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HUGE DOCK SCHEME FOR CITY

Project Involving Expenditure of $1,000,000 for this City Construction Already Begun

Mr. James P. Fell, manager for the Lonsdale Estate, has awarded to the Norton Griffiths Steel Construction Co. the contract for the construction of the bulkheads for the extensive dockage scheme which it is the intention of the Lonsdale Estate to carry out in front of D. L. 265, this city.

The contracting company has already commenced operations upon its portion of this great undertaking, which when completed in all its details will give North Vancouver the finest system of docks, wharves, warehouses etc. on Burrard Inlet, the total cost of the construction of which will not be less than one million dollars. As Mr. Fell has previously declared, it is not the intention of the Lonsdale Estate to carry the whole project to immediate completion, but to construct it on the unit system, keeping the accommodation at all times well in advance of the demands which conditions may create.

The contract upon which the Norton Griffiths Company is at present working includes the construction of an immense bulkhead, which will in reality constitute a sea wall of great strength. This wall is to be constructed of cement of the latest approved texture and will be of massive proportions in order to respond to all tests to which it may be subjected.

Upon the completion of the bulkhead about May 1st, the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company will at once begin dredging operations removing the sand from the sea front of the bulkhead and dumping it on the shore side thus building the necessary land area for wharves, etc. When the dredging operations are completed there will be a clear depth of thirty feet of water at low tide in front of the incline of the sea wall, thus affording accommodation for the largest seagoing vessels.

The inception of the huge scheme of harbor improvement marks a new era in the progress and development of the North Shore as a great commercial port.

MAYOR McNEISH EXPOSTULATES WITH TORONTO

Queen City Over-Zealous re Hindus—Should "Attend Its Own Knitting"—Wiseacres Have Some Things to Learn—Gratuitous Advice Not Required.

According to an associated press despatch Mayor McNeish of this city has been vouchsafing some fatherly counsel since his arrival in Toronto, to certain societies in that city which have manifested a tendency to offer gratuitous advice with reference to the question of Hindu immigration.

Toronto's "butting in" tendency, was the subject of some pertinent remarks upon the part of North Vancouver's militant mayor, according to the despatch referred to. Mayor McNeish characterized the same as "very ludicrous," in the course of an interview which he is reported to have granted and further criticised the societies in Toronto which were freely reiterating their opinions with regard to the Sikhs who are in the Dominion.

The despatch proceeds:

"Why should Toronto butt in on this affair?" asked Mayor McNeish. "Toronto is usually interested in things that do not concern it. It should attend to its own knitting before it wades into affairs of British Columbia. I notice some local people believe that the Sikhs should be allowed in Canada because they are British subjects and a fine class of people.

Toronto Should Come West

"Now, these wiseacres should come to Vancouver and take a peep at the conditions and they will not be so free with their views, which are antagonistic to the welfare of the coast. It seems very peculiar to me why Toronto should interest itself with the Sikhs at all, because they are a worthless lot and I would not mind seeing their wives barred as well as the male portion of the family."

SUCCESSFUL MASQUERADE ON ST. VALENTINE'S NIGHT

Judges Had Difficult Task at K. of P. Social Club's Costume Dance

A large assembly of fearfully and wonderfully disguised citizens upheld the traditions of the festival of St. Valentine on Wednesday night and under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias Social Club tripped the floor of Castle Hall on Fourth street to the encouraging strains of Chance's five-piece orchestra. The guests arrived masked and garbed so effectively as to be unrecognisable in most instances. Then followed a commingling of heterogeneous characters, historical, mediaeval, modern and fictional. Some had stepped out of a nursery rhyme book, others from the covers of American humorous papers. The following list of characters represented will, however, speak for itself:

Ladies—Spring, colonial girl, queen of hearts, red cross nurse, Spanish girl, hospital nurse, Turkish girl, cow girl, Martha Washington, Mrs. John Bull, Highland lassies, night, bride and bridesmaids, flower girl school girl, roses, pierette Swiss girl, maids of all work and others.

Men—Chinamen, monks, cavalier, Knight Templar, Highlander, Jack Tar, clowns, coons, deadbeat, Seedy Sam, and Weary Willy, pierrot, R. N. W. Mounted Police, Jew, bootblack, Buster Brown, French soldier, naval officer, Indian chief, king of hearts, etc.

Handsome prizes were awarded for the most attractive dresses, two to the ladies and two to the gentlemen. These were secured by Mrs. W. J. Dick (first prize best dressed lady) who was "Martha Washington", and Miss Munro (second prize, best sustained character) who as "Buster Brown" tripped around with real Busterlike mischievousness. Mr. W. Melville annexed the gentleman's first prize for his representation of a "Knight Templar" while Mr. W. J. Dick was awarded the second for his almost impenetrable appearance as a "Highlander."

Honorable mention was made of Mrs. Heard as an Egyptian dancing girl, Mr. C. Wheeler as a handsome well developed "maiden," and Miss Woodward as a cowgirl. The judges, Messrs. Davis and G. H. Morden, experienced considerable difficulty in arriving at these decisions, the costumes being so generally excellent and deserving of mention. Shortly after eleven o'clock the order was given to unmask. Henceforward the proceedings took the form and character of an ordinary dance, guests in modern and conventional attire joining those more picturesquely garbed. The Social Club is to be congratulated on the provision of an excellent night throughout and everyone claims to have reached the pinnacle of enjoyment. As a masquerade, the event has since been described as the finest display of costumes ever witnessed on the north shore.

CAPT. CATES AND A FOURTH FERRY

Advocates Construction on Same Lines As Number Three

The ferry directorate convened yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. C. Gladwin presiding in the absence of Mayor McNeish. Several matters of varying importance arose for consideration, one of the minor topics being the attitude which the board should adopt towards anonymous letters. Such a communication had come to hand complaining of the misbehaviour of two ferry passengers and seeking to have the ferry authorities vested with the power to take charge of such persons during transit. The letter was signed by an "Observer".

The directors decided that in future all communications must bear the signature of the sender. Otherwise no attention will be paid to them.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. E. S. Busby inspector of customs, referring to the construction of bonded warehouses on north and south shores and the obtaining of licensed privileges as bonded carriers.

Capt. Cates, who had been prosecuting inquiries in this connection, was inclined to advise the board to have nothing to do with the matter. In the first place they would be interfering with people who owned wharves and in the second place they would have to look to the citizens to provide for the maintenance of an officer and other expenses.

Mr. W. L. Boult did not think it was a question of interfering with private enterprises. If such arrangements as these would be a convenience to the public, he thought they should be the first to start upon them.

Capt. Cates urged upon the board to appoint a committee to go thoroughly into the pros and cons of the matter. This was subsequently done, the acting-president nominating Capt. Cates and Mr. Boult, together with Acting Mayor McRae) who was present at the meeting).

There was little burst of discussion on the proposition which cropped up last week of bringing the cars on to the wharf.

Ald. McRae endeavored to turn a deaf ear to certain unflattering comments on the past attitude of the civic authorities towards the condition of Lonsdale avenue. Mr. Wright called attention to certain obstacles of danger and inconvenience which would have to be surmounted.

Capt. Cates, however, stemmed the tide of argument by observing that no man provided a door for his house until he owned a house. "At present we haven't a wharf," said the captain, "so what's the use of talking?" The matter was left over to be taken up at a future date.

Today the directors cross the Inlet for the purpose of investigating the need of a sidewalk and other improvements on the Vancouver wharf, for the use of foot passengers leaving the ferry.

The chairman then introduced the question of a fourth ferry boat. In his opinion it was quite time they began to get busy in this connection.

Capt. Cates thereupon pooh pooheed the idea of spending a large amount of public money on experts' commissions, etc. If they desire to build a $130,000 boat under these conditions they would probably have to pay $6,500 commission. The captain suggested that plans for the fourth ferry should be drawn up on substantially the same plans as ferry number three with the addition of a few proposed improvements. "Our present system,' said Capt. Cates, "is approved as 1st class by travellers from all over the world."

"There is nothing better in San Francisco," added Manager Heard.

"We've got the plans, we've got the material and we've got the men to superintend them," urged the captain, reluctant to spend that commission money.

Acting Mayor McRae agreed with him.

"None of us," said Mr. Wright, "will know more about a matter of this kind than Capt. Cates. Personally I would like to have inquiries made as to whether it would be possible to have two boats built for about the same cost as one—one for passenger traffic and one for teams. This is the system which prevails in New South Wales where I spent a considerable period of my life."

