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INTERCOMMUNICATION BETWEEN NORTH AND WEST VANCOUVER

BOARD OF TRADE ENDORSES REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF WESTERN CAR LINE

At the regular meeting of the local Board of Trade on Wednesday evening (the president, Mr. E. H. Bridgman, presiding) the question of the provision of transportation facilities between West Vancouver and North Vancouver was very fully discussed.

Reeve Nelson reiterated his remarks at a previous meeting, dwelling upon the importance of having such facilities between the two municipalities. He produced the correspondence which his council had interchanged with the North Vancouver management of the B. C. Electric Railway Company in this relation. On April 24th, this year, a letter was written to Mr. A. G. Perry, requesting the arrangement of a conference between the company and the transportation committee of the council. The same request was again sent forward on May 17th. Then on May 20th Mr. Perry replied saying he had been awaiting a copy of the resolution bearing upon this matter passed by the ratepayers' association. This resolution was thereupon forwarded. On May 24th there came another letter from Mr. Perry containing an intimation that he was endeavoring to arrange the conference required and that was where the matter had been left. The reeve had stated at the last meeting of the board that another letter had been received saying that the company's engineer was out on the road but he had ascertained since that this letter was from the telephone company, and continuing Mr. Nelson said it was extremely desirable that electric communications be made across the Capilano river and into West Vancouver. The population there, while sparse at the present time, was growing fast, and it only required such transportation facilities to increase immediately the homes and business. The legal 12 months' notice requiring the company to extend into that section had been given, he stated, in accordance with the terms of the charter, but this would not expire until next July. As the B. C. Electric Railway Company had yet about 43 years for their charter to run, he did not see why the company should hesitate to build to West Vancouver.

Coun. Gintzburger (West Vancouver) corroborated all that the reeve had said.

Mr. John Lawson mentioned that many who would otherwise most certainly make their permanent homes in the municipality found it impossible to do so without transportation facilities as suggested.

Ald. Irwin, speaking from a business standpoint, said that improvements being made throughout the province in anticipation of the increased traffic resultant upon the opening of the Panama canal were justification for the extension. He strongly urged the point of cementing the North Shore together into one community.

Mr. G. H. Morden was emphatic on the same point, arguing that North Vancouver should be the established civic centre of the North Shore and financially, socially and in all other respects it naturally occupied that position. If connections were not made it was probable that North Vancouver might lose West Vancouver as one of the units of the North Shore. The Lynn Valley and North Lonsdale lines had brought settlers in large numbers to both sections, but the East Capilano line did not seem to have been built for that purpose, but rather in order to distribute a transient population on holiday occasions. The extension of this line to Hollyburn would place it in direct contact with a section which would certainly become populous. The policy of the West Vancouver council in building up and strengthening, by means of its ferry service, ties that bound their municipality and Vancouver city, would if similar bonds were not extended to North Vancouver, result in the North Shore losing one of its family.

Coun. Gintzburger touched convincingly upon the developments which have been taking place in West Vancouver during the summer.

Coun. Merrick, manager of the West Vancouver ferry system, stated that in August last the boats carried 20,427 passengers; in September, 16,545; October, 12,832; November, 10,440. The falling off was, of course, due to bad weather and the oncoming of winter. It was then that street car facilities were urgently required.

Mr. John Alexander mentioned that between June and September over thirty business men travelled daily between Vancouver and Dundarave. Under favorable conditions they intended to build in this region and certainly if proper transportation conveniences were provided their custom would come eastward to North Vancouver rather than southwards to Vancouver. Mr. Alexander reminded the meeting that, without seeking to compare one means of transport with another, it was a fact that there are many people, particularly ladies, who are nervous regarding ferry boats, and are timid about going through the Narrows.

Mr. H. C. Wright spoke strongly in favor of this city doing everything in its power to aid West Vancouver in the securing of the facilities required.

Ex-Reeve McNaught pointed out that even if the municipality were forced to build its own line, which would be a very expensive undertaking, it would have to buy its power from the B. C.

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MR. A. G. PERRY AND THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

HOW THIS BODY KEPT PACE WITH THE RAPID GROWTH OF SCHOOL POPULATION

In conversation with a representative of the Express yesterday, Mr. A. G. Perry, who has announced his intention to seek re-election to the local board of school trustees, remarked that the board was thoroughly satisfied with the verdict of the ratepayers in regard to the school site bylaw recently submitted. "It is absolutely necessary," Mr. Perry said, "that steps should be taken to secure a new site for a central school, seeing that the capacity of the present building on Chesterfield avenue will soon be exceeded."

Mr. Perry, at the request of his interviewer, then touched on the phenomenal progress which has been noticeable in the city's school affairs during the last two or three years. It appears that in 1910 a two roomed school was erected on block 100, D. L. 550, while in the same year the building of the North Lonsdale school was commenced, this structure being one of eight rooms. Four of these were occupied by Easter, 1911—one by the local high school and another by the primary class. In the fall of 1911 an additional room was occupied for high school purposes and another one for the primary class.

During the fall of the same year a commencement was made upon the erection of the Ridgeway school, and in connection with this part of the board's work Mr. Perry paid a glowing tribute to the services of his brother trustee, Mr. James Hay, chairman of the building committee. This school was an eight roomed one and was opened Easter of this year, with six rooms occupied. After the last summer holidays an additional room was brought into use, and arrangements have been made for the one remaining room to be occupied after the Christmas holidays. The present Central school consists of six rooms and a small building outside which the board had abandoned upon the opening of the Ridgeway school, but which they were compelled, through the influx of scholars to re-open at the commencement of the fall term. It is anticipated that by Easter, 1913, a temporary canvas class room will have to be erected on the Central school grounds.

These facts, figures and dates, as recited by Mr. Perry, show plainly that the board's work in keeping pace with the steadily increasing school population has been no sinecure.

In reply to a question as to the nature of the work awaiting the future board Mr. Perry stated that the paramount question in 1913 will be the provision of a new school on the site about to be purchased. This will have to be a building of at least twelve rooms, and should be thoroughly modern in every respect. If the present increase of scholars continues it may be found necessary to enlarge the Ridgeway school by the addition of either a north or a south wing.

Speaking upon the general school administration of the past year, Mr. Perry referred incidentally to the increased staff, and to the establishment of the first manual training centre in North Vancouver, under the direction of Mr. Albert Wooldridge. The board hopes, as soon as the necessary accommodation can be provided, to augment the present curriculum with the teaching of domestic science, thus providing the girls with a course corresponding with the manual training classes for boys.

Mr. Perry expressed a hope that the school board would merit a continuance of that confidence which the board of the present year has received from the ratepayers of the city.

H. H. STEVENS, M.P., AND FLOATING DEBRIS MENACE IN HARBOR

SUNDRY MATTERS DISCUSSED BY FERRY DIRECTORATE YESTERDAY

At the regular meeting of the ferry directorate yesterday afternoon a letter was received from Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., regarding the floating debris menace to which the board had called his attention. Mr. Stevens intimated that he had taken this matter up with the Marine and Fisheries Department. It is felt by the department that very little could be done towards keeping the harbor clear so long as those creating the nuisance are allowed to go free. Certain changes are, however, being made in the law which may enable the government to successfully deal with this matter. In the meantime Mr. Stevens wished to state that he had not lost sight of the question and had done his utmost with regard to it. The letter further stated that considering the treatment accorded government officials appointed to prevent overcrowding on vessels by the Vancouver magistrate, the government does not feel inclined to prosecute any more cases and for the same reason cannot take any immediate action in this connection and the department says that in view of the recent action in the cases taken up prosecuting certain vessel owners for over-crowding that it feels disinclined to undertake further prosecution at present. In the over-crowding cases mentioned, the government put men on to watch certain boats and secured definite evidence that the same were overcrowded, but the magistrate accepted the testimony of passengers who merely stated "they did not think the boat was overcrowded" and refused to accept the testimony of the government official who was specially detailed to count the people going on board for the purpose of prosecution in cases where they were over-crowded. It would only be a waste of money in the eyes of the government to undertake prosecution, etc., if they are to be treated with such consideration as in these cases.

In lieu of donating the use of the special ferry for patrons of the military ball on Wednesday night to the Victorian Order of Nurses, in aid of which the ball was held, the board decided to donate $10.00 towards the order, but to demand the customary payment for the use of the boat.

Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge wrote notifying the board that they had heard from their agents at Ottawa informing them that these agents had made application to the Department of Marine and Fisheries for one hundred square feet of foreshore at the extreme outer end of the strip already granted by the crown. Inasmuch as the previous grant was made to the municipality, the present application has been made on behalf of the city.

The letter pointed out, in connection with obtaining the approval of the Governor General in Council, that ... approval cannot apparently be obtained, inasmuch as the present wharf has been constructed since March 1st, 1899. The statute provides that it is only with respect to works constructed before March, 1899, that approval can be given after the construction itself has already taken place. It appears therefore that the only way in which this additional structure can be made absolutely safe from interference by the department is by obtaining a special act of parliament. Such action would, the letter added, only be taken if the wharf, with its extension, was found to be interfering with navigation. The board decided that the secretary should write to the solicitor as to the costs of a special act as suggested and as to what extent the ferry company was at present liable should a vessel happen to come into collision with the present wharf.

Capt. Cates and the manager, a committee appointed to bring in recommendations for better regulation of the departure of the ferry steamers, recommended the purchase and installation in the north Vancouver office of a good chronometer, by which the clocks on the wharves and pilot house clocks should be daily regulated. The matter was left in the hands of the committee who have power to act.

The following report was submitted by Mr. T. M. Heard, manager, and formally adopted:—

"I beg to report that I have obtained the following prices for suitable new steam capstans for steamers No. 2 and No. 3:

"For No. 2, $325.00.

"For No. 3, $375.00—a larger size.

"The engines of these capstans are below the deck and nothing more would be in sight than is shown by the present capstans on the boats. These capstans would have to be ordered from the east, and probably six weeks would elapse before delivery.

"Half of the deck in the smoking room of Steamer No. 3 was covered with Lito-Silo last night. The other half will be done as soon as use can be made of the part completed.

