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More Stringent Measures to Govern Licensing of Pedlars

Retail Grocers' Association Ask for Changes in Bylaws---Meeting of Council

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council was held on Thursday morning, Councillor Elliott in the chair. Present: Councillors Campbell, Thomas and Third, with Mr. J. B. Springford, clerk.

Retail Grocers' Protest

The following memorial to the Council was read: "We, the undersigned Retail Grocers' Association of the Municipality of South Vancouver, beg your honorable body to enact a law making more stringent legislation governing the pedlars and hawkers in this Municipality. We also call your attention to the bakers who belong to the City of Vancouver: they sell to the retail grocers' stores, and then peddle their goods from house to house. We know there are a few Orientals who have their own gardens, but most of these truck pedlars who sell in this locality buy their goods from the wholesale dealer, which are usually goods that the retail grocer will not buy, and then peddle them to the public. What we want is a higher licence to protect the retail dealers and all bona-fide business men from these pedlars.—Signed, J. A. Lainey, J. Weam, G. A. Baker, G. Paonerra, W. Ridley, W. J. James, F. Ayling, J. J. Cashion, J. C. Cashion, D. Bennett, George Tompkin, A Williamson, B. Nicklin, A. E. Salsbury, Herbert Kersey, Jno. Norbury, T. W. Vincent."

The document was held over till a meeting of the Council is held.

On Behalf of Cadets

A letter was read from Captain R. N. Davy, on behalf of the Vancouver Cadets, asking the Council for financial assistance in the tour to Australia and New Zealand, in order to make it a success from a civic and provincial standpoint. The committee decided to consult the Goverment auditor, Mr. Crehan, upon the matter.

Echo of Titanic Disaster

The Clerk read the following letter:

"Canadian Bank of Commerce,

"Vancouver, B.C., June 7, 1912.

"Dear Sir,—Our Montreal branch have received a letter on behalf of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company of Edinburgh, Scotland, in reference to lost coupons of your Municipality, of which the following is an extract: 'The Scottish Union and National Insurance Company shipped to the Bank of Montreal for collection, coupons of some 25 various corporations, aggregating $25,000. These coupons were forwarded per the ss. Titanic, and were lost with that vessel. Among these coupons were the following: 25 coupons Corporation of the District of South Vancouver 5 per cent. Debenture Bonds (Waterworks Loan), at $2,500, Bonds Nos. 70 to 94. We would be greatly obliged if you would kindly write us just what will be required under all the circumstances in the way of proofs or indemnity to enable our client to secure payment of the lost coupons. We suppose that a declaration from the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, together with a bond of indemnity, will be satisfactory—Yours faithfully S. Durrant, Manager.'"

The letter was referred to the Council's solicitor.

Help Wanted

Mr. L. Janes, collector, wrote asking the committee to grant him extra assistance in his department during the busy season—one man to assist on the books and a girl as stenographer, and comptometer expert to enable him to balance the whole set of books before the notices are issued. In the past the work of balancing the books has been left until the end of the year owing to the office being understaffed, consequently all kinds of mistakes occurred in collecting taxes, which were exceedingly hard to adjust after the tax collection was over. With two more assistants he would be able to balance and check both books and notices, thereby eliminating errors in tax polls and greatly facilitating the work in the department at the end of the year.

Mr. J. B. Springford also asked for extra assistance, as the work was getting the better of the present staff. Both applications were granted.

Official Reports of the Council

By special resolution the Finance Committee adopted "The Greater Vancouver Chinook" as the official organ of the Council for the publication of all reports and minutes of the Council's proceedings.

Reeve Kerr presided over a meeting of the Municipal Council on Thursday afternoon. Also present Councillors Campbell, Elliott, Third, Thomas, and the clerk, Mr. J. B. Springford.

To be Investigated

A letter was read from Mrs. Minnie

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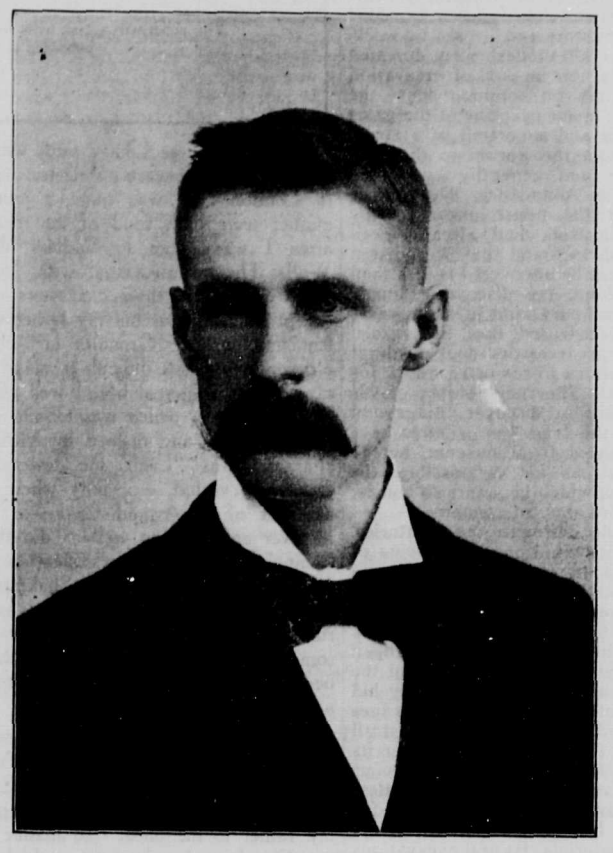
CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD



MR. C. W. WHELPTON

A sketch of Mr. Whelpton appears on Page Eleven

Professional Lacrosse Team for S. Vancouver

For a time in the early spring we were in hopes that Con Jones would come to an arrangement with Mr. Edward Gold and lease the piece of ground situated between Bodwell Road and 38th Avenue along Main Street, and make it into a lacrosse park and play a number of the Cup games there. Negotiations have evidently fallen through, as Mr. Con Jones seems now to be trying to get a part of the Hastings exhibition park. We have had several business transactions with Mr. Gold, and know him to be a public-spirited man and willing at all times to contribute his fair quota towards the advancement of the interests of South Vancouver. Could not arrangements be made with him to lease this ground to the municipality for a certain number of years at a nominal rent with the option of purchase, and a few public spirited men get up a professional team?

Surely South Vancouver is as able to support a team as New Westminster. The Reeve and most of, if not all, the Councillors are great admirers of the game, but it would be unfair to ask them to take any part in the formation of a company, as we know their hands are pretty full just now. What is there to hinder the crowd around 25th Avenue taking up this matter? They seem always willing to work for the good of South Vancouver as a whole.

This is a business proposition and ought to pay well. We have no doubt if the B. C. Electric Railway Company were approached, they would be willing to put up some money, as it would mean increased traffic to them. If we could only get the right men imbued with the right spirit, South Vancouver would soon have a professional lacrosse team, and who knows but that some day the Minto Cup might come our way!

Spencer Robinson Sent up for Trial on Second Forgery Charge

Evidence in Preliminary Hearing---Four Other Charges Against Ex-Chairman of School Board

Great interest was taken in the hearing of several charges against Spencer Robinson, at the Municipal Hall on Wednesday, when the court sat from 10 a.m. till 5.30 p.m., Magistrate Thomas and Reeve Kerr acting as a court. Five specific charges were formulated, and the one taken on Wednesday had to do with a certain cheque for $400, dated June 16 of last year, and made out in favor of Broom and Pattinson, who had a contract for the clearing of certain school grounds. It is charged that this cheque was issued as a result of false pretences on the part of Robinson, who is alleged to have forged the endorsement on its reverse side and to have forged the signature to the warrant returned to Secretary Kirkland of the School Board.

Mr. Bull, city solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Ladner defended Robinson, who accompanied his solicitor in court.

Mr. Richardson, secretary to the School Board up to May, 1911, gave formal evidence regarding Broom and Pattinson's contract for clearing a school site.

Denies Signature

Mr. Joseph Pattinson (Broom & Pattinson) identified a cheque of $400 which he had received on May 29 and deposited in the Bank of Vancouver on June 1.

Mr. Ladner, for the defence, objected that this had nothing whatever to do with the case, but the magistrates decided that they wanted the fullest inquiry possible, at the same time being fair to everyone concerned.

Pattinson was then shown the cheque for the same amount dated June 16. He denied having received that and said he had got no cheque at that time. The writing of his name on the back was not his own signature. He did not ask Robinson for any money on this cheque, nor did he receive any.

An Important Conversation

Continuing, witness said Robinson had a conversation with him about the cheque on the morning of June 6 in the Municipal Hall, when Robinson asked him to acknowledge receipt of the second cheque for $400. Witness was told his partner wanted to see him downstairs, and when he went down he was asked by Robinson what witness would say about receiving this cheque. He said his answer was "Nothing doing." Robinson, he said, came to his house again that evening when witness was in bed. Witness said he heard Robinson ask if Mr. Pattinson lived here, and he got up, went outside and found Robinson, who asked him again if he would acknowledge receipt of the cheque. Witness declared he once more refused to do so. He said that when he signed the contract with the School Board, Robinson was among those present, and the contract was signed in Robinson's presence. Witness said he had no previous dealings with Robinson before the contract. He did not know whether accused had previously seen him sign his name.

A Breeze in Court

Mr. Ladner cross-examined witness at length, and admitted that there was nothing in existence in writing today to indicate whether the first $400 cheque was given to him for cordwood or for some other purpose.

Mr. Thomas: But what I understand is that $400 was paid twice for one contract.

Mr. Ladner: You are using private information and are showing a biased mind.

Mr. Thomas: I am trying to get the facts, and if they do not satisfy me I will not accept them.

Witness maintained the $400 was for cordwood. That was certainly his understanding, he said. He said he never received any second cheque.

Mr. Ladner: Did you seek advice from a solicitor about this cheque?

Witness: You don't need to go to a solicitor all the time. (Laughter.)

He said he consulted Mr. Brett about the matter after he had seen Auditor Crehan.

After a further lengthy series of questions by Mr. Ladner, in order to elicit the names of the persons whom witness had consulted, Mr. Thomas remarked that some of these questions should not be asked.

Witness was asked if he saw Robinson first in the Municipal Hall.

Mr. Thomas (to Mr. Ladner): You are going too far.

Mr. Ladner: I can go as far as I like in cross-examination.

Getting What He Wanted

Witness, in reply to Magistrate Thomas, said Robinson asked him to swear that he (witness) got the money. Robinson's statement, added witness, was not to the effect that witness must acknowledge receipt of

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TO RAZE BRIDGE

At a meeting of the West Collingwood Improvement Association on Monday night, after drafting rules for the organization, the condition of the B. C. E. R. bridge on the Interurban line was discussed, and the importance of sending a delegation to the Council and Board of Works to have the structure lowered was pointed out clearly. It was also decided to write the B. C. E. R. regarding the removal of the bridge.

On Wednesday afternoon the deputation waited on the Board of Wor's when they were promised that some action would be taken.

GAUL'S "HOLY CITY"

A most successful concert was given in Mountain View Methodist Church on Thursday evening when Alfred R. Gaul's sacred cantata "The Holy City" was effectively rendered by a choir of fifty voices. Mr. E. D. L. Maxwell ably conducted, Mrs. J. F. Betts presided at the organ, and Mr. A. Barlow at the piano. The assisting soloists were: Mrs. Frank Whipple, soprano; Miss Eura Leeson, contralto; Mrs. Pritchet, mezzo soprano; Mr. A. E. Galpin, tenor; Mr. William Hicks, baritone. The soloists acquitted themselves admirably and those present thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

MORAL REFORM MOVEMENT

A meeting of the citizens of South Vancouver, representing the churches and temperance societies, was held in South Hill Baptist Church on Monday evening. The moral condition of the municipality, particularly from the temperance view-point, were discussed. The large number of different churches and societies represented vindicated their faith in the adage that "union is strength" by uniting their forces under the name of the "Temperance and Moral Reform Society of South Vancouver." The following officers were elected. President, Rev. John Pye; secretary-treasurer, R. C. Eakin, and five vice-presidents, one for each ward, namely: Ward I, Mr. Dutton; Ward II, Mrs. McPhee; Ward III, Mrs. Jarrett; Ward IV, Mr. G. A. Horel; Ward V, Rev. Mr. Redmond.

M. A. Beach, a leading light in the Main Street business district, South Vancouver, is moving Mrs. Beach and the family to Bowen Island for the summer months.

THE SKYSCRAPER APPROACHES SOUTH VANCOUVER - H. O. LEE'S STEEL STRUCTURE

With half a million dollars' worth of steel and concrete buildings at present under construction on Main street corners near where South Vancouver joins the city, the enthusiasm of the men who are staking their money on the destiny of what once was Westminster avenue is absolutely without bound.

H. O. Lee's $250,000 building at Ninth avenue is nearing completion.

Work is well under way on the $100,000 bank building of the Royal Bank of Canada at Eighth avenue.

Steel work has commenced on D. E. Harris's $75,000 apartment and business block at Tenth avenue.

Foundations are completed for J. B. Mather's $75,000 building at Eleventh avenue.

Southward, the tide of big business blocks is coming, and there are those genial optimists who will tell you that two years will see sky-scrapers at Twenty-fifth and Main.

Main street men believe that from Burrard Inlet, right through to the North Arm, beyond that over Lulu Island and thence across the South Arm and through the Delta, the highway that is at present being so rapidly developed will in a very few years be the main trunk road of the great city.

Indications would seem to point in that direction. Whatever Fraser street and the other important trunk roads in South Vancouver may possess, it must be granted that Main street has been lavishly blessed by nature. Main street passes through the densely populated centre of Greater Vancouver. It is high and broad and level and is a clear, sweeping business avenue.

MID-WEEK CLOSING

A movement is on foot in Collingwood to have the stores close on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months. This plan has become very popular in many cities and in other parts of South Vancouver it has been tried with splendid results. It is to be hoped that all the merchants of Collingwood may see their way clear to join in this movement.

CHURCH SERVICES

Services are held in Westminster Church, 26th Avenue and Sophia Street each Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock with Sunday School and Bible Class on Sundays at 2.30 o'clock. The Y. P. C. E. meet on Mondays at 8 p.m. Rev. George D. Ireland, B.A., is the pastor.

LINZEY-SORREL NUPTIALS

To become the bride of a South Vancouver business man, Miss Blanch Sorrell journeyed across a sea and a continent. Richard B. Linzey, jeweler, Twenty-fifth Avenue and Main Street, led Miss Sorrell to the altar on Saturday last, a few hours after she stepped from a C. P. R. transcontinental train.

Miss Sorrell and Mr. Linzey were lovers in old London as children and the wedd'ng at the First Baptist Church was the happy termination of one of those Imperial romances, the final acts of which are usually set at some place in Western Canada.

Rev. Dr. Perry officiated at the wedding. Mr. Phillip Linzey, brother of the groom, was best man, and the bride was given away by Mr. Charles Millard, Dunvegan Street. Mr. and Mrs. Linzey have taken apartments in the Bryant Block, Main Street.

