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Agassiz has just experienced a three days' wind storm which caused considerable damage to say nothing of the inconvenience of the intense cold. A large barn belonging to Raymond Tuythens (which we mentioned in recent issue as being a great addition to the landscape) was destroyed; also a large structurt which was built by the White Farm on the Hammersley Prfairie to cover feed was blown down. A window in the Women's Institute room was blown in. Considerable damage was done to telephone lines, cutting off communication in many places. Several chimneys were burned out, narrowly escaping bad fires. In one instance Mr. Geo. Green fought like a good fellow that he is on the roof of a barn, exposed to a cutting wind, putting out sparks falling on the roof from a burning chimney. A number of roofs and fences were damaged. Autos were conspicuous by their absence, excepting The Sedan Taxi, and they were on the job day and night, as usual.

On account of the weather the English Church Christmas Tree will be held on riday instead of Thursday, in the I.O. O. F. hall, insttad of the Agricultural hall.

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OUR PIONEERS

Sketch No. 1.

FAMILY WHOSE NAME GIVEN THE TOWN

MR. L. A. AGASSIZ HERO OF MANY EXPLOITS

"In morning heard chanticleer crowing."

Relying that every citizen, whether pioneer or recent arrival, desires as a New Year's legacy the write-up of the town's founder, we tender a real seasonable biography which we have for the purpose held over the past three months. This account of the career of one of Agassiz's first citizens cannot fail of interest and value to old and young, for, it is the recital of adventure, heroism and service.

Mr. Louis N. Agassiz haled in the long ago from Essex, England, leaving the ancestral home. He landed first on West Indies and later proceeded to P. E. I., which in turn our adventurer gave way to London, Ont. This change seems to have been ordered, for, here Mr. Agassiz met Miss Schram, just lately arriving from New York. The quest-maiden, as well as Mr. Agassiz, was a loyalist and they sealed their fealty to each other by joining in wedlock. P. E. I. was not forgotten so the youthful couple removed back there to engage in farming.

Later the "days of gold and the days of '49" sent forth an appeal which was answered by moving there. Cariboo was the next lure—Williams Creek (sixty prospectors at this time were working in Lytton. There was a big gravel slide in which many were unfavorably interested. Time does not permit to relate the interesting adventures here).

In '62 Mrs. Agassiz with four children, among them the personage of our sketch—yes, and not less to note Miss E. Agassiz, now, for some time a member of the local educational board. The young matron had surely come to the "wild and woolly west" with its deep woods, murmuring pines and all too attentive hoards of mosquitoes, in the words of our sketch, "many of them weighed a pound."

Soon a winter—for three months the Fraser was deep vested in ice, easily three feet thick, and at Yale, a little higher up, the ice had to be blasted on the morning of April 1st to allow the steamer to get out—it was as cold as the winters of '61, '62 or '63.

Next year or so was a year of high water, the flood being up on all the huts so that primative water craft was used. To do any trading a small boat or some water-craft passage had to be found to New Westminster as a base of supplies. On one occasion they embarked in the fog of night, and in the morning before anything could be seen, a clear voice of chanticleer was heard, and lo and behold the city of New Westminster was reached. At that time old Father Fraser was much more of a raging stream than today, Mr. Agassiz often seeing whole trees floating down and what was a very wonderful sight, when a deep pool was reached the tree roots or both would descend, maelstrom-like until it stood upright as in nature, only later to topple back to floating position.

Few people there were, and hence, years after locating in the district, settlers were so far apart that they could hardly "couie" to each other, being relatively more distant from each other than the currants in a first settler's plum pudding.

Mr. Agassiz, Sr., had not ended his adventures. In 1875 he went to Turkey and Russia, where he suffered sun stroke, he had been, it must be noted, injured on the head while engaged in California. It was about 1878 while in Turkey that Mr. Agassiz passed in death, leaving resident on the North Bank of the Fraser a wife, seven daughters and half as many sons. Mr. Agassiz's brother, too, played a part in the theatres of the Far East about that time.

Mrs. Agassiz, Sr.—and there is no resident Mrs. Agassiz, Jr.—at the age of 90 years died at the old home. The day before she was driving around as usual. To remember an Empire building—at least in part—mother and father, the many sons and daughters of whom Miss Elizabeth Agassiz was the youngest were left. In naming residence of these, Ernest is in Seattle; Mrs. Goodfellow is a pioneer citizen of Victoria; one sister lives in London, Ont.