"The fuel oil tanks for the Steamer No. 1 are completed and have been inspected and passed as satisfactory by the steamboat inspector. I expect delivery of same today.

"In order to improve the appearance of the crews on the steamers I would recommend that a number of strong woolen sweaters be purchased for the deck hands, the monogram or initials of the company to be suitably placed on same.

"For the past few years it has been the custom of the board to give to each member of the regular staff of the company a donation at Christmas. If this board desires to follow the same custom the amounts should be decided at this meeting."

A special meeting of the council and ferry board is to be arranged in connection with the company's financial undertakings. This will probably be on Monday next.

Proposed Ferry Wharf in D.L. 237 West Vancouver

RATEPAYERS WISH QUESTION REFERRED TO INCOMING COUNCIL

OFFICIALS DISSATISFIED WITH NATURE OF REPLY FROM FERRY BOARD

The West Vancouver Ratepayers' Association last week passed an emphatic resolution urging the present directorate of the West Vancouver Ferries to take no further step towards the building of a wharf as proposed in D. L. 237, arguing that this matter should be referred to the incoming council.

The text of the resolution was as follows: "That the ferry directors delay making any further arrangements regarding the building of a wharf in D. L. 237, West Vancouver which would tie the hands of the incoming council for 1913, and that the matter of a new wharf should be left for the new council to deal with." This resolution was duly forwarded on December 13th to the directorate by the Association's secretary, Mr. A. E. Liddle.

A reply from Coun. Merrick was received three days later to the effect that "with the exception of awarding contracts for the construction of new ferry boats, no new business will be undertaken by the company during the term of office of the present directors."

Certain officials of the Ratepayers' Association are dissatisfied with this reply contending that it does not clearly indicate whether the ferry directors have granted or refused to grant the request contained in the resolution of the ratepayers.

In the event of the non-compliance of the directors with the association's request, it is suggested that the board be approached and asked for a definite answer on the petition and resolution of the ratepayers relative to the proposed wharf in D. L. 237, and in the event of a specific reply not being received on or before December 24th, it is proposed to immediately forward to the proper departments of the provincial and Dominion governments requests that the approval of these departments of the construction of the wharf and the granting of foreshore rights be postponed until the council for 1913 has been elected.

Shipment of English Berrying Holly from North Vancouver

The first shipment of English berrying holly from the north shore in large quantities has recently been made by Mr. S. D. Schultz. This shipment consisted of 275 pounds and was sent to San Francisco where there is a big demand for the holly during the Christmas season. The holly was grown by Mr. Schultz on his property at the corner of Lonsdale avenue and 19th street, this city, and he is advised by the florist to whom the shipment was made that in size of leaf, profusion of berries and general excellence, the local shipment was the best that had been received this year in San Francisco.

The growing of berrying holly for commercial purposes is carried on extensively, chiefly in England and in California. It has likewise been prosecuted to some extent in the city of Victoria, one grower in that city having a plantation of ten thousand trees. One of the purposes which Mr. Schultz had in mind in locating his home in this city, upon his removal from Victoria, was to test the climatic conditions on the North Shore, with respect to the cultivation of holly. Although those intentions were carried out on a modified scale, the result is absolutely convincing that local conditions are exceptionally favorable to the production of the berrying holly.

Council Will Inspect Possible City Hall Sites To-morrow

The city council met on Wednesday evening to consider tenders for the city hall site. Mayor McNeish presided.

The tenders were presented by the city engineer, Mr. Angus Smith, in tabulated form and were carefully considered in regard to price and location, but the council decided to meet at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, when with the aid of marked maps the various likely properties will be visited and inspected.

ST. AGNES CHURCH

The Venerable E. S. W. Pentreath, D. D., Archdeacon of Columbia, will preach at St. Agnes' Church on Sunday evening next. The vicar will preach in the morning.

Supporters of Geo. S. Hanes Met Last Night

PLATFORM ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY GENERAL COMMITTEE

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the general committee in charge of affairs connected with the mayoral candidature of Mr. George S. Hanes took place last evening in the committee rooms, Messrs. Reid and McMillan's office on Lonsdale avenue. Speeches were made by representative and influential supporters of Mr. Hanes, and the platform, which will be found in another column of this issue, was submitted by the executive committee and adopted unanimously by the members of the general committee.

ST. AGNES' SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT

The annual Christmas tea and entertainment of St. Agnes' Sunday school will be held in the parish hall on Friday, December 27th. Tea will be served to the scholars at 5:30 p. m., then games of various kinds will be indulged in till 7:30 p. m., when a concert will be given by the children of the Sunday school. The public are cordially invited to attend this concert. During the evening the diplomas and prizes won during the year will be presented by the vicar.

Letter from Premier Borden

CORDIAL REPLY TO LOCAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION ON NAVAL CONTRIBUTION

Following the announcement of the government naval contribution in the House of Commons at Ottawa, the local Conservative executive forwarded to Premier Borden an expression of their strong commendation, together with congratulations. The message was forwarded in the form of a telegram signed by Mr. S. D. Schultz, president of the association, and he is in receipt of a personal letter from Mr. Borden in reply expressing thanks for the message. The letter contains the following characteristic utterance from the pen of the Prime Minister: "We hope and firmly believe that the proposals will contribute, not only to the necessary naval strength, but also to the cause of imperial solidarity."

H. C. Wright Will Stand for Re-Election

Mr. H. C. Wright, who during the past year has been an energetic member of the local board of ferry directors, yesterday announced his intention to seek re-election to this office at the coming elections.

Oratorio Rendered by St. John's Choir

Last evening the choir of St. John's church offered a program of sacred music to organ and orchestral accompaniment. The work chosen was Farmer's "Christ and His Soldiers," an oratorio distinctly pleasing in parts but lacking the sustained quality discoverable in other works of the kind. "Christ and His Soldiers" is also essentially an Eastertide cantata.

Its presentation last evening however, provided a vehicle for some capable solo singing, a nicely rendered unaccompanied quartette, and some acceptable choral work. Madame Norminton handled the contralto interludes with her usual success, while Miss Adamson left little to be desired as the soprano soloist. Mr. T. F. Rowe imparted a refreshing zest into his tenor solo, while Mr. S. Adamson used his bass voice very effectively. Messrs. Hooley, Stovell and Sharp each acquitted themselves satisfactorily in their respective solos. The singers in the quartette were Mrs. Anders, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Evans.

The work was accompanied orchestrally by local players, with Mr. D. E. Standen at the organ and Mr. W. Spear conducting. A collection was made in aid of the new church organ fund.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leggett, 242 5th street west, Dec. 16th, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Spence, at Moodyville, Dec. 15th, a son.

Steel Bridge Over Capilano River

N. V. DISTRICT WILL HAND OVER BY-LAW PROCEEDS TO W. VANCOUVER CONDITIONAL ON CONSTRUCTION.

At last evening's short session of the district council over which Reeve May persided, the municipal fathers passed unanimously the following resolution: "That upon the district of West Vancouver undertaking to construct a steel bridge across the Capilano River and to connect same by suitable approaches with the Marine Drive to the West and the Robson road to the east, and also undertaking to assume all responsibility in connection with such construction, maintenance and in protective works, this council hand over to West Vancouver the proceeds of the sale of the bonds issued under the Keith road west by-law, 1911, for that purpose" This by-law was for $50,000.

Hockey

Tomorrow at three o'clock on the Boulevard ground, the North Vancouver hockey team will play the Vancouver aggregation, the match being in connection with the Mainland series, in which these two teams are now tied for top place. The local players will line up as follows:

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Time Table for Christmas Day

NORTH VANCOUVER CITY FERRIES LIMITED

Leave Vancouver		Leave North Vancouver	
7:40 A.M.	4:20 P.M.	7:20 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
8:20	5:00	8:00	4:40
9:00	5:40	8:40	5:20
9:40	6:20	9:20	6:00
10:20	7:00	10:00	6:40
11:00	7:40	10:40	7:20
11:40	8:20	11:20	8:00
12:20 P.M.	9:00	12:00	8:40
1:00	9:40	12:40 P.M.	9:20
1:40	10:20	1:20	10:00
2:20	11:00	2:00	10:40
3:00	11:40	2:40	11:20
3:40	12:20 A.M.	3:20	12:00
	1:00		12:45 A.M.

Time table subject to change without notice. Company not liable for delays, accidental or otherwise.

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Electric Railway Company or the Vancouver Power Co., according to its franchise. The meeting should also remember that the railway company's bonds were guaranteed by the government, but the B. C. E. R. were expected to build 5½ miles of line without even a bonus.

Mr. Andrew Liddle thought the nature of the company's franchise was the best bonus it could receive. If they thought it right to come to the North Shore at all they should live up to their charter.

Reeve Nelson then announced that legal opinion had been obtained to the effect that the whole North Vancouver district and West Vancouver franchise could be upset in the courts. The council was reserving action regarding this conditions of affairs, however, to find if the B. C. E. R. would voluntarily build a line to Hollyburn. Asked whether notwithstanding the fact that the Marine Drive had been built as a purely pleasure thoroughfare cars would be allowed to run on it, Reeve Nelson replied that his council had given the B. C. E. R. an opportunity to use the 80-foot roadway, which in parts was 100 feet wide. A franchise with 45 years yet to run was, added the reeve, surely bonus enough and the New Westminster line was the biggest loss at first but it was paying splendidly five years after building.

Mr. A. G. Perry, local manager of the B. C. E. R., said that as engineers had been instructed to survey the proposed route of the electric railway through West Vancouver, a report would certainly be brought forward. He had found that some of the roads along the route had been graded to a width which would not allow of any other than street car traffic. If the transportation committee of the board went to the Vancouver management of the company, however, and presented the same arguments as were adduced by the various speakers of the evening he had no doubt but that the management would give the project every consideration.

Resolutions were then passed in endorsation of the desires of the West Vancouver council, while the matter was formally left in the hands of the transportation committee (with power to add to its numbers), which committee will seek an interview with the Vancouver management of the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

The board then proceeded with the transaction of other minor business. Messrs. F. Underwood, J. L. Magnus, W. J. Wilson, R. C. Miller, and A. W. Lamont were elected new members.