FRED ARCHER TO ENTERTAIN

An interesting event is announced to take place on Monday night of next week in the furniture store of Mr. Fred Archer, 3723 Main Street, when Mr. Archer will entertain his guests with selections from Robert Service and other well-known authors. Mr. Archer is very versatile and ninety minutes of pleasure is in store for all who attend. A general invitation is extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Henselwood, corner Bodwell Road and Winser Street have as their guests Mrs. P. Henselwood and daughter, of Winnipeg, who are visiting here after attending the Rose Show in Portland.

Spencer Robinson Sent up for Trial

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the cheque, if witness had received it, but it was to admit ,getting a cheque witness said he never got.

"If you want it," added witness, "Robinson admitted getting the cheque himself."

Re-examined by Mr. Bull, witness said he first heard of the second cheque on the morning of June 6, when Mr. Crehan questioned him privately, and afterwards the auditor examined him publicly regarding the cheque. He said that before that Robinson had spoken to him about it in the hall. Robinson, said witness, did not say what he had done with the cheque.

A Lively Witness

Thomas J. Broom was the next witness. He said he was Pattinson's partner. His firm had received a cheque for $400 from the School Board in May. The next payment he got was for $500, and was received by mail about July 5. Witness repudiated the signature on the cheque produced as his.

Witness detailed a conversation he had with Robinson, to the effect that the latter asked him to admit getting the cheque. He said he saw Robinson on the morning of the inquiry, and the latter told him there had been an overdraft of $400 on the Board and asked witness to assume responsibility. Witness said he refused to do so, and that then Robinson asked witness to accept $400 from him and return it to Mr. Kirkland, the secretary of the School Board.

Robinson asked his partner the same question after witness had sent for the latter, said witness.

On the same evening witness said he was approached by Robinson at a Collingwood meeting, and he said Robinson repeated his request, which was again refused.

Protection Not Wanted

Mr. Broom, in cross-examination by Mr. Ladner, became excited and remarked: "You are trying to get something black out of me. You may as well sit down, because you won't get it."

Magistrate Thomas: Just answer the questions, "Yes" or "No."

Reeve Kerr: We will protect you, Mr. Broom.

Mr. Ladner: Don't be impudent. You have gone as near the line as you dare go.

Witness: Robinson's statement to me came as a great surprise. If I had consented, then I would have come from Westminster, sure. I live at Collingwood. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ladner: Are you trying to be funny?

Witness: Well, I get funny sometimes.

Mr. Ladner: Did not Robinson say there had been an overpayment?

Witness: No; if you want any more you can have it.

Mr. Ladner: Didn't he say that he surcharged?

Witness: I could not say that. He offered me the money, if I would say we had it. That is all I know about it.

The court then adjourned until two o'clock.

When the court resumed, Mr. W. J. Broom was recalled, and repeated that the only person he saw, relative to the cheque in question, was Mr. Robinson. His partner had seen Mr. Robinson before June 6, and witness was present, but the School Board ontract was not under discussion. Vitness and his partner were passing tobinson's house, and the latter call-d them. Possibly they discussed the oming investigation, but nothing was aid that amounted to anything. The subject of the cheque was not mentioned or repayment to the School Board. Witness did arrange with Mrs. Robinson for a meeting with Robinson, but they met as friends, and not to discuss the School Board contract. Witness lived three blocks from Robinson. He never asked Robinson to see Pattinson, and he knew no more about it than this.

Mr. William Kirkland, secretary to the School Trustees, said Robinson told him that Broom & Pattinson wanted the money and he gave out the warrant. There was no record of its having been ratified at a meeting of the Board. Nothing was then said about a previous cheque for cordwood, nor did witness know that a previous cheque had been issued. Mr. Robinson took the warrant from witness. Robinson stated that the money to Broom & Pattinson was a matter of urgency. Witness never saw the cheque issued until it was shown him by Mr. Crehan. The $500 cheque issued was entered in order and sent to Broom & Pattinson.

Replying to Mr. Ladner, he was quite willing to take any responsibility for a mistake he might have made, and he did not pretend to be infallible. The fact of a cheque not being entered was purely an oversight.

Mr. J. C. Todhunter, stationer, said his firm had had considerable dealing with the School Board. He had seen the cheque now produced, and first received it from Spencer Robinson on July 5, 1911. He did not know it was Broom & Pattinson's signature, but it was presented to witness for cash, and witness gave Robinson a cheque on his bank, but called Robinson's attention to the writing on the cheque, and Robinson replied that there might be an error in drawing it out.

Cross-examined, witness said he had cashed other cheques for Robinson as a matter of accommodation, and he received the cheque from Robinson, and not from someone who might have been with Robinson at the time. At that time witness had implicit confidence in Robinson.

At this stage a passage-at-arms occurred between Mr. Ladner and Magistrate Thomas.

Mr. Bull was cross-examining the witness and Mr. Ladner objected.

Magistrate Thomas: You brought the fact out, and he has a right to use it.

Mr. Ladner: Mr. Bull knows what his rights are, and you don't.

Mr. G. G. Johnston, clerk at the Municipal Hall, was next called, and said the cheque produced for $400 was made out in the ordinary way, and the body was filled in by witness in accordance with the warrant. The cheque, however, came in between, and broke the series of numbers.

Mr. G. H. Peake, former clerk to the School Board, said he might have handed the cheque produced to the chairman of the Board, but he would not swear he did so.

This concluded the evidence on this particular charge.

Subsequently Acquired Memory

Mr. Ladner then addressed the magistrates, and contended that not a scrap of evidence had been adduced to prove forgery against Mr. Robinson, and a good deal of it had to be taken with a grain of salt. He facetiously remarked that some of the witnesses were suffering from a "subsequently acquired memory," while his client was placed in an unfortunate position owing to the talk there had been and the prejudice created all through the municipality. He impressed upon the magistrates the necessity of getting away from all this and coming down to the real facts connected with the charges. He asked the magistrates to dismiss the case.

The magistrates, after due consideration, decided there was a case for trial, and Spencer Robinson was subsequently committed to take his trial at the next Assizes.

Robinson Released on Bail

Spencer Robinson, who is awaiting trial on three charges, was released on bail late on Thursday night. An application was made before Judge McInnes, and his Honor fixed the amount at $1,000, the accused in $500 and a surety in a similar amount. On all the charges Robinson's bail is now $21,000.

SETTLER'S WIFE KILLED IN SOUTH VANCOUVER

A shocking blasting fatality occurred to an invalid woman, wife of a newly-arrived settler, in Culloden Street, South Vancouver, on Tuesday, when Mrs. James Tomkinson was killed in bed by a stump which crashed through the tent in which she slept.

More than one hundred feet from the tent in which the invalid was lying (for Mrs. Tomkinson had been ill for some time) the huge stump was prepared for the charge of dynamite. With a roar that could be heard for miles, the stump was torn from the ground and hurled through the air towards the temporary dwelling place of the Tomkinsons. Two small children were playing about outside, and a cry of horror went up. The stump crashed into the tent, pinning beneath it the helpless woman, who was instantly killed.

Mr. Tomkinson was away at work, and was notified of the accident. He returned home immediately to find that his wife was dead and his children in hysterics.

Mrs. Tomkinson was 33 years of age, the mother of three small children. The body was taken to the Municipal Hall and arrangements made to have the accident sifted to the smallest detail. The workmen clearing that section are employed by the municipality.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

There have been many interesting meetings in connection with the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of St. David's Presbyterian Church, and the one held on Wednesday, June 19, was no exception. The leader of the topic "The Duty of Being Pleasant" was Miss Finley. In Miss Finley the Society had a splendid leader. Her address was exceedingly interesting and she dealt with the subject in a very practical manner. As a result of the pleasing way in which the topic was introduced everyone present took an active part in the open discussion. Another feature of the evening which was very much enjoyed was a solo given by Miss Finley.

On Wednesday evening, June 26, a good meeting is expected and a hearty invitation is extended to all to be present at this meeting. The topic is "Reading that is Worth While," and the leader will be Mr. W. R. Walling. This Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 8.30 oclock in St. David's Presbyterian Church, corner Bodwell Road and Windsor Street.

Would Join Shaughnessy

Mr. R. McBride, J.P., has intimated his intention to work for the amalgamation of River Road district with that of Shaughnessy Heights, to form a separate municipality. Mr. McBride contends that both of these districts have common interests which should induce them to get together and amalgamate.

MISS DIMPLE KELTON

One of the members of the Lawrence Company at the Avenue Theatre

MORE WONDERS OF POMPEII

Pompeii was discovered 300 years ago, and about three-fifths of it have been excavated. The market-places, theatres, baths, temples, streets, shops, villas, houses and tombs of the buried city have been unearthed. Such a light has been thrown upon many points of antiquity, especially the domestic life of the ancients, from the excavation of Pompeii, and so many and important discoveries have been made that the treasurers of this great archaeological mine were supposed to have been exhausted. Professor Spinazzola, the present director of excavation at Pompeii, has just proved the contrary.

A few months ago he set to work, quietly, as all modest men do, and, following a new method of excavation based mainly on common sense, he laid bare a house near one of the gates of the city and a portion of a street leading from the Forum to the Amphitheatre, and generally known as the street of Abundance. Despite the facts that the house unearthed by Prof. Spinazzola had already been explored in 1906 and that the portion of the street he uncovered is less than 100 feet long, the discoveries made are extraordinary, and in some cases quite unprecedented. Prof. Spinazzola, unlike his predecessors, does not limit his excavations to the mere search for antiquities. The main object of his work is not to discover things and to collect the "finds" in order to have them removed to a museum, but to reconstruct, as far as possible, the buried city, which he wants to consist not of ruins, but of remains.

A Peephole Through the Centuries.

The great eruption of Vesuvius of August 24 in the year 79 covered Pompeii with successive layers of volcanic matter and ashes, and the city was buried, but not destroyed. Unlike other ancient cities, Pompeii has not crumbled into decay; and the tons of ashes and lapilli not only hid it, but protected it from the ravages of time and man, and preserved it all but intact for 19 centuries. After its discovery Pompeii shared more or less the fate of other ancient cities; and it was ransacked not only for valuables, but also for marbles and building materials. Its first excavations consisted of haphazard digging and a systematic search for antiquities. Despite the efforts of modern excavators towards the preservation and, as far as possible, the reconstruction of its remains, a great portion of the excavated area of Pompeii is in ruins owing to the irrevocable damage caused in former years.

The new method adopted by Prof. Spinazzola is naturally limited to the unexcavated portion of the city; and its results are wonderful. The house near the Nola gate excavated by Prof. Spinazzola consists of a large entrance with a wide peristyle, or garden enclosed by a colonnade with a fountain in the centre and groups of surrounding rooms. Every fragment of the building has been preserved, and with a great deal of care and patience put together, so that the house has been practically reconstructed. It stands now complete, with its frescoed walls, its doors and furniture, as it stood over 19 centuries ago.

Leading His Wife by the Hand.

The bodies of its occupants are still there too. The family, the husband leading his wife by the hand, and two children clutched in the last long embrace of terror and death, tried to escape when the rain of ashes and stones poured down from Vesuvius, but they were buried alive and died near the door of their house, where their skeletons have been discovered, and where the impressions of their bodies in the hardened ashes are moulded forever. One of the children unwittingly helped the identification of its father, as his name, Obellius Firmus, has been found scratched on the wall by a child's hand and at a child's height. The servants of the family are there, too. One climbed over a tree, but the branch that bore him broke, and his body was found still clinging to it as he fell, and was buried under the ashes. Another tried to escape from a window in an upper room. Two maids are near their master and mistress. The treasure chest of Obellius Firmus was found intact. Nobody thought of money and jewellery when death was so near.

In the street of Abundance Prof. Spinazzola excavated an area less than a hundred feet square, which was covered by successive strata of ashes and lapilli. He carefully cleared and removed the ashes from the upper strata and stopped the work until he had completely restored and strengthened every part of the second storeys of the houses, and preserved carefully every fragment, even the smallest. Then he continued the excavation down to the lowest strata, very slowly and carefully marking the place where every object was found. Within a limited area of the street extending only a few yards, seven houses with balconies have been discovered. This discovery is almost unprecedented, as so far only a single house with a balcony existed at Pompeii, and the street where it has been found has been named from it. The balconies discovered by Prof. Spinazzola are, in most cases, intact. One of them is decorated by spiral columns, heretofore unknown at Pompeii, and all the objects that were found in them, the remains of a birdcage in one, have been preserved.

Election Placard.

The recently discovered houses have their walls coated with plaster and stucco and adorned with frescoes in bright colors. Those overlooking the street are covered with inscriptions and so-called public notices recommending the various candidates for the municipal elections. One of these electoral notices includes the names of two women, Asellina and Smyrine, who requested the election of Caius Pollius Fuscus as duumvir. Out of the 8,000 inscriptions discovered at Pompeii there are only two instances of women supporting the candidature of a man for public office. One is that of a women whose name appears with that of her husband, and who, presumably, owned the house on which the notice was painted; and the other is an anonymous inscription saying that "the little sweetheart of Sabinus is working for his election."

It is possible that Asellina and Smyrine, who recommended the election of Fuscus, were suffragettes. Prof. Spinazzola is inclined to believe that they were the barmaids in a wineshop discovered close by in an admirable state of preservation and complete in every detail. The wineshop is a typical Thermopolium, which corresponds to a modern bar, where hot drinks, generally wine mixed with water and an infusion of spices and aromatic herbs, the favorite beverage of the ancients, were sold. For the first time in history the sign of an ancient Thermopolium, consisting of a fresco representing wine jars and amphoras of different sizes and shapes, has been discovered, and in the shop itself, not only the glasses, drinking cups, bottles, and jars have been found, but also the metal kettle set in one end of the counter and used for heating the water to be served with hot drinks. The vessel was found still two-thirds full of water—preserved for 19 centuries. On the counter several small coins were scattered, the money taken in during the day, and in one corner was the box for keeping the gold and silver coins still intact. The cellar has not yet been explored.

Near the wineshop there is a fountain, and behind it there is a street shrine with a large fresco representing the 12 divinities of Pompeii and their attributes; and a painting of four priests offering a sacrifice. The altar on which the sacrifice is offered is there, too; identical to the representation in the wall painting; and on it are the ashes and the unburnt charcoal from the last sacrifice. Prof. Spinazzola is now excavating a large temple which has already been identified from a frieze representing a sacrificial procession of the Cerealia, the feasts in honor of Ceres; and his careful work will continue until the undisturbed portion of the street of Abundance which leads to the Amphitheatre is entirely unearthed.

A new era is dawning on Pompeii. We knew already the life of its houses; and we are now learning that of its streets. Three-fifths of the city is in ruins, but the remaining two-fifths, which is yet unearthed, will be laid bare and preserved as the inhabitants left them when they fled from the eruption.

NEW UNIFORMS AND CHEMICAL ENGINE

Fire Chief Wand submitted his report of the past month's work to the Fire Committee on Wednesday evening. It stated that seventeen fires had occurred in the municipality during the month. The Chief asked the committee for a new chemical engine, which he said was necessary in the prevention of the spreading of flames. The committee granted the request.