"But that arrangement," argued Mr. Gladwin, "would require the provision of an extra crew. I don't think we can better our present system. It is the system used in St. John's, San Francisco, Halifax and New York, and it is certainly the most economical."

"I was looking into the future," said Mr. Wright.

"I consider these are the best for the future," remarked Mr. Gladwin.

Eventually a resolution was passed in accordance with Capt. Cates' initial suggestion, Manager Heard being asked to lay plans and data before the Board at a subsequent session.

LONSDALE THEATRE

The patrons of the Lonsdale Theatre will be pleased to hear that Will Lochrane will continue to delight them all next week in an entirely new program.

There will also be included Agnes Wallace, the children's favorite, also Tilly Dunbar and W. H. McCluskey.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY

Option Taken on Larson's Hotel Property—Record Price Involved.

A well defined report has been in circulation of late to the effect that Mr. P. Larson has given an option upon his hotel property in this city. It has been impossible to fully authenticate this report because of the absence of Mr. Larson who is at present in California together with his family, but there is every reason to believe that the report is founded on fact. As accurately as can be ascertained the option is now in possession of an experienced operator who is now engaged upon the completion of his plans to finance the purchase. The purchase price named approximates $700,000 and the option has yet several weeks to run. As is well known, this is one of the historic properties of North Vancouver and for nine or ten years has been a favorite holiday resort for Vancouver pleasure seekers. It includes the property upon which Hotel North Vancouver stands in addition to several hundred feet of most valuable waterfront property.

North Lonsdale Conservative Club

New Political Organization Will be Formed Next Week

The Richmond Central Conservative Association has arranged to form a Conservative Club for North Lonsdale. The club will include all the territory outside of the city of North Vancouver known as North Lonsdale.

A meeting has been arranged at the church hall, North Lonsdale, on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, at 8.45 p.m. following the meeting of the ratepayers' association. It is hoped that all Conservatives residing in this district will endeavor to attend this meeting and make the club the success which ought reasonably to be expected.

C.P.R. on North Shore

A well defined rumor is in circulation to the effect that a gang of C. P. R. workmen was at work this week in the vicinity of Roche Point. The report proceeds to the effect that the necessary location has been secured and that a permanent camp will be erected at once preparatory to the road gangs being put on for clearing the right of way.

Mr. J. P. Fell waited upon the city council in committee last night in connection with the proposed operations in D. L. 265. It was arranged that Acting-Mayor McRae, together with the engineer and Board of Works should meet Mr. Fell this afternoon with the city solicitor to go into the matter of drawing up a final agreement.

Mr. H. V. Baker, formerly manager at Hotel North Vancuver, established an office in the premises occupied by the Lonsdale Realty Company and will operate individually along real estate and financial lines. Mr. Baker is well pleased with the success which has attended his initial efforts, having turned over several pieces of close in property within the past few days.

Bought Bankrupt Stock

Great Sale Pending at Sensational Prices

Mr. J. H. English, proprietor of the O. K. Grocery, yesterday completed the purchase of the bankrupt stock of A. B. Fletcher, corner of Lonsdale avenue and 15th street at a low rate on the dollar for cash. Mr. English will proceed at once to overhaul and price the stock and next week will throw the entire $10,000 worth of groceries on the market at prices below the cost wholesale. Mr. English declares that it is his intention to do a whirlwind business and to clear out the entire stock together with fixtures, teams, wagons, etc., in record time, and he has proven himself a business man with the faculty of making good at whatever he seriously undertakes.

The Lonsdale Supply Stores were burglarously entered by the front door early this week, but the intruder was evidently startled and made a rapid escape by a back exit. So far the only missing article is a ham.

Mr. Geo. A. McBain has presented the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church with a valuable site situated on the corner of Tenth street and St. George's avenue. Mr. McBain's offer was conveyed to the management at the last meeting and a recommendation was passed to the effect that the erection of a church on the site will be commenced upon as soon as possible. It is hoped that the church will be opened free of debt.

On the horizon of notable events the second annual concert of the North Vancouver City Band looms very promisingly. The director of the band, Mr. Robert Chance, announces the date of this musical treat as March 6th, the Knights of Pythias hall having been chartered for that night. Those who know the progress that has been made by the band during the last twelve months will be eager to hear their program, which, by the way, will include items by two professional singers from over the Inlet.

Bank of Montreal to Open Next Week

All preliminary arrangements having been brought to consummation the Bank of Montreal will open towards the end of next week. Mr. Farquhar McRae, who is to manage the local branch, has leased from Messrs. Cardinall and McGregor, the residence of ex-Ald. A. J. Henderson, on the corner of Fourth street and St. Patrick's.

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LOST

LOST—Two cheques, in favor of P. Burns and S. A. Squair. Return to Box A36. t.f.

LOST—On Sunday afternoon at corner of Fell Avenue and 16th small male Airedale terrier puppy. Finder please return to City Hall and receive $5 reward.

Express Classified Ads.

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FOR RENT—Comfortable rooms, Ireland, Foreman block, 1st street west. 8-3

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DISTRICT COUNCIL LETS CONTRACTS

Forty-six Tenders for Five Pieces of Work

A goodly portion of Tuesday night's special meeting of the District Council (at which acting-reeve Bridgman presided), was taken up with the consideration of tenders for five pieces of important work recommended to be undertaken by the Board of Works. These were (1) the clearing and grubbing of the road from Keith road, southwards to Mr. J. Taylor's property in D. L. 230; (2) the clearing, etc., of the Marine Drive, west from Capilano river to D. L. 237; (3) the clearing, etc., of the road in D. L. 554; (4) the construction of sidewalks in D. L. 854; and (5) the clearing and grubbing of road from King street to Frome Road, Lynn Valley.

The following were the tenders submitted:

For the work in D. L. 230, etc:—Grant & Co., $2,022; J. C. Brown, $2,700; C. E. Lund & Co, $2,881.35; Von Snellingburg & J. Romaine, $6,824; D. Koldv, $2,082; Thompson & Stewart, $2,679.15; McPherson & Armytage, $4,200; Romano Pinto, $2,527.50; R. Stewart & Rosslyn, $3,791; Ernest Hughes, $5,670.50; P. O. Beglund, 80c. per foot.

After deliberation in committee, the council accepted Grant & Co.'s tender of $2,022.

For the Marine Drive:—J. C. Brown, $3,150; D. Phillpot, $4,200; Linberg, Lund & Co, $4,165.55; E. D. Bellen, $1,633.30; Grant & Co., $2,884.68; Thompson & Stewart, $3,428.10; McPherson & Armytage, $4,290; Nicholas Vass, $2,877.60; D. Koldv, $5,782.05; K. Varrigan & C. Gasoloff, $4,797.65; M. Beck, $3,470; Romano Pinto, $4,175.25; Ernest Hughes, $3,243.50.

The work was awarded to E. D. Bellew whose tender was $1,633.30, but the council pointed out that the figures were far below the estimate, and resolved that if Mr. Bellew wished to reconsider the matter or "back out," he should be allowed to do so. In which case, the work would be given to Nicholas Varr, his tender being $2,877.60.

For the work in D. L. 554:—Ernest Hughes, $471.25; J. C. Brown, $175; Chas. Buckstone, $430; McPherson & Armytage, $202.10; J. Stewart of Hollyburn, $165.55.

The council accepted the last named tender.

For the work in D. L. 854:—D. D. Koldv, $193.80; G. Julian, $936.70; W. S. Graves, 16c. per foot; J. C. Brown, $323; K. Sogoff, $370; Thompson & Stewart, $1,613.70.

The council accepted D. Koldv's tender of $193.80.

For the Lynn Valley work, K. Sogoff $417.23 per acre; Frank Pochull $1400; Ernest Hughes $1885; D. Phillpott $1490 J. C. Brown $1000; J. Ryan and J. Laurie $2385; E. D. Bellen $855.34; Thompson and Stewart $1350; Walter Lyle $1522; Linberg, Lund & Co. $2,015.40; Nicholas Van $1740.

The successful tender was that of E. D. Billen, $855.

Acting clerk Bayliss read a letter from the provincial secretary in answer to a communication from the council on the question of the government's interest in certain lands in the district which letter had been referred to the secretary's office. Mr. W. A. Macdonald of Vancouver had been appointed a commission to take up the question with the council.

A complaint from McPherson and Armytage as to the condition of the Keith road west of the Thompson Co. store in D. L. 555 was referred to the board of works. The same course was adopted in the case of a letter from the Merchants Trust and Trading Co., Ltd., who asked for the grading and laying of a sidewalk on Evelyn road, from Hoskins road to the far side of block 11, D. L. 2088.