Mr. G. H. Morden reported that the Joint Civic Advertising would in all probability be shortly in a position to undertake further publicity work.

On the motion of Mr. L. Watts Doney it was decided that a new by-law should be added to the constitution, to the effect that any member or person distinguished in public office and deemed worthy of the distinction should be eligible for honorary life membership of the board, provided at any regular meeting the proposition is unanimously received.

As the board's delegate to Victoria on the P. G. E. railway matter, the president incidentally submitted a written report on the trip which was endorsed in detail by Reeve Nelson. He said it was clear that clause 14 as couver within the specified time, two and a half years. In respect to the cost of the expropriation of a right of way between the western boundary of North Vancouver and Point Atkinson it was stated that Mr. D'Arcy Tate had made an estimate of $10,000,000.

Military Ball Pronounced Success

IN AID OF VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES, LOCAL BRANCH

The military ball held on Wednesday night in the Horticultural hall under the auspices of the Sixth Field Company of Canadian Engineers and in aid of the local branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, was an auspicious success in every respect, and as there were over one hundred couples present the net results to the order should be a handsome total.

The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, foliage, palms and pot plants, and combined with the exquisite ball costumes of the ladies, the uniforms of the officers and the sober relief of the gentlemen in evening dress the effect was exceptionally pleasing. The several regiments represented included the Engineers, Highlanders, Rifles and Duke of Connaught's Own.

The success gained was mainly due to the exertions of two committees, one of ladies who attended to the supper arrangements, picturesquely laid out in the new banquet hall. On the committee were Mesdames Cosgrove, Kitchen, Keane Butler, Jackson and Miss Thomson. The other committee handled the business and decorations, and was composed of Lieut. Cosgrove, Messrs. H. Woods, Kitchen, Keane and Woods, Jr. Too much credit cannot be given these ladies and gentlemen for the very evident hard work displayed.

Improved Post Office Facilities

Post Office Inspector Greenfield paid an official visit to this city a few days ago. He inspected the newly established substation post office on the corner of Lonsdale and Fifteenth street and will recommend that a post office money order department be added thereto.

Through the good offices of Mr. Greenfield, City Postmaster J. A. McMillan has succeeded in procuring a revision of the financial arrangement with the department, so that the proportion of local income available for local requirements is considerably increased. This will justify the employment of additional assistance in the office and the influence is already felt in the new wicket which has recently been installed for handling parcels.

With reference to stamps for charitable purposes the department has decided to permit such stamps to be pasted on the back of letters but not on the front.

Card of Thanks

I highly appreciate and wish to thank the Baptist Church, city officials, aid societies and all others for their kind assistance given towards my sick wife.

Yours sincerely,

CHAS. SKUSE.

THE ATTENTION of persons desiring to vote at the forthcoming Municipal Election is hereby called to the following information:—

The registered Owner and the registered Vendee under Agreement for Sale both have the right to have their names appear on the Voters' List, but the registered Owner alone shall have the right to vote at any election unless he or she on or before the day of Election by writing under his or her hand filed in the office of the undersigned, waives or renounces his or her right to vote, in which case the Vendee shall be entitled to vote provided he or she has the requisite qualifications of a Voter.

According to a special resolution of North Vancouver City Ferries Limited the qualifications of a Director of that Company are now the same as those of an Alderman of the City of North Vancouver. Candidates for that position must be male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, who are not disqualified under any law and have been for the past six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owners in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of North Vancouver of the assessed value in the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred ($500) Dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge and who are otherwise qualified as Municipal Voters.

The voting this year is by Wards, of which the following are the boundaries

Ward 1.—On the East Jones and Mahon Avenues, on the South, North and West City Boundaries.

Ward 2.—On the North Keith Road, on the West Mahon Avenue, on the East Lonsdale Avenue, on the South the southern boundary of the City.

Ward 3.—On the North Keith Road, on the East St. Andrew's Avenue, on the south, the southern boundary of the City, on the West Lonsdale Avenue.

Ward 4.—On the North Keith Road, on the south the southern boundary of the City, on the West St. Andrew's Avenue, on the East, City Boundary.

Ward 5.—On the South Keith Road, on the West St. George's Avenue, on the North and on the East City boundaries.

Ward 6.—On the North City boundary, on the south Keith Road, on the east St. George's Avenue, on the West Jones Avenue.

A Candidate for the representation of a Ward need not be a Voter in that Ward so long as he possesses the other qualifications for an Alderman of the City.

No Elector shall be entitled to vote in more than one Ward. A resident elector shall vote in the Ward in which he or she resides. A non-resident elector shall vote in the Ward in which he or she owns the largest amount of property. The voting place for all Wards is the City Hall.

The Court of Revision of the Voters' List will sit in the City Hall, North Vancouver on the 10th day of December, 1912.

W. AUSTIN BROWN,
City Clerk.

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Lemons, per dozen	30c
Bananas, per dozen	30c
Walnuts, finest, per lb.	25c
Walnuts, good	2 lbs. for 25c
Brazil Nuts, finest, per lb.	25c
Currants, shade dried Vostizzas, 2 lbs. for	25c
Currants, shade dried Vostizzas, 1 lb. pkts. each	15c
Currants, good quality, 2 pkts. for	25c
Raisins, 2 lbs. for	25c
Raisins, 3 pkts. for	25c
Sultanas, 2 pkts. for	25c
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THE PASSE PARTOUT

As one progresses in the art of the camera photographs accumulate to such a great extent that it is quite out of the question to have all framed. Even if one can afford such a luxury, space must be considered, and as this is limited by the four walls of one's dwelling, nothing further need be said on that score.

Many photographers have strong leanings towards the passe partout method of showing their photographs, which has much to recommend it; and which certainly is an excellent way of showing one's pictures suitably and under the most advantageous conditions other than framing.

Another feature is its comparative cheapness. Not every one is capable of making picture frames, but anyone with a moderate amount of experience and a little patience may easily manage the passepartout.

Having previously mounted the photograph as shown in a previous article, the next proceeding is to cut a piece of stout card exactly the same size as the mount. Also a piece of glass the same size. All three, glass, photograph mount and back must be a perfect fit in size or trouble will be met with in the binding together and ugly edges will be the result.

Neatness in this, as in all things photographic, is all important.

If married, ask the wife for half a yard of Prussian binding. She will know what it is if you don't. If unmarried you must find out your own way.

On the back of the card support cut two slits about 2 inches from each side and 3 inches from the top. Cut two pieces of the binding about 4 inches long and push the two ends through from the outside, having previously slipped on a small ring to hang by. Turn the ends of the binding one up, the other down, and glue to the back on the inside, leaving about 1 inch and the ring attached on the outside. As a further precaution against coming undone glue a piece of ordinary brown paper over the ends of the binding.

Having done this, and cleaned the glass perfectly, fix the mount and back to the glass and proceed to bind all three together.

Binding for this purpose can be purchased at the dealers, but the handy man will prefer to make his own. Any ordinary paper if stout enough will answer this purpose. Tints suitable to the photograph should be chosen. Brown paper such as tailors use, dark in color, is about as good as any other and will be found to suit nearly any photograph.

Get a sheet about 20x16 and damp well on a flat surface, leaving for five minutes to become limp, then with a stiff brush cover the surface all over with thinnish glue. Not too thin, but not as thick as used for woodwork. When this is dry, with a sharp knife cut the paper into strips about 1½ inches wide. Cut these into lengths the same as the glass. Damp with a sponge and lay on the edge of the glass about one-quarter of an inch along one side, pressing down firmly with a clean cloth, taking care that the edge of the paper is perfectly even and straight all along.

Now turn over the paper and press along the edge until it firmly adheres, then turn over to the back and fasten down the remaining paper firmly to the card backing. Follow the same procedure with each side, making sure that the corners are neatly turned under or cut off, then leave to dry. Should any glue or fingermarks be seen on the paper, sponge them off with a wet sponge or piece of duster, but wipe the paper all round to prevent markings on one. If all are done at the same time no marks will appear.

Our picture is now complete and may either be hung or packed away for future use.

One very useful feature about it is that at any time it can very easily be framed at little cost. Mounting and glazing being already done, all that is needed is the frame. This should be as simple as possible, with no attempt at elaboration or ornament, which will only kill the effect.

The frames may be ordered ready made and the picture being ready can easily be tacked in and given the passe partouts are the same size the same frames can be utilized over and over again for the various photographs, giving each in turn a show and adding variety to the home pictures.

The total cost of say a 15x11 picture will not exceed about 75 cents for the doing and one has the added pleasure of seeing one's own handiwork hanging on the wall.

Many of the leading photographers adopt this method of exhibiting their pictures, and where exhibitions are concerned and freight charges are a consideration there is a great saving.

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Splendid opportunities are offered just now for the making of good pictures. With the mountains partly snow covered and the mists of the early morning there are admirable pictures all around to be had for the asking.

Nature is always beautiful, but winter photography affords opportunities of picture making which are far and away before summer in many respects. To those who have eyes to see it is worth some little trouble to secure some of the early morning and late afternoon effects. Time for the right exposure, and do not forget that the exposure is longer in December than in June.

Snow pictures require a shorter exposure than the ordinary landscape.

Holidays are coming along, so get out the almost forgotten camera and if you have not tried winter photography before begin now and you will be well satisfied with the result.

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To All Whom It May Concern:

TAKE NOTICE, that there has been impounded at the District Pound, situate at the Lynn Valley Hotel, corner of Hoskins and Lynn Valley roads, North Vancouver, one gelding, aged, light bay color, 3 white feet, slight blaze on forehead.

And further, take notice that unless the said gelding is previously redeemed by the owner or some other person on his or her behalf and all proper costs and charges paid, the same will be sold by public auction at the above mentioned pound on Wednesday, the 25th day of December, 1912, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1912.

(Signed) H. EASTCOTT,
24-12 Pound Keeper.

CHRISTMAS REUNIONS.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggles of life are on this day reunited and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken! — Charles Dickens.