New uniforms will be ordered for the firemen and the fire stations improved, which will add to the comfort of the firemen. A report regarding the boring of the Municipal wells was read. The well at Central Park had been bored to a depth of 200ft., and that on Victoria Road to a depth of 187ft., and this shows a good flow of water.

On Tuesday a deputation attended the meeting of the Board of Works to present a petition from property owners, ratepayers and business men requesting the board to proceed with the improvement of Commercial Drive. Mr. Findlay, on behalf of the deputation, produced a letter from the Vancouver city engineer's office to the effect that if the South Vancouver council would do the rocking of certain portions of the road, the city authorities would be willing to do their share of the work required.

Councillor Allen said he was under the impression that Commercial Drive was quite capable of carrying the traffic and that there were other streets upon which money could be spent to better advantage, but he might be mistaken, and if it would satisfy the deputation he would go into the matter with the engineer and see what could be done. Mr. Findlay said they would be quite satisfied if Councillor Allen and the engineer would go into the matter.

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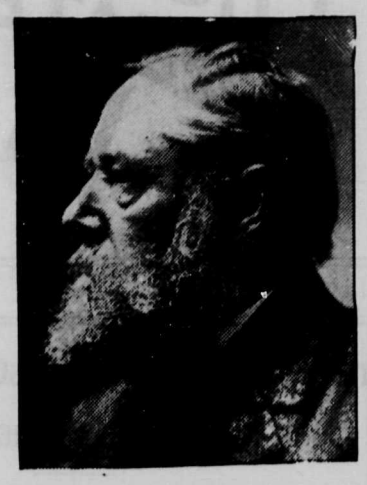

My infancy, as I have said, was spent in the North of London. There were no electric tram cars then and to get to London City was quite a journey. My father and mother were both fond of the theatre, and as a child in arms I was taken to Sadlers Wells, the old Sadlers Wells Theatre associated with Joey Grimaldi and Dibden. Of course these characters were not known to me, except by tradition, but my father used to give such excellent imitations of Grimaldi in "Hot Codlins" and other old songs that it is difficult to make me believe that I never saw Grimaldi in real life. I well remember the old Sadlers Wells Theatre, which was rebuilt and altered from its old form in 1879 and opened by Miss Bateman, whose great character was "Leah, the Jewess." The new house I frequently visited, especially when it was under the management of J. Arnold Cave—of whom more anon, but it never answered so well as did the old playhouse where Samuel Phelps gave Shakespearian plays for almost 4,000 nights—producing thirty of Shakespeare's plays, "Hamlet" running for 400 nights. This was in a suburb, almost a rural suburb of old London. The population was then, in some places, very poor and yet they appreciated Shakespeare when produced as Phelps produced it with historical accuracy of scene and costume.

I was taught to love Shakespeare actually in my cradle. Phelps was a visitor at my father's house and my brother drew a chalk portrait of him as Cardinal Wolsey. That chalk portrait has long since disappeared. "Jack," said my father to me once, "no matter what subject you wish to write about, speak about or think about, you will always find somehing in the Bible or in Shakespeare to illustrate or illuminate that subject." I have found that true and now and then—if I may say so without egotism—I have somewhat astonished people by the aptness of a quotation from Shakespeare—the result of an early training in "the immortal bard."

A publisher was preparing a big "Slang Dictionary" for the press when I happened to walk into his office.

"Come now," said the publisher, "give me a quotation from Shakespeare for the title page of this Slang Dictionary." Instantly I gave him, "Oh! sweet Portia, here are a few of the unpleasantest words that ever blotted paper"—which so pleased him that in about two minutes I had earned a very acceptable cheque.

The Bible and Shakespeare—I have never tired of reading both those inspired books and I feel it no irreverence to bracket them together.

A King of Spain, looking from his window, saw a student, book in hand, rolling on the grass in a paroxysm of laughter. "That man has either gone mad—or he is reading Don Quixote," said the King.

I am reminded of this by recalling that the first thing I remember reading was the story of Falstaff and his "men in buckram." I rolled on the floor almost hysterical with laughter and my father and his old friend, John Rubery, came in and found me rolling on the carpet and screaming with delight. "Shakespeare!" said "Jack" Ruberry, picking up the book, "a boy like that cannot understand Shakespeare!" "Question him about it!" said my father, and so satisfactorily did I explain my appreciation of the humour of "Falstaff and the men in buckram" that "Jack" Ruberry rewarded me with the present of a pretty pony. This must have been about the time of the Crimean War, for my brother named the pony "Menschikoff," after a Russian general and "Men-shake-off" I thought a good name for that pony—until I learned to stick on his back.

The more I see of men the more I love dogs and horses, and I am ready to believe any story you choose to tell me of the intelligence of a dog or a horse. I had a dog—he was called "Bo'sun" or "Boatswain," after Byron's dog, and I took him one day to visit the house of Captain Raven, who had a pet monkey. The monkey hid under the table and "Bo'sun" happened to turn his hind quarters in Jacko's direction. Seizing a hind leg in each paw, and the dog's tail between his teeth, the monkey gave the dog such a "doing" and such a fright that nothing could induce him to go down that road again. As soon as he got to the corner he would run home yelping.

I made "Bo'sun" an actor, such a good actor that Matthews and Harrison, the celebrated swordsmen, had the dog to figure in their spectacular play, "The Forests of Bondy." So my connection with the stage began at a very early age, and has lasted until now. I would not part with my dramatic memories for—anything!

I can just remember Phelps posing as Cardinal Wolsey for the chalk drawing and his figure must have made a great impression upon me, for long years after when it was announced that Henry Irving would play Cardinal Wolsey I remember my heart gave a great thump and I determined to see him.

I did see Henry Irving as "Cardinal Wolsey" at his own invitation and thereby hangs a tale—but "that's another story." Preparing myself for my visit to the Lyceum I read Shakespeare's "Henry VIII." I visited as far as I could the scenes depicted in the drama and I read an article in "The English Illustrated Magazine" on "Henry VIII. on the Stage," by Mr. Hawkins, a member of the staff of the London "Times." Fifty years ago, I may say, a visit to the theatre was quite "an event" in a family. Theatre going was not so common as it is now, and in our family it was made of educational value. I have learned more history from the novels of Sir Walter Scott and from the plays of Shakespeare than ever I learned at school or college.

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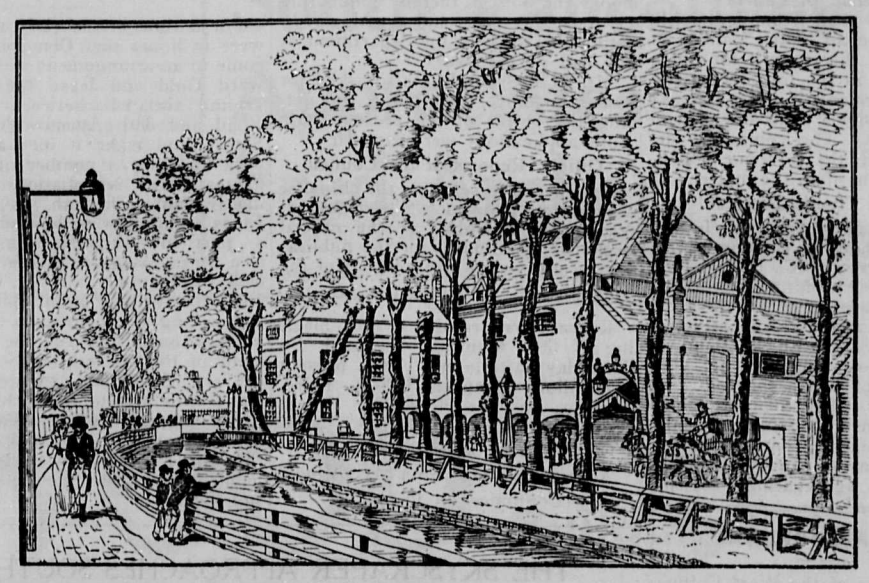

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Asked 12,000 Questions

Commissioner Crehan states that during last week he estimates that he asked 12,000 questions in the course of his public enquiry into the affairs of the School Board.

First School Board in S. Vancouver

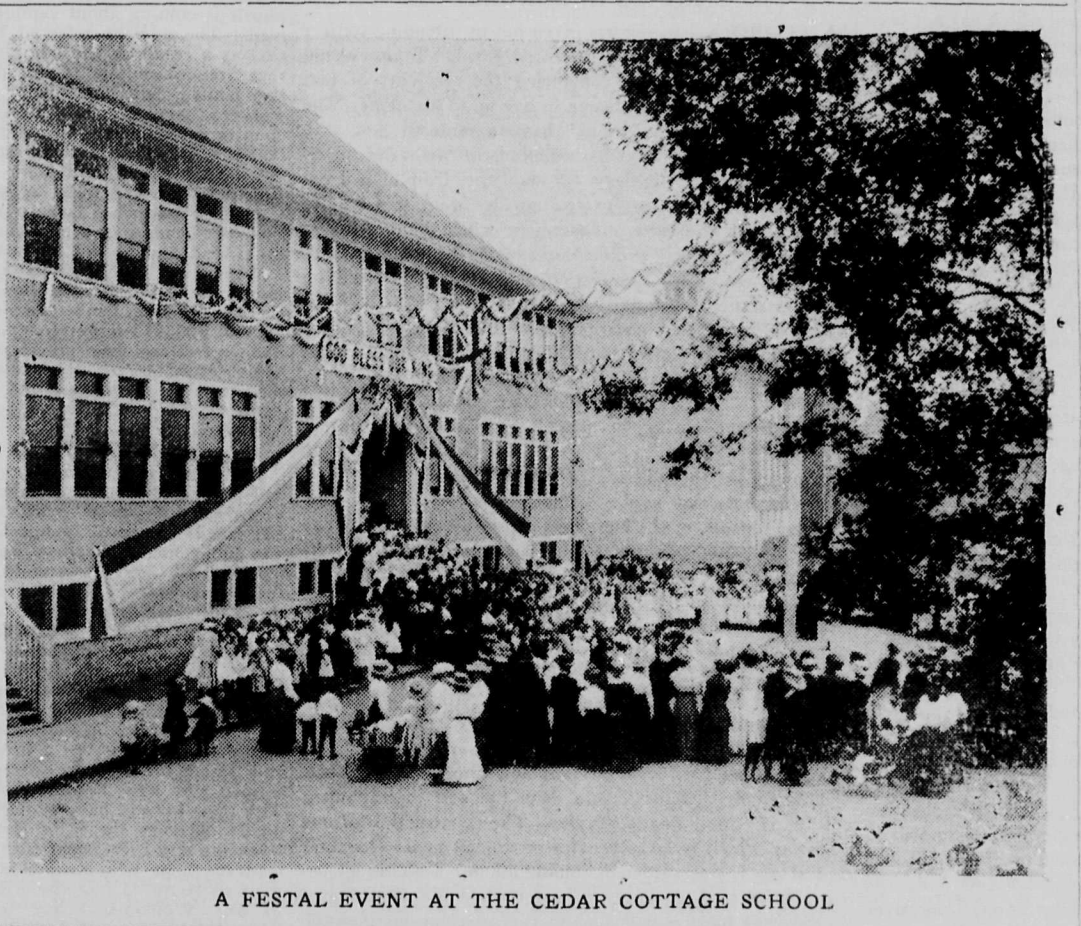
At the present time, when so much interest is being centred in South Vancouver School Board affairs, it is interesting to turn to the original School Committee, as they were termed in the early days. We believe that the first school was built at Collingwood, and when application was made to the Government for a grant to build the school, only a sufficient sum of money was allowed to pay the building contractor. There was nothing for the clearing of the ground, so the School Trustees took off their coats and set to and cleared the ground themselves, along with any little help they received. The members of the first committee were Messrs. Joyce, Matthews and Stone. Keen interest at that time was taken in the election, and the voting was as follows: Stone 20, Joyce 19, Matthews 19. Unsuccessful, J. Rae, ex-Reeve.

In the following year great interest was aroused in the election, and as the time drew near and every voter had given out how he intended to vote, it was understood by both parties that the election was going to be pretty near a tie. The day of the nomination came around, and both factions, Rae and Stone, were there for the nomination and election. The Rae party thought to gain an advantage. They nominated one of their supporters as chairman, and another as secretary of the meeting. The Stone party did not oppose this, so A. M. Wells was elected to the chair. The chairman and secretary were not allowed to vote. After the counting of the votes, they were found to read as follows: 31 for the chairman's party, and 32 for the Stone party, so that the Stone party gained their victory by allowing the opponents the chairmanship and secretary's place at the meeting. After the ballot was counted one can easily imagine the chagrin of the losers at throwing their victory away.

The following year the Rae party were determined that they were not going to throw the victory away in the same manner. On the nomination and election day the chairmanship was offered to Mr. Stone, but he declined the honor. It was then offered to every one of his friends, but it was also declined by them. The other side also refused to allow one of their party to occupy the chair. When 12 o'clock came the meeting was off. The Government was notified that no election had taken place. They then ordered another meeting. At this meeting Mr. Stone agreed to take the chair. The opposition, thinking he was up to some trick on them, nominated one of their side as secretary. This nullified a vote on each side. After the election the counting commenced. It was tally, tally right to the end. After every paper had been thoroughly examined and scrutinized, Mr. Stone called out, "Say, Joe, how goes it?" J. Bowman, the present school architect, acting as counter for the Stone party, replied, "A tally at 31." "All right, Joe," Mr. Stone said; "we have got 'em again. I have a casting vote in case of a tie." So once more the Stone party was victorious.

Of the first members of this committee, we understand Mr. Matthews is dead. Mr. Joyce is still living, also Mr. Stone, who is at present living on the River road. Mr. Stone ceased to take any active interest after Government control of the schools was given up, and a School Board was formed.

Many and rare are the reminiscences Mr. Stone can give of the old-timers in those days. Today we grumble and growl because we imagine the car takes too long to come from the City, but in those days there was only a trail down to the river on the road where the Municipal Hall now is. When a log lay across it a 4ft. piece was cut off the log to enable a horse to pass. A man then had either to travel on foot or go on horseback. Wages then were from 75c to one dollar per day. A man was always thankful when he could get enough work to obtain a square meal. Slowly but surely the ranks of these old-timers are getting thinned out. Those that are left give one an idea of the hardy type of manhood that first wrestled from nature and brought under a state of cultivation that municipality of which we are justly proud.



A FESTAL EVENT AT THE CEDAR COTTAGE SCHOOL

:: *Comment on Sporting Events* ::

With one quarter of the League fixtures wiped off the slate, the New Westminster team is leading in the British Columbia Lacrosse Association race. The Royals are setting a hot pace for the Minto Cup-holders this year, and Con Jones evidently has a fight on to keep the cup in Vancouver. Accidents to players in the Vancouver club have no doubt handicapped the Minto Cup-holders in their last two matches with the old champions. Not slow to take their advantage, the Royals are pushing the race their hardest, and where the Vancouvers looked to have the cup firmly nailed down, it now appears as if the Royals have just as good a chance of winning back the old piece of silverware as the Vancouver team has of holding it for another season.