The following were also handed over to the board of works: a letter from A. E. Waghorne representing the management of Knox church, asking for the continuation of the sidewalk on Lynn Valley road from Centre road to the church; from E. D. Bellen, petitioning for the opening up of the avenue next east of Lloyd avenue in D. L. 600; from sundry ratepayers, asking for the opening up of road to lots 21 to 26 of block 3, on Lloyd avenue; from G. and J. Fitchett, seeking a road to lots 9 and 10, block 1, north-east corner of D. L. 617; and others.

Mr. A. G. Perry, local manager of the B. C. E. R. Co., informed the council by letter that he had received application from the Seymour Lumber Co. for power service to their new mill on block 2, D. L. 785 on St. George's Avenue. The council was asked to instruct the engineer to supply the company's line foreman with the necessary location for pole line as soon as possible as the Lumber company were anxious to get the power.

The same company was mentioned in connection with a promise of their's to keep St. George's avenue clear of lumber. The district chief of police was given full power to see to the fulfilment of this promise.

The Lynn Valley Lumber Co., Ltd., sought immediate action in the matter of opening up Dempsey road to the Lynn Valley road for the purpose of enabling them to get lumber to persons building on the upper end of Lynn Valley road. The request was referred to the Board of Works.

Councillor Westover fathered a motion recommending that the engineer should report on the falls in Mosquito as a suitable reservoir site for a water system.

Councillor Loutet enumerated the work authorised by the Board of Works, prefacing his statement with an explanation to the effect that the Board were covering one section of the municipality at a time. The engineer has instructions to carry out the following work: Construction of sidewalk south of King St. on St. George's avenue to Mr. Russell's house; continuation of sidewalk on Queen street from present termination on the north side to Mahon avenue; construction of 6 foot trail from road now under contract at Cove Cliff to Mr. J. J. Wood's house. The Board also instructed the engineer to report upon the width of Robson road with a view to calling for tenders for the extension of same from its present termination to Capilano road.

Councillor Ward recommended that tenders be called for the clearing of Keith road, east of the Seymour to

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ing down into the wistful face.

"Miss Cooper," I began, "it seems that you trust me, and, believe me, I'm keenly sensible of the responsibility. I shall ask nothing of you which I think you can't freely perform; nothing that is not for the best interests of all concerned—all for whom you care, I mean."

She interrupted me.

"Sit down—here where you were before; it will not seem so much like your talking to me from a distance."

I obeyed. The chairs were quite close together.

"It seems to me," I went on, "that we should continue in the direction that has been pointed out for us; follow the light, however dim. There is a mystery here, and we are just now only skimming the surface of it; let's plunge below and see if we can't bring up at least part of the truth.

"It is hard to believe that Alfred Fluette has been instrumental in Felix Page's death, even indirectly, but harder, more unjust to him, to pause without dissipating the cloud we have unexpectedly cast over him. The temptation to scrutinize his conduct and bearing is irresistible. Is it not better to lay bare all the facts, than to leave matters in the equivocal condition they now are?"

"You mean," she murmured brokenly, "you mean that—now—after what has happened between us—the duty of pressing forward at whatever cost is far more imperative than any other obligation that I may be under; that the innocent must not be sacrificed to shield the guilty."

That was precisely what I meant but I lacked the courage to tell her.

"My dear Miss Cooper!" I said, in a voice as tremulous with emotion as her own.

"I trust you," she said simply.

I knew not what to say; her faith in me was manifestly so boundless that I was humbled to the earth. And yesterday we were ignorant of each other's very existence! Stressful circumstance can level the conventions with amazing swiftness.

"You are trembling," she whispered presently. "I am making what would be a commonplace matter very difficult for you."

"No—no!" I protested. "I feel for you; I can't tell you how much."

"Don't think of me," she again whispered, her look averted.

"I can think of nothing else," said I. My teeth suddenly clenched, and I bent toward her.

"I'll not allow this thing!" I undertoned in a savage outburst, recognizing the futility of my anger even as I spoke. "I shall not allow you to become further involved in this thing. Whatever the cost, I shall shield you."

A pitiful smile stirred her lips.

"You have shown me my duty," she said, with gentle firmness; "you can't dissuade me now."

What do words avail at such a time? I loved this splendid girl, and my heart ached for her. I was almost swept from my balance by a sudden mad yearning to take her in my arms and try to comfort her.

Yes, I loved her; there is no use in holding back the confession; else where would be my great personal interest and concern in the death of Felix Page?

Yet I did not protest further; remonstrance would avail me nothing. Gently as she had spoken, it was driven home to me that she had expressed a determination which no power in heaven or on earth below could change.

Another long silence followed, during which I as well as she was stirred by the most conflicting emotions. At last, though, I too began to see my way clear. Matters could not be helped any by either of us shirking the least part of a responsibility which had, within the last few minutes, become sweetly mutual. How anxious I was to spare her!

The silence was broken by Genevieve abruptly rising.

"I must really go," she announced hurriedly. She was the least bit flurried, and there was a wonderful soft light in their handsome eyes that had not been there when she came. As she passed me she lightly brushed my shoulder with the gloved tips of her one hand.

"I am no longer cast-down," I heard her murmur; "I know you will do—what is right."

I caught the fingers, detaining her. "Don't go—not yet."

She lingered, expectant and more cheerful.

"I can't let you go like this"—I was steady enough now. She moved again to the chair she had just vacated, and I released the slim, soft fingers.

"There is one thing we haven't considered," I pursued, "and that is Mr. Alexander Burke. You say Mr. Fluette despises him: if he does, it is not without warrant, I'd be willing to swear. What that fellow's game is I can't just at this time conceive, but I'm confident that he's playing one of some kind—a deep one, too. If he is, the potentialities are endless with such a cunning, unscrupulous rascal.

"I'm satisfied, moreover, that he has lied to me. According to his statement, no one was in this house last night besides himself, Mr. Page, and Royal Maillot. Between him and Maillot I give the latter the preference, for, if the stories of both are true on any one point, it is that Burke was up and about before and during the time the murder was committed. Burke is consequently in the best position to know who was or was not in the house.

"Now I have a particular reason for thinking that this is one phase of the matter about which he has lied. Should it be that some one else was here—some one that we knew nothing about—why, that would put an entirely different complexion upon the affair."

"Suppose," she propounded evenly, "that it was Uncle Alfred?"

I looked at her earnestly.

"You don't know that he was here," was my sober comment.

"No."

"Well, then, what's the use of borrowing trouble?"

"It's very silly—especially as I have trouble enough as it is."

With an impulsive movement, she thrust one little gloved hand into mine.

"I am still your assistant," she affirmed, striving hard to be gay, "if you will have me now. Together we will drive the trouble away."

I caught the other hand, and held the two of them together. She permitted the caress for a moment—for caress it was—then drew her hands away.

"Good-bye," she said faintly, without looking up.

But I got my hat and coat and walked down to the gate with her. Of a sudden, after we reached the walk, she moved a pace or two away from me and halted. Her pretty face dimpled in a smile, and there was a gleam of mischief in the blue eyes. One can't be always melancholy.

"I suppose I'm a big goose," she said, "to have any faith in you; I'm thinking it's a case of misplaced confidence."

She waved a hand, gathered her skirts closely about her slender figure and tripped away through the snow.

I could not realize any portion of the past when she had not been near and dear to me.

CHAPTER XIV.

Riddles

I returned to the library and heaped the fireplace with coal. For an hour after Genevieve's departure I was utterly unable to concentrate my mind upon any congeries of fact that might be of the least possible use in unravelling the badly tangled skein presented by Felix Page's death; I could see nothing but the fine blue eyes clouded with trouble, and the sweet face under the shadow of her gnawing anxiety.

I fished up the cipher, flattened it upon the library table, and strove manfully to hold my vagrant attention to the task of interpreting its secret message. My thoughts straightway wandered back to Genevieve again.

Now that I was alone, it was inevitable that I should sum up the results of our conference. I did not blink the truth; the facts were plain, not susceptible of argument.

No matter what the future might have in store for Genevieve and me, whether it was replete with delicious promise, or whether the useless iron gate marked the parting of our ways, her intrusion must ever remain a cherished memory. But it would have been better for her peace of mind not to have sought me out. If she had not, she would have remained ignorant of the circumstance that she possessed any knowledge hurtful to her uncle; if she had remained away, the accusation that he had come to harm through her could never reproach her in after years.