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North Vancouver, B. C.....December 20, 1912.

NORTH SHORE CONSTRUCTION ON THE P. G. E.—A SUGGESTED SOLUTION

One of the most valuable suggestions which has yet been made relative to inducing the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to start work on the North Shore at an early date, was made by Alderman Irwin at the session of the city council on Monday evening.

The alderman called attention to the fact that the point within ten miles of Vancouver at which the agreement originally called for a commencement of railway construction, would fall somewhere in the vicinity of Point Atkinson. He further observed that immediately east of Point Atkinson (and within the bounds of the District of West Vancouver) there is a large area *of property which has not yet* been subdivided. One property owner in this area had recently declared his willingness to give a railway right-of-way through his property free of charge. This promise would cover one-half mile of right-of-way, which it is understood lies on the proposed route of the Pacific Great Eastern, and the location of which is acceptable to both the district and the railway company.

Following up the possibilities indicated by this attitude upon the part of one property owner, the suggestion of Alderman Irwin was to the effect that an effort should be made to ascertain whether other property owners in that *vicinity would be prepared likewise to* donate land for right-of-way purposes. Having discovered what amount of right-of-way could be procured in this way, it might be found of sufficient extent to justify submitting a proposition to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, to the effect that property owners were prepared to deed the property for railway purposes, provided the railway company would commence construction operations in that locality at once, and carry the same on continu*ously until the line is completed.*

The suggestion is of a most practical nature and could be followed up with comparatively little trouble or expense. It is quite evident that the prospective high cost of the right-of-way along the North Shore has been an important factor in the postponement of construction on the North Shore. The donation of a considerable portion of that right-of-way would appreciably relieve the situation in this respect and would offer benefits to *the railway company in consideration* of which they might reasonably be expected to consent to begin work, which sooner or later must be done, at a date somewhat earlier than the company might otherwise commence the same.

This is a matter which fairly falls within the province of the Board of Trade, as representing the commercial interests of the entire North Shore and is likewise one which offers the possibility of conferring material benefits not only upon local public interests, but upon all parties in any way concerned in the Pacific Great Eastern project. It is, therefore a matter which the appropriate committee of the Board of Trade might profitably take in hand.

LAND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO WEST VANCOUVER

The connecting of the residential section of West Vancouver with the city of North Vancouver and other portions of the North Shore by means of a system of fast land transportation is universally recognized as a matter of prime importance in the public interests.

Under such circumstances it is natural and right that the B. C. Electric Railway Company, which already owns and operates some ten miles of tram line locally and which owns a franchise carrying with it a monopoly of street railway rights and privileges on this side of the inlet for a term of fifty years, should be requested to extend its existing westward lines into the municipality of West Vancouver. One of the first acts of the first council of the newly created West Vancouver district was to open negotiations with the company in this matter and the reply of the company was such as to intimate that they were prepared to take the proposition into serious consideration. An added impetus has been given the project through the discussion which marked the session of the Board of Trade Wednesday evening and the remarks which the local manager of the company made at the close of the discussion, upon the invitation of the President of the board, were of a nature to encourage the belief that the head office will be found willing to give serious and perhaps favorable consideration to the case which the committee appointed to interview the company will have to present from the standpoint of local public interests.

There need be no hesitancy in affirming that the hope will be universally entertained that the attitude of the company will be found to be such as to relieve public sentiment of any uncertainty or further anxiety with *respect to this important matter. There* is no manifest inclination, neither, it may safely be said, is there any lurking desire upon the part of the North Shore public to adopt any attitude toward the B. C. Electric Railway Company other than that of appreciation. Although the Company have not always seen their way to doing just what the public at the moment wished them to do, and in the precise manner in which the public wished them to do it, this is recognized as inseparable from the divergent views which the company on the one hand takes of such projects as problems in the transportation business and which *the public takes of the same projects* as matters of public utility. The great assistance which the local system of the B. C. Electric Railway Company has rendered in the settlement of the North Shore to date is too patent to admit of any denial and it is precisely because the public recognize and appreciate that assistance that they are desirous of seeing it extended to the district of West Vancouver, in the interests, as is firmly believed, not of that district alone but of the entire North Shore *and of the company as well.*

Having noted the importance of the proposed line of communication to public interests and having affirmed *the universal wish that the B. C. Elec*tric Railway Company be the agency through which the same shall be provided, it is in order to observe further that the establishment of this communication is a matter of such pressing importance from the public viewpoint that wise policy urges upon local public bodies the necessity of looking beyond the present negotiations and considering what course is to be pursued should the company ultimately decline to comply with public wishes with respect *thereto.*

The power which the franchise places in the hands of the municipality to build and operate the line should the *company decline to do so is of doubt*ful utility. In the first place the municipality in that case would be compelled to buy the electric power from the company, which would give the latter the first and probably the largest benefits from the operation of the line. As a second consideration, the municipal line would be compelled to connect up with the company's line at the eastern boundary of the district of West Vancouver. The position then would be that a person wishing to go from any West Vancouver point to Vancouver would be compelled to pay three or four fares and to make two or three changes in order to arrive at his destination in that city. A handicap such as this would very seriously prejudice such a route from the start and would render its usefulness more than doubtful. Further, as the municipal line would be dependent for its usefulness upon the connecting lines of the B. C. Electric Company, the command of the situation would rest altogether with that company, a feature which would render the undertaking one of very doubtful expediency as an experiment in municipal ownership.

The assertion that the legal soundness of the company's franchise is open to question does not materially affect the position of affairs, inasmuch as *the city of North Vancouver ratified* the franchise at the time of incorporation and the council of the district of North Vancouver did likewise in making an agreement with the company with respect to the extension of their lines through Lynn Valley. If, then, the district of West Vancouver alone were to attack the franchise and were even to succeed in breaking it, it is difficult to see just what course the municipality could pursue other than to endeavor to make a new agreement, possibly upon a more advantageous basis, with the same company.

line of communication, should it be required, independent of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, would appear to be the inauguration of a fast and up-to-date motor bus service on that route. The completion of Marine Drive would afford a most excellent thoroughfare for the operation of such a service and it could be operated from the Lonsdale avenue ferry landing to any point or points which might be desired at West Vancouver without in any way infringing upon the rights and privileges of the Electric Railway Company. In London, England, experience has clearly shown that motor bus systems can be operated successfully in competition with the tram service. On the south of Burrard Inlet, Burnaby is about to have a motor bus service. On Vancouver Island the council of the city of Victoria has been carefully investigating the subject for some months, with a view to establishing a line of motor busses in that city. There is good reason to conclude that such a system of transportation could *be made to give excellent satisfaction* as between this city and West Vancouver, while the problem of establishing the same (now that Marine Drive will shortly be completed) resolves itself into one of the initial investment, operating expenses and income. A good purpose would probably be served were the North Shore public bodies to constitute a committee for the purpose of gathering and tabulating the fullest possible information with reference to a motor bus service between this city and West Vancouver points.

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DATED at the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of November, 1912.

BURNS & WALKEM,
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Coal mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-west *Territories and in a portion of the pro*vince of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed *territory the tract applied for shall* be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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Board of License Commissioners Constructed

REEVE NELSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

TENDERS FOR MARINE DRIVE AND FOR ROCK CRUSHER

BY-LAWS PASSED

Previous to the regular meeting on Tuesday, the West Vancouver council sat in special session for the consideration of by-laws. The Public Health By-law, the Street Naming By-law, the Money By-law to borrow $100,000 for the further construction of Marine Drive and other by-laws were read and put through various stages.

In opening the regular session, Reeve Nelson announced that the attorney-general has appointed the following ratepayers as members of the Board of License Commissioners for the remainder of the year: Reeve Nelson, Councillors Hay and Gintzburger, J. B. Mathers, J. P., and A. E. Liddle, J. P.

The reeve also announced that the special time table for West Vancouver ferries on Christmas day is as follows: Boat will leave West Vancouver at 9 and 10 a. m., 2, 3, 7 and 8 p. m., and Vancouver one-half hour later in each instance, with the exception of the last boat, which will leave the city at 11:30 p. m.

Reeve Highly Complimented

Messrs. Dow, Fraser & Co. wrote with reference to the purchase of certain debentures for which they were negotiating to the effect that they had noticed a statement to the effect that it was the intention of Reeve Nelson to retire at the close of the present year. They had entered upon negotiations with implicit confidence in the ability and business management of the present administration and in view of the approaching change wished to defer negotiations until the personnel of next year's council had been determined.

Reeve Announces Retirement

Reeve Nelson took occasion to confirm the report already published as to his retirement. It was his intention to enjoy a long tour of Europe and probably extending round the world, and he would therefore be absent practically the whole of next year. Consequently it was impossible for him to do other than retire from the field in the approaching municipal elections.

Tenders for Fourteenth Street

Two tenders were received and opened for the work on Fourteenth street in connection with the new ferry approaches as follows: Guinan & Prescott, $6,587.96; Bruce & Ford, $5,698. On motion the contract was awarded to Bruce & Ford.

Tenders for Rock Crusher

Tenders were received for providing a rock crusher from J. E. W. MacFarlane, the B. C. Equipment Co. and Mussens, Limited. These were referred to the engineer and the board of works to report.

Correspondence

A letter from Mr. King, owner of D. L. 790 (King's Island) advised council that he was not prepared to actually be constructed. On motion it was resolved to call for tenders for clearing the roadway as soon as the deeds were executed.

With reference to the efforts of North Vancouver City Ferries, Limited, to procure the services of the government dredge to improve the landing at Vancouver, the clerk was instructed to write the proper authorities, supporting the request of North Vancouver City Ferries, Limited.

Plans

Upon the report of the engineer a plan of subdivision of the S. W. one-quarter of D. L. 1063 was approved.

Accounts

On recommendation of the finance committee accounts aggregating $2,099.25 were ordered paid.

Plebiscite

Reeve Nelson reported that it had been decided that the following question should appear on the ballot at the approaching municipal elections: "*Are you in favor of the clause in the subdivision by-law which requires property owners wishing to subdivide their property to clear a roadway twenty-four feet wide through the subdivision?*"

Council meeting next was ordered held on Monday instead of Tuesday, because of the proximity of Christmas.

