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THE GRADE ON LONSDALE AVENUE.

On enquiry we find that the present grades on Lonsdale avenue are: Six per cent., from the wharf to the Esplanade; 7-6 per cent., the Esplanade to First street; 8-7 per cent., First street to Keith road.

The effect of raising the lower side of First street to suit the floor of the Keith block, now in course of erection, at the corner of First street, will be to increase the grade about one per cent., and raise the side walk nearly a foot at the lane, near Dick's office, and more than a foot opposite W. E. Thompson's building, and will require about 1,200 cubic yards filling.

We believe that the council has erred in deciding to alter the present grade—even though it were the unanimous recommendation of the consulting engineers. We have been informed that equally competent surveyors and engineers themselves disagree in the matter of bench and straight grades. And, therefore, common sense should prevail in this matter. The question of grading was discussed previous to the advent of this paper, two years and a half ago, and at different intervals since. We believe that we are voicing the opinions of a majority of the ratepayers when we say leave the grade as it is, and get busy by erecting buildings in conformity with the existing line.

Ald. Jordan's remarks last night were timely, that the citizens should take more interest than they do in civic affairs. If they had done so the question of the permanent grade would have been settled ere this.

His Worship the Mayor could not have very well refused to cast his vote to alter the grade, seeing that it was the recommendation of the engineers, whom the council had requested to give an expert opinion.

Let the grade on Lonsdale avenue be settled once and for all on Monday night.

ALD. IRWIN RE GRADES

To THE EXPRESS to-day Ald. Irwin, chairman of the board of works, made the suggestion that owners erecting or intending to erect new stores or business blocks in the business district, on Lonsdale avenue, should be cautioned against building otherwise than in conformity to existing grade of street and sidewalks, as already constructed, unless duly authorized in writing by the city council, and in accordance with a profile map or plan signed by the mayor, the chairman of the board of works, and the city engineer, and sealed with the seal of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver. A copy of such plan, if any existing, should be seen at the city hall. He further said:

"I disclaim any liability on behalf of the board of works or the city if the aforesaid precautions are not observed."

The regular meeting of the North Vancouver Board of Trade will be held on Tuesday evening next in the city hall. A good attendance is requested.

James Ross, formerly connected with the Mansion barber shop on Granville street, has opened the Palace barber shop. He is a well known tonsorial artist, and should do a good business.

John W. Conway and W. B. Babcock, both restaurateurs of Seattle, will, it is stated, open an up-to-date cafe here in the new year.

CHILD MURDERED.

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man passing on the road in front of the school house in Moodyville on Saturday between 1 and 2 o'clock. The man was going north and walked within about 50 feet past the school steps, on which Agnes and her sister were sitting. She could not remember exactly how the man was dressed, but he seemed to have ragged trousers on and a dark sack coat.

Sadie Hamilton next testified that she was with her sister on Saturday between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon and that she had seen the colored man pass. She and her sisters were frightened of him. She could not remember much about his dress except that he wore a dark suit and a black stiff hat. He looked like a bad man and she and her sister ran in and told their mother of the occurrence.

SAW THE NEGRO.

The jury then adjourned at 1 o'clock for dinner and resumed their places again at 6:30, when the last witness was called. Mr. S. A. Guthrie testified that when he heard last Monday that the little Nahu girl was missing he immediately connected her disappearance with a colored man he had met down near Moodyville on Saturday sometime between 11 and 12 o'clock. Mr. Guthrie stated he was coming up from Moodyville at about that time and when he reached the car track at the corner of St. David's road and First street he met a colored man who inquired the way to town. Mr. Guthrie said he told him he was going the wrong way, that he should turn around and go back the way he had come to get to North Vancouver, whereupon the negro asked if there was not a town farther on, and Mr. Guthrie said that Moodyville was some little distance farther on. The colored man continued eastward and Mr. Guthrie said he watched him till he had disappeared. That was the last he had seen the negro.