Her errand had been impelled by a conviction that I would appreciate her more intimate knowledge of her cousin's lover. She knew that she could lay before me no tangible testimony in his behalf, but hoped that I could be made to sympathize with her estimate of his character.

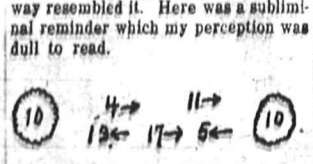
During her first visit to the house, with Belle, she had clearly recognized the seriousness of the young man's predicament, and that I would be governed only by the facts as I read them. Notwithstanding he was somewhat fiery and headstrong, if she could influence me to see that he was honest, sincere and straightforward, she felt hopeful that I would continue my investigation with a strong leaning in his favor.

Was ever a cipher so empty of all meaning! What addle-pate had conceived it? Why should he want to perpetrate anything so idiotic?

By her simplicity and singleness of purpose, however, she had innocently drawn my attention to her uncle; then, in a measure, she had verified my awakened suspicions. While Maillot and Felix Page were in the library, engrossed in their own affairs, could Alfred Fluette have been in the house?

Highly improbable as such a contingency might appear, still it was by no means impossible. "Suppose," Genevieve had asked me, "that it was Uncle Alfred?" Never, unless she herself had some reason to doubt and mistrust, would she have propounded that question. Had he been absent from home until an unwontedly late hour last night? Was his manner in the morning of a nature to draw attention to himself, so that, in the light of later developments, it had provoked her suspicions? I had purposely refrained from asking her any questions touching upon this possibility.

In a flash the image of Genevieve Cooper swam out of my thoughts. My whole attention become glued to the cipher. At each end of the two rows of numerals and arrrows was a peculiar crenellated design; it had struck me with a sudden sense of familiarity. Where had I ever seen anything similar or identical, that this odd symbol should penetrate into the midst of my absorption and force me unwittingly to try to recall the circumstance? Quite recently, I was sure—to-day—in this very house. My glance skirted the spacious library, darting from one object to another, but encountered nothing at all that in any way resembled it. Here was a subliminal reminder which my perception was dull to read.



Filled with the idea, I thrust the strip of parchment-like paper back into my pocketbook, and started eagerly upon another tour of the entire establishment. I paused in one room after another, examined each article in turn, but ended not a whit wiser than when I began.

Yet my belief in the correctness of the veiled mental impulse remained unshaken. The design was a facsimile of some object in this house; something my eyes had rested upon, albeit without the existence at the time of any occasion to fix it upon my mind; but conjure my brain as I would, I could not recall where or when.

When Stodger returned, I determined at last, I would set him at work searching for the odd symbol, or whatever it might be. When I made this resolve I was standing beside the old Walnut table at the head of Mr. Page's bed; with a forefinger I idly traced the design in the dust on the artificial leather cover, beside the impress made by the jewel-box.

My preoccupation was broken in upon by the arrival of the undertaker's men. It would not do—if the ruby was really beneath this roof—to grant any strangers unrestricted privileges of the house; at least not without keeping a heedful eye upon their movements. Alexander Burke, I shrewdly suspected, was equal to any subterfuge or ruse to obtain the jewel, and I did not mean to be caught napping.

No small responsibility is involved in safeguarding $500,000—the amount Maillot declared his uncle had paid for the ruby—particularly when the guardian himself does not know precisely where the treasure lies. It would not do to take any chances. Otherwise, if the amount had been materially less, or had been in a form not so easily disposed of about the person or by thrusting it into a convenient cranny, or, perhaps, even tossing it unseen through a window to a waiting confederate on the outside, my wisest course might have been to permit Burke, or whoever knew where the jewel was, to lead me to its hiding-place. But I must be vigilant, always alert; there would be little sleep for me until I had this extraordinary gem safe in my hands.

So I remained with the undertaker's men until they departed with the body.

As I turned to re-enter the house Stodger's portly form hove into view. He dropped into one of the library's big easy-chairs.

"Whew!" he gasped. "I'm a peach of a shadow, ain't I? Nice work for one of my build. Say! That fellow Burke—Alexander Stilwell—he's the—you know—most restless party I ever saw. If Fanshawe hadn't relieved me when he did I'd be worked down to about middle-weight by this time."

"Anything particular?" I inquired.

"Er—no. You know he came back here. Rest o' the time he spent dodging in and out of old Page's offices at the Drovers' National. Walk like a house afire for—m'm'm—maybe a block; next time maybe six blocks."

"Well?"

"Then he'd—ah—he'd turn round and walk back again."

"Not very interesting for you. But we know one thing for certain: he's uneasy. I have a far lighter task for you, though, than following the erratic movements of Mr. Alexander Burke."

And then I recounted for his benefit all that I knew respecting the ruby, declared my belief that it lay somewhere in the house, and, finally, outlined my plans for the immediate future.

"We'll divide the vigil between us, Stodger; you and I shall camp right here until that costly bauble comes to light. We'll have to keep our eyes open and our wits about us, too; I wouldn't be surprised at some tricky attempt to recover it at any time—especially during darkness."

After showing him the cipher and requesting that he be observant to find the counterpart of the two peculiar designs, I left him in charge of the house. Next I arranged that our meals be brought to us, after which I returned to town and held a long conference with my chief. This proved to be eminently satisfactory, inasmuch as he left the Page affair entirely in my hands.

Although I hoped that some new development would require another interview with Miss Cooper, absolutely nothing transpired until the next morning. During the rest of Wednesday afternoon—perhaps I forgot to mention that the murder was committed at about midnight Tuesday—and until late Wednesday night, Stodger and I prosecuted a diligent and systematic search for the ruby, the original of the design of the cipher, and for anything else that might bear upon the crime, but found nothing to reward our efforts. At a late hour we knocked off and sought the library's easy-chairs. After a while Stodger asked me for the cipher. When I dropped off to sleep he was industriously digging away at it, with many gasps and inarticulate exclamations.

Concerning the cipher, it is perhaps well to mention that I applied it to the door of the hidden safe on the chance that the opposed arrows indicated the different movements of the dial; but I discovered the combination to be much simpler. In fact, there were not sufficient tumblers in the dial to allow for so complicated a combination at all.

There remained the possibility that the numerals belonged to some other safe, though I did not think so: those two odd crenellated figures could have nothing in common with any permutation-lock. I had seen them; they were tantalizingly familiar; but where? And what meaning did those two figure "10's" bear? Here was a riddle for Œdipus.

The next morning—Thursday—Dr. De Breen conducted the inquest in the library. I mention this hearing solely because of a number of circumstances which occurred during the proceedings—although unrelated to them—and which have a bearing upon the story. As for the testimony itself, it was about as satisfactory as in most instances where little respecting the crime is definitely known.

Stodger and I had the burden of additional watchfulness imposed upon us; a number of people would be brought upon the scene, and each of us had to be present at some time during the hearing without leaving the house unguarded for a second.

"Looky here, Swift," Dr. De Breen

WATER NOTICE

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(a) The name, address and occupation of the applicant—Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.

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(b) The name of the lake, stream or source (if unnamed, the description is)—Dick Lake, elevation of 1600 feet above Howe Sound.

(c) The point of diversion—At outlet of Lake.

(d) The quantity of water applied for (in cubic foot per second) ....

(e) The character of the proposed works—Dam to be constructed across outlet of lake.

(f) The premises on which the water is to be used (describe same)—City of North Vancouver.

(g) The purposes for which the water is to be used—Domestic and Municipal Purposes.

(h) If for irrigation describe the land intended to be irrigated, giving acreage .....

(i) If the water is to be used for power or mining purposes describe the place where the water is to be returned to some natural channel, and the difference in altitude between point of diversion and point of return. .....

(j) Area of Crown Land intended to be occupied by the proposed works—160 acres.

(k) This notice was posted on the 30th day of January, 1912, and application will be made to the Commissioner on the 12th day of March, 1912.

(l) Give the names and addresses of any riparian proprietors or licensees who or whose lands are likely to be affected by the proposed works, either above or below the outlet—Jas. J. Mulhall, 432 Homer Street, Vancouver; West Shore & Northern Land Co. Ltd., Vancouver; August Nelson, Eagle Harbor, B. C.

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
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City Clerk.
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(r) Approximately the number of inhabitants—Six thousand (6,000)

(s) The place of the proposed reservoir for storing—Dick Lake.