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SECTION

The sacramental service of the Methodist church will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Methodist Sunday school announces their annual Christmas tree and entertainment to-night.

Last night about one inch of snow fell in the Valley. This is the first snow of the season to stay any length of time.

Mrs. C. E. Fakeley wishes to express her sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped and supported her in her late sad bereavement.

Mr. K. Rosseau has purchased a piece of property at the corner of Westover, Allan and Lynn Valley Roads where he anticipates building a business block.

Mr. R. L. Thompson will leave tomorrow on a trip to Newport where he will investigate the propects in real estate, and, if favorable, he will probably open a branch office at that point.

The masquerade ball at the Institute Hall tonight promises to be a great success. This will be the last dance of the year now drawing to a close given under the auspices of the Lynn Valley Dancing Club. According to the tickets sold, there will be many people present.

A league football match will be played on the Boulevard Park tomorrow af*ternoon at 2:30, Lynn Valley vs. Lons*dale. Lynn Valley team is as follows: Messrs. Bogue, Bartlett, Burrows, Monday, December 30th, has been announced for the annual Christmas tree and entertainment to be held in the Institute Hall. All the churches and schools have combined to make this a happy occasion and every child and person of the Valley is cordially invited to make it a great success by appearing at the Hall. A committee has been formed consisting of Mesdames Fromme, Arnott and Pinnell.

On Wednesday night the Lynn Valley Choral Society commenced the old-fashioned custom of carol singing on the Boulevard. On this occasion they were invited into two homes where they partook of good feasts. They will extend their visit through the Valley on Monday and Tuesday evening.

Successful Concert

The entertainment given last evening in the institute hall, Lynn Valley, by the Sports and Pastime Club of the SS. Zealandia and local artistes was a great success in every respect. The audience was enthusiastic throughout and the responses ware as generous as the recalls were insistent. The programme was a lengthy one, and it would be impossible in limited space to pay a tribute to every performer meriting one. Suffice it to say that the songs and comic numbers contributed may be ranked among the best ever listened to in the Valley. Special mention however is undeniably due to Messrs. Miles and Bull, whose duet evoked a tremendous encore. Another *notable feature was the pianoforte* playing of Miss Gladys Kirkland, one of the most gifted young pianists of cent R. A. M. examination enthused the large audience and gained her a boisterous recall. After the entertainment refreshments were provided by the ladies of the institute. The proceeds go to the funds of the hall.

Last Social of Y.M.C.A

"OPEN HOUSE" SERIES

The last "open house" of the year was held Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. Madame Lillian Davie, one of Vancouver's most talented singers, gave a beautiful interpretation of several songs, particularly of "April Morn," which was enthusiastically encored. Master Cecil Hunt, a talented boy singer of Vancouver, sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold" and "Daddy" in a manner that speaks well of his future career as a concert singer. Miss Margaret Currie, North Vancouver, created a very favorable impression, her numbers being rendered in a most entertaining manner.

The programme also included comic songs, violin selections and an exhibition of club swinging by members of the Y. M. C. A.

MR. W. KNOWLES WILL CONTEST WARD ONE

As stated in the last issue of the Express, Mr. William Knowles has agreed to be an aldermanic candidate at the forthcoming civic elections. It was mistakenly reported, however, that Mr. Knowles would seek to represent Ward Four. This should have been Ward One, in which division he will probably be opposed by Ald. McRae.

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Ancient Nursing Bottles.

According to recent discoveries it appears that nursing bottles were used even in prehistoric times. This is true at least for the age of polished stone, inasmuch as a French archaeologist, M. Nicaise, when exploring a neolithic funerary deposit, found a small clay nursing bottle, and this was quite intact. This is not the only specimen of the kind which comes from the early ages. Among others are the specimens found in the Gaulish burial places of Jonchery and more recently in the Gallo-Roman arena of Paris. This latter relic of ancient babyhood was uncovered within a comparatively late period.

The Secular Seal.

Archie Sanderson, presenting his credentials to Mr. McTavish, felt sure that the coveted position of assistant in the grocery would at once be his. Mr. McTavish read the papers carefully and then looked over his spectacles at the confident Archie.

"It's a vera proud thing for ye to hae this recommendations from the meenister and the Sunday school teacher," he said, "and 'tis in your favor that ye're a Scotch lad, but—I'd like wees to hae a few words from some one that kens ye on weekdays before I put ye to work for me, Archie Sanderson."

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IN BETHLEHEM.

At this season of the year probably no city of the ancient world presents a more picturesque or attractive aspect than Bethlehem, whose population is many times multiplied by the presence of a vast army of pilgrims from every part of the globe. Mecca, in the height of the great annual Moslem influx, or Hurdwar, in upper India, at the season of the sacred festival, may have much greater but they cannot be said to have more devout or more cosmopolitan crowds than those that flock to the city of David in the Christmas week. Shaped wonderfully like a crescent, yet the only thoroughly Christian town in all Syria, Bethlehem puts on its gayest garb as Christmas approaches. At all times a pretty and attractive place, it is then a thousandfold more so. The thrifty townspeople, their handsome wives and dark eyed daughters, prepare for the festivities weeks in advance and are ready to welcome the first arrivals.

No words can adequately describe the grandeur of the Christmas services at the Church of the Nativity, which is the center of interest for the pilgrims. These services are kept up the entire week. On the way to church the visitors are beset by peddlers, who insist on pushing under their very noses little ornaments of olivewood and mother-of-pearl. The Church of the Nativity is one of the oldest structures in existence, and, although it has been repeatedly repaired, it still retains much of its original form and character. In the side aisles at different altars priests chant the service in tones that swell and die amid the tall columns that support the roof.

At the shrines groups of pilgrims kneel in reverent adoration, while still other groups are guided around the church by monks, who point out the rich relics and sacred places, the most venerated of all being the shrine of the manger, beneath the church, which, it is claimed, incloses the actual birthplace of the Saviour. During the Christmas festivities this manger shrine is resorted to by great multitudes, who crowd each other in their pious eagerness to kiss the marble slab on the floor with a silver star in the center.

So fervid and enthusiastic are these worshipers that the marble slab has been repeatedly kissed away in places, rendering a new slab necessary. The same experience has occurred with the stone covering of the crypt in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, which has had to be renewed several times in consequence of its outer surface being literally kissed away by pious devotees. The tradition is that Christ was once laid in this manger. A few feet distant is the chapel of the Magi, where the wise men of old, Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, came worshiping with rare gifts.

MARKET PLACE IN BETHLEHEM ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

A subdued, rich light is diffused throughout the grotto by the softly glowing lamps over the star, and the swinging censers lend an agreeable odor to an otherwise close and musty atmosphere. All worldly thoughts are banished as the kneeling pilgrims listen spellbound to the melodious chant of the sacred office or the full, sturdy, noble singing of the grand looking, bearded priests. The low roof, the "living rock," the censers, the music, the lights, all seem to dissolve, and in their stead there appear to the moist eyes of the adoring pilgrims the manger cradle with the babe, the Virgin mother and Joseph, the mean surroundings, the oxen and their litter of straw and the gentle, wondering sheep.

The Christmas festivities, however, are not confined to the Church of the Nativity. The week is a general festival in the town and a season of financial harvest for its citizens. Like all orientals, they are thrifty to avariciousness, and the sight of the splendid gifts that are brought year after year to the church and especially the Grotto chapel, by strangers from afar widely excite their cupidity. Among those thousands that are living temporarily in tents, or, it may be, quartered in the more comfortable convent, there are many rich who can be easily persuaded into generosity when under the supernatural influence that seems to pervade everything at Bethlehem.—Philadelphia Record.

"Praying" Insects.

The grotesque mantis is a saintly looking insect, yet his object is to prey rather than to pray. For hours together it will assume an attitude of innocence and quietness, its fore-legs raised as if in supplication, and not until some unwary fly or other insect approaches would a watcher realize the object of its quaint posture. Then with a dart the mantis seizes its victim which is soon devoured. It is easily explained, for the mantis is carnivorous, requiring food such as grasshoppers, flies and caterpillars but being slow of foot has to depend upon craft in capturing its quarry. Its saintly attitude while awaiting the coming of some victim has given rise to the common names of "praying insects," and "soothsayers."

Even the Greeks endowed the mantis with supernatural powers, and in Nubia the Hottentots regard these insects with the greatest reverence. Should one alight on a Hottentot the man is at once considered as selected of heaven and becomes a saint; but woe unto the native who kills a mantis; he becomes no longer a skilled hunter and is ill-fated until the end of his days. Turks and Arabs contend that these insects are in constant prayer, with their faces ever turned toward Mecca. France, Portugal, America and many other countries provide similar superstitions, all of which have doubtless arisen from the quiet demeanor and devout attitude serving to disguise the highly predaceous character of these insects.

It is interesting to note that the Chinese have better realized their true character. In that ancient country the mantids are kept in bamboo cages and matched like fighting cocks. Such a thing is quite possible, for should two female mantis meet a fight is tolerably certain. By means of their powerful fore-legs they are able to strike tremendous blows, and with these weapons they engage in fierce combat, the result often being that the weaker of the two has one or more of its limbs severed by one successful stroke of the enemy, or even its body may be cut through.

The male mantis has a difficult task on hand when wooing his mate. She is both larger and stronger than he, and should his advances not prove favorable he rarely has the opportunity of retreating; for while she will not accept him as her lover, she takes care that he does not become the husband of another of her species by killing him as a final act of refusal and then dining off his remains. Cannibalism is a common feature with these insects, but this is practicing it in its worst form.

Beating of Dead Hearts.

Hearts of cold-blooded animals will beat for a comparatively long time after death or removal from the body (if kept cold and moist) because of powerful internal collections of nerves known as ganglia, whose automatic impulses cause the regular contractions of the muscles. Similar ganglia exist in man and other warm-blooded animals, but their action is less prolonged. Scientists have ascertained that a turtle's heart will beat after removal if put on a piece of glass, kept cool and moist and covered with a bell jar. I believe it has been known to beat thirty-six or even forty-eight hours. Twelve or fourteen hours is a common record.