The form displayed by the Royals this year has been one of the surprises of the local season. There were many who thought that they had run their race a year ago when they dropped the cup to the Vancouvers, but the old champions seem to have caught a second lease of life, and they are about as formidable an aggregation as ever. Just what that means is easily realized by those who have followed the fortunes of the old champions in the past few years. Always a hard team to beat under any circumstances and conditions, with the possibility of again styling themselves world's champions, the task will be one just so much more difficult.

The inability of Con Jones to field his strongest team is all the more noticeable coming at a time of the year when the advantage rests with the club which can get away to the best start. Westminster is now two clear games ahead of the champions, and the latter will have to step lively during the next couple of weeks or they will have a task ahead of them which will be almost insurmountable.

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The hard feeling which has always existed between the Vancouver and Westminster clubs again cropped up in the game in Vancouver a week ago. Players were cut up badly on both teams, and neither club could be accused of indifference in laying on the hickory. The trouble in the B. C. Lacrosse Association is that there are not enough clubs to the organization. The same players meet week in and week out, and this has been going on in some cases for years. With a game which can never be described as a parlor attraction, it lends itself admirably as an avenue for players to pay back old scores which in many cases have been standing for years.

New teams are wanted in the B. C. L. A., and until they are secured it seems as if penalties on and off the field will hardly serve to minimize these displays of bad temper and feelings. The referees may hand out penalties on the field and the commissioners may follow them up with legislation, but after all it is the infusion of new clubs into the organization which is the only solution of the difficulty.

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For a time during the past winter it looked as if a club might be launched in Victoria, but the capital fell by the wayside, though there is just the chance that they may see their way clear to support a club in the organization next summer. Victoria has gone baseball mad this season, and with a club in the national game which would rank up with the other clubs in the league there is no reason why lacrosse should not be just as popular there as in either Vancouver or New Westminster.

There is one other place, too, which must be considered sooner or later in any discussion of expansion of the British Columbia Lacrosse League, and that is South Vancouver. South Vancouver is well over city dimensions in both area and population, and there is every chance that a club started here would be a success. Westminster, with much less population, is able, and for years past has been able to support a team in the professional ranks, and with South Vancouver bordering so closely on the city, there is even more reason that a club representing this place should gather public support. It is to be hoped that arrangements may be completed next year, giving South Vancouver representation in the B. C. L. A. It would be a good thing for South Vancouver and a good thing for the game.

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The race in the Northwestern League continues to be one of the prettiest which the fan in any part of the globe where baseball is played has ever had an opportunity of witnessing. All the teams continue to be bunched so closely that but a few games would alter the entire standing of the members of the organization. A well-balanced league is one of the problems with which all baseball organizations have to grapple, and in the case of the Northwestern League this year the problem seems to have solved itself. Of course the Vancouver club is the favorite in the running hereabouts, while others have also conceded them a good chance of winning the pennant for the second time in succession. The strength of the other clubs makes nothing a certainty, however, and while the possibilities are that the Beavers will emerge with the bunting, it should only be after a race which should stand for all time as a record in the Northwestern League.

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With the season of the Northwestern League only nicely under way, the big leagues are casting eyes around for likely looking talent, and the management of the Vancouver Club is being besieged with offers for their star twirler, Jimmy Clark. The Beavers' first string pitcher looks like the best bet in the Northwestern League, and Bob Brown has been busy attending to the various strings which are being sent out for his services.

Bob Brown is the most successful manager in the Northwestern League, or, for that matter, in many leagues, in the way of development of young players. Every year Bob turns out a bunch of youngsters who look good to the majors, and in many cases they have stuck with faster company.

Ask yourself why the Beaver manager has been so successful in the management of teams and you will be confronted at once with the fact that he possesses the happy faculty of combining seasoned players of known ability with youngsters. That has been the record of Bob Brown in the Northwestern League, and the reason why he has led more champion teams on the Pacific Coast than any other manager. While he has a keen eye for the players of recognized calibre, his ability to distinguish the most promising players from the long list of young players who each spring present themselves is an outstanding feature of his managerial ventures. Largely has his success been gained through the youngsters. The old must always give way to the young. The manager who can discriminate in selecting the talent of today which will be the seasoned players of the years to come, is the manager who will lead champion organizations. Bob Brown is such a manager.

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While there is a good deal of interest in the race in the Northwestern League, fans watch the running of the clubs in the big leagues with keen eyes. In the National League everything points to a repetition of the New York Giants bringing home the bacon. The Giants are not only strong on their home grounds, but they are hard to beat while on the road, and with the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburg Pirates going back, McGraw should have little less than a walk over in the old organization.

In the American League the World's Champion Athletics are having their troubles, and while they are not leading Ban Johnson's organization, they will undoubtedly be in the thick of it when the final test comes. A year ago the Athletics made a poor showing during the beginning of the season, but weeks before the race was over they had the championship under a lock and key. Boston and Chicago, and even Washington, are going strongly now, but when Connie Mack's men strike their true gait, temporary idols will be quickly shattered. The American League race is the one which fans will watch with greatest interest in the major organization. There the teams are more evenly balanced and greater things may be expected. Although the season is only nicely under way, the position of the Giants is one which they will probably retain throughout the distance.

WHAT THE LIPS TELL

No feature in the face so plainly tells the history of its possessor as the mouth. Try as we will, our mouths and lips are a record of our lives.

Thin-lipped women are rarely of social or impulsive natures.

They are frequently highly intellectual, but not emotional. The girl with thin lips should guard against her naturally contracted tendencies.

She should force herself to expand, to give rather than to hoard.

Very emotional men and women rarely if ever have thin lips. A well-known writer says: "The vital forces are defective in thin-lipped people. The milk of human kindness in their natures is, as a rule, both scanty and sour. They are hard, not generous, and their souls are in time contracted as well as their lips. The thin-lipped, although they may be avaricious and acquisitive, are seldom sensual. They are sapless trees on the arid wastes of life. They cannot give what they have not got. They want, but don't give. Their love is thin for man, woman, or child."

Signs of Selfishness

Lips that are coarse, puffed, and large belong to coarse natures.

When the outline of the mouth is refined, lips neither thick nor thin, with gently curved and undulating outlines, the indications are for a refined nature, delicacy, and gentleness of manner.

When the under lip is very full and projects, the tendency is toward sensuality. Many very selfish persons have this under lip. It can be controlled and reduced in size by the manner of life of the subject who is willing to realise his defects and through persistent self-control correct them.

When both the lips are full, and moist, and of good colour the indication is for health, buoyancy, great sociability and a strong, loving nature. Often with these lips there is excellent intellectual capacity and moral strength. The men and women with these mouths not only become great workers, but work on a fine and moral plane.

Don't Trust Smooth Lips

Women with full-lipped mouths generally retain their youthful spirits throughout their lives, are delightful companions, and are strongly maternal.

Perfectly smooth lips are not to be trusted implicitly in matters of friendship.

A short upper lip indicates vanity and great love of approbation. Photographers say that short-lipped women are their best clients. Their vanity is flattered by constantly reproducing their own features for the admiration of the public. It is a matter of record that the so-called professional beauties who are most frequently exploited by their photographers have nine-tenths of them this characteristic sign.

Beware of the woman with the sneering or scornful mouth; one such person in a family is able to make life a veritable torture for everyone concerned. The scornful mouth has a perpetual curve to the upper lip, and a slight crease or fold under the lower lip. The woman who talks well and is magnetic and loves to hear herself speak has almost always an attractive mouth and she is worth listening to.

South Vancouver Tramway Extensions

Reeve Kerr and the Council waited on Mr. F. R. Glover, of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, on Monday, to discuss the letter of the company regarding new and extended car tracks. Mr. R. H. Sperling, general manager of the company, was unable to be present and the conference was adjourned pending the manager's return from the East.

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THE PORT OF VANCOUVER

IF present indications are to be trusted, Vancouver will be hard put to it to carry away from New Westminster premier honors in harbor development in British Columbia. Nor is Victoria in better case in this respect than her big neighbor on the Mainland. One Victoria newspaper berates the member for the island city because of his inactivity, and sneers at the member for Vancouver because it thinks he is showing activity which is futile in kind and unseemly in degree. Contemplation of the attitude of the two big cities of British Columbia at present is not inspiring; to turn to New Westminster is a relief. Victoria bewails the circumstance that so little is being done by the Government to develop her resources as a port, and, at the same time, tries to convince herself that Government agencies can do nothing of real consequence to develop the port of Vancouver. Vancouver waits for the Government to act, and beguiles the tedium of waiting by "rooting" and talking. New Westminster City Council, on the other hand, proceeds with a scheme for dredging and deepening the Fraser and prepares a comprehensive Harbor Money Bylaw for the endorsation of the ratepayers, and Royal City private enterprise, prompt to follow the example set by the City Council, embarks upon such a scheme of wharf construction on the river above the bridge as Vancouver with all her vaunted business enterprise merely dreams or talks about doing.

New Westminster deserves credit for the enterprise that is being displayed at a juncture in the affairs of the cities on the Canadian Pacific seaboard which has not been surpassed in importance since the girdle of steel was first thrown across the far western Rockies to the sea. No one pretends to doubt that the opening of a new trade route between the eastern and western hemispheres, such as the Panama Canal, will work great changes on the Pacific Coast. It will prove to be the twentieth-century realisation of the fabled and fancied Northwest Passage. It is difficult, indeed, to find in history an event so charged with importance to the commerce of the world as this cutting of a continent in two by the digging of a ditch. It is recognized that the opening of the Panama Canal will affect materially and for all time the trading cities of the west coast of Canada, extending commerce in some directions, modifying traffic in others, and in some cases changing the character of cities and communities. New Westminster is alone among these cities in starting in to do her share of the work of getting ready.

At a time like the present, emulation, and not rivalry and envy, should prevail among the cities on the Canadian Pacific coast. Let Victoria and New Westminster concede by silence the possibility that a rich, deep vein of pure humor runs through occasional Vancouver references to "has beens," "moss backs," et al.; but let New Westminster keep on and Victoria join in demonstrating the fact that a city that has already been, finds it natural and congenial and easy to be once more. Above all, let Greater Vancouver wake up.

Governments, like Providence, help those who help themselves. Between a Government candidate's belief in what he can do to help his constituents and the communities in which they reside when he seeks their suffrages and his sometimes dramatically sudden realization of his comparative impotence when he becomes a unit in the machinery of elective Government a great gulf has been fixed. Mr. Stevens' unexplained absence from the smokers' concert tendered him by the South Vancouver Board of Trade was undoubtedly the most eloquent event in Mr. Stevens' political history. The Government will do its duty by South Vancouver and will profit by doing it, or it will fail to do its duty and will suffer for the failure; but neither Government performance nor Government failure to perform relieves Greater Vancouver of such responsibility in the matter of harbor improvement as has been promptly accepted by New Westminster and by New Westminster business men.

Words which appeared in another column on this page in last week's issue of "The Greater Vancouver Chinook" cannot be repeated too often. They are these :

> "In order to handle such trade the whole of the district of the future 'Greater Vancouver' has to be commercially developed, and in order to develop each point of 'Greater Vancouver,' all around the peninsula formed by Burrard Inlet and the Fraser River, not a single point of that peninsula, river and sea coast line must be sacrificed for the benefit of any particular part—that is to say, New Westminster, South Vancouver, Burnaby, Eburne, Point Grey, Vancouver, North Vancouver and North Burnaby must each develop its own resources according to its own potentialities. No one place must sap itself for the benefit of any other. Each district must apply its own borrowing power and the product of its taxes in its own particular location. Not one of these at present outlying districts must give the ward aldermen of the new city of Vancouver the right and the power to squander its commercial possibilities on its waterfrontage by presenting it on a platter to any of the railways who have to come and who ask for switching yards. They must not expose themselves to the possibility of being robbed for the benefit of the present nucleus, Vancouver."

THE DUST NUISANCE

THE welcome rain last week brought needed moisture to the thirsty soil in garden and field. Also, it made walking on the streets much more pleasant, rid the life of the car conductor of much unnecessary discomfort, made existence more enjoyable for the tidy shopkeeper, and, generally, made glad the heart of man.

Till Tuesday morning the inhabitant of South Vancouver had plenty of opportunity to realize what thoroughly, flagrantly dusty streets mean. Horses traversed the municipality more than fetlock deep in dust, and sad and sorry was the wayfarer on a sidewalk to leeward of a heavy horse of shambling gait. The swift automobile left a miniature dust storm in the path that marked its passage, and the man in the street gritted his teeth in impotent fury.

This was true in varying degree of all the streets. The highways in which discomfort was least experienced were those that were planked, but, as a rule, there was no escape from the annoyance. Nor was there any abatement. Bacteriology has done much to increase public apprehension of the evil agencies that lurk in dust, but except in the vasty deep and the illimitable sky there was no help for South Vancouver. Main Street sweltered in heat, and its merchants miseried in dust. Sportive winds caught up the powdery covering from the street in clouds, and strewed it mischievously in the most carefully kept stores. Dust swirled and eddied in the air that was agitated by the passing street cars; dust mingled with the air that men and women and children breathed; everywhere dust was king. But on Tuesday morning it was manifest that relief had arrived. Jupiter Pluvius, that personage with whom none save sporting writers are on familiar terms, came to the rescue. The dust was drenched, garden and field were refreshed, the air was cleansed, and man and beast breathed freely.

Must every dry spell in South Vancouver involve experiences like that? Can nothing be done to allay the dust nuisance? In a land of mountains and streams and rivers and dykes, can no system or method of water storage and distribution be devised which will make it possible for business to be carried on in the principal business streets during summer under conditions other than those which govern or attend travelling by caravan in an Arabian desert? This time, of course, the elements came to relieve the situation, but will they always do so in such circumstances? Assuredly it is not well that the municipality should be at the mercy of the elements in such matters.

Obviously, South Vancouver, at the present stage of her history, has much to do—much that must be done, and criticism should be helpful rather than destructive and fault-finding; but in this instance the comparatively brief spell of drought found and exposed the fault, and the community felt it. "The Greater Vancouver Chinook," as in duty bound, chronicles the fact and leaves with the Civic Fathers the suggestion that now, with the summer little more than well begun, consideration should be given to providing means of dealing with such a situation when it arises.

ROADS IN LANGLEY

ACCORDING to reports given out by intending settlers in the Langley district, "Good Roads" Taylor would have great difficulty in convincing the residents of that Riding that he has even begun to live up to his name. "The Greater Vancouver Chinook" has no fault to find with the Canadian Highways Association, or with the movement to build a highway through the Dominion from coast to coast. A week or two ago we went so far as to publish, with the tacit endorsement which publication in such circumstances entails, an article from the pen of the secretary of the association in which that official set forth at some length the advantages which it is believed will result from the construction of this national highway. Hon. Thomas Taylor, Provincial Minister of Public Works, has lent his countenance to the undertaking, and in return he has been called "Good Roads" Taylor. Langley considers that in this Mr. Taylor gets more than he deserves.