(t) The means by which it is proposed to store the water—Natural storage by use of lake and dam

(u) The area of the reservoir site or sites at each foot in depth above outlet:

1	foot above outlet	11.2
2	" " "	11.4
3	" " "	11.8
4	" " "	12.2
5	" " "	12.6
6	" " "	13.0
7	" " "	13.4
8	" " "	14.1
9	" " "	14.5
10	" " "	14.9
11	" " "	15.4
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22	" " "	20.8
23	" " "	21.4
24	" " "	22.0
25	" " "	22.5
26	" " "	23.1
27	" " "	23.6
28	" " "	24.2
29	" " "	24.7
30	" " "	25.2
31	" " "	25.7
32	" " "	26.0
33	" " "	26.3
34	" " "	26.6
35	" " "	26.9
36	" " "	27.2
37	" " "	27.5
38	" " "	27.7
39	" " "	27.9
40	" " "	28.1

Total 803.4 acre feet

Storage capacity 216,900,000 gals

(v) How it is proposed to acquire the land necessary for the purpose—By purchase.

(w) Approximately the number of acre feet intended to be impounded—803.4 acre feet.

(x) Whether it is proposed to lower the water in any natural lake or standing body of water and if so then:

(1) The anticipated extent of the lowering—Yes.

(2) The means proposed to be adopted to lower and refill—By constructing a small tunnel.

(3) The nature in character in detail of the works proposed to be constructed to provide for the discharge and penning back of the water—Construction of a dam. 6-4

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CIVIC GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

The action of the Private Bills Committee of the provincial legislature in deciding not to recommend the enactment of the bill this session, to provide a Commission form of government for the city of Vancouver, considered in connection with the explanations advanced of their decision, brings this form of municipal government again into prominence, but in a somewhat wider sphere than heretofore.

The Committee, in considering the problem of Municipal Government by Commission from a provincial viewpoint was of opinion that it would be well to approach the problem in its broadest relationships and will therefore recommend:

1. That the government look into the matter with a view to obtaining information which will enable it to judge whether the Commission form of government would be a good thing to adopt in this province.
2. If it is a good thing, it would be well to have a uniform plan that could be adopted by municipalities desiring to have that form of civic government.

The decision of the committee will be recognized as wise from the standpoint of the interests of the province as such, while at the same time the delay involved will not seriously affect the interests of the city of Vancouver. In point of fact, there appears to have been wide divergence of opinion among the aldermen of that city as to whether the clauses of the bill as submitted to the Committee of the House, were satisfactory, and for this reason a further postponement may prove beneficial to that city itself.

Now that the action of the Private Bills Committee has prepared the way for public discussion of the whole question with a view to a provincial act to render this form of government available, upon a uniform basis, to all municipalities, it is in order to observe that while the Commission form of civic government has hosts of ardent advocates, and while it has proven a decided success in several respects, opinion is not by any means unanimous with reference to the advisability of its universal adoption. Close students of municipal government have criticised the Commission movement as an effort to substitute legislation for education. It is contended that what is required is not municipal re-organization, but rather the upbuilding of a more conscientious and responsible citizenship—a citizenship that will clearly recognize that civic responsibility cannot be relegated to any party or organization, Commission or other, but that if civic government is to be clean and competent, each citizen must assume his full share of responsibility and assist in making it such.

Along these lines, one of the influential dailies of the city of Boston recently made the following observations, editorially:

"The movement toward commission "government for municipalities "has been checked, it has not, "however, been stopped. * * * "It has been demonstrated in "the last few years to the satisfaction of open-minded people, "that there is nothing essentially "harmful in the old system of "municipal government. It "works satisfactorily in many "cities. On the other hand it "has been established that commission government of itself, "does not solve municipal problems for those communities "that have long been suffering "from misrule. The commission "form of government simplifies "administration and frequently "opens the way for reforms that "have been obstructed by the "old system, but it has been "proved time and time again "that where the people take the "same interest in the conduct "of their local affairs under the "old as they are led by new born "civic pride to take under the "new, the results are equally "agreeable."

The above criticism frankly admits that there are certain beneficial results from the commission form of government, but attributes those results, not to the change of system, but to the change of attitude upon the part of the people. If this position is correct, then there is reason to fear that the benefits may prove to be of only a temporary nature inasmuch as sooner or later the citizenship may lapse from this increased interest in civic affairs, into the former state of comparative indifference from which they were for the time aroused, in which case the benefits accruing from the change would cease.

There has been, perhaps, a growing disposition upon the part of the mass of the people who are dissatisfied with the old form of civic government, to take it for granted that the commission form provides a solution of the problem. The criticism quoted above reminds us, however, that the whole question is still a live issue and that there is need that public thinking be actively sustained in seeking to arrive at right conclusions with reference to this important municipal problem.

THE "LIQUOR LICENCE ACT"

For an example of practical and effective legislation for the regulation and control of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, it would be very difficult to discover anything better than the Liquor Law of British Columbia.

The actual results from the operation of that law, for the year 1911 as reported recently to the House by Attorney General Bowser are of a truly remarkable nature, and it is safe to say, could not be duplicated from any source. The outstanding feature of the effectiveness of this law is the fact that there were actually fewer licenses in force in the province during the year 1911 than were during 1910. In order to understand the full significance of this fact it is necessary to bear in mind the rapid increase in the population of the province for the year which has been estimated from official sources at from 50,000 to 75,000. That is, while the population of British Columbia increased by from twenty to twenty-five per cent., the number of liquor licenses actually decreased.

There were ten instances in which the issuance of new licenses or the renewal of former licenses was refused. There were 103 prosecutions and 86 convictions, under the act during the year and the fines collected amounted to $14,675.

All of this goes to show that not only is the Act a workable one, but further it is the unmistakeable intention of the Attorney-General's department to see that its provisions are duly enforced.

To the advanced temperance advocate of course, no form of license law is acceptable and that position is entitled to respect, but at the sime time there is good ground to conclude that the license law as it stands, is fully abreast of public sentiment in the province at present, with reference to temperance legislation. It cannot but be considered gratifying under these circumstances that the administration of the Attorney General gives all parties so clearly to understand that the provisions of the act, must be strictly and continuously observed.

The amendments to the Liquor Licence Act introduced in the house last week made clear the further fact that legislation in this respect is not at a standstill. The proposed amendments are of a nature that will engender wholesome respect for the plain provisions of the act upon the part of any who might be inclined to endeavor to evade the same.

The statements of Premier McBride in replying to the deputation which waited on him on Tuesday, from the Local Option League show that the government recognizes the presence of an advanced temperance sentiment of growing strength throughout the province and that it is the policy of the administration to accord that sentiment, every reasonable and just recognition. The fact cited by the premier that no licence has been granted along the line of construction of the Canadian Northern, the Grand Trunk Pacific or the Kettle Valley railways is of itself a circumstance of so exceptional a nature as to demonstrate beyond all cavil the accuracy of the Premier's assurance "We are trying to do all we can, for the cause you have at heart and at the same time trying to deal squarely with all parties.

NORTH VANCOUVER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tenders for Grading Grounds

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till noon on Monday, February 19th for grading the grounds of the society. Specifications may be seen at the residence of W. L. Keene, 15th street. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. L. KEENE,
President.

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TENDERS WANTED

SEALED TENDERS marked "Tender for First Street sewer" will be received by the City Clerk of the City of North Vancouver up to 12 o'clock noon on Monday, February 19th, for supplying all the materials and constructing and completing a sanitary sewer with lot connections on First street from St. Patrick's avenue to St. David's avenue.

All the above mentioned work to be carried out according to plans, profiles, cross sections and specifications prepared by the city engineer.

All tenders for the work must be made on forms of tender supplied by the city engineer.

A cheque for 5 per cent. of the amount of the tender must accompany each and every tender.

A bond of 25 per cent. of the amount of the tender must accompany each and every tender.

A bond of 25 per cent. of the amount of the contract will be required.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

GEORGE S. HANES,
City Engineer.

City Engineer's Office,
North Vancouver,
February 13th, 1912. 16-2

WATER NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made under Part V of the "Water Act, 1909," to obtain a licence in the Division of District.

(a) The name, address and occupation of the applicant—Corporation of the City of Nortn Vancouver

(If for mining purposes) Free Miner's Certificate No.

(b) The name of the lake, stream or source (if unnamed, the description is) —Outlet of Dick Lake.

(c) The point of diversion—Outlet of Dick Lake

(d) The quantity of water applied for (in cubic feet per second)—Four

(e) The character of the proposed works—Small dam at outlet of Lake.