A patriotic family! Of the five sons, four went to the front, the eldest being numbered among the slain, he at the time with rank of major, was acting Colonel. Mrs. R. R. Brown of Pitt Meadows is the second youngest daughter.

Mrs. Capt. Moore whose husband was the first to start a hop plantation in the district is the third daughter.

It would interest many to know that Mr. Brown, Sr., owned the Hot Springs site first and for ten years leased it to Mr. Armstrong, who certainly at first made it pay.

Our Mr. Louis Arthur Agassiz took up a place at Williams Creek, but soon loaded his little possessions for New Westminster. Thereafter a meandering life was spent variously at Hope, Yale, Douglas, Emory's Bar, with not a few stirring episodes to give relief to pioneer life. Earlier Mr. Agassiz, Sr., had for Hope and Yale the honor of filling the positions of postmaster, constable, collector of tolls on the Similkameen Road, etc. Inquests there were several of which had quite unusual interest.

"Let us ask you, Mr. Agassiz, to clear up a few ideas—you don't mind us being categorical, do you?" "When were the Springs opened up?" How came your town by its name?"

Mr. Agassiz smiled. "The Springs received attention first in 1887. It was the C. P. R. that gave our hamlet, as it was then, the name of my late father and his world-famous kinsman, the illustrious naturalist."

"What of your early education?"

"Yale and Agassiz were my theatres in this respect. Some of my contemporaries were Dr. Tolmie, Dr. Helmcken (deceased)."

"Do you know anything about the famous Broughton Street School, Victoria?"

"Very little, but I knew well the Deacon's School named after Archdeacon Woods.'

"As your farm was getting cleared up did you experience somewhat the same incidence of earlier days?"

"Well, the wild animals came near as noticed by the howling of wolves. Bears came uninvited to our orchards. We had the animals of the wild; occasionally an Indian, stolid and taciturn, but sometimes a whole year passed without meeting even one white man or woman. Our first house was the log building now occupied by my three sisters. The first school was the building at present used as a hearth and heart place by Mr. and Mrs. Heath. Children were too few, and, as often featured pioneer settlements, children had to be "borrowed," although nearly all of our family attended. Mr. McQuage was the first teacher. Hindoos were found to be the most satisfactory hands in railroad construction."

"Your family is easily one of the old English type but whence were you originally?"

"The family hailed from Switzerland."

"You would know well at least the legislative careers of Amor de Cosmos, Thos. Bassil Humphries and others?"

"Yes, and Simon Duck, Robert Bevan, and Wm. Smythe, the first premier to Victoria."

Impossible here to tell of Mr. Agassiz as a genius, somewhat of which he is; of his admirable water system; of the method underlying his work, and of his inventions—these all must stand till a later article.

For the matter of this sketch we recognize its irrelevance and incompetence through hasty preparation and loss of notes.

Erratum—For "quest" maiden read "guest" maiden, and it is a typographical error that Miss E. Agassiz was among the four eldest children. She is the youngest of the family.

The Sir James Douglas Chapter I. O.D.E. will hold their nomination meeting at Mrs. Dewar's home "The Prtsbyterian Manse," Saturday, January 5th.

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Retrospect and Prospect:

Through the courtesy of Mr. John Galt, Mgr. Bank of Montreal, Haney, we are able to place before our readers a brief extract from the report of his Branch to Headquarters. This report is a careful summary of conditions in the district and is substantially in part as follows:

BERRY & FRUIT CROPS—Yield (Berry) 50 to 100 per cent, as compared with 50 to 75 for 1922. Return from berries not generally satisfactory, and of the fruit, demand not good.

POULTRY—Feed high; p[illegible] returns favoring those run[illegible] large flocks.

LOGGING—The year th[illegible] history of the municipality, [illegible] million feet being sold [illegible] un-river trade. Profits medium, which however, on so large an output made heavy turn over and more than offset the losses of the berry market.

Incidentally, nearly 200 cars of cedar poles were shipped from Haney alone. For the ensuing year more is expected from the logging and as a result of the contemplated steps to increase the power, for which purpose the waters of the Alouette Lake are being diverted into the Stave.

The very strong impression that Mr. Galt left us was that the Bank felt convinced that the most certain way to bring larger gains to farmers and otrers was to encourage diversified farming, so that if one crop or commodity failed, another would make up the deficiency.

