" and take joint action towards the protection of their interests.

INDUSTRIES OF B. C. MUST BE SUPPORTED ASSOCIATION SLOGAN

"Made in B. C." is a slogan which is gaining volume, and is rapidly spreading throughout the province, according to the monthly report of Secretary Hart at the meeting of the B. C. Manufacturers' association last night. The report throughout was most encouraging. The war has given an impetus to local industries, it was said. The association is still going after new membership, and the increase has been very gratifying, for during the two years of its life, the association has increased from a handful of members in this city to almost all the manufacturers in the province. A month ago the C. P. R. came in for some criticism, which, on investigation, was found not to be justified, as, in the furnishing of the new Hotel Vancouver, the instructions are to buy local made goods wherever possible.

Mr. A. E. Fapp, resident at 1209 Burrard street, reported to the police yesterday that S. F. Hunt, of the same address, has been missing since November 13. He was a cabinet maker for the C. P. R. He is described as being 40 years of age and stands 5 feet 2 inches in height. When last seen he was wearing a light brown suit and black hat.

VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL IN BELA SINGH CASE

**Judge Says Accused Perfectly
Entitled to Shoot Aggressors
in Self-defense.**

WHERE WAS THE SWORD?

**Crown Places Importance on
Location of That Weapon
in Sikh Temple.**

Acquitted on a charge of murder, but not free yet, is the position of Bela Singh, the Hindu who was charged with murdering Bhag Singh on September 5, in the Sikh temple. The jury deliberated three and a half hours before returning their verdict, and it was freely expected that there would be another disagreement in view of the length of time occupied in coming to a decision. When the verdict was given the accused appeared considerably relieved, but looked bewildered when it was announced that he would be held for the present on a further charge of murder in the case of the killing of Badan Singh at the same time and place.

A strong plea for acquittal was made by the prisoner's counsel, Mr. F. J. McDougall, who claimed that the evidence showed clearly that Bela Singh simply acted in self-defense because his own life was in danger. Mr. A. D. Taylor, K.C., for the crown, claimed that the evidence showed the sacred sword with which the prisoner said that he was intimidated was not in the temple at the time of the affray, and urged for a conviction unless the jury considered that there was a reasonable doubt that the prisoner's life was in danger when he fired the shots.

Was Justified.
Mr. Justice Morrison charged briefly strongly in favor of the accused, stating that if it was reasonably proven that the prisoner was in danger of his life he was justified in defending himself as he did. The jury retired at 12.15, and at 3.30 returned for further instructions just when every one was considering a disagreement.

The jury asked to be instructed on the question, "Did Bela Singh try, and find the back door of the temple locked?"

His lordship instructed the jury that the door need not necessarily have been locked when the prisoner tried it. The jury had to consider not only the occurrence of the shooting but also the facts leading up to it. The prisoner need not have tried the door, but considering the actions of Bhag Singh he was reasonably justified in considering the door locked or that it was dangerous to try and leave by that door. In view of the fact that a large number of his enemies were in front of him, the prisoner was also justified in considering that his life would be endangered trying to leave by the front door also and in defending himself. Even though none of the others present were armed, the prisoner could not know that, but in view of the threats made against him and that two of his friends were dead, he was justified in assuming that his life was in danger, especially remembering what occurred at the temple the previous Sunday when apparently a similar trouble was averted by the calling of the police.

Different Standard.
"The prisoner should hardly be tested by our standards," said his lordship, "and in view of the fact that they were Hindus and all by themselves in a strange country and riven by hopeless feuds. The prisoner was one of the men who had stood for law and order, while the opposite side were preaching sedition and importing seditious literature and trying to undermine British rule within the empire. "It is a wonder to me," said the judge, "that the authorities are allowing it. The prisoner and his side are trying to stop it, but some have been killed and threats were made to kill the prisoner. They threatened and killed Inspector Hopkinson, and if they could shoot him right in the corridors of the court-house, how much easier must they have thought it to kill the prisoner when in the temple."

The judge was then understood to say that instead of pursuing the prisoner it should have been the duty of the crown to have protected him. His lordship said that his feelings were strong in the matter, but that his personal view should not be considered by the jury as they must find on the evidence before them.

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AUTHORIZE THE PLANS OF CLARK DRIVE SEWER

The members of the joint sewerage board yesterday afternoon, in response to a request of the city council, authorized its engineer to prepare plans for the Clark drive trunk sewer with the intention of starting work on its construction at as early a date as possible. The estimated cost of the sewer is \$325,000.

The commissioners also took action on the charge that contractors building the Central park sewer had reduced the rate of pay of their employees to 30 cents an hour, although the contract specifies that the rate of pay shall be \$3 a day, the regular municipal rate. The contractors will be informed that they are expected to continue to abide by the terms of the contract.

A cynic never made a hit in war times; workers count most.

FAREWELL TO ELKS GOING TO THE WA

Last night the Vancouver lodge No. 1, B. P. O. E., gave a farewell smoker in honor of two of the members who are leaving for the front at an early date with the second contingent. A large number assembled in the Elks' club room corner of Homer and Hastings streets where the two members, Past Exalted Ruler Frank McAlpine, of the Yukon contingent, and W. H. Walte of the 29th Battalion, Vancouver regiment, were entertained. Twelve members of the Yukon contingent were also present and a most enjoyable evening was spent, an excellent programme of musical items, recitations and short speeches being got through. In addition to this, the Yukoners put on a number of extremely fine turns. The committee in charge of the arrangements were Har Gooding, chairman, and Messrs. Har Duker and J. I. Eakin.

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