(f) The premises on which the water is to be used (describe same)—City of North Vancouver.

(g) The purposes for which the water is to be used—Domestic and Municipal Purposes

(h) If for irrigation describe the land intended to be irrigated, giving acreage

(i) If the water is to be used for power or mining purposes describe the place where the water is to be returned to some natural channel, and the difference in altitude between point of diversion and point of return

(j) Area of rown land intended to be occupied by the proposed works

(k) This notice was posted on the 30th day of January, 1912, and application will be made to the Commissioner on the 12th day of March, 1912

(l) Give the names and addresses of any riparian proprietors or licensees who or whose lands are likely to be affected by the proposed works, either above or below the outlet—Jas J Mulhall, 432 Homer street, Vancouver. West Shore and Northern Land Co. Ltd., Vancouver, August Nelson, Eagle Harbor, B. C.

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER.
(Signature) THOMAS SHEPHERD,
City Clerk

(P. O Address) City Hall, North Vancouver, B. C

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TAKE NOTICE that at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of North Vancouver, I, Henry Larson, intend to apply for a retail liquor or bottle license for the premises known and described as Number One Hundred and four (104), Esplanade West in the City of North Vancouver, B. C.

Dated at North Vancouver this 23rd day of January, 1912.

23-2 HENRY LARSON.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply at the next statutory sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of North Vancouver for the issue to him of a retail bottle license for and in respect to premises to be erected and situate on lot 7, block 156, District Lot 274, in said City of North Vancouver.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1912.

12-3 TOM BOOTH.

APPLICATION FOR BOTTLE LICENSE

NOTICE is hereby given that at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the city of North Vancouver I shall apply for a bottle license on 1st street east, lot 7, block 166, D. L. 274.

Dated at North Vancouver the 16th day of January, 1912.

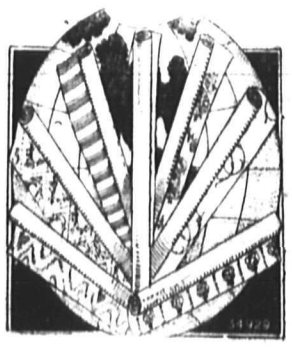
J. B. TEEVENS.

APPLICATION FOR RETAIL BOTTLE LICENSE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a retail bottle license at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of North Vancouver, Premises now being erected on lots A, B and C, subdivision of lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, block 156, District Lot 274, North Vancouver.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1912

C. R. WILSON.



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School Trustees and the Progress of Ridgway School

New Building Will be Ready for Occupancy Within Four Weeks

The new school on Ridgway avenue is steadily blossoming into a fine imposing edifice—an architectural gem of exactly the kind that North Vancouver now requires if its public buildings are to keep pace with the city's growth in other departments. The trustees have reason to be highly satisfied with the progress and present appearance of the school, and Mr. A. G. Perry aptly voiced their unanimous opinion on Wednesday night when he prognosticated that the building would be a "swell" one. The full board were present. The occasion being the regular monthly meeting.

The clerk of the works in his report in the above connection lamented interruptions through the occurence of bad weather, and gave sundry statistics and details relative to the progress made during the past month. The maximum number of men employed in one day had been 40. If nothing unforseen occurs the building will be in readiness for occupancy within four weeks.

The building committee reported that a seventh installment amounting to $4,500.00 had been granted to Smith Bros. in respect of their contract for the school. The total amount paid to account of this contract to date was thus $36,000.00.

Secretary Campbell read a letter interrogating the board as to whether they were intending to have a clock installed in the tower of the Ridgway school. The idea seemed to be hovering in the minds of certain of the trustees that at a future date some philanthropically-inspired person might desire to present one to the city. Mr. Hay who resides close enough to the school to consult such a clock from his windows, denied, in spite of this circumstance, that he had entertained the said idea. Mr. Perry agreed with him in the matter of certain objectionable points about clocks that are near to ones home. "Ding dong ding dong!" chimed Mr. Perry in illustration, "ding dong ding dong!.... PWANG!" Whereupon Ald. Fraser wondered whether the press had got that down. The board decided to take no action as yet in regard to the installation of a clock. Arrangements for the opening of the new school were left in the hands of the finance committee and the secretary. This committee reported for the past month ordinary expenditure to the amount of $33.00, extraordinary, $75.00, total expenditure, $108.00.

During January the enrollment of children was as follows: In the High school, boys 13, girls 18, total 31. In the public schools, boys 269, girls 299, total 568.

The chief of police wrote intimating his pleasure on being appointed truant officer for the ensuing year.

The building committee announced that it had waited upon Duntley & Co. with reference to a vacuum cleaning apparatus and had agreed to accept the company's tender of $550.00 for complete installment of the "Palm" system.

The question of sanitary drinking fountains had been gone into and the plumbing subcontractors' quotation of $25 accepted, it being left to the architect to ascertain the most suitable type of fountain to be adopted.

The board decided that in the interests of hygiene special sanitary towels should be used by the scholars; also that the room in the Central school which will shortly be vacant shall be utilized as a recreation and salle a manger for the children. The trustees further considered that the teachers were deserving up-to-date tables and chairs. These will accordingly be provided.

The question of increasing the salaries of the teachers cropped up, but the board, after a brief discussion, came to the conclusion that the present rate of payment was better than that of other centres.

LYNN VALLEY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Officers Elected for 1912

The new hall seems to be already popular, for each meeting called therein since its official opening has been well attended. Last night's meeting was no exception. Called by the Ratepayers' Association, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and other business peculiar to the annual meeting, the residents responded well, and when subscriptions were called for, 42 of the audience responded with the necessary dollar.

The election of the president was the first business of interest, and as the chairman called for nomination for that office, J. C. Brown arose and proposed T. Allan. W. C. Nelson was also nominated, when the motion that nominations close was carried. The resulting ballot was a tie, each candidate receiving 21 votes. Mr. Nelson, who was the first president of the Society, retired in favor of Mr. Allan, and proposed that Mr. Allan's election be made unanimous. This was carried. Mr. Nelson was the unanimous choice for vice-president, he being elected by acclamation. Two names were up for the Secretaryship—R. P. Purdie and A. E. Waghorne—when Mr. Waghorne, speaking to the proven ability of Mr. Purdie, retired in the latter's favor. The retiring Treasurer, J. M. Fromme, was re-elected by acclamation, but afterwards resigned, W. J. Baker being chosen after a ballot on three names—W. J. Baker, J. P. Crawford and A. Earl.

A long discussion ensued on the possibility of changing the constitution to admit of five members on the executive instead of three, but, a motion to that effect not meeting with a unanimous vote, was declared defeated, and the usual 15 days' notice of motion to alter the constitution was immediately given.

The election of three members to serve on the executive was then proceeded with, and from six nominees, Messrs. J. C. Brown, A. E. Waghorne and R. L. Thompson were chosen.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to all the retiring officers, and then the meeting was thrown open for general business. Many matters of more or less importance were brought up, most of which were referred to the executive, while the urgent matter of a public play-ground, centrally located, was referred to a committee of three—Messrs. Fromme, Stewart and Waghorne—to interview the District Council. When the motion to adjourn was put to the meeting, the chairman made the announcement that the inaugural meeting of a choral society was being held on Friday at 8 p.m., and urged everyone interested to try and attend and inform all available singers of the fact.

The weekly meeting of the St. Andrew's C. E. Society was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. After the usual opening, Miss N. Hardy delivered an excellent address on the topic "Personal Ideals." Mr. W. Elder will take the topic next meeting. All young people are cordially invited to attend these meetings, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Canadian Railway Statistics

Official Returns from All Lines for 1910-1911—Facts and Figures Afford Useful Information.

A very great deal of interesting and useful information, with reference to railway matters in Canada, is given in the annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals, up to June 1911. The statistics as compiled from sworn statements furnished by the Railway Companies are therefore authentic.

Mileage

The total railway mileage reported for the year was 25400, an increase of 699 miles over the previous year. There were also 1600 miles in addition which were really in operation but which were regarded as being still under construction. During the year not less than 2500 miles of railway right of way were located or surveyed.

Financial

The total capital liability of railways operating in Canada was $1,398,089,701 of which $118,391,201 was added during the year. The bonds subsidies paid to railways during the year amounted to $1,426,192. The bonds of the various railways have been guaranteed either by the Dominion or by the respective provinces to the amount of $148,336,357.