Approval of the building of a transcontinental highway can never outweigh neglect of nor inadequate provision for the maintenance of the highways within the province. The people of British Columbia welcome tourists and approve of the multiplication of means of tourist travel; but the province wants settlers far more than it wants automobilists, and the sobriquet "Good Roads" Taylor is a misnomer so long as roads in Langley remain in the condition they are in at present. It is a reproach to the Provincial Works Department that settlers should be seeking lands in Langley and be debarred from them by lack of roads.

Until relief has been brought and improvement made, the Hon. Mr. Taylor should deny the soft impeachment that he is "Good Roads" Taylor. The construction of one highway which is largely extra-provincial in its character and scope is not sufficient foundation for a sobriquet being applied to a provincial minister when the condition of roads in at least one Riding in the province justifies the suspicion that the name has been bestowed in irony and derision.

It can hardly be regarded as matter for surprise that when, on Tuesday, Premier McBride broke the silence which he has preserved since his return from England on the result of his conference with the directors of the B. C. E. R. company, he had to report that nothing had been accomplished—that no concessions had been made by the company. The problem of transportation in the municipalities grouped around Vancouver is a problem by no means easy of solution, and it is one that presses increasingly every day. It is well that a spirit of reasonableness should pervade the deliberations between the various councils and the company, and that the necessities as well as the difficulties of the situation should be kept constantly in mind.

Last week it was dust : this week it was fire that carried to the mind of the citizen an added impression of the inadequacy of the water system. No fault lies with the Water Department, but the water service, good as far as it goes, stops woefully short of adequacy. The industrial magnate seeking a location for his business lays stress on the water supply and the fire-fighting equipment. In the two civic departments referred to there are ability, experience and courage, but means and equipment are lacking. The settler, like the industrial capitalist, insists upon having a good water supply. The lack of it is a shackle upon the progress of South Vancouver.

It is interesting to note that the Board of Trade and the Improvement Associations within the bounds of the municipality of South Vancouver are giving evidence of a keen and intelligent sense of the importance of the visit of Hon. Mr. Monk a few weeks hence. This is an occasion which calls for the burying of all local jealousies and for united action for the common good.

Blasting accidents are comparatively few in this neighborhood, and regret over the death of Mrs. Tomkinson, who was killed by a stump falling through her tent home on Tuesday last, is sincere. It is entirely proper that a searching inquiry into the circumstances attending the fatality should be made.

Hands Across the Sea

"Shadows avaunt! Richard's himself again!" Or words to that effect. It was foreshadowed in this column that the redoubtable "Dick" had gone to see the King on matters of the highest importance. He did, but the matter that was of the highest importance was the knightly spurs, or their modern equivalent. Dick is now a carpet knight so trim, and in camp a leader sage. Well, perhaps, after all, his visit to the Old Country was not in vain, and again, perhaps no man deserves the honor more. Here's to him!

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What is Canada going to do in the way of establishing a Navy to lend a hand to the Mother-country should the latter need it? Some light was thrown on the subject at the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce in London, and a practical suggestion was made by the Vancouver delegate, Mr. A. McCandless. What the representative from the West thought the contribution from the Dominion should be was ten million dollars. But that is a mere fleabite. Why, it would provide one Dreadnought and a submarine, and while half a loaf is better than no bread, such an addition to the Imperial Navy has a decidedly parsimonious smack about it, in view of the extent and wealth of this country. What is to prevent it giving more than twice that amount? If a comparison is made between the extent of seaboard on the eastern coast of England and the coastline in eastern and western Canada, it will be seen that the suggestion, though it shows the true and patriotic spirit, falls far short of the mark, and there will have to be a lot of thinking again. At the same time, the important fact must not be overlooked that Canada is wide awake to this question of naval defence.

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Private advices received in Vancouver indicate that the transportation strike in England will have its effect so far as immigration into Canada is concerned. Economic conditions across the Atlantic are just now rapidly changing, whether for better or worse it would be difficult to determine, but that a radical metamorphosis is coming about cannot be denied. The advices referred to state that as a result of the labor troubles that are continually taking place in the United Kingdom many of the workers have decided to give that country a wide berth—in other words, that they intend to cast its dust from off their feet. It will be a loss to England; but will it be a gain to Canada, for which a large number of them are heading or are making ready to sail? It might not be inadvisable for those in authority to have the fact made clear beyond doubt that there is no room in the premier province of the Dominion for men who live, move, and have their being in labor squabbles. If they come with the intention of working and settling down as good citizens, they will be doubly welcome.

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The scarcity of women in Canada, and particularly in the north-western parts, has long been a problem that has taxed the minds of not a few of our public men. Financial and other inducements have been held out to the women of the Old Country to throw in their lot with the future of Canada, and to some extent there has been a response. Not, however, in a degree that would satisfy anyone. Of late there has been a fluttering in the dovecots of the fair ones across the seas. The outlook in the matrimonial market just now is not a bright one, and small blame, therefore, to the women who have become dissatisfied with their lot and have made up their minds to cross the briny ocean. A few days ago there was quite a shipload of them who arrived at Montreal en route to join their husbands to be. Welcome, thrice welcome, fair maids! More of your color are wanted in this part of the King's dominions.

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A baronet, a soldier, and now a commercial traveller, or in other words a drummer. Such has been the career of Sir Edward Murray, who arrived in Vancouver a few days ago with his samples—to wit, cigarettes. Scottish of the Scotch, Sir Ned conducts the business that he has taken up like one to the manner born, and has made it a success, too. Though connected with several of the most noble families of North Britain, he disdains the use of "side." His appearance is not suggestive of the titled one, but rather of a hustling, bustling Yankee, who is out with the goods and means to get there. As agent for one of the best-known brands of Egyptian cigarettes, he rather fancies himself, and what he doen't know of the tricks of the trade is not worth knowing. The baronetcy of which he is the present holder dates back to 1626. Emigrating to America a year before that, the Murrays soon carved a way for themselves, as so many of their countrymen are doing at the present time. To give him his full title, he is Lieut.-Colonel Sir Edward Robert Murray, Bart.

Alleged Wanton Waste of Water

Evil is sometimes wrought by want of thought, and this appears to be the case in regard to South Vancouver's water supply. While Superintendent Mullett and his staff are straining every nerve to keep the municipality supplied with sufficient water for domestic and drinking purposes, it is reported that a number of citizens are using it for purposes forbidden by the bylaw. The most charitable construction to put upon their action is that they do not stop to think. For instance, it is a wicked and wanton waste, when there is a shortage in the supply, to use a water hose on the garden or leave taps to run to waste.

No excuse will justify such action. However, in face of what is happening, Chief Wand has given it out that the law will be enforced in every case where residents are caught infringing the bylaw.

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Reproduced from the "Winnipeg Telegram"

The following extraordinarily interesting letter is from John Campion, a soldier of the old Connaught Rangers, an Irish regiment, at one time in Canada, to J. Edward O'Connor, the well-known barrister of Winnipeg. It details as faithfully as a camera the struggle that went on on the Canadian border during the American war of secession in the effort of Michigan smugglers to procure British soldiers or sturdy Canadians as substitutes for rich American citizens who had been drafted for their bloody war with the South, the blood money being paid for British subjects as high as $1,000 a head, and without any doctor's examination.

The heroic figure which stands out in this dramatic recital of things gone by is that of the famous Capt. Jack Allan, of Northwest Mounted Police fame. The character of this Canadian soldier is told with faithful minuteness, and to his old comrades who served with him and under him he stands as the Chevalier Bayard of the Western Plains, "sans peur, sans reproche." The captain, of course, has been a resident of Winnipeg for some years, and this absorbing description of a few of his manly deeds on the Canadian border, on the Wolseley expedition and on the African plains verifies again the trite expression that "Truth is stranger than fiction."

Was a Connaught Ranger

Sir,—I am on my way from China back to Halifax to see my only brother before going back to Ireland, where I was born 79 years ago.

In the 88th Connaught Rangers I was taken on the strength when I was twelve years old and posted to the band as one of the buglers and went with the 2nd battalion to the Crimea in '55 and was wounded at the storming of the Rodan when we were beat back twice until the sailors from the Lancaster battery came up to relieve us, but their scaling ladders were too short and they were badly cut up, the poor fellows trying to make a bridge with their backs to rest the ladders on. I was invalided home with a heavy draft on the troopship Pelican, and came to Canada in 1863 with my father and mother.

Joins Royal Canadians

I was transferred to the Royal Canadian rifles and was in Capt. D. Moran's company and sent to a place called Chatham in Upper Canada in 1864, and I enlisted in a regiment in Quebec, going for service on the frontier in October, 1864, with Capt. Alleyne and Lieut. Prendergast and sent to Windsor opposite Detroit, and shortly after I was told off for special duty by order of Col. Osborne Smith to report myself to Sergt. Jack Allan.

Myself and Corp. Donely of the Royal Canadian Rifles were put in plain clothes to look out for the crimps on the other side of the border-line from Detroit who made a business of smuggling our men across and selling them to the substitute brokers who paid as high as a thousand dollars for the American citizens who were drafted and had to go to the front or supply a substitute.

Stealing English Soldiers

I liked the duty, as we did no parades or drills, and our sergeant was one of the best men I ever served under. He was a soldier from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet, and I think he took a fancy to me after we caught the first one of the gang, a shoemaker from Detroit, who had planned to smuggle Private C——, an old 30th Regiment man who had served in the Crimea. He gave me the information in old Tom Johnstone's tavern near the Ferry Hill in Windsor, and I reported to the sergeant and he had him in the room in the Hiron's house at the top of the Ferry Hill where we used to change our clothes off and on, to disguise ourselves, and passed the signals to make no mistake. It was a very cold day, and the ice was running thick in the Detroit River, which was frozen out about 100ft. from the shore, and C—— said that he was to be down on the ice about 9 o'clock and be ready to answer his whistle with the words, "All right, Donovan," and then run for his skiff, which he was to have on the edge of the frozen ice sharp on the time when "first post" was sounding, but he was not to bring any firearms with him, as he would have a gun and would shoot him if he tried any double cross work on him.

Blood Money

Then when he was enlisted he would get $500 when he signed on and when he was delivered to the recruiting officer on Peach Island he would be given another $400, as he would keep $100 as his commission. Then Sergt. Allan told him he would get a pass for him to be absent from barracks until 10.30 and he was to report to me at 9.15 at Johnstone's tavern with cloak and cape and his waist belt and side arms under it. Meantime, he was to take his further orders from me. Then he dismissed him with a warning against talking to anyone about it and particularly ordered him not to enter the canteen. Then he turned to me and said : "Send Corp. Donely to me at once," and when he came he said : "I told you off last night to watch the train and the ferry boat for that crimp, and gave you a picture of him, and warned you that he might be carrying an old green carpet bag for a blind, and to watch behind the flour barrels at the gangway under the big camp and take him as he was going on board. Now, the man walked on within four feet of you, and had one of our men with him, who carried a cheap black satchel and wore glasses. They came from Sarnia. I saw them when they got out of the car and the man with the satchel had his ammunition boots on. Now they didn't stay in the car as they should have done when it went on the boat to avoid the customs officer, but walked on as passengers from Windsor. Now I am returning you to duty, and will notify Capt. Donovan that there is no charge against you, but that you are not just suitable for this work." Then he turned to me and told me to keep C—— in sight as he was liable to get drunk if alone, and the next day I was in orders as corporal and private companion to the 3rd Victoria Rifles, and was in orders to replace Corp. Donely who was returned to duty at his own request. I gave Private C— his pass in case anything should happen if the military police found him after 9.30 at night.

Locating Smugglers

Then I went with Sergt. Allan to the station as he was going to Detroit to locate Donovan with his bird and he said he would be back not later than 8.30 at the room and again warned me about C— and we stepped behind some barrels where I gave him my pistol. He told me to take his as I was passing the room, and I went to Johnstone's hotel and found C— who I thought had been drinking, and when I charged him with it he said he had a couple of glasses of beer. I took him into a side room and warned him that if he took any more I would send him to the guard room and turn in his pass to the sergeant of the guard.

The Justice of the Barrack Room

This brought him up standing as he was afraid of Sergt. Allan, who had given him a terrible thrashing on Christmas morning behind the cookhouse before reveille sounded when he took the place of Private Young whom the blackguard had hit the night before with a scrubbing brush when the lad was saying his prayers by the side of his cot, and the poor lad went to Sergt. Allan's small room in the corner and reported what had happened when we all heard the answer quite distinctly. It was, "I should send the fellow to the guard room, but if you will take him out to the back yard before reveille goes and thrash him soundly I will take the responsibility and will tell off a man to see that you get fair play. This will be better than having him spend his Christmas in the guard room." Then he called for me just as lights out was sounding, and I went into his room and he warned me to have private C— parade half an hour before reveille at the cookhouse and to parade Young at the same hour and place and to see fair play between them, as C— was known to have used his teeth in a previous encounter at Kingston with one of the Grand Trunk brakesmen who suffered the loss of parts of an ear, but as the sergeant was giving me the orders, he was writing on a slip of paper telling me that Young would sleep in his room and he would sleep on Young's cot and would parade in front of C— with only his shirt and drawers on, as they looked so much alike that the paymaster took them for brothers. I was to lock the barrack-room doors.

I warned C— against clinching or standing over his opponent when down. He must get back to his corner. He weighed 187 pounds, nearly 40 pounds heavier than the sergeant, but in exactly 20 minutes C.'s face was cut to ribbons and the sergeant was hardly touched, but he stopped and made himself known, telling him this was better than spending his Christmas in the guard room and he hoped it would be a lesson to him, and it was, but if he afterward got into the guardroom he would ask if Sergt. Allan was on or off duty. He was a fine soldier when sober, but when drunk he was the most mutinous blackguard I ever soldiered with, an ugly brute, quarrelsome and wicked and your only protection against him was a club. He did two regimental and one general courts-martial while we served up there, but no matter where he was found when drunk Sergt. Allan would only say "come on" and he would follow him like a dog.

Red Coated Lochinvar

I saw him once when he was orderly to the officer commanding, when, of course, he wore his waist belt and side arms (the sword bayonet) and when he came off duty he got drunk in the town before going back to his barracks to report and I was coming up the front street and saw several negroes near the place where they were having a colored wedding and they came running towards me in a very excited manner, saying that a soldier was in and had taken possession of the bride and beaten the bridegroom and driven the others out with his bayonet. I looked in and saw who it was, and when I came out I met the town policeman who had been sent for. I told him that he had better not go near him as he had his side arms, and to pacify the negroes, I said I would go for Sergt. Allan, and asked the policeman to keep them back until I returned. I found the sergeant at the room. He had just come back from Chatham and turned in for a smoke, but he got up and we went over.

