

# NEW TREASURY STAFF MONDAY

## Deposed Members in North Vancouver City Hall Staff Vacating Places Today.

NORTH VANCOUVER, Sept. 30.—This morning some time between 9 o'clock and 12 o'clock the city treasury changed over under new management.

Mr. Humphreys, the treasurer, his two assistants, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Hope, and the stenographer, Miss Nelson will, like the passing of the year, pass out and new faces will appear on the scene.

The auditor, too, will pass on and his successor will soon be appointed.

A corporation, it is said, must have no soul, yet there was a tinge of sadness around the city hall today over the departure of faces familiar through years of employment. But the wheels of time must revolve and the places of the former employees must be filled, hence a new staff for Monday morning next.

The disquietude in the city treasury department which had been rumbling for months past became an open breach between the staff, the auditor and the council following the dismissal of the staff a month ago. The members of the deposed staff felt, whether rightly or wrongly, that they were entitled to reasons for their dismissal, and for what they claimed as an independent hearing.

From the council's standpoint they acted, as they believed, in the best interests of the city in making a change in the personnel of the department, and in their 'sweep' of authority they cut a very clean swath.

No action has been taken on the request for an independent inquiry, partly on the solicitor's advice and partly, no doubt, because of the expense it would entail.

### To Discuss System.

The finance committee of the city council, members of the new staff of the treasury department and a chartered accountant who may later be approved of and appointed as the auditor, will meet in the city hall this afternoon for the purpose of settling on some system whereby the new staff can make a start with a clean set of books.

### Retiring From Council.

Councillor P. Westover of the dis-

trict of North Vancouver has intimated his intention of retiring from duty on the municipal council at the end of the present term.

Councillor Westover represents Lynn Valley on the council, and the aspirant for municipal honors in this ward for 1917 has already announced himself in the person of Mr. J. Kirkland.

### Back From Edgewood.

Mr. Donald McLennan, one of the best known contractors in this city returned recently from Edgewood, B. C., where he was acting as foreman for the provincial government at the internment camp. While there Mr. McLennan built several miles of road between Edgewood and Vernon.

Although he had no difficulty with the "enemy" the work was not altogether to his taste.

Mr. T. H. Bracken, after whom Brackendale in the Squamish was named, left this week for the Old Country to visit his old home in London.

Prior to coming out to Canada in the first instance Mr. Bracken was a politician of considerable prominence in the old land. He resided in the Squamish for quite a number of years, and when his hotel at Brackendale was burned out about four years ago he moved to North Vancouver.

### Recovering From Injury.

In a letter received this week by Mr. C. E. Melville it is learned that Pte. Roy J. Stoney, who left here several months ago for overseas, and who severely wrenched his knee during manoeuvres in England, is rapidly recovering.

### Mining Active in Alaska.

Mr. Jas. G. Stephens, formerly in the soda water business in this city, writing from Latouche, Alaska, states that mining operations are very active in that section of the country. Mr. Stephens is inspecting a number of mining propositions in that section of the country for Seattle capitalists.

### Personal.

Mr. T. J. Truse of Saskatoon, Sask., is here on a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. J. Carson of Fourth Street west.

### First Meeting.

The first meeting of the newly elected executive of the North Vancouver Red Cross will be held in the Red Cross rooms on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock.

### Returned From Edmonton.

Mrs. J. C. Clarke, who has been spending the summer with relatives near Edmonton, Alta., returned to her home in North Vancouver yesterday.

### Anniversary Services.

Rev. Principal Mackay of Westminster Hall will preach in the morning and the Rev. A. E. Mitchell of Mount Pleasant will officiate in the evening at the anniversary services to be held in the St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, Twenty-seventh Street, on Sunday next.