Boulevard and Esplanade.

Both "esplanade" and "boulevard" are military terms by origin. The original "boulevard" was a bulwark or horizontal part of the rampart, and an "esplanade" was originally the glacis or slope of the counterscarp of a fortified place. A writer 200 years ago noted that the word boulevard was "now chiefly taken for the void space between the glacis of a citadel and the first houses of a town"; hence its extension to other "void spaces" suitable for promenading. The old French "esplanade" was defined by Cotgrave as "a planing, leveling, evening of ways," from Latin "explanare," to smooth or flatten out, whence the English words "explain" and "explanation."

He Had Tact.

Merchant—Our salesmen must show tact. Now, for instance, if a lady came in the store and asked to see some false hair what would you say to her?

Bright Boy—I'd ask her what shade her—her friend preferred, an'—

"Enough," said the merchant; "name your own salary."

Defiance.

"There is a place awaiting you in the abode of future punishment," said the man who, even though angry, strives to be discreet of speech.

"It don't scare me none," replied the janitor. "I'll be kind o' glad to get some place where the tenants never complain because the radiators are cold."

Why She Was Slighted.

Mrs. Bilton—I got an invitation to Janaway's reception—did you?

Mrs. Caton—No. She borrowed all my china and silver, and I don't suppose she wants me to see how it's treated.

Stopping the Leak.

Mother—Bobby, why have you stuffed cotton in your ear? Does it ache?

Bobby—No. Papa said that everything he tells me goes in one ear and comes out the other. I want to prevent this.

An Enviable Job.

"Why do you say he has a good job? He's only a stationary fireman."

"I know. But he's a fireman in an ice plant. He can keep warm in the winter and cool off in the summer."

Needed Them.

"You have three pairs of glasses, professor?"

"Yes; I use one for reading, one for distance and the third to find the others!"

Daddy's Bedtime Story—

Old Aeolus, The King of The Winds

The Sailors Let the Storm Winds Escape.

THE winds were whistling outside, and Evelyn glanced toward the window.

"I wonder where the winds come from?" she said.

"Yes," spoke up Jack; "I've often wondered that myself."

"I'll tell you what the old Greeks said about the winds," said daddy.

"They claimed that the winds had a king named Aeolus, who lived in a place called the Aeolian islands.

"King Aeolus found some of his winds so rough and wild that he thought it best to keep them in dark dungeons in the rocky earth with a mountain on top, so that they might only come out when he wished them to do so.

"The Greeks said that Ulysses, one of their heroes who fought in the war against Troy, stopped to visit King Aeolus on his way home.

"Aeolus and Ulysses became great friends, and when the latter was ready to go on board his ship again Aeolus said that he would make him a useful gift. Then he handed Ulysses a leather bag in which he had tied up all the rough, bad winds that might make storms and drive the ship from its course.

"Ulysses thanked Aeolus and ordered his men to set all the sails in place.

"Unfortunately Ulysses did not tell his men what was in the leather bag which the king had given him, and they were very curious.

"It was indeed a strange bag. If one lifted it it was light as a feather, although puffed out in every direction to an enormous size. When the men touched the bag they would hear strange noises inside.

"Now, although at home the same men had often scolded their wives and daughters for being too curious, they were now most curious to know what was in that queer sack.

"At last one man more inquisitive than his fellows cut the cord that bound the mouth of the bag, and the rough winds rushed out, knocking over every one in their way and stirring up the ocean into a storm.

"The noise of the escaping winds wakened Ulysses. He was very angry when he learned what his companions had done and ordered the sailors to turn back at once to the Aeolian islands that he might ask King Aeolus to help them out of their trouble.

"King Aeolus was displeased that Ulysses had not taken better care of his present, and he told him he might get home as best he could.

"And owing to the tricks of the prankish and contrary winds which his foolish companions had let escape from the bag it was many a weary day before Ulysses saw the shores of Greece and got safely home."

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"Telephone Talk" for December contains the following interesting account of the sinking of the new cable between Vancouver and North Vancouver:

Cable connection with North Vancouver was utilized on December 9th, and the thriving city on the north shore now enjoys the better service which this improved communcation affords. The cable is a duplex, with an ultimate capacity of eighty-seven circuits.

Laying of this connection was successfully effected on November 10th, under the direction of Mr. George McCartney, superintendent of construction, who was given excellent assistance by Mr. H. B. Noble, division foreman, and Mr. E. W. Thomas, construction engineer. Mr. A. A. Davis, division foreman of the Island division, was an observer. Other observers would have been present on the occasion, but advantage had to be taken of the low tide and a start was made before the arrival of those interested.

That the estimate of the length required was carefully made is shown by the fact that there was a difference of only fifty-two feet between the estimated length of spare cable and what was actually over. Thirteen hundred feet of spare cable was reckoned for, and the figure was 1,248 feet. When it is known that the total length is 13,700 feet this shows good work.

Much careful work is required in perfecting a connection of this kind and considerable of this fell to the lot of Mr. E. P. Labelle, plant engineer, and Mr. A. H. Lemmon, district engineer. They had to make 1,400 tests to assure the perfect efficiency of the wires.

From the time the work was begun on the C. P. R. wharf at the Vancouver end until the completion across the inlet, three hours and sixteen minutes were occupied, while the actual laying operations took one hour and thirty-five minutes. The cable was paid out from scows which were in tow of the tugs Clayburn and Me Too.

There is quite a difference between the efficient two-number system which this cable gives, and the first line which linked Vancouver and North Vancouver. This wire was run through the water mains under the First Narrows the "laying" being done by means of a football to which was attached a rope of small diameter. The ball was blown through the main by the water, *and the wire was attached to the rope* and pulled through.

Mrs. A. McAllister has returned to her home at Hotel North Vancouver.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Keith Road—Services: Morning, 11:00; evening, 7:30. Adult Bible Class, 2:30. *Sunday School, 2:30.* Y. P. S. C. E., Tuesday, at 8 p. m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. Choir Practice, Friday, at 8 p. m. Rev. Ronald Macleod, Minister.

Methodist Church—Corner of Sixth and St. George. Sunday Services, 11:00 *a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School and* Bible Class, 2:30 p.m. Senior League, Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Junior League, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 Pastor, W. C. Schlitcher.

St Agnes' Church—Corner Twelfth and Boulevard. Sunday Services: *Morning Prayer*, 11 a. m.; Sunday School 3:30 p. m.; Evening Prayer, 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion, first and third Sundays in month, at 11 a. m.; second Sunday in month, 8 a. m. Rev. Samuel Fea, M. A. Vicar.

Salvation Army—Lonsdale Avenue Sunday services, 11:00 a. m., 3 p. m and *7:45 p. m. Tuesday, 8 p. m.; Thursday,* 8 p. m. Children's Service, Wednesday, 4 p. m.

Baptist Church—Twelfth and St. George. *Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30* p. m. Sunday School and Bible Class at 2:30 p. m. Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday at 8 p. m. Pastor, Rev. A. J. Prosser, Twelfth and St. George.

St. John the Evangelist, Eighth and Thirteenth. Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Morning Prayer, 11 a. m. Evening Prayer, 7:30 p. m. On the first Sunday in the month there will be a second celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Rector, Rev. Hugh Hooper.

St. Edmund's Catholic Church, Sixth and Mahon Avenue. Sunday—High Mass and Sermon, 10 a. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Rosary and Benediction, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Low Mass, 8 a. m. Pastor, Rev. J. A. Bedard, O. M. I.

Indian Catholic Church of St. Paul's, Mass, 7:30 a. m., Sundays. Pastor, Rev E. Peytavin, O. M. I.

Christian Science Society—1428 Chesterfield Avenue. Services: Sundays, 11 a.m.; Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

NORTH LONSDALE

St. Thomas—8:00 and 11:00 a.m., 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. F. E. Perrin, M.A., Priest in charge.

Presbyterian Church—Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School and Bible Class, 2:30 p. m. Teachers' Training Class, Wednesday, 7:30. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Boys' Club, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Choir Practice, Friday, 8 p. m. R. Van Munster, M. A., pastor.

LYNN VALLEY

Presbyterian Church—Worship, Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School, 2:15 p. m. Pastor, Rev. A. MacAulay.

Methodist Church—Worship, Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday School, 2:15 p. m. Pastor, Rev. C. Fakeley.

St. Clement's, Lynn Valley—Matins, 11 a.m. Sunday School 2.30 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion second Sunday in month at 11.00 a.m. Norman J. Thompson in charge

Tenders for Clearing

Tenders will be received up till December 21st, 1912, for clearing and cutting wood, lot 2, block 11, D. L. 2023. Particulars on application to

J. B. CAMPBELL,
Lynn Valley.

SONS OF ENGLAND

The annual "at home" under the auspices of the Sons of England, Western Rose Lodge No. 296, takes place on Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 8 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Mount Pleasant. It is expected there will be a good attendance of members and friends from *both shores of the Inlet. The even*ing's entertainment will comprise supper, cards, dancing, games and prizes.

District of North Vancouver

A BY-LAW to authorise the Council of the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver to borrow the sum of $40,000 to be secured upon the rentals, rates or charges enforceable under the Lynn Valley Waterworks Regulation By-Law, 1908, and the *Lynn Valley Waterworks Regulation* Amendment By-Law, 1909.

WHEREAS under the provisions of *the Lynn Valley Waterworks Regula*tion By-Law, 1908, and the Lynn Valley Waterworks Regulation Amendment By-Law, 1909, duly passed by the council of the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver, certain rentals rates or charges are enforceable in the Lynn Valley Waterworks Townsite therein defined;

AND WHEREAS the amount of the debt which this By-Law is intended to create is the sum of $40,000, and the object for which the same is created is *the extension of the said Waterworks* system in the said Lynn Valley Waterworks Townsite;

AND WHEREAS the estimated amount of the said rentals, rates or charges chargeable as aforesaid for the year 1912 is the sum of $3,100, and no amount of money is already charged thereon;

AND WHEREAS the debt is created on the security of the aforesaid rentals, rates or charges;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that the said rentals, rates or charges will be sufficient to make up the amount of the annual interest and sinking fund upon the debt hereby created and that there will be no deficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Reeve and Council of the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver in council assembled (with the assent of the electors *duly obtained) do hereby enact* as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the council for the purpose aforesaid to borrow *or raise by way of loan from any* person or persons, body or bodies corporate who may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the debentures of this Corporation hereinafter provided for, a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $40,000, and to cause the same to be placed in the Bank of Hamilton to the credit of the Corporation for the purpose aforesaid.