Passenger Traffic

The number of passengers carried during 1911 was 37,097,718 an increase of 3.3 per cent. over 1910. The aggregate earnings direct from passengers were $50,566,893.98. The average number of passengers per train was 60 and the average distance travelled by each passenger was 70 miles. The aggregate mileage travelled by passenger trains was 36,985,911.

Freight Traffic

During 1911, the volume of freight amounted to 79,884,282 tons, an increase of 7.2 per cent. over the previous year. The average revenue per ton per mile was .777 cent and the total revenue from freight was $124,743,015.31. The average number of tons hauled per freight train was 305, the average number of cars to a train was 18.03 and the average length of haul was 200 miles.

Earnings and Operating Expenses

The aggregate earnings from all sources during the year were $188,733,343.53 and the operating expenses amounted to $131,033,784.95. The ratio of operating expenses to gross earnings was 69.4 per cent., the actual difference having been $57,698,708.86. The amount paid out in dividends was $30,577,740. The amount carried forward to profit and loss was $14,808,566.

In 1911 it cost $1.46 to run a train one mile. The fuel consumed during the year aggregated 6,800,648 tons the average cost of which was $2.97 per ton.

Accidents

The operation of railways in Canada during the year under reviey resulted in the killing of 495 persons and the injuring of 3,329 . One passenger in 1,324,919 was killed and one in every 124,489 was injured.

Railway Employees

The number of railway employees in 1911 was 141,224 who received as remuneration the sum of $74,619,738.

Electric Railways

The total mileage of electric railways in Canada was 1,587.01. Their total capital liability was $111,532,347. The gross earnings of these lines for the year were $20,063,718.58 and the operating expenses were $12,096,134.22. They carried a total of 426,296,792 passengers of whom 102 were killed and 2,670 were injured in transit. There were 13,671 employees attached to electric railways at June 30th, 1911, an increase of 3-114 over 1910. The aggregate sum paid in wages and salaries for the year was $8,559,215.04.

Pleasant Fields of Holy Writ

The International Sunday-School Lesson

First Quarter. Lesson VII. Luke 3: 1-17
February 18, 1912

The Ministry of John the Baptist
The Story

The person and mission of John the Baptist seemed like a last effort of Providence to awaken a dull and skeptical nation. His garments, his food, his very self were a powerful sermon. He preached in one of God's first temples, with jutting rock for pulpit, whole dome of heaven for sounding board, and river for baptismal laver. He was a veritable Mt. Sinai, holding mirror of law with unwavering hand before the guilty conscience of the people. Each class of sinners, hypocritical scribes and Pharisees, extortionate tax-gatherers, dissolute soldiers—all received their merited rebuke. Multitudes submitted to the baptism of repentance. . . . . The Baptist was careful to affirm that his mission was purely preparatory. He could not forgive sin nor cleanse sinners. He could only put them in the way of finding One who was mightier than himself. Well and faithful did he perform his arduous task. His highest ambition was to be a voice crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way!" . . . . When he was at the very zenith of his power, his congregations largest, and his influence widest—unexpectedly one day Jesus stood before him, requesting baptism at his hands. John started back in self-deprecation, at once recognizing and acknowledging the superiority of the One who stood before him, crying, "I have need to be baptised of thee!" Jesus in reply, acknowledges that He stood under no necessity of repentance, only affirming it to be becoming for Him to fulfill this ceremonial duty and thus identifying Himself the more thoroughly with those to save whom He had come. With this explanation, the Baptist no longer declined to serve Him. . . . . The old proverb says, "Go to Jordan and thou shalt see the Trinity!" In the river, the baptismal water sparkling on his brow, stood the Son of God; through a rift in heaven descended the Spirit of God in form of a dove: In the ineffable depths sounded the voice of God the Father identifying His Son. . . . . This glorious scene was fit inauguration of the Messiah. No earthly priest ever had such installation.

The Teacher's Lantern

What more could the Lord have done to His vineyard, Israel, that He did not do for it? This uncompromising prophet, with sackcloth garment and cheap diet, was last and greatest in the long line of those who had been sent to call the Lord's people to account and sought to prepare them for the Messiah. It was all in vain. The vineyard persistently brought forth wild grapes. . . It is so to-day! Apparent favorites of Providence falls short of what may be justly anticipated. Still, the law cuts to that line, "Much given, much required!" . . . . . The Baptist's revival may not have been altogether a superficial sensation. He was not responsible if it was. Among his converts, no doubt, were many among the three thousand whom Peter added to the Church at Pentecost. . . . . Preparing the Lord's way into a human heart is the most glorious work in which one can engage. At the same time it is the most delicate and difficult. Yet all heaven approves and is ready to assist it.

Mosaic from Commentaries

Luke goes into particulars, and thus fully locates in point of time the events which he is about to describe. . . The Baptist began his ministry where he had spent much of his life, but his preaching attracted people from afar. . Baptism was pledge of remission of sin and sign that candidate had turned from evil. . . . . In the Orient, as a rule, little attention is given to roads. Coming of a royal person was common signal to make a highway. So it happened as late as the visit of a Prince of Wales to Syria. . . . . To prepare morally for Christ's coming, Roman arrogance must be rebuked, Pharisaic hypocricy exposed, Sadducees' materialism condemned. . . . . Offspring of vipers! hypocritical Pharisees. . . . Who could warn effectively save the Holy Spirit? . . . . . More than words and tears are required to prove repentance genuine. . . . . If Abraham's children, they must do Abraham's deeds . . . . Righteous disposition of ill-gotten gain and charitable use of legitimate wealth. . . . . John laid his ax at the root when he demanded that tax-gatherers should never again enrich themselves by extorting more than they were required to turn over to their superior officers. . . . Natural that the general expectation of the Advent should lead to popular identification.

Analysis and Key

John Baptist: His Person: Mission
Preparatory.
Classes attracted: Message to Each.
Jesus Requests Baptism—John Protests.
Accede on Ceremonial Grounds.
Not Necessity of Candidate.
Trinity at Jordan.

The Young People's Devotional Meeting

Ruskin affirms the greatest possession—self-possession. But David said the same thing three thousand years before when he cried, "My heart is fixed." Jesus meant this when He said, "I will give you rest!" It is moral equilibrium—equipuois. This lies back of all concrete decisions, and insures their rightness.

3,000,000 MATCHES STRUCK PER MINUTE

It has been estimated that, for each minute of time, the civilized nations of the world strike three million matches. This is said to be the average for every minute of the twenty four hours of the day. Fifteen hundred billion is the number for the entire year.

The importance of the industry which turns out the little splinters of wood tipped with sulphur or some other material ignited by friction, is only recognized when the average smoker tries to contemplate his predicament if he had to go back to the time when he had to coax a spark from a tinder box. Small and insignificant as it is, the match demands as much attention in the choice of the wood involved in its manufacture as any other forest product. Only the choicest portions of the best trees are suitable. Sapwood, knotty or cross-grained timber will not do. Instead of being a by-product, the little match is turned out at hundreds of mills over the country where the by-products are bulky objects like doors, sashes, shingles, sidings, posts and cord woods. The pines, linden, aspen, white cedar, poplar, birch and willow are the most suitable match timber.

POUND NOTICE

Owners of dogs hereby take notice that the dog tags for 1912 are now available at the City Treasurer's office. Any dog found without a tag will be impounded and the owners of said animal prosecuted.

W. T. GRAHAME,
Poundkeeper.

North Vancouver,
13th February, 1912.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL LETS CONTRACTS

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Deep Cove, to a width of 30 feet, and also a road connecting the Deep Cove road with Cove Cliff. He explained that the advent of many settlers in this section during the past year, in addition to the prospective developments in this section, necessitated improvements of the kind recommended. The motion was seconded and carried.

On the motion of Councillor Nelson, Mr. Wilson was appointed special police constable for Woodlands. Also, the council approved the purchase of a horse for the police department, the responsibility of choice being thrust upon the acting Reeve and Councillor Lawson. (There is no truth in the rumour that Councillor Lawson will train this horse to return dropped handkerchiefs and execute other feats at which the councillor's own horses are so expert.)

On the motion of Councillor Loutet, seconded by Councillor Lawson, the council resolved that crossings be constructed between all existing sidewalks. A little discussion preludised this action of the council, Councillor Loutet arguing that if one had to cross mud-laden roads to get from one sidewalk to another, the whole object of sidewalks was defeated. Councillor Nelson declined, however, to blackguard the mud. He thought it would accumulate either on macadam or on a timber crossing, and in any case he did not think there was much harm in a little good clean mud.