It is for each one of us to make opportunity, both municipal and personal, for 1924.

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HANEY ELECTORS FOR HOSPITAL

The hospital campaign will soon after the new year be enthusiastically launched and may of right appeal to the sympathy and active support of all. The collectors appointed for Haney are Mr. R. McArthur, Mrs. Land and Mrs. Genge.

of great prosperity to our district

The past year has not been one in spite of earnest toil and endeavor on the part of our rancher population. The logging and lumbering industries have contributed the only share of reasonable return for the labor expended. This has been the story of 1923 in nearly the whole of Canada, and so, we should not be discouraged. The past year has contributed in a large measure to the organization of the fruit growers and we hope that the coming year will see the same thing effected for the egg producers. You have asked me for a word for the New Year and the best that I can think of is to urge one and all to stand behind these organizations which are trying to handle the farm products to advantage. I know that there has been criticism of both and no doubt with reason, but they are your own organizations. Let us all try next year and make them what we want.

E. T. MATCHETT.

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MR. T. J. DRAIN, J. P., SEES AUGURY OF A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The last week of the year suggests to the matter of stock-taking, and what do we find in the 1923 balance sheet of our Community? On the credit side, an abundant harvest for the agriculturist, a steady and substantial profit to those who are handling and preparing our natural resources for market, employment for he who wishes it, and so we might continue. But what of the debit side? We cannot find a natural impediment there, but we do find that we were not all able to participate to an equal degree of profit in the good things bestowed. This, of course, is our own fault, not so much locally as nationally. We are making progress, it could scarcely be otherwise in a community so richly situated and endowed, but it remains for those occupying positions of responsibility in high places, and low, to see that we get what the Good Giver of all things intended we should.

"When They Have Gone"

The past comes up—childhood days—happy hours by the fireside—their hopes and joys—and trials, too.

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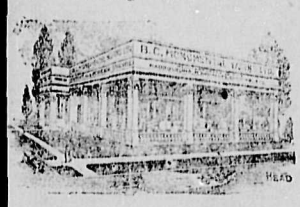

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LADIES MAY BECOME MEMBERS—LOCAL ORCHESTRA AGAIN PRAISED—DELIGHTFUL CONCERT STAGED.

Saturday night the Pitt Meadows Board of Trade hurried through a brief but very interesting session to make room for one of those delightful concerts which put the community on the map musically and intel-

[illegible] nt, was in [illegible] a brief [illegible] ess on the [illegible] Last minu[illegible] n, were as [illegible] eat. Thry [illegible] quorum had been reduced from 10 to 5, and council quorum from 7 to 4.

Mr. Donaldson reported for the Convtation of United Boards meeting in Vancouver. He and Mr. Ford were by the Chair warmly thanked for their interested attendance at this meet.

Mr. Donaldson also reported for the committee selected to act with the Maple Ridge Council in the matter of phone tolls. Persosel of committee being Messrs. Donaldson, Ford and Mitchell. Mr. Donaldson and the Chair yet held out hopes, but Mr. Ford contended that all chance of redress was past.

A letter was read from the Secty. of the Associated Boards requesting $2.00 owards the expense of getting out a report of the proceedings.

K Tht chairman asked all to remember the annual meeting which would take place the last Saturday in January. He dilated alike on the good work the Associated Boards was doing and upon the matter of the ladies coming into local membership.

Mr. Ford stated that he had worked hard on the electric lighting matter and the issut was now in the hands of the Associated Boards.

Adjournment was then taken to give place to the social evening, the committee that made all arrangements being W. W. McMyn, D. Donaldson and A. V. Sanderson.

At unanimous call Mr. Donaldson took the chair.

The first number was a selection by the now famous Pitt Meadows orchestra, which simply won the admiration of all.

Mrs. Struthers and Mrs. Tully were unable through illness to be prtsent.

In the matter of a musical evening we have not enjoyed a better, and certainly tht Meadows can be proud of its many musicians—scarcely a number that was not encored.

Mr. Struthers sang with fine effect "Will ye no come back again."

Mr. and Mrs. Ford sang "Come back and love me as before," their voices blending admirably

Tht quartette by Messrs. Struthers, Donaldson, Ford and Sanderson was a usical triumph.

Mrs. McMyn sang twice very captivatingly.