In describing the colored man's dress Mr. Guthrie said he had on a dark sack coat, considerably tattered on one sleeve from the elbow up to the shoulder. He wore dark trousers and had on, to the best of his knowledge, a black stiff hat. It was further stated by the witness that the negro was a very hard looking creature with about a two weeks' growth of beard. He was sure he could recognize him if he saw him again.

THE VERDICT.

This closed the evidence and the coroner charged the jury, stating in effect their duty and the nature of the evidence to be considered. He brought out particularly the condition in which the body was found and the evidence which pointed to foul play.

The jury after a short consideration brought in the following verdict:

"We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Clementina Nahu, believe that the deceased came to her death, on or about the 9th of November, 1907, between Lonsdale Gardens and St. David's road and First street and Crescent street, by a blow across the forehead, from a club administered by an unknown person. Signed, W. F. Emery, foreman."

Medicated Limburger

On Thursday of this week an individual with cap peaked fore and aft, and pants with three reefs in, and bearing all the ear-marks of one fresh out from the land where they serve coffee and "sinkers" for breakfast, rushed into McMillan's grocery store and breathlessly asked the genial proprietor if he kept any limburger cheese—"the medicated kind," he explained.

Now we are well aware that these are the days of hygienic and medicated goods—in fact, almost anything can be purchased in a drugstore, from a razor that is warranted not to give you blood-poisoning if you cut your throat, to a soft stuffed with pateat breakfast food; but ye gods! who ever heard of medicated limburger?

"No," said Mac; "I haven't any in stock."

"Well, did he know where any could be purchased?"

No; and what was more, he thought that there wouldn't be any on the market until after Xmas. He blamed Pete Larson for this. Pete had sold the four-footed "arch-angel" that used to do duty for a fog-horn on foggy days, and he had sent the limburger out to the lighthouse so as to guide the Dutch skippers into port.

The last he seen of his customer was his standing in a boat, sniffing the air for the scent, and then he suddenly dropped into his seat, bent to the oars and pulled frantically in the direction of the Point Atkinson lighthouse.

F. Elliott, Brandon, [Man., is registered at the Palace Hotel.

CITY AND COUNTRY

E. B. Barnes, Indian Head, is registered at Hotel North Vancouver this week.

Mrs. J. J. Godfrey, of Hotel North Vancouver, left for England on Tuesday afternoon. She will return next May.

Miss Alice Lacombe, of St. Paul, and Mrs. Alex. Macmillan, St. Vincent, Que., were registered at Hotel North Vancouver this week.

The steamer Forrager arrived on Monday with a large cargo of flour and feed for Brackman & Ker Milling Company. She unloaded at the Western Corporation wharf.

Mrs. W. B. Campbell, wife of the popular tonsorial artist, and children, left for Jarvis, Ore., yesterday where they will visit friends for a few weeks.

The shipyards at Moodyville has been shut down till the new year. Several of the men will remain in the village till then.

A large number went up to the Capilano on Sunday. The weather was fine.

The people at the Capilano are entirely free from fog these days.

Manager Bunbury, of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and party, went up to the Capilano in an automobile on Monday. A pleasant outing was indulged in.

The deer are coming down from the mountains these days, and jumping and prancing along the Copeland road, near the Capilano hotel.

The Campbell's house, on the Dover Court road, is rapidly approaching completion.

Chesterfield Avenue, from Thirteenth to Nineteenth streets, is being cleared and graded, and will be completed next week. A sidewalk will also be laid on the west side of the street.

Mrs. J. F. Roaf, of Toronto, was a visitor to this city this week.

K. Harper, of the Bank of British North America, was registered at Hotel North Vancouver this week. He is on leave of absence for a few weeks, and of course paid a flying visit to his old stamping grounds.

