

# Proclamation of British Columbia Skit

## Everybody

James Yale	Welcome, everyone! I am James Yale, the boss here at Fort Langley. Here is James Douglas. Good to see you, gentlemen!
James Douglas	I believe you have already met my wife, Amelia. Is everything ready for today's event?
James Yale	Everything's ready. Hello, Lady Douglas.
Amelia Douglas	A pleasure to see you, Mr. Yale. Have you had a busy summer?
James Yale	The busiest ever! The gold rush has been great for trade, but there have been fights on the river.....
First Nations Chief	And the gold miners do not respect us – or our land!
James Douglas	We understand your concern. That's why we are here today, to bring British law and order.
Matthew Begbie	As the new judge, I will work with the Royal Engineers to enforce the law.
Captain Grant	We are here to help control the gold miners and to build new roads. And - if necessary – we are ready to fight!
James Douglas	We are happy to have the Royal Engineers here to help, Captain Grant. Now we have some swearing to do!
Amelia Douglas	James! <i>(cover your face with embarrassment)</i>

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Matthew Begbie	Oh, don't worry, Lady Douglas. It's not that kind of swearing! I will be swearing in your husband as Governor of the new colony.
First Nations Chief	We call this land Stó:lō. What will <b>you</b> call it?
James Douglas	Queen Victoria has named this land the Colony of British Columbia.
First Nations Chief	Will the fort still trade with us First Nations people?
James Yale	Don't worry. The Hudson's Bay Company will be around for a long time.
Captain Grant	Attention, attention!
James Douglas	By order of Her Majesty on this day...
<b>Everybody</b>	<b>...On this day November 19th 1858...</b>
James Douglas	I PROCLAIM THE COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA!
<b>Everybody</b>	<b>HURRAY!!!</b>
James Douglas	I now appoint Matthew Begbie as the Chief Judge of the colony. Do you swear?
Matthew Begbie	I swear! And I appoint you, James Douglas, as Governor of the colony. Do you swear?
James Douglas	I swear!
Amelia	Well, I think that's enough swearing for one day!
Captain Grant	Get ready for the gun salute! Three, two, one.... FIRE!
<b>Everybody</b>	<b>BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!</b>

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