Mr. A. E. Sanderson proved no musical amateur. His a splendid voice.

Mrs. Ernie Cook was much admired in her "Just you, only you."

Mr. P. H. Allman, daughter Gwenneth ond son Harold, in the Banana song, made a real hit.

Mr. Crane's singing proved its merit. He will again be heard in song.

Mrs. Sanderson presided skilfully at the piano during the evening.

Mr. Jno. Blayney commending the programme as one of surpassing merit, moved a hearty vote of thanks to all performers.

Mr. W. H. Robinson seconded, and unanimous concurrence.

Mr. W. McDermid and others voiced their appreciation.

Following the programme a delightful supper was served by the ladies, who were fittingly thanked.

The attendance was very large, Coquitlam and Hammond sending their contingents. All shared in the delight of the evening.

MODERN PEOPLE: AN ENCOURAGEMENT

The Hammond Gazette has been printing some verse
Describing the folk of today,
At first t'was the girls that were written about,
(But to run down the girls doesn't pay),
Even though they're gum chewers and crazy for jazz,
With a brain that's as light as a feather,
That changes with every incoming tide,
(And it's good night when a bunch get together).

Not all of the girls are this way I have learned.
In my life I have met one or two
With a brain just as cool as an outflowing breeze,
And a heart that was honest and true;
Whose goodness shines forth like the sun's rising rays
Till our world seems a much better place;
And I'm glad that I know them, and that they are my friends,
It gives me courage, life's troubles to face.

No matter how worthless, nor what they may do,
The boys will be loved just the same,
At least it's been that way for ages now past,
And I know not just who is to blame;
They may break out in meanness and capers cut up
In a way the world won't forgive,
Yet they'll smile at some girl, and she will smile back,
And happy, ever after, they live. (?)

So the poets may rave at the public at large,
Or at someone who lives just next door,
And it seems they've been writing for my benefit
As the leaves of the Gazette I turn o'er.
Now if you have slammed me, I care not a whit,
You've a chance to make good and I hope that you do;
Just now you ain't much but remember the oak
At one time was only a nut like you.

—W. L. HARTNELL.

HAMMOND TO HEAR INTERESTING LECTURE

The Burns Association this year is staging a series of as interesting and instructive lectures as have ever been afforded the town and district. The third of the series will be delivered Monday, January 14th in the Fossett Hall by no less a noted speaker than the Rev. R. G. McBeth of Vancouver, his subject being the "Romance of the Royal Mounted," which will be brim full of interest to all as the Rev. gentleman was once in the Royals and quite apart from that he is one of Vancouver's best speakers, and an author of note. All both old and young are invited and none should miss this great opportunity for a rare treat.

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MONDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1924,

at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors; also Two School Trustees and Two Commissioners of Police.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed to by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and said writing may be in the form numbered 5 in the Schedule of this Act, and shall state the names, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed in such manner as sufficient to identify such candidate; and in the event of a Poll being necessary such poll will be opened on

SATURDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1924,

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Ward 4, School House, Albion, and School House, Webster's Corners.
Ward 5, Memorial Hall, Whonnock, and School House, Ruskin.

From Nine o'clock a.m. to Seven o'clock p.m., of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The qualification for Reeve shall be being a British Subject and having been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgments and charges, or who are the holders of lands within the Municipality acquired by them by agreement to purchase under the "Soldiers Land Act," or the "Better Housing Act," or the "Soldiers Settlement Act, 1917," of the Dominion, or the "Soldiers Settlement Act, 1919," of the Dominion, and have paid the sum of Five Hundred Dollars or more upon the principal of the purchase price under such agreement to purchase and being otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal voter.

The qualifications for a Councillor or Commissioner shall be being a British Subject and having been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, or more, over and above registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the nomination and is assessed for Five Hundred Dollars, or more, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of the said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, and is assessed for Five Hundred Dollars, or more, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgments and charges, or who are the holders of lands within the Municipality acquired by them by agreement to purchase under the "Soldier Land Act," or the "Better Housing Act," or the "Soldiers Settlement Act, 1917," of the Dominion, or the "Soldiers Settlement Act, 1919," of the Dominion, and have paid the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, or more, upon the principal of the purchase price under such agreement to purchase and being otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal voter.