2. Debenture bonds of the Corporation to the amount of $40,000 in the whole may be issued by the Reeve and Clerk of the Corporation in terms of the Municipal Act in sums as may be desired, but no single debenture shall be for a greater sum than $1,000. Each of said Debenture Bonds shall be signed by the Reeve and Clerk and shall be sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

3. The said Debenture Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding

There shall be attached to the debenture bonds coupons signed by the Reeve and Clerk for each and every payment of interest that shall become due, and such signatures may be either written, lithographed or stamped.

4. The said debenture bonds shall as to principal and interest be payable at the District Municipal Office, North Vancouver, B. C., or at the principal office of the Bank of Hamilton in the city of Toronto, in the province of Ontario, or at the principal office of the said bank in the city of Montreal *in the province of Quebec.* The said principal sum shall be made payable by the Corporation not later than 50 years from the 1st day of November, 1912.

5. The said debenture bonds shall be secured upon the rentals, rates and charges enforceable under the provisions of the before-recited Lynn Valley Waterworks Regulation By-Law, 1908, and Lynn Valley Waterworks Regulation Amendment By-Law, 1909, and the said bonds shall be and the same are hereby as to principal and interest guaranteed by the municipality at large.

6. There shall be set aside annually by the Treasurer of the Corporation out of the said rentals, rates and charges, and in case of a deficiency then as to such deficiency out of annual revenue, the sum of $263, for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the *payment of said debentures when they* become due and the sum of $2,000 for the payment of the interest at the rate aforesaid to become due on such debentures during the currency thereof. The said rentals, rates and charges shall be withdrawn from the annual revenue of the municipality and shall be paid into a special account in the Bank of *Hamilton for the purpose of meeting* the aforesaid sinking fund and interest, provided always that any moneys that may have to be advanced, or which may have to be paid under the aforesaid guarantee and any surplus beyond the sums annually required for such interest and sinking fund shall from time to time be transferred from *the said special account and refunded* to the amount of the annual revenue.

This By-Law may be cited for all purposes as "The Lynn Valley Waterworks Revenue Loan By-Law, 1912."

This By-Law shall come into effect on the 31st day of December, 1912.

Passed by the council on the 13th day of December, 1912.

Received the assent of the Electors at an election held on the
day of 1912.

Reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council and signed by the Reeve and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the
day of 1912.

Reeve.
Clerk.

ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken *within the following* polling stations, viz.: In the Municipal Hall, Lynn Valley Road; in the office of Mr. T. S. Nye at corner of Lonsdale Avenue and St. James' Road, and at Capilano Schoolhouse, all in the district of North Vancouver, on Saturday, the 28th day of December, 1912, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 7 o clock p.m.

JOHN G. FARMER,
C.M.C. and Returning Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the vote of the Electors of the District of North Vancouver will be taken on the "Lynn Valley Waterworks *Revenue Loan By-Law, 1912," on Sat*urday, the 28th day of December, 1912, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m. within the following polling places, viz.: In the Municipal Hall, Lynn Valley Road; in the office of Mr. T. S. Nye, at the corner of Lonsdale Avenue and St. James' Road, and at the Capilano Schoolhouse *in the district of North Vancouver*, and that John G. Farmer has been appointed Returning Officer to take the votes of such Electors with the usual powers in that behalf

By order of the Council.
(Signed) WM. H. MAY,
Reeve.
(Signed) JOHN G. FARMER,
C.M.C.

District of North Vancouver

A BY-LAW to enable the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver to raise by way of loan the sum of $62,000 to provide for the purchase and clearing of School Sites.

*WHEREAS on the 21st day of Octo*ber, 1912, the Board of School Trustees for the District of North Vancouver laid before the municipal Council a detailed estimate of the sums required by the Board for the purchase clearing and grading of school sites in said district, amounting to $62,000 the said sites being in District Lots *553, 552, 787, 784 and 469 respectively;*

AND WHEREAS on the 31st day of October, 1912, the Municipal Council finally rejected and disapproved said estimates until such time as the Electors should give their assent to a By-Law for raising the said sum of $62,000, for the purposes aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS on the 2nd day of November, 1912, the secretary of said Board of School Trustees made a written request to the Reeve of the District for the submission to the Electors of a By-Law authorizing the proposed expenditure and for raising the moneys required to defray the same upon the credit of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the amount of the debt which this by-law is intended to create is the sum of $62,000, and the object for which the said debt is created is the purchase and clearing of school sites as aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS by a Special Order dated the 21st day of November, 1912 the Council of Public Instruction have authorized the extension of the loan to be raised under *this By-Law* over a period of 50 years from the date when this By-Law takes effect;

AND WHEREAS it will be necessary to raise annually by special rate the total sum of $3507.00 for 50 years for the repayment of the said loan and interest at 5 per cent. per annum as hereinafter provided;

AND WHEREAS the value of the whole rateable land or improvements or real property of the Municipality according to the last revised assessment roll amounts to $8,083,790;

AND WHEREAS the aggregate of the Debenture Debt of the municipality (except for works of local improvement and school purposes) amounts to $685,000;

THEREFORE the Reeve and Council of the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver in council assembled (with the assent of the Electors

sale who may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the debentures of this Corporation hereinafter provided for, a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $62,000, and to cause the same to be placed in the Bank of Hamilton to the credit of the Corporation to be expended for the purpose aforesaid.

2. Debenture Bonds of the Corporation to the amount of $62,000 in the whole may be issued by the Reeve and Clerk of the Corporation in terms of the Municipal Act in sums as may be desired, but no single Debenture shall be for a greater sum than One Thousand Dollars. Each of the said Debenture Bonds shall be signed by the Reeve and Clerk and shall be sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

3. The said Debenture Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum payable half *yearly on the 1st day of May and the* 1st day of November in each and every year during the currency of said Debentures or any of them. There shall be attached to the Debenture Bonds coupons signed by the Reeve and Clerk for each and every payment of interest that shall become due, and such signatures may be either written *lithographed or stamped.*

4. The said Debenture Bonds shall as to principal and interest be payable at the District Municipal Office, North Vancouver, B. C., or at the principal office of the Bank of Hamilton in the city of Toronto, in the province of Ontario, or at the principal office of the said Bank in the city of *Montreal, in the province of Quebec.* The said principal sum shall be made payable by the Corporation not later than 50 years from the 1st day of November, 1912.

5. There shall be raised and levied annually by special rate on all rateable land or improvements or real property in the district the sum of $407 for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the payment of said debentures when they become due and the sum of $3,100 for the payment of the interest at the rate aforesaid to become due on such debentures during the currency thereof, and that in addition to all other rates to be levied and collected in the said district during the whole currency of the said debentures or any of them.

No rebate shall be allowed on the said special rate to be levied under this By-Law.

This By-Law may be cited for all purposes as "The School Sites Loan By-Law, 1912."

This By-Law shall come into effect on the 31st day of December, 1912.

Passed by the Council on the 13th day of December, 1912.

Received the assent of the electors at an election held on the
day of 191

Reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council and signed by the Reeve and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the
day of 191

Reeve.
Clerk

ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

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JOHN G. FARMER,
C. M. C. and Returning Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the vote of the Electors of the *District of North Vancouver* will be taken on the "School Sites Loan By-Law, 1912," on Saturday, the 28th day of December, 1912, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m., within the following polling places, viz.: In the Municipal Hall, Lynn Valley Road; in the office of Mr. T. S. Nye, at the corner of Lonsdale Avenue *and St James' Road, and at Capilano* Schoolhouse, in the district of North Vancouver, and that John G. Farmer has been appointed Returning Officer to take the votes of such Electors with the usual powers in that behalf.

By Order of the Council.
(Signed) WM. H. MAY,
Reeve.
(Signed) JOHN G. FARMER,
C. M. C.

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER VOTERS' LIST

NOTICE—Attention is drawn to the provisions of the "Municipal Elections *Act Amendment Act, 1912,*" which provides as follows:

"In case the registered holder of the "fee and the registered Vendee under "an Agreement for Sale are both owners "(as defined in this Act) of the same "land or real property, they shall both "have the right to have their names "entered on the Voters' List, but the "holder alone shall have the right to "vote at any Municipal Election unless he, on or before the day of Election, by writing under his hand filed "in the office of the Municipal Clerk, "waives or renounces his right to vote "in which case the vendee shall be entitled to vote, provided he has all the "requisite qualifications of a voter."

Resident Electors vote in the Ward in which they reside. Non-resident electors vote in the Ward in which they have the largest amount of property in value according to the Assessment Roll.

No person is entitled to have his or her name twice entered on the Annual Voters List as a voter in the Municipality.

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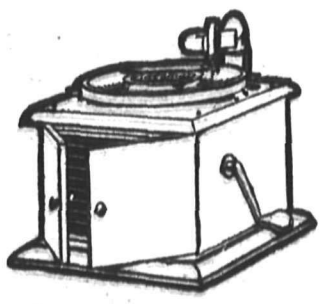
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Mr. A. Buckley, M.A., has taken up his residence on 8th street east, North Vancouver.

Mr. Charles Rollinson of Seattle and Mrs. W. B. Waters of Santiago, were this week the guests of Mrs. W. H. Parkins, of 311 Second street.

The Capilano school announce their annual concert and Christmas tree to be held in the school on Monday, the 23rd, at 8 o'clock. Children free.

The Knights of Pythias are holding a Christmas tree in their hall, 4th street west on Monday, 23rd inst., to which members and their families are invited.