Councillor Loutet doubted—in fact disputed, the existence in the municipality of any mud of the kind described, and strongly advocated a continuous timber walk.

Eventually the motion went through as above.

The Council accepted the Board of Work's recommendation that quarry men should be paid 40c. per hour, the same as men filling that capacity in Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria.

Councillor Loutet reported upon the negociations for the division of the municipality. They were going ahead and getting matters adjusted satisfactorily, and had been received in Victoria in a very pleasing manner. The delegation was required to again appear before the provincial authorities yesterday.

NORTH LONSDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At a congregational meeting held this week it was decided to enlarge the present building by adding 20 feet on the east side and a two-story 12-foot addition on the west side, making the whole building 56x24 feet.

A committee has been appointed to secure definite plans and specifications and tenders will be called for in the near future.

The ballot papers on Church Union have come to hand and arrangements are being made to have all members and adherents vote on this most important question.

At the evening service the pastor intends dealing with the first question on the ballot paper.

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ST. ANDREW'S AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society was held on Tuesday night. In the absence of the President, Mr. T. Y. Tullis, 1st Vice-President took the chair. There was a good attendance. After the usual routine business, in which definite steps were taken to hold monthly socials in the Knights of Pythias Hall, on meeting nights, after business is finished, the Treasurer called upon the chairman to present Mr. A. Maclaggan, the secretary, on behalf of the members of the society, with a fruit salver and set of carvers to celebrate the occasion of his recent marriage. The chairman made the presentation with a very humourous speech, praising the secretary for his past good work and for having given up so much time, voluntarily, to further the cause of the society and the love of the homeland. The secretary replied in suitable terms. He said that the work was made easy by the strong support which he received from the members.

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Reeve May Satisfied With Proceedings at the Capital

Favorable Reply to Letter Seeking to Safeguard Local Interests

Reeve May returned from Ottawa on Wednesday well satisfied with the course negotiations had taken in the east. Both the reeve and Mayor McNeish were given opportunities to explain the situation from a local standpoint to the Minister of Railways. On being told that no objection was taken to the route as proposed the commissioners granted approval therewith, with a supplementary assurance that North Vancouver's interests would be protected in accordance with the facts as stated by the two chief magistrates from this place ,and as set forth in the memorials submitted along with their addresses.

The C.P.R. solicitor's statement that construction would be commenced at once was believed to be bona fide by Mr. May.

Other developments of almost equal importance were intimated by Mr. May which would probably come North Vancouver's way, but these were still in the elementary stages and little could be said about them with any degree of accuracy.

The letter indited to the minister of railways after the hearing embodying certain directions in which north shore interests should be safeguarded, was not only signed by Mr. H. H. Stevens, but endorsed by Mayor McNeish, Reeve May and City Clerk Shepherd.

Since the interview, and just before the reeve's departure from Ottawa, Mr. May received a note from Mr. Stevens stating that the minister, in reply to his letter, had promised a favorable hearing in a day or two's time.

In the supreme court today Joseph LeDuc, a Vancouver expressman, whose team bolted into the Inlet and were drowned some little time ago, is suing the North Vancouver Ferry Co. for $1,100 damages in compensation for loss of horses and rig. He accuses the company of negligence in leaving their wharf gates open at the foot of Lonsdale avenue.

LYNN VALLEY NOTES

Mr. R. Magennis is seriously ill with pneumonia. Dr. Verner is in attendance

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williams of Dovercourt Road, have moved and are now residing at Moodyville.

Messrs. Bennett and Winters, butchers of Frederick road, have dissolved partnership.

Mr. A. Anderson, who has been confined to his bed with a blood poisoned foot for several months, is able to be about again.

Mr. Jones of Fernie, B. C., has opened a bakery and confectionery business on Church and Lynn Valley road under the name of the Lynn Valley Bakery.

Owing to J. H. English's extraordinary sale of the bankrupt stock of A. B. Fletcher coming to a close, the store on Church and Lynn Valley road will shut down on Saturday evening.

A meeting is called for to-night in the Institute, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the advisability of starting a choral society. Everyone musically inclined is urged to attend so that the officers may be as representative as possible.

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Vancouver Waterworks Committee Confer With the District Council.

FAVOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CAPILANO ROAD

Reeve May and members of the municipal council met six members of the Vancouver waterworks committee and conveyed them in automobiles as far as the Capilano, the object being discussion on the improvement of the Capilano road for tourist traffic. The suggestion of the district council is that the whole road should be improved, in two sections, one from the Narrows to the Canyon View Hotel, cost $17,375, and the other from the last-named hotel to the Capilano Hotel, cost $10,500, total $27,875.

Reeve May, after luncheon, outlined the advantages that would accrue to the proposed improvements and hoped that the matter would be dealt with in a friendly and businesslike manner.

Coun. Bridgman thought that if some arrangement could be made with the city the district would be willing to grant a right of way for the pipe line of the city. It was impossible for the district to spend the amount on the road at the present time, but if the city was willing to bear 50 per cent of the cost the work could be commenced at once. The cost of maintenance would be borne by the district. It must be borne in mind that the construction of the road from White Cliff to Deep Cove would involve the district in a cost of $400,000, and that they were not asking the city to build their trunk roads, but only to share the expense of this one.

Coun. Lawson contended that the city had, and always would have, a great deal more use of the road than did the district. Coun. Loutet and Coun. Westover thought that the benefits would be reciprocal between the city and the district.

District Engineer Cosgrove, having furnished details of the proposed work, Ald. Hepburn said that inasmuch as the city must preserve the Capilano water source, he was prepared to carefully consider the matter. The widening of the road would be advantageous both to the city and the district. The view of Ald. McSpadden was that the proposal was neither too extensive nor expensive to be considered favorably by the Vancouver council and he should certainly support the proposal.

Ald. White said that it was the concensus of opinion over the city that they wanted the road widened ,and he was heartily in support of the project.

Ald. Trimble said he would do all he could to aid in the success of the scheme, and Ald. Williamson thought a grant would best meet the case, with the understanding that the work was carried out bp joint engineers.

Mr. W. S. Lea, assistant city engineer, pointed out that the city should have sufficient control of the road to guarantee that no injury would take place to the pipes, and also that the city should have the right of way to carry the pipes to the north side of the Narrows.

Miss Mabel Rittel is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, 1st street.

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The latter article was on view at the Horticultural Hall last evening for the first time and is undoubtedly the finest cup ever put up for competition for any league in the province. The cup, which is a perpetual trophy, was donated by Messrs. E. H. Bridgman, W. J. Dick, H. G. Green Armytage, W. J. Irwin and R. E. Macnaghten, and is of solid silver standing some thirty inches high and having miniature crossed hockey sticks and a ball mounted in front of same. The cup was greatly admired by the large number of guests at the dance given by the hockey club last night.

The game starts at three o'clock tomorrow and it is hoped that a large number of North Vancouver people will attend and support the local club in their efforts to bring the silverware to the north shore.

North Vancouver will be represented by the following team, all being bona-fide residents here:

Goal, M. Woods; backs, G. Green-Armytage, H. Cameron; halves, S. Humphreys, Ted Baylis (Capt.), N. Humphreys; forwards, P. N. Baylis, E. J. H. Cardinall, R. G. Ward, R. Macnaghten, H. L. McPherson.

The boys will be accompanied by Robt. Chance, H. R. Kenvyn, J. J. Woods and F. T .Salsbury, who with their band of talented instrumentalists will render during the process of the match, selections on cow bells, corncrakes, concertinas, etc, some of the most popular grand operas commencing with Alexander's Big Brass Band and the Mysterious Rag.

PROVINCIAL TIMBER REVENUE

During the single month of January just at an end a total of upwards of a quarter of a million of dollars was brought to the provincial treasury through the various operations of the timber branch of the lands department, the exact figures as to revenue being $253,606.20. This large amount includes $231,611.20 from timber licenses alone. There having been 847 issued for lands west of the Cascade range, producing in charges the sum of $129,127.40, and 815 for lands east of the Cascades, with receipts of $102,483.80. Timber license transfer fees aggregated $310, penalties $1,650, 176 coal prospecting licenses $19,450, and coal prospecting license transfer fees $585.

In the event of the January record being sustained, 1912 promises to eclipse over the year recently closed, which in its turn set a new mark for British Columbia timber, both as to the cut and the amount of royalty collected. During the past year the timber cut from provincial lands totalled 1,100,000,000 feet, as compared with a total of 936,000,000 feet in 1910.

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