The qualifications for a School Trustee shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value in the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader from the Crown or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more, immediately preceding the day of nomination and is assessed for Five Hundred Dollars, or more, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader or lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a period of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of the land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, and is assessed for Five Hundred Dollars, or more, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by the "Public School Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District.

Given under my hand at Port Haney, B. C., this 26th day of December, 1923.

W. E. BECKETT,
Returning Officer.

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WORLD PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO A GREAT NATION BUILDER

Passing of Lord Shaughnessy Calls Forth Expressions of Admiration and Respect For the Man of Far Vision and Unfaltering Determination, Whose Monument Is As Much in Canada's Greatness as in the Railroad He Helped to Build.

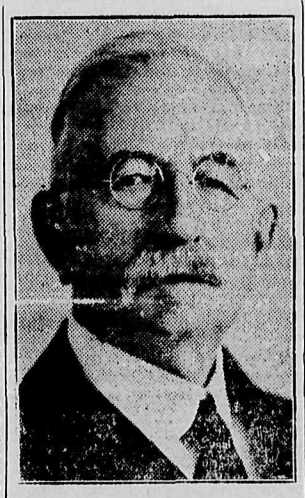
On December 10th, at Montreal, Death stilled the keen mind which for forty-two years had been ever at the disposal of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the strong hand which for twenty years had held the lever of that gigantic machine, the gallant heart which had ever been attuned to the music of the giant company's locomotives. Taking away Lord Shaughnessy, he took away with him the last of the old guard of the great pioneers of Canada's pioneer trans-continental. The departure of this monumental man is significant of the changing times, a mark of the Dominion's passing into manhood.

The details of Lord Shaughnessy's truly wonderful career have been recapitulated so often of late that there is little need to run over them here. Born in 1853, at Milwaukee, of Irish ancestry, he studied for the law, felt the lure of great railway work, entered the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway as clerk at the age of sixteen, and in ten years rose to the position of General Storekeeper. In 1882, when Sir William Van Horne took over the management of the Canadian Pacific Railway, he at once engaged the young man he had known with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, offering him the position of General Purchasing Agent. Two years later came the promotion to Assistant General Manager, in 1891 the Vice-Presidency, and in 1898 the Presidency. This position he held until 1918, when he retired to accept the office of Chairman of the Board of Directors, which he retained to the moment of his death. Meanwhile came many honours—in 1901, a Knight Bachelor, in 1907 a Knight Commander of the Victorian Order, in 1916 a Baron, and high appointments in the many civil organizations in which he was interested.

Lord Shaughnessy was a man of vision, of tremendous energy, brilliant and incisive, a great executive, a great financier—almost everything but a politician.

Canada will never realize the full extent of what it owes to the steadfast faith, buoyant optimism, foresight and sheer hard work of Lord Shaughnessy in his desire to build up Canada through the agency of the vast company he headed.

Lord Shaughnessy was unsurpassed as an administrator. His discipline was strict but tempered with justice, kindliness and a keen sense of humor which made his followers love him. His attitude towards Labour was well known. It was rightly said by the company's employees that any dispute might safely be left to him, and his frequent pronouncements in favour of giving the workingman as great an opportunity for self-improvement and enjoyment as the employer caused the employer of the old school to tremble. Finally, he was a great Canadian and a great believer in the British Empire.



The late Right Honorable Lord Shaughnessy, First Baron Shaughnessy of Montreal and of Ashford, County Limerick, Ireland, K.C.V.O., F.R.C.I.

From all parts of the world have come stirring tributes to this leader among men. H. M. the King cabled Lady Shaughnessy as follows:

"The Queen and I are grieved to hear of your bereavement, in which we offer you our sincere sympathy We shall always preserve the pleasantest memories of Lord Shaughnessy and of his unfailing kindness and consideration, both to ourselves and to members of my family." H R. H. the Prince of Wales, His Excellency the Governor-General and the Hon. W. H. Taft, ex-President and now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, stand out among the thousands who also cabled or wired their tributes.

From the Press came such appreciations as this, published by the Montreal Star: "Great builders are few and the British Empire counts herself fortunate in the long roll of brilliant servants who have spent themselves unsparingly in her interests. . . . These builders are few because in them are assembled many talents, great aspirations (often seemingly contradictory) and idiosyncracies of temperament that, leavened with unselfishness, the noblest gift of the gods, make up that indefinable quality which the world calls greatness. They are men of far vision and of the rugged determination that refuses to be balked by imposing obstacles, with an infinite capacity for work and a joy in its accomplishment; men who can dream great things and impress their fellow-workers with the reality and the practicability of those dreams after dawn.