Circumstances forbid the inclusion in this issue of a complete list of the patrons of Wednesday night's military ball. Such a list, will, however, be available for Tuesday's issue.

The Salvation Army officers of the local corps desire all those who would

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The North Vancouver Cartage Co. are excavating a basement under their premises on 4th street west which when completed will be utilized for storage purposes. The basement will be the size of the whole buildings, covering 50x80 feet.

In connection with the newly established St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the special dedicatory services will be continued on Sunday next In the morning the Rev. Principal Mackay, D.D., will preach, while in the evening the preacher will be the Rev. E. D. Maclaren, D. D.

Communication

Editor Express:

Dear Sir,—Writing with reference to a communication in your last issue from Mr. H. Kitchin, I should like to draw your attention to a clause in same which must convey to a ratepayer not well versed in financial matters an entirely wrong impression. The paragraph I refer to is the one which states that "the ratepayers voted a year ago $12,000 for one object, and the city hand over $11,200 or a 'loss' of $800 to the ratepayers on this small amount, etc."

Now to make a statement that a city lost $800 on a bond transaction because the bonds happened to be sold at a discount is absurd, since the only possible way of calculating such matters is upon the rate per cent. the city is paying for its money. A 5 per cent. bond for instance sold at par shows no "loss" such as your correspondent says was made last year, whereas a 4½ at 93.53 (the price our bonds were sold at), shows a "loss" according to his method of reckoning of approximately $800 on $12,000 debentures.

To prove the fallacy of calculating in such a manner, I would point out that the city obtains its money on a 4⅞% basis when its 4½%, 50 year bonds are sold at 93.53 and a supposedly heavy loss made, whereas when no "loss" is made and 5% bonds are sold at par the city pays just ⅛ of 1% more. Reductio ad absurdum.

S. HUMPHREYS.

SCHOOL CONCERT TONIGHT

The children of St. Edmund's school are giving a concert in the school house Mahon avenue, tonight. The children display good talent in the musical direction and a very bright entertainment is assured.

GEORGE S. HANES
Candidate for Mayor

To the Electors of the City of North Vancouver:—

Your votes are asked for Mr. Hanes,—

1. Because he has demonstrated his ability and integrity in handling municipal work.
2. Because he has made a study of municipal law and can save many costly mistakes.
3. Because as an engineer he has a strong and intelligent interest in the Second Narrows Bridge, and will advocate the early taking over of this project by the municipalities concerned.
4. Because he will do his utmost to secure enforcements of all obligations to the North Shore by the P. G. E. Railway.
5. Because he is in favor of extending the sewer system where the health of the city demands it, and equalizing and facilitating the conditions upon which individual connections can be made.
6. Because he is in favor of opening up streets and extending wooden sidewalks for residents.
7. Because he is in favor of paying city workmen same rate of wages as is paid in Vancouver and giving preference to the employment of residents of North Vancouver on municipal work.
8. Because he is in favor of the city operating its own rock quarry.
9. Because he will advocate the coordination of civic departments so as to avoid the re-opening of completed streets for laying sewer pipes, etc.
10. Because he is in favor of building up the city clean and attractive to the best class of citizens by the improvement of the ferry service and the enforcement of the law without fear or favor.

Having every confidence in Mr. Hanes' expressed intention to adhere to the policy embodied in the above, the undersigned executive committee for the furtherance of his candidature for the mayoralty appeal to their fellow citizens for their active support at the coming elections.

Colin F. Jackson, chairman of committee,
W. L. Boult, vice chairman,
W. D. McFarland, secretary,
Chas. H. Cates,
Thomas McEwen,
R. J. Fowler,
A. D. Anderson,
J. R. Creelman,
N. Kennedy,
M. McMillan,
L. S. Eaton,
D. R. Young,
G. J. Phillippo.

Executive committee elected by the General Committee.

Pledging myself to adhere to the above platform as formulated by my general committee, I respectfully request your vote and influence in my favor as Mayor of the city of North Vancouver for the ensuing year.

GEORGE S. HANES

PUBLIC DEBATE

The open forum which was opened last Sunday afternoon in K. P. hall with a lively debate on the question of open versus secret ballot will be continued all through the winter months, if possible. With the co-operation of all North Vancouver citizens these meetings should prove of great educational value to the young people of the city. It is expected that a few musical selections will be rendered next Sunday. The meeting will start at 2 p. m. Admission free. Ladies especially invited.

Christmas Services at St. Agnes' Church—8 a.m., Celebration of Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, with sermon and holy communion.

Cord Wood

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Week by Week

Ottawa, December 20th, 1912—Laurier has announced his naval policy. He still clings to his idea of a Canadian navy. Only, driven by the wave of patriotic enthusiasm with which the Premier's proposals of a week ago were received, he is prepared to build a Canadian navy on a broader and more generous basis. In office his Canadian navy was typified by the Rainbow and the Niobe—it was a joke navy. Now he wants two fleet units on the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts. He would devote the $35,000,000 the Borden government is prepared to vote for super-dreadnoughts to the building of these units. Laurier in office and Laurier in opposition are two altogether different propositions and the country will be prepared rather to judge Laurier by his actions rather than by his words.

Sir Wilfrid made light of the memorandum of the British admiralty—the greatest naval authority in the world. Their conclusions he rejected and their recommendations he spurned. He lightly declared that there was nothing new in the memorandum from what was known and discussed four years ago. Let us examine a little this memorandum. One clause reads: "In the spring of the present year the fifth German navy law was assented to by the Reichstag. The main feature of that law is not the increase in the new construction of capital ships, though that is important, but rather the increase in the striking force of all ships of all classes which will be immediately available at all times of the year." This, the memorandum goes on to explain and amplify. These were new facts. Here are a few random quotations from the memorandum and yet Sir Wilfrid says there are no new facts.

"Taking a general view the effect of the new law will be that nearly four-fifths of the entire German navy will be maintained in full permanent commission; that is to say, instantly and constantly ready for war.

"The new law adds 15,000 officers and men and makes a total in 1920 of 101,500. The new construction under the law prescribes the building of three additional battleships." And so the memorandum goes. And yet, Sir Wilfrid sees nothing new in it. And to sum up here is what the admiralty has to say in reply to the premier's request for the most effective method of aid:

"The Prime Minister of the Dominion, having enquired in what form any immediate aid that Canada might give would be most effective, we have no hesitation in answering, after a prolonged consideration of all the circumstances, that it is desirable that said aid should include the provision of a certain number of the largest and strongest ships of war which science can build or money supply."

And again the admiralty says:

"The aid which Canada could give at the present time is not to be measured only in ships or money. Any action on the part of Canada to increase the power and mobility of the Imperial navy, and thus widen the margin of our common safety, would be recognized everywhere as a most significant witness to the united strength of the Empire and to the renewed resolve of the overseas Dominions to take their part in maintaining its integrity."

Could language be plainer? Could any honest and patriotic man in the face of such advice from the highest authority in the empire dispute that Premier Borden is doing the right thing in proposing that Canada should immediately aid the British fleet in a substantial manner The Laurier policy is a political make-shift designed to save not the British Empire, but the Liberal party.

The whole Laurier criticism of the Borden plan is on the assumption that the present proposal is a permanent and set policy. But Mr. Borden has not proposed any permanent policy—he had made that clear. He has merely recognized what everyone else in this country has recognized, that the Laurier policy at best was something which must be for years useless to Canada or the empire. Borden thinks it is time Canada did something effective and proposes that until a permanent policy is worked out a contribution should be made to the British fleet so that if war comes within the next five years Canada can be in the front of battle. Laurier had a policy which was no good for the present, which did not recognise British unity and which promised nothing for the future. Mr. Borden hasn't announced his permanent policy, he has merely struck a big blow for the British empire. His policy will come later.

In view of the attitude of Sir Wilfrid and his determination to stand by a Canadian navy, it is interesting to note just what the Liberals did do while in power on the navy question. It was in July and August, 1909, that the Liberal ministers consulted the admiralty. A united Empire Pacific fleet was proposed, Canada to supply one unit, Australia another, etc. Canada's representatives rejected this plan by insisting that her force should be divided between the two oceans and by declining to build a complete unit, the essential battle cruiser being omitted. Instead the Canadian government decided upon a force to consist exclusively of unarmored cruisers and destroyers. The final decision was for two ships of the Bristol type, and six destroyers on the Atlantic and two Bristols on the Pacific. These ships were to be built in Canada, if possible, and a naval establishment to support them was to be established. The Laurier government took its time about carrying out this program. It had to procure the ships, but was exceedingly leis-ely in calling for the tenders and, as a matter of fact, never awarded the contracts at all. Even had the contracts been awarded at once there would have been no visible navy for years as the government was figuring on six years to build them—which would bring Canada down to the year 1917.

Here, then in brief, was the old Laurier naval policy:

1—It was not what the British Admiralty asked for, then or now.

2—The force which it was planned to provide would have had no serious fighting power.

3—The ships would have been divided so that on neither ocean would there be an effective fighting force.

4—The ships would have taken so long to build that they would be almost out of date when completed.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, read to the house an interesting document which threw some interesting light on the Laurier navy and the Laurier methods.

It was a memorandum of Capt. Roper, chief of the Canadian navy staff dated Sept. 20, 1911. Capt. Roper says in part: "The only vessels belonging to the naval service of Canada up to the present are the two cruisers, the Rainbow and the Niobe, while four cruisers and six destroyers have been authorized by parliament.

"So far back as August, 1910, it was announced that these vessels would be built by contract and that tenders would be shortly called for. It is now the last half of 1911 and the contract has not yet been awarded.

"The conditions are that the first cruiser is to be delivered in three years from the date of signing the contract, whilst the total of four to be completed in six years from that date.

"On reference to the admiralty return it is found that the Weymouth type of cruiser which is similar to the type to be built by Canada was launched in 1910 and is now ready to be commissioned. The earliest that the cruiser for Canada can be expected supposing the contract to be awarded without further delay is the latter part of 1914; in other words this type of vessel will be four years old before it is completed, while the last will be seven years old and rapidly approaching the stage of adolescence.

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