He Steals Black Bride

He asked the policeman to keep the crowd back while he went in, and there he found C—— with a quart of beer on a table beside him and his sword bayonet out of the scabbard lying ready for any emergency, and the poor bride, with all her finery on, was sitting on his knee, while the bridegroom, with a bad gash on his head and bleeding like a stuck pig, was lying on the floor, between them and the door. Sergt. Allan just went up and touched him on the shoulder, and said, "Stand up." Then he gave me his own handkerchief and told me to bind up the groom's head. I had to lift him to do it. His bride was crying and took him away. C—— was ordered to button up his tunic and was about to put on his waist belt and side arms, when the sergeant said, "I'll take them. You are a prisoner," to which C—— was going to make some objection, saying he was still on duty as orderly, and was not drunk, but he had his master in front of him and he knew it. The sergeant told me to go out and tell the policeman to clear the crowd and call a cab. I confess I didn't like to leave him alone with this blackguard, but I dare not say a word. I knew my man too well, so that I went out and had some difficulty in finding the policeman among the excited crowd, chiefly American deserters, of whom the little town was full. The negroes, though, had all gone as there was no bond of sympathy between them. I told the policeman and he was afraid that the negroes might come back in a body.

Collapse of the Rioter

He called a cab and I went back as quickly as possible and I found C—— standing as quiet as a lamb with the sergeant standing with his belt and side arms slung over his arm, which he handed to me and told me to lead straight to the cab with C—— behind me while he followed in the rear. Then we drove to the guard room just in time, as the negroes were seen coming from the village, led by the bridegroom with his head bound up with a red bandana. C—— was handed over to the main guard and was given a regimental court-martial and got the full allowance of 42 days' imprisonment with hard labor and sent down to the jail at Sandwich to serve out his sentence and Sergeant Allan took him down, and when he was getting a receipt from the jailer he gave him a plug of tobacco in case the rules of the jail would allow a prisoner to smoke, and C—— found out that he had done so, and although a bad ruffian, he would have died for the sergeant. That was the kind he was.

Drinking Again

Now, I go back to when I found C—— at Johnstone's tavern, having had some beer and warned him what I would do. I ordered supper for him and told him I would come for him after I had met Allan when he got back from Detroit at 8.30, and he promised me that he would not touch anything more and would be ready to go down with me when he heard last post sounding to meet the crimp, and as I was going out I asked Johnstone not to give him any more drink and to keep him from going out. I then met Allan at the ferry, according to orders. It was near 9 o'clock and we went to the room together.

How They Bought Canadians

He added, he had located Donovan at his rendezvous, a little fruit store near Woodward Avenue kept by an Italian named Gianelli, who was a little shy as he sold Bourbon whisky with his soft drinks to his friends and was willing to talk about the prices being paid for substitutes. He heard of $1000 being offered for one, but he didn't pay the doctor although he heard that soldiers from the Canadian side did not have to go before a doctor, and he thought he knew a man who would get me $1200, half of which would be paid when I signed the roll and I promised to call again. He returned me my pistol and told me to get back for C——, as it was near last post, but when I got to Johnstone's he had gone and I hurried down to the Crawford house.

Given the Frog's March

There I was informed he had been seen with one of the military police, who asked him for his pass, and he refused to show it to him and took off his waist belt to strike him but he was knocked down with his swagger stick and the town patrol took him in charge. He was drunk and was carried frogs' march fashion which was the only way to handle a fractious prisoner those days, face downward. But it cured the worst of them, particularly if it was found necessary to put a bugler boy to ride across the small of his back to keep him from struggling.

Allan's Plan of Campaign

As the time was now nearing for the Donovan capture, I hurried back to the room and reported and got a reprimand for not securing him when I first found he had been drinking. It was now too late to get C—— under any circumstances. He could not be trusted when not perfectly sober and Allan said, "I will nip this fellow myself at any cost. Get me my cloak and cape and I will play the C—— role, and if he escapes me there will be no one to blame but myself, as you must not be seen; but take this rope and stand by, lest there may be two of them as it would hardly be safe to leave a skiff on the edge of the ice. If he is to come away from it any distance at all he will draw it up on the solid ice, but if he suspects and is alone he will not leave the skiff at all but will hold it with a boat hook and be ready to shove off into the floating ice if everything is not just as he expected it. Now if you hide yourself close by and the signal is not right, he will shove off and take his chances in the floe ice, and as the current sets in toward our shore, he will drift along the edge and you could throw your grappling irons with the off chance of hooking him. Then he will cut your rope and shoot or take his chances on a big cake of ice and give you the empty skiff, but don't open fire on him unless I call on you. If he suspects any trap laid to catch him, he will have a pal with him to remain in the boat ready to shoot to save him that will justify me in returning his fire and the signal for you to close in quick and we will get them both; but these are contingencies that may not arise. In my opinion, he will be alone as these fellows are willing to take big chances for the money and he will have sized up C—— as an easy mark lacking brains enough to give him away in his greed for the big money. Just then we heard the warning before "last post" and got on the solid ice just as it was sounding. I had my rope coiled under my coat. The night was cold and dark. I moved toward the ferry and got as near to the edge of the floating ice as I could and lay low. I heard quite distinctly the movement of a boat in the ice and then heard it being pulled up on the solid ice.

Allan Captures American

Then I heard a low whistle and the answer "All right Donovan," then "Come quick, come quick, my boat is freezing," then a pistol shot and some sounds as if they were running, then I heard the sergeant twice calling, "Halt, or I'll fire," then like something heavy falling on a boat and a sound as of oars being used and more noise as if somebody had fallen in the bottom of the boat and the words: "Take that," and what sounded like a terrible thud and a fall. This all happened in a couple of minutes as I was running in the direction—no easy matter in the dark as I had to be guided by the noise—but I finally saw the boat in the floating ice not more than 20 feet out and a struggle was going on altogether I couldn't see. It was too dark, but they were being carried further out and I called out twice before I got an answer, when the sergeant called back "All right. He got me, but I have him now. Throw your rope when you see a chance."

Exciting Struggle in Detroit River

I heard the prisoner using foul language which satisfied me he was being tied, but as I didn't know which way the current would carry them, I was getting anxious for his safety until he called out to me to flash my lantern and carry it along, which I did keeping as close to the floating ice as I dare, while trying to get a flash on him without any effect, but I could hear that he was working either with a pole or an oar through the ice, while I kept my lantern as high as I could which was a help to guide him. Then I heard him say, "Lie quiet, you cur, or I will drown you." Then he called to me to get my rope ready as he was foul of a flake of ice which he wouldn't break through, but he had made fast to it and looked like setting outward when he asked me to test the flake and then throw the rope. I had to be careful, but by tapping the flake with my stick it sounded strong enough and I stepped on it and threw my rope just in time as it had moved out nearly two feet to land on the solid ice after he called to me to hold on. All the while he helped with a boat hook until the skiff was fairly on the flake, then the current gradually carried it toward the opposite shore, leaving the skiff in some open water where I got a glimpse of it now with my lantern and was ordered to haul away, followed by a strong expression and an order to "lie down, you treacherous cur."

Ties Him Round the Neck

This with a tug on my rope, made me slack up a little for a moment,

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South Vancouver Municipal Council

Spencer Robinson's Position Discussed—Improved Car Service, July 2

A special meeting of the Municipal Council was held on Friday evening. Reeve Kerr presided, and there were present Councillors Campbell, Elliott, Third and Thomas, with Mr. J. B. Springford, municipal clerk.

Robinson Asked to Resign

A deputation attended from Ward I asking the Council to act regarding the resignation of Councillor Robinson, as they claimed with his continued absence from the Council meetings it meant that they were not receiving proper representation at the meetings.

The Reeve explained that he had spoken to Mr. Robinson on two occasions, and he replied that he would be able to give an answer in a few days. He (the Reeve) felt rather keenly on the matter, because he was of opinion that Robinson had done something he should not do. When questioned as to the representation of Ward I, he answered in a gentlemanly manner, but his reply was somewhat sharp. The Reeve's responsibility ended there and he had no more to say. The Council had no power in the matter until Robinson's three months were up. Then they could declare his seat vacant.

Councillor Third : How long is it since he sat?

The Reeve : About two months.

South Vancouver and City Water

A deputation from Ward I regarding the water supply was heard, and their representative, Mr. C. T. Bailey, stated their case. He asked the Council to take means of getting for the municipality a better water supply—one that would be adequate without the aid of the wells now depended on for water.

The Reeve explained that one of the first things that Council did was to go into the City and try to make some arrangement with the City Council for the bringing of an abundant water supply, when they were met with the answer that they could supply South Vancouver with no more water than they had been doing, and that probably the supply would be shut off altogether this summer. That was a nice thing to look forward to, and were it not for the wells, it was very probable they would have no water in any part of the municipality. Had it not been for the wells the people would have had no refreshing draughts. They were now getting 400 gallons a minute from one well, and were it not for that he was almost afraid to think of what might happen. It was a fact, too, that the Council had to get water for the ratepayers independent of the City, and so far he thought the people were better supplied this summer than last. There was a greater amount of pressure in most places, and the Council was doing the best it could.

Councillor Campbell said the water question was one of the first propositions with which they had to deal, and they were told that a 30in. main would be put down in 12 months. Until then the supply could not be increased. If, as the deputation suggested, they had made arrangements for water with the City as Burnaby and Point Grey had done, they would have been fairly up against it, for just now Burnaby had no water at all, and was trying to get South Vancouver to sell some.

Point Grey, he said, was in a similar position, so that, taking these places as an example, he considered it very lucky that they had made no contract with the City, and were therefore not dependent on them for their water. He, for one, would not be prepared to sign such an agreement as that signed by Point Grey. The water question had been a very hard proposition, and in being forced to get water from wells they had been very fortunate in more cases than one.

Election Promises

A letter was received from Ward I, asking the Council to carry out promises made at the last election, also pledges given by members of the Council regarding annexation and other matters.

The Reeve, in a dignified answer, said the Council had not forgotten their promises in regard to either roads or annexation. The trouble was that there were some people who were not conversant with the work of the Council, and any pledges he made he was carrying out to the best of his ability. He was doing his best in the interests of South Vancouver and for annexation to the City under a proper agreement, and he quite realized that something must be done one way or the other. If they could not get annexation under a proper agreement, then there must be incorporation.

Widening of Commercial Street

The Cedar Cottage Improvement Association wrote regarding the widening of Commercial Street from the school grounds to Westminster Road. A deputation, consisting of ex-Councillor Dickinson, Mr. C. F. Broadhurst, and Mr. G. Johnston attended. As there had been some misunderstanding between the Council and the Association on the matter, the delegation withdrew and agreed to formulate their demands in writing, to be laid before a meeting of the Board of Works on Wednesday.

No Aliens

A request from a ward association that no aliens be employed in the municipality and that preference be given to citizens was met by the remark from the Reeve that these conditions prevailed.

Land Tax

An appeal from Ward I Association that there was some feeling about the wild land tax was referred to the assessor.

Councillor Elliott said it was a matter that could not be dealt with properly, as no specific charges of taxation had been made. He went on to say that in his opinion the assessors during the year had done very creditable work, and there was no just cause for complaint.

Association Criticised

The Cedar Cottage Improvement Association came in for some severe criticism. The Association presented to the Council a long list of requests, a copy of which has already appeared in the Press.

Reeve Kerr said the Association asked too much when they expected the Council to put in writing replies to their resolutions.

The Reeve : I have explained it myself to the same people, who sat with eyes, ears and mouths open, and who now criticise us for doing nothing.

Councillor Elliott, the member for the ward, said if the Association kept in touch more with the Council there would have been no need for such resolutions.

The Reeve : They should attend the Council meetings more frequently and get in touch with the work. ("Hear, hear")

The Clerk was deputed to write the Association that its communication would be investigated.

It Was the Dog That Died

Ward I Ratepayers' Association had a grievance respecting dogs, and complained that the police charged fifty cents for acting as executioner, which fee the owners held was excessive.

Police Chief Jackson said it was when the constable appeared to collect the dollars as tax that the trouble began. The dog suddenly became of no value, and the constable, in some cases, was requested to shoot the dogs.

Councillor Third : And who finds the powder?

Police Chief Jackson promised to investigate the scale of charges, and the matter was referred to him to report upon.

An important letter from the B. C. E. Railway and the story of a horse deal are reported elsewhere in this issue.

The Name and Fame of South Vancouver

Some time ago the Board of Trade received a substantial grant from the Council for the purpose of spreading the name and fame of South Vancouver, and the employment of a publicity expert is to be considered at the forthcoming meeting. The advertising committee is busy considering the best proposition for advertising the municipality. The employment of a publicity manager will be discussed, as this is considered by some to be the most modern as well as the most efficient method of handling the funds.

Mr. and Mrs. James McQueen, of Brucefield, Ontario, visited Mrs. McGillivray, corner 26th and St. Catherines, Vancouver, at the beginning of the week. Mr. McQueen is a brother of City Clerk McQueen, Vancouver.

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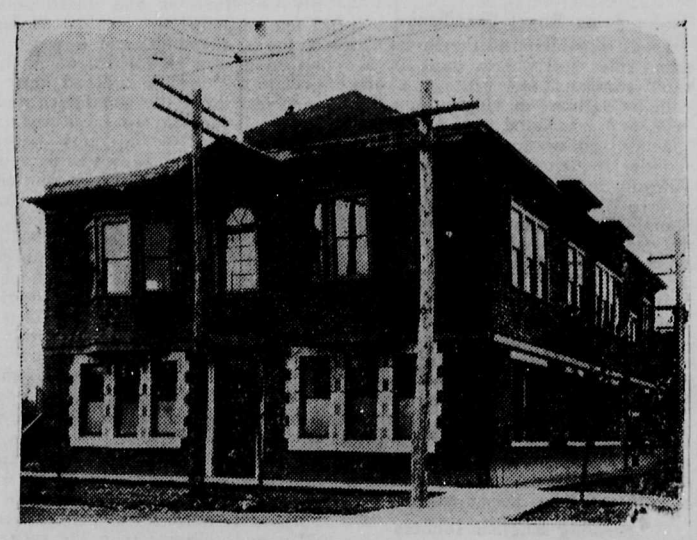

Since the opening of the inquiry into South Vancouver public accounts, the Corporation Hall, corner of Fraser Street and Wilson Road, has been the scene of many sensations. Citizens have daily crowded the Council chamber where Commissioner Crehan's court is held. The building shown in the cut was completed little more than a year ago. Certain questions will doubtless be asked, before the investigation closes, relative to the building of the civic headquarters.

AROUND THE MUNICIPAL HALL

The inquiry at the Municipal Hall brings forward the question of remuneration to our public men. The School Trustees are expected to give their time and sacrifice their business interests so many hours per week without fee or reward. To make personal gain or accept a reward of any description from work in connection with School Boards by any of the School Trustees is criminal.

If we want men to perform public work, let us pay them for it. Surely the ratepayers would raise no objection to giving a certain remuneration. We understand, however, that the Government has always blocked the way in regard to remunerating School Trustees. It is too much to expect business men to neglect their business, and workmen their time, for the doubtful honor of being termed a "grafter." Rarely does any one say that these men are in office for the good of the public, but rather the reverse. It is this sentiment that keeps many an honest, straightforward man from accepting such positions. Let the various Improvement Associations and Ratepayers' Associations take this matter up and discuss it thoroughly. Also let us drop our suspicions of these men; give them credit for what they are trying to do, and appreciate the services which they are rendering to the municipality.