"Lord Shaughnessy, whose passing Canada mourns today, was a man of this calibre, and because of the intangible nature of that essence which makes for greatness and crystallizes leadership, the record of his characteristics, his gifts and his achievements must leave much untold. Yet in the qualities that were revealed to his friends and associates, in the firmness of purpose and the strength of character displayed, in the very ascent of the ladder of success, rung by rung, Lord Shaughnessy has bequeathed a heritage to the youth of Canada of splendid inspiration and to the men who have lived through the historic years with him he has left a glad remembrance. . . .

"I have set up a monument more lasting than bronze" wrote the great Horace two thousand years ago. The words might be carved upon every line of railway of the system which Lord Shaughnessy did so much to bring to greatness as an epitaph of his life. Himself of strict integrity, he carried the principle of the strictest code of ethics into the administration of the road he loved so warmly and for which he laboured so untiringly. . . . The Empire mourns a great pro-consul."

And this, from the London Times, ever the spokesman for the heart of that Empire: "The romance, imagination and fine courage of the Empire builder are blended in the life story of Lord Shaughnessy. Himself a native of the United States, he lived to become not only a citizen of the Dominion of Canada across the border but most essentially a citizen of the British Empire, for his wholehearted and efficient work was not merely dedicated to the service of his country. Under his administration, the double track branched and extended so as to carry new settlers every year into the farmlands of Ontario, through the gateways of the West into the wheat-fields of the prairies, and beyond the Rockies into the valleys of British Columbia. In building the greatness of the company he served, he helped to build the greatness of his beloved country and of the Empire as well. . . . Of Lord Shaughnessy it may be said that he was a living instance of the manner in which Britain's overseas dominions assimilate the many elements of which they are composed. He came to Canada from a foreign country as a servant; he remained to be honoured by the King, to whom he gave such loyal allegiance, and to be recognized universally among his fellow-countrymen as the first citizen of the Dominion."

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2, 1924

COMMUNITY HALL IS NEEDED

Agassiz has reached, metaphorically speaking, the threshold of young manhood. Its people have much to exult in—its schools are under most capable teachers and correspondingly are turning out commendable work; its dusiness men can easily hold their own with any others in the Valley. View from what standpoint you will Agassiz ranks high, and its citizens are free, alert and thoughtful. This and more; but Agassil has needs, and it will be the duty of the Record to urge these till the end has been gained.

Intellectually and socially Agassiz needs most a community Hall. The reasons are too obvious to detail here It is through the lack of such Hall that our folks, young and old, are denied the pleasure of a "Movie," which is so commonly found today, and, really, everywhere such a social asset. Even a worse feature of not having a Community Hall is the necessity, continually existant, of going to other towns to get what is denied at home, and so sending the money right out of town.

As a matter of fact, very small places have their Community Hall, and with it tht best obtainable pictures, etc.

It is remarkable what small places are well possessed in this respect—Aldergrove, Albion, Ruskin, Whonnock, Pitt Meadows, Stave Falls, etc.

How long is our town to suffer this loss? The Record believes that the time has come for immediate action. May not the early New Year find Agassiz in this respect triumphant?

AGASSIZ RIFLE ASSOCIATION

In beautiful weather a clear atmosphere and a large crowd, the ansual Turkey Shoot of the above Club was held on Saturday, 22nd, Dec. Some splendid shooting by members and also outsiders was enjoyed, and each winner was loudly applauded on his fine showing.

The Range was crowded with visitors, some of whom had travelled quite a distance to take part in the contest and to behold the turkey slipping, slipping time after time out of their grasp when thty had visions of turkey right in their own ovens.

The shooting was the order of the day, and when it is considered that the range was 200 yards with a six inch bull, 8 inch inner and 10 inch magpie, and that all matches were won by the bull's eye, the winners have something to be proud of.

The club members were sorry to see the Harrison Lake contingent go back with empty sacks but hope they will have better luck next time.

Following were the successful winners: O. Hubbard, C. Merchant, L. Wilson (2), F. Wilson, G. Joynt (2), G. Ogilvie, R. Fox, F. Sumpter, R. Fooks, R. D. Clarke, B. Wilson, G. Green (2).