Dr. Verner, of this city, an enthusiastic yachtsman, who lately arrived here from Toronto, brought along with him a four-horsepower gasoline engine, and is now making enquiries as to where he can procure a suitable hull. He also is anxious to have yachting promoted in North Vancouver.

E. C. Barnes, of Indian Head, is a guest at the Hotel North Vancouver.

Alberta V. Fowler (reader), will give a concert in Larson's hall, on Tuesday evening, November 26th. A splendid programme, consisting of comediettas—"A Pair of Lunatics" and "Chalk and Cheese," both of which are laugh provokers of the highest order. Miss Fowler will be ably assisted by Mr. W. J. Butler, who has gained a reputation here (in that line). Vocal and violin solos, and an instrumental duett will complete the programme. See window cards next week.

The City of North Vancouver is noted for its scenic attractions, for the beauty of its location and its homes, and as being the proposed terminus of the two new transcontinental railways.

Athletic park is being re-graded preparatory to seeding, a large gang of men now being employed thereon. When complete this piece of ground should equal any lawn on the Coast.

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R. KERR HOULGATE, MANAGER

the B. C. Electric Railway Company, made a trip up to Capilano dam on Monday last in Mr. Gifford's big touring car. This is a splendid tribute to the road, as the car is one of the largest seen around here.

"A miss is as good as a mile." So thought three prominent ladies who were returning from the opera, one night lately. They had missed the last boat, and it was up to them to devise a scheme to get across, so they jollied the captain, and finally won his consent to come once again, much to the delight of the three travellers.

The church notices have been unavoidably crowded out this week.

The launch Echo will be rebuilt immediately and put on the run northward to the camps.

On Monday last the Club tobacco and billiard saloon was formerly opened, opposite the city hall on Lonsdale avenue. A first-class English billiard table has been installed, and the best cigars, tobaccos and pipes are kept in stock. Mr. J. Pictou Warlow is in charge. All are invited.

Messrs W. Braeme and Albert Emerson, along with several others, returned this week from a week's hunt around Povell lake. They report a plentiful supply of game, and judging from the size of their load we also agree with them.

Owing to a pressure of space in this week's issue the annual report of the president of the Ladies of the Maccabees lodge has been crowded out, but will appear next week. An organization meeting will be held on Tuesday evening in the Orange hall. All ladies intending to become members are invited to attend.

Mr. Pete Larson, proprietor of the Hotel North Vancouver, is confined to his room with an attack of lumbago, but will be out again in a day or two.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, FOR the information of intending settlers and others, that selection has been made of the 3,500,000 acres of land situated in the Peace River Valley, Province of British Columbia, granted to the Dominion Government under the provisions of Section 7, of "An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province," and such land is not open to entry under the Land Laws of the Province.

The block selected is described as follows: Commencing at a point 33 1/2 miles south of the Peace River, on the 120th Meridian, being the Eastern boundary of the Province, thence West 75 miles and 38.64 chains, thence East 72 miles and 35.03 chains, thence East 75 miles and 38.64 chains, thence South to the point of commencement, following the 120th Meridian, and containing approximately 3,500,000 acres.

Notice is Also Given that, with a view to facilitating settlement in the Valleys of the Peace, Parsnip and Pack Rivers, the following belt of land forty miles in width, and extending 20 miles on each side of the Peace, Parsnip and Pack Rivers has been reserved for actual settlers, to be acquired by pre-emption only under the Land Act, such land not being open for sale, lease, license or other alienation under the said Act except by pre-emption.

Commencing at the intersection of the Western boundary of the block of land selected by the Dominion Government with the Peace River, thence following the Peace River and Parsnip River to their confluence with the Pack River, and thence following the Pack River to the point where said Pack River leaves McLeod Lake, and extending for a distance of 20 miles on each side of said Rivers and approximately 170 miles in length.

All lands outside the boundaries of the Dominion Government Grant and the reserve above described are open for location under the laws of the Province.

W. J. BOWSER,
Acting Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, September 13th, 1907.

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