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On coming up Fraser Avenue we were very much surprised to see the progress that is being made with the double tracking of the rails. The population in and around South Hill is growing at a very rapid rate, and the travelling facilities to and from this district had become rather intolerable. Once the double tracking is complete, a great building boom is expected to set in. From the indication we saw all around from the Municipal Hall southwards, we should imagine that boom has already set in, as new buildings are being erected everywhere.

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We would like to draw Chief Jackson's attention to the stretch of road on Main Street from Bodwell Road to Ferris Road. He should have this measured at once, and get a couple of policemen to watch and time the autos. Sometimes I take an evening walk along that way, and I am quite prepared to go into court and swear that a certain local individual who ought to know better drives his car over the speed limit along this stretch. I am not very timorous as a rule, but before I would accept an invitation to go in this gentleman's car for a ride, I should like to see my papers were in order for cashing in. For the sake of the gentleman himself, and the general public, it is to be hoped that this hint will be taken.

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Any ratepayer who has occasion to visit the waterworks department, whether to pay rates or to see about water connections, etc., cannot but mark the high state of efficiency in which the whole work is carried on. Rarely do we now hear of any complaints as to the rotten system of South Vancouver waterworks, as it was designated two years ago. About that time there was no more abused man in the municipalty than the now popular water superintendent, Mr. Mullett. He is now becoming to be appreciated for the work he has done. Fully two years ago Mr. Mullett came as an entire stranger, though he had occupied the position of water superintendent in Nanaimo for the long period of 22 years. He was known to few here. At that time Mr. Mullett was asked by South Vancouver to introduce a new system of water works in the Municipality. There was urgent need of it. Wells had become contaminated with sewage, many of the city hospitals were crowded with the patients from the Municipality, and if a good and wholesome supply of water was not introduced without a moment's delay there was grave danger that a serious plague would sweep over the whole of South Vancouver.

Such were the conditions when Mr. Mullett took over the responsibility of his office. With a city not graded, isolated clusters of houses scattered all over an area of 14½ square miles, the difficulties he had to face were many. He had hurriedly to gather together and organize a staff as best he could with any material he had at hand. Can we, then, wonder that a few mistakes did occur? The surprise to us is that a far greater number did not occur The residents in every street on every avenue were clamouring aloud; every district was more pressing than another that their needs of water were the most urgent. Work was rushed at breakneck speed in every direction. Still the cry was, "Give us more water!" To meet the demand, the supplies that were at hand had to be accepted. No adequate check could be made to see that every joint was tight and every pipe flawless. As was to be expected under a newly laid system, many leaks at joints and flaws were discovered after the water was turned on. Then the knockers and howlers were heard everywhere. One of my most pleasant thoughts is, that at this time I was asked by quite a number to make a public attack on the water system and the water superintendent. I am always pleased to think that at that time I urged that the superintendent be given a fair trial. That he has now more than justified his position no unprejudiced person will dispute. South Vancouver, for the time she has had her water system and the many difficulties she has had to overcome, has a system equal to anything in the province.

Pilfering from Gardens

Quite a large number of residents in the municipality are complaining of roses and other flowers being stolen from their gardens. In some cases the police have been notified, and in future a good look-out will be kept, with a view to making an example of the pilferers.

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Important Letter to South Vancouver Council

At a special meeting of the Municipal Council on Friday night, the following letter was read from General Manager Sperling. It was addressed to the Reeve and Council :

"With reference to the meeting which your honorable body had with Mr. Glover on June 1, I have to state as follows regarding the matters discussed.

"Fraser Avenue double tracking : The double tracking of this line is now under way, and will be continued south to Fifty-fifth Avenue, which is several blocks farther than at first contemplated.

"Fraser Avenue line extension : We will be unable to make any extension to the Fraser Avenue line this year.

"Car service : Beginning about July 2, Fraser Avenue cars will be run to and from the corner of Robson and Granville Streets.

"The matter of running Main Street cars to the centre of the City will be looked into by the traffic department, and you will be advised later if your wishes can be met.

"In accordance with your request, a late car will be run on Victoria Road line about 12 midnight.

"As soon as the service can be properly adjusted, the line on Bodwell Road from Fraser Avenue to Main Street will be operated by a shuttle car.

"Victoria Road extension : Our transportation officer will investigate and report on the present necessity for an extension of the line.

"Cedar Cottage Connection : Your request for a line to be built from Westminster Road to Cedar Cottage to link up the Westminster Road and Granville lines, in order to give direct communication through the eastern portion of the city to Grandview and Cedar Cove, will receive careful consideration.

"Knight Road : When your engineer has furnished us with a contour plan of the road, we will make comparison between it and adjoining streets for street railway purposes, but I cannot hold out any hope that the line can be built this year.

"Main Street double-tracking : This street is already double-tracked to Bodwell Road, and single track is ample to handle all the business on the remainder of the street for the present.

"Fare to Earls Road : We are employing a passenger and freight expert to deal with all rates, and this matter will be considered by him.

"Lighting rates : I cannot give any promise of a reduction in lighting rates at the present time. The cost of construction, maintenance, and operation of lines in the suburban districts is much higher than in the city, and must remain so till the population is considerably increased.

"Commercial Drive : The suggested continuation of Commercial Drive through our right-of-way to Cedar Cottage cannot be agreed to, as this right-of-way is part of our Vancouver, Westminster interurban line, and it is against the policy of the company to alienate any portion.

Right-of-way : Regarding your proposal to grade a portion of our right-of-way east of Cedar Cottage road to convenience people who have built adjacent to our property, I have to say that we cannot permit this or any act which will in any manner affect the rights and ownership of the company in the premises.

"Westminster Road paving : Your inquiry as to whether we have the rails and material to lay permanent track on Westminster Road concurrently with the proposed paving of this highway, comes as a great surprise, as we had no previous intimation that the work might be carried out during the present year.

"We have therefore neither material nor financial provision for this undertaking, and I am compelled to add that if the proposed line is gone on with, its cost—namely, about $250,000—would certainly preclude any other street railway extensions in South Vancouver for some time at least."

Councillor Third : There is certainly not much to the Company's letter.

The Reeve said he felt that the Council would feel disappointed, after the interview and discussion on the proposed extended car lines.

On the motion of Councillors Elliott and Campbell, it was resolved to seek an interview with Messrs. Glover and Sperling to ask why the B. C. Electric Railway Company rejected the suggestions of the Council.

A REAL HORSE DEAL

Everything "Went"

At the meeting of the Municipal Council on Friday, the story of a real old-fashioned horse deal was introduced, which for a few minutes gave life and animation to the otherwise prosaic proceedings.

Major Tofft, after a letter had been read from the S. P. C. A., addressed the Council regarding the purchase of what, he said, looked like "a noble animal." It appeared that the horse was about its daily work when it attracted the attention of one of the Society's officials. From the conversation that ensued the officer got in communication with Dr. Swinnerton, who was at that time acting as veterinary sergeon to the municipality. To revert back, it should be stated that Inspector Robinson saw the horse on the road, and asked if it was for sale. The driver replied in the affirmative, whereupon the inspector, without examination, purchased the horse for $200. When the horse was delivered it was allegedly found to have the heaves. The seller of the animal, according to Inspector Robinson, was Dr. Swinnerton, who acted as veterinary surgeon to the society, and acts in a similar capacity to the Council, whose horse it was. A conversation took place on the 'phone, which resulted in the horse being purchased for $200, and the deal was completed on the following day. The cheque was handed to Dr. Swinnerton, and the horse passed to the Society on, it was stated, Dr. Swinnerton's recommendation that it was sound. That same day, however, it transpired that the horse was suffering from a bad attack of heaves. When spoken to, Dr. Swinnerton is said to have claimed that it was a horse deal, and everything "went."

Councillor Campbell said it was a horse deal, but the Council did not want to sell unsound stock, and he did not think there was much to say further.

Major Tofft asked that the $200 should be refunded to the Society and the horse returned to the Council.

Councillor Elliott : The buyer should have made proper inquiries.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that he could hardly question the opinion of a man like Dr. Swinnerton.

Councillor Third : I think it was very fortunate for the horse he got into the hands he did. ("Hear, hear!")

Councillor Elliott : It is not a very sound proposition. A resolution was carried that "The Society be allowed to return the horse, and that the $200 paid for him be refunded to the Society."

School Teachers' Week End

The South Vancouver School Teachers' Association held a picnic to Bowen Island on Saturday, where they had a most enjoyable time. They camped out on the grounds and enjoyed sports and games.

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The Stirring Story of Derring-Do

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then I was told to haul away and when he jumped out he told me to untie the prisoner whom I found fast with two big hitches round his neck and over the rear thwarts. This explained to me without asking any question, why he called on me to slack up.

Stabbed With Boat Hook

On comparing notes I found he had a hole through the left side of his face which was done with the boat hook when Donovan was being captured, after firing one shot which missed the mark. He ordered me to remove the bracelets from the prisoner who was poorly clad and both were wet and ice covered. I noticed, as he handed me the key of the cuffs, that he was covered with blood now frozen to his cape and it revealed also a terrible looking gash in his face. I ventured to say that he was hit. He said, "Yes, the prisoner fired one shot as I was jumping into the boat after him and then jabbed me with his boat hook, after pitching his pistol overboard. Now lead on with your lantern and go straight to the guard room." Then turning to the prisoner: "Keep close up and make no attempt to run, for it will be my turn." We kept the middle of the street after we passed the Hidon's house and through a dense crowd all the way. We landed him in the guard room and the sergeant went to the hospital. After reporting to the orderly officer, Mr. Fraser, of the Quebec company, he then told me to report to Sergt. McCord and ask for a couple of fatigue men to have the skiff hauled up to the station and notify the corporal of the patrol to take it over until further orders and hand over the boat hook to the main guard as it might be wanted at the trial. I carried out the orders and went with the fatigue men and hauled the skiff over the ice. The bottom of it looked like the floor of a slaughter house and the point of the boat hook was covered with frozen blood, but the prisoner himself was bespattered with blood which he was anxious to explain came from the sergeant when he was tying him in the boat, but when shown the boat hook he was dumb.

Awful Fight in Open Boat

I went to the hospital the next day but the hospital-sergeant would not allow me to see him until the doctor had made his rounds and as I was a witness at the orderly room at 11 o'clock, I said I would come at 3.30 when I came off duty. I appeared before Capt. Alleyne who took orderly room and stated what I knew in the C. case, he being charged with being drunk and disorderly in Windsor and resisting the patrol escort and was given five days in the cells. I went to the hospital after noon and was allowed to see my sergeant, but his head was so swollen they were afraid of erysipelas setting in. He told me that he gave the signal when challenged and waited to see his next move when he called out "Come quick, come quick." He said: "I closed on him and he bolted for his boat and jumped in and seemed to slide the whole length of it, but the impact carried it into the floe ice and I had to jump or be left. He fired point blank at me from the stern of the boat lying down, just as I jumped in, and he threw the pistol overboard and from a kneeling position he drew the boat hook to the position of shorten arms and before I could duck my head, it was driven through my left cheek carrying the upper teeth with it and pulled back for another thrust when I landed on him and I don't know what prevented me from killing him and throwing him overboard—a sense of duty, I suppose. I was bleeding like a bull and savage enough for any foul act, but I did not handle him gently in turning him over and putting the darbies on him. He squealed when I had my knee on the small of his back to bring his hands and wrists together and when I pulled on the rope after you jumped on the solid ice, I wanted more to put round his neck and over the hind seat which kept him well braced underneath and if he had struggled or attempted to roll when I began to use the boat hook, he would have choked himself, and he wasn't a suicidal party.

We only want Costello now and the whole gang will be broken-up. I had to get away as the hospital sergeant said that the orderly officer and Col. Osborne Smith were coming to visit the patients—now sir, I find that my train goes out in fifteen minutes and I was very anxious to have seen my old sergeant, now Capt. Jack Allan.

A Proud Record

I remember when he was gazetted captain in 1865 after the breaking up of the big cadet camp when he passed the possible number of marks and was given command of No. 4 company, the color company, over the heads of the oldest officers in Canada, such as Col. Lord Aylmer, Col. de Salaberry and others who were in his company, but he deserved it all and more, and Col. Wolseley knew his man when he introduced him to the minister of militia—as the only cadet in Canada who couldn't be plucked for his examinations without the war office would publish a new drill book. He took first in everything, cavalry, artillery, and infantry and in competition with Capt. now Lt.-Col. Fox, in charge of the army gymnasium and small army training school, London. I was present in the theatre on Cote Street, Montreal, at the garrison assault-at-arms in 1867 when Capt. Allan boxed, fenced and out-pointed Capt. Fox, then of the 100th Regiment in everything, getting 9 out of the 10 points in single stick loose play, getting even points in fencing and getting the decision easily in boxing. I won £2 on that occasion, for I knew what he could do, and Capt. Fox was counted about the best of the garrison lightweights among the officers, but I could keep on and fill a big book about our captain who never missed a chance to fight for his country.

To the Gates of Hell

It was in the blood and he couldn't help it; but you could count on one thing as certain as death: he would never ask a man to do what he would not do himself and do it quick, and any man who served under him would follow him into the gates of hell, for he would always be in front and the men of his boat crew in the Red River expedition could tell of his gallant conduct in saving his men from death by drowning. I met one of them five years ago in Vancouver, and he recounted the whole thing to us at the Badminton hotel, saying that thirteen of them owed their lives to the captain. This man's name was Mannix. He was a sergeant in the boat at the time and I met him in Victoria, B. C.

Should Have Victoria Cross

He told me that he had a brother *in the boat—a corporal—who was living* near Battleford, who steered the boat after the captain jumped overboard with the tracking line in his mouth and swam to the shore but all the details were so vividly given that I could just imagine I was looking at him, because I know just what he would do without any thinking about it any more than cracking a walnut. There was one thing I particularly noted in Mannix's account of it.

A God-fearing Soldier

He laid the whole thing to Providence, for he said that God only could have put such strength into a man to enable him to swim in such a terrible place where one false stroke would have carried him over the falls and the boat and crew would follow and no one would have ever known what had happened to them any more than is known about the event now because it was the act of one of the best men that ever carried a sword.

Chosen by Viscount Wolseley

I won't take second place to any man who ever wore the King's uniform, and when Col. Wolseley chose him to go up the Kaministiquia River from Thunder Bay he knew what he was doing but you never could get him to say anything about himself. He looked upon everything as only doing his duty and no one could teach him that part.

I have served in the United States, in Cuba, China, and Japan since I left him after the capture of Costello and Sergt. Richardson in Detroit and taking them bodily across the river to Windsor, Canada, in March, 1865, and nearly being a casus belli with the republic and in time I have met all kinds and conditions of men and officers but the class from which Captain Allan comes are as rare as white blackbirds and almost faultless except being too ready to fight with perhaps slight provocation particularly for a comrade, and today I would feel highly honored to have an opportunity of shaking that right hand of his which he would extend as heartily to a comrade working on the public streets as to the governor-general, and if he had only a shilling in his pocket, it was yours for a look.