G. Joynt took the large turkey and Green the smallest, 10½lbs.

Fooks enjoyed the fun, Green can't get over it, Clarke is up in the sky, and L. Wilson put his gun ina case.

Joynt was seen parading through the town with his prizes held aloft, much to the admiration of the fair sex from far and wide.

It was disappointing that the town band was not in attendance owing to a previous engagtment, but Fooks and Green supplied all the necessary noise and everyone went away satisfied that an enjoyable day had come to an end, with a hope for another good time in the near future.

The Club has opened the roll for members for 1924 and may be entered by G. Ogilvie, the secretary, R. D. Clarke, Treasurer, or F. Sumpter, Captain. Everyone will be welcome. Young men from 18 years up are especially invited to become members. Instructors for beginners supplied by the Club, who are always coached by old members on the range.

THE AGASSIZ BOYS' AND GIRLS' PIG CLUB

A pleasing part of the program in connection with the above Club took place last week when Mr. W. H. Hicks the manager, received the balance of the prize money and was able to distribute it to those members of the Club who exhibited a pair of bacon hogs at the Agassiz Exhibition.

Those competing and prizes won are as follows:

1st, Allan Bates, $10.00.
2nd, Joseph Bourel, $9.00.
3rd, Geo. Morrow, $8.00.
4th, Clarence McRae, $7.00.
5th, Andy Pollock, $6.00
6th, Willie Fleck, $5.00.
7th, E. MacDonald, $4.00.
8th, Louise Young, $3.00.
9th, Mabel Hunt, $2.00.

Other members of the Club who did not compete are Wilfred Lawson, Muriel and Evelyn Jacques.

Ont-third of the above prize money was donated by the Federal Department of Agriculture, one-third by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the balance by the Agassiz Agricultural Association.

In the inter-Club Competition the Agassiz Club was third, and about $2 is still due each member from this fund.

Lawson, Bourel, Fleck and Pollock, exhibited their pigs at Vancouver Exhibition, and succeeded in winning the money of the classes in which they competed.

A great deal of credit is due to Mr. Hicks for his untiring interest he has taken in the matter of the Boys and Girls' Pig Club. Although a busy man Mr. Hicks is always most obliging in imparting any of his knowledge or experience to the boys and girls at any time, hence the list of prizes won by them each year.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT.

On Christmas Eve the yung people and members of the Methodist church Sunday School provided an excellent concert. The program included songs, recitations, drills and dialogues. The feature of the evening was the sketch entitled "From Way Back East," which portrayed the reception given to a couple of old timers by their nieces. The outcome of the sketch was that the kindest of the nieces received a ten thousand dollar legacy. At the close of the concert Santa Claus arrived and distributed presents to the members of the Scrool. A large crowd attended the concert and showed much appreciation of the items offered.

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENING

A delightful social evening was spent at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker's Agassiz, cards being a feature if the evening. Mr. and Mrs Henshaw were winners of the capital prizes and Mr. Webb and Mrs. Nichol the consolation prizes. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Nichol, Mr. and Mrs. Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Bruselle, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Greyell, Mr. Geo. Ogilvie.

CINDERELLA DANCE

The I.O.D.E. held a Cinderella Dance in the I.O.O.F. hall on Saturday last, but owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not large. The storm was so bad that it was at first thought advisable to postpone it, but the time was too short to give notice and the inclination so strong in some to go through with anything they started, that a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Norma Grace Brusselle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brusselle, of Agassiz, was married Saturday, Dec. 22nd, at Saskatoon, Sask., to Mr. Cyril Alexander Thompson, of Humboldt.

Miss Gordon, school teacher of Coquitlam, is spending New Year's with Mrs. A. Ogilvie.

Miss Harris and Madine Harris, of Deroche, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Horwell for New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fooks have returned from spending Christmas with her mother.

Frank Appel is visiting in Vancouver.

Mr. Douglas McNeil and Mr. Currie of Vancouver, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer.

Miss Dorothy Rodis, of Vancouver, formerly of Agassiz, is spending her holidays aguest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Inkman.

Mr. Jos. Duncan, of Harrison Mills, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McDonald, Hammersley Prairie.

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NOTICE

KENT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

AN ELECTION FOR REEVE, COUNCILLORS, SCHOOL TRUSTEES and POLICE COMMISSIONERS, 1924

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Kent that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Oddfellows' Hall, Agassiz, B.C., on Monday, the 14th day of January, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council, as Reeve and Councillors, School Trustees, and for the Election of Police Commissioners.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows: The Candidate shall be nominated in writing the writing shall be subscribed by Two Voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the Notice and 2 p.m. of the day of Nomination.

The writing may be in the form No. 5 in the schedule of the "Municipal Elections Act" and shall state the name, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such Candidate, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on SATURDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1924, at 9 a.m. at

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of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern hillself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected as and to hold the office of REEVE of any district municipality, shall, save as otherwise provided in the "Municipal Elections Act," be such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years who have been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination and are registered in the Land Registry Office as owners of land or land and improvements within the Municipality of the value, as assessed on the last assessment roll of Five Hundred Dollars or more over and above all registered judgments and charges, or who are the holders of land within the Municipality acquired by them by agreement to purchase under the "Soldiers' Land Act," or the "Better Housing Act," or the "Soldiers Settlement Act, 1919" of the Dominion, and have paid the sum of five hundred dollars or more upon the principal of the purchase price under such agreement to purchase.

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected as and to hold the office of COUNCILLORS of any district municipality, shall, save as other wise provided in the "Municipal Elections Act" be such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years who have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination and are registered at the Land Registry office as owners of land or land and improvements within the Municipality of value as assessed on last assessment roll of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above all registered judgments and charges, and such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years and are homesteaders, lessees from the Crown, or pre-emptors who have resided within the Municipality for the period of one year immediately preceding the day of nomination, and are assesed in respect of land and improvements within the Municipality of the value, according to last assessment roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above all registered judgments and charges, and such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years who are holders of lands within the Municipality acquired by them by agreement to purchase under the "Soldiers Land Act" or the "Better Housing Act" or the "Soldiers Settlement Act 1919" of the Dominion, and have paid the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars or more upon the principal of the purchase price under such agreement of purchase.

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected as and to hold the office of POLICE COMMISSIONER, of any District Municipality shall, save as otherwise provided in the "Municipal Act" be such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty one years and who have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination and are registered in the Land Registry Office, as owners of land or land and improvements, within the Municipality of the value as assessed on the last assessment roll of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above all registered judgments and charges, and such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years and are homesteaders, lessees from the Crown or pre-emptors who have resided within the Municipality for the period of one year immediately preceding the day of nomination, and are assessed in respect of land and improvements within the Municipality of the value according to the last assessment roll, of five hundred dollars of more over and above all registered judgments and charges, and such as are British subjects of the full age if twenty-one years who are holders of lands within the Municipality acquired by them by agreement to purchase under the "Soldier Land Act" or the "Better Housing Act" or the "Soldiers Settlement Act 1919," of the Domenion, and have paid the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars or more upon the principal of the purchase price under such agreement to purchase.

The qualification for a SCHOOL TRUSTEE shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the District, and having been for three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value in the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll of two hundred and fifty dollars or, more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registerer judgment or charge or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a period of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registered judgment or charge and being otherwise qualified by the Public Schools Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District.

Given under my hand at Agassiz, B.C., this 31st day of December, 1923.

HARRY FOOKS,
Returning Officer.

Miss Florence Jenking lft Agassiz for California. She sails from Vancouver Jan. 3rd.

Mr. Robt. Brown reached home on Monday to spend a few days holiday with his family, coming from Powell River.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Karr and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. Karr, Rosedale.

Mrs. Brooks, Capilano, and Mrs. Archibald, Rosedale, were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Peterson.

Miss Mabel Karr, Rosedalt, has been spending part of her vacation with relatives here.

A number from Popkum attended the Christmas concerts given at Rosedale by St. Peter's Sunday School and the Union Sunday School, and greatly enjoyed the Excellent programmes

The Popkum correspondent extends to our editor, manager, and other members of the staff, and to each and every reader, very best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. J. H. Macken spent the Xmas season with Mr. Macken at the Coast returning home on Thursday.

Mr. Will Mercer recently returned from the prairies to visit with his mother, Mrs. Jas. Mercer, Rosedale, was a recent visitor here.

Christmas Sunday was observed by our Sunday School with appropriate music and addresses, and distribution of gifts to the boys and girls from their teachtrs.

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