His Attitude on the Veldt

I met a man at Port Arthur, China, after the Japanese war, who spoke of Captain Jack in South Africa. His name was Casey Callahan, and he had been one of the scouts for the Mounted Police. He said he knew him out there and when he described seeing him supplying fresh ammunition to the firing line from the artillery buckets and spreading cigarettes among them, I knew at once it was he. Callahan was in South Africa and when I met him after the surrender of Port Arthur, he was chief of scouts in the Marusa division. I was a non-commissioned officer of the Royal Marines and instructor in the marine division afterwards attached to the hospital, but I have finished my fighting unless Germany wants to invade old England, then I can be young enough to enlist.

A Terrible Tory

I am addressing this to you, Sir, as I am told by one of the train conductors that you would be one who would know him or else C. W. O. Lane, of your city, as he said you all belong to one club, a Tory one, and I am a Tory, and I know that Captain Allan was a terrible one, because I took a letter from him when we were going back from Windsor, in May, 1865, as he had to stay behind to bring down two court-martial prisoners, C- and ex-Sergeant Richardson, and he asked me to take a letter to his father, who lived on the side of the big mountain, and I did so, and went straight from the station in Montreal, and I handed it to the butler, and he was called back by the old Major himself and made to go into his own smoking-room, and I was ordered to drink confusion to the Yankees, and when I told him that I came from the 88th Connaught Rangers, he said he knew them in the Peninsular and at Corrunna.

He asked me how old I was, and when I told him, he said he was just sixty years older than me. He asked me how his son behaved up there, and when I told him, he said he ought to be a soldier and a gentleman as all his forbears were. Then he rang for his butler and ordered a bottle of Burke's Irish whisky and made me drink confusion to the radicals whom he informed me were Liberals in Canada and the French part of them were not to be trusted. I inferred from the way he spoke that he was no lover of the French nation. I ventured to ask him if he approved of the new short service bill they were going to bring in, but he was most emphatic about it and said, "It just takes six years to make a soldier and then he would be entitled to his discharge and placed on reserve list, but what can you do while the army is controlled by a lot of civilians on long legged stools in the war office, of which the Crimean war was an example. We have Wolseley here in Canada just now. He comes out to see me occasionally. Then Smith, also, was one of the 'cease fire' draft. He commanded your people up there. We meet over a flurry at mid-winter occasionally. He seems to think my son Jack will do well and pays him many compliments as a soldier." Then he shook my hand and when I came I found the dog cart and groom under orders to drive me back to the town.

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THE "CHINOOK" GARDENING GUIDE

The Flower Garden — Window Gardening

One of the most fascinating branches of gardening is that of filling the window boxes with flowers, and people who reside in flats are thus able to enjoy and develop their love of beautiful plants. But the decoration of several of the home windows should not be confined to those unfortunate beings without a garden. Clean curtains and cleanly panes are necessary for making the house attractive; a carefully planned front garden draws attention to the home and adds to its charm; while nicely planted window boxes to the lower rooms are the crowning glory. An outside window garden is within the reach of all. Not only where the air is pure and free from the soot and grime of factories, there will grow any hardy or half hardy flower.

The First Essential

The first essential garden upon the window-sill is properly-made boxes. Some folk stand odd pots about the ledges, but the occupants rarely do so well as in a long and deep box; besides, the effect is the reverse of ornamental or tidy. No! Buy or construct your boxes, letting them be as deep as is consistent with an artistic appearance. The boxes must be adequately drained. This is done through openings in the side, or by holes along the bottom where the box is slightly raised from the sill.

The Question of Soil

We now come to the question of soil. While the boxes ought to be so constructed that water does not lie around the roots of the occupants and the drainage holes have to be kept open through a piece of broken pot being placed over each, yet the mould should not be too light outside a sunny window. So, for the sunny position dig up the soil from the shaded garden border; and for the boxes to be stood in the shade, use mould from the sunny garden border. In this way we shall have the heavier soil in the sunny boxes, and the lighter in the shady ones. To continue : No sand or "fussing" is necessary beyond the addition of either natural or chemical manure. Should a choice of food offer itself, on the lines of dampening the soil in the sunny position, we would advise decayed horse dung, and for lightening the soil in the shade a complete artificial fertiliser. Animal manure may be given in quantity equal to a fourth part, and the chemical powder according to the directions with the bags, tins, or packets.

Planning the Boxes

In the matter of planning the boxes, those upon the city window-sills should first receive consideration. The sunny window boxes might be filled with zonal pelargoniums (the ordinary upright geraniums), nasturtiums in variety, "Evergreen" candytuft, and other dwarf kinds, the several types of musk, certain trailing and erect saxifragas, and the common single Marguerite daisy. In the shade omit geraniums and Marguerites.

Separate the shaded boxes from the sunny ones. A further point in bedding out is to provide for some plants to hang over the edges. Ivy-leaved geraniums or verbanas would be a success where a fair amount of sunshine is obtained; otherwise plant campanula "gracilis" and other creeping varieties, and fuchsias like "Mrs. Marshall," which is of drooping habit. With the sunshine there is a whole host of subjects suitable for window-box culture. Among these are geraniums, named Marguerites, stocks, calceolaries, heliotrope, mignonette, balsams, and dwarf early-flowering chrysanthemums. Plants peculiarly suited to half-shady positions are fuchsias, begonias—tuberous or fibrous, dwarf spiræas, and pansies and violas; whilst the others will also flower freely with the exceptions of erect geraniums, heliotrope, and chrysanthemums.

Victorian Order of Nurses

A branch of the Victorian Order of District Nurses was formed at a meeting held in Westminster Church, South Vancouver, last Friday evening. The following officers were then elected : Honorable president, Mrs. McCanley; president, Mrs. Dickie; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Madill; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Mullett; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Jarrett; secretary, Mrs. J. N. Mowat; treasurer, Mrs. W. Pound. Housekeeping committee, Mesdames Street, Hunter, Sharpbain, and Chrisenson. The next meeting will be held in Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church on the first Tuesday in July, when it is hoped that the ladies of the municipality will show kindly and cordial interest in this admirable work by attending in large numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gray, corner of Bodwell and Windsor, left Vancouver on Monday morning for Michigan and Ontario points on a visit, and will be absent two or three months.

South Hill lacrosse team beat Richmond on Friday evening by five goals to two. Reeve Kerr and several Councillors were interested spectators of the game.

:-: Touring the Municipality :-:

Is there a pleasanter drive in the whole extent of the Lower Mainland than from Thirtieth Avenue, South Vancouver, to the River Road, and along the River Road to Burnaby and back by way of Westminster Road? There is, of course, Stanley Park, and he would be a bold man indeed who would challenge Stanley Park and its many and rare claims to pre-eminence among British Columbia driveways; but, then, Stanley Park is out of all reasonable bounds of comparison.

It was a most enjoyable drive that two of the staff of the "Greater Vancouver Chinook" took through the two municipalities on Monday last. The day was perfect, the horse had a good, steady, speedy gait, some spirit, and an even temper; so that the "Chinook" men had no trouble in making business a pleasure. Soliciting advertisements or subscriptions, making brief calls on firm friends and keen supporters, they met with no failures and so few checks that time sped so swiftly as to make reckoning difficult. The "Greater Vancouver Chinook" has caught on.

A Rising Country

To a comparative old-timer in British Columbia the drive was, of course, a revelation of the growth of South Vancouver in recent years—recent months, indeed. The River Road, dotted with homesteads which, in their cosiness and in the charm of their sylvan setting, made the errant thought of the busy younger man of affairs stray towards the quiet delights of domesticity; stretches of woodland with glades through which the travellers glimpsed silver reaches of river, or watched the horses feeding on the rich meadowlands, made a picture never to be forgotten.

The younger man of affairs has not lost his susceptibility to finer impressions.

"That's a poem!" he exclaimed, enthusiastically, as he watched a foal gambolling around its patient dam.

A poem, in truth, it was. To the younger man of affairs it brought, no doubt, a whiff of fragrance that was memory-laden from other meadows, on another farm that was the home of his boyhood.

"Ontario Street," he said again, reminiscent still—as the mare breasted the rising ground to the north. "See that gap in the mountains?" he continued, pointing straight ahead to where Nature has cleft a dividing line between two of the mountain monarchs that guard North Vancouver. "It's on a straight line with Ontario Street. Isn't it plain that a way is made through mountains before the men of Ontario?"

"You're a boy of the blood, all right," said his companion, wondering faintly at the fertility and truth of the eastern fancy that discerns significance and symbolism in something so plain and bare as a straight line.

A Classic Grove—Moberley School

Then it was to the right and then down riverwards again. Fortunately or unfortunately, the Romans did not light upon British Columbia, and signs of Roman occupation do not lie upon the highways of the province or upon those now threading the municipality to the River Road. The younger man of affairs disdained highways. He trusted to his woodsman's sense. The mare trusted to hers, or to the man of affairs and to his, and was no whit inconvenienced by the absence of macadamised roads. The other man waxed Byronic :

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods"

Presently the party emerged upon a clearing, in the centre of which stood the Moberley School.

"What d'ye know about Moberley?" was the query which the younger man of affairs shot out at the other.

"Moberley Bell, of the Times?" counter-queried his companion, stirred out of newspaper reminiscences and vague fancies that this part of the world would be paradise if there were but a little of London thrown in.

"No, no," answered the younger man of affairs : "Moberley of British Columbia."

"Oh, Walter Moberley, C.E.," said the other, dipping into the more recent past that infringes on the present. "An able man and a useful one. A fine fellow."

"Isn't this an ideal location for a school?" pursued the younger man of affairs. "D'you think Walter Moberley would appreciate its possibilities in the direction of education?"

"Sure thing," assented the other readily.

The Lumber Industry

Down to the waterfront went the travellers, visiting the South Vancouver Lumber Company's mills, where they found Mr. Fawcett a busy man, but the sort of man who is never too busy to exchange the cheery word and express cordial goodwill. A reception of a similar sort awaited them at the Dominion Company's creosoting works, where Mr. Harvey, Jr., showed them through the mill and explained the interesting process of creosoting timber. The creosoting operatives were busy filling one order for Winnipeg and another for Prince Rupert. Curiously enough, although wood paving and road making are brisk in South Vancouver at present, Mr. Harvey did not mention local orders.

The Hindu at Home

Creosoted paving blocks are transported in cages of circular shape, instead of in cars of the type with which most people are more familiar. At the time of the visit of the twain on Monday two Hindus were busily engaged filling one such cage with blocks. It was apparent that the Hindus had exercised considerable skill in fitting each block into place. The blocks were nearing the roof of the cage, and the Hindus, working in the curiously squatting posture which His Majesty's Indian subjects choose to occupy when at leisure, went on piling the blocks without apparent discomfort, although they worked in a situation so cramped that the Occidental would surely have sought to be relieved from it.

Mechanical Invention

In the mill it was a matter of mere mechanics, not of poetry, but the younger man of affairs was evidently keenly interested in all that he saw. It was the other who grew reminiscent. In thought he travelled back some ten or eleven years to find a comparison for what now passed under his eye. Tell it not in Gath, but in those earlier days he had found physical recuperation, and in less degree financial reimbursement, by working in a Vancouver lumber mill after a wearing journey across an ocean and a continent. On Monday he marvelled at the progress that has been made in mechanical equipment since then. A gnarled, knotted tree trunk of great girth was next in order among those that had been hauled up out of the Fraser as food for the saw. It was placed upon the travelling table, but showed no disposition to remain there. It looked, indeed, as if it would be a matter of difficulty to place it on the table in such a position as would allow of its being made secure before it set out upon its journey. While the visitors stood by watching, a workman pressed his foot on a lever. Up shot an iron arm from the floor on the farther side of the ill-shapen and apparently recalcitrant log, clamping it securely into position for its journey to the saw.

To Burnaby

Burnabywards the travellers made their way, stepping off at the Municipal Hall and at other places of business. On the way they passed the fine ranch and handsome home of Alderman D. C. MacGregor and the valuable holdings of many other settlers. At Burnaby it was, of course, business — cheering, heartening, healthy business—again. Then, after a late lunch for man and beast, the mare's head was turned homeward.

GREATER THAN "TITANIC"

The largest vessel in the world, the Hamburg-American Line's new steamship "Imperator," was launched from the Vulcan Yard at Hamburg, Germany, on May 23. The ceremony was witnessed by tens of thousands of spectators, including hundreds of German military and naval officers and civil officials. A "baptismal" oration was delivered by Johannes Burchard, chief Burgomaster of Hamburg, and Emperor William christened the vessel, breaking a bottle of German champagne against her bows as she glided down the ways. Throughout Germany the event was considered of national significance, as the "Imperator" is expected to bring back to the Fatherland the laurels wrested away by the big English transatlantic liners.

The "Imperator"—which has been built in conformity with the German laws, said to be the most rigid in the world—is 900ft. long, and will have a tonage of 50,000. She is more than four city blocks in length, and as she has a beam of 96ft., her deck space is acres in area. She will be driven by Parsons quadruple turbine engines which will develop 70,000 horse-power and insure an average speed of 22½ knots. These will be the most powerful marine engines ever constructed. She will be equipped with Frahm anti-rolling tanks, which will render her steady in the roughest seas. The mammoth vessel has a double bottom, and in addition will have coal bunkers at the sides, virtually giving her a double skin. She is also equipped with many transverse bulkheads, with doors worked by hydraulic power from the bridge, and quickly closable. There will be electrical communication throughout the ship and she will carry sufficient lifeboats to accommodate all her passengers and crew—her passenger capacity is 4,400 and her crew will number 1,100. The most powerful wireless apparatus will be in service on board at all hours of the day and night.

If she were standing on end, the "Imperator" would be higher than the highest skyscraper in the world. Her essential structure weighs more than 100,000,000 pounds. Besides there will be an enormous weight of furniture, pictures, dishes and other objects. It would require a train 45 miles long to carry the material used in her construction. When the passengers and crew go aboard 750,000 pounds will be added to her weight.

While she is the largest, the "Imperator" will also be the most up-to-date of ocean l'ners. Her main dining saloon will be spacious and her public cabins will be the largest ever built. Her main lounge can be converted into a ball room, and at one end of this will be a magnificent swimming pool, reproducing a luxurious Roman bath. The vessel will have handsome suites of rooms for those desiring special privacy, squash courts, a winter garden, a tennis court and a gymnasium.

The commander of the "Imperator" will be the line's veteran captain, Hans Ruser. No captain is better known to transatlantic passengers, or enjoys a fuller measure of confidence than he. He will superintend her completion and bring her to America in the spring of 1913. Two sister ships of about the same size are also to be constructed.

Central Park Anglican Church

Central Park Anglican Church was crowded on Sunday morning, when the Bishop of the Diocese administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to three adults. Bishop de Pencier preached a forcible sermon, in the course of which he defended the nature and meaning of the Church and the object of its establishment. He also alluded to faith and temperance. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, the rector.

In the forest of Fontainebleau, France, nearly 8,000 vipers were killed in the course of one year.

SOUTH VANCOUVER POLICE COURT

Saturday, June 15

Before Mr. G. W. Thomas, J.P.

D. McQueen was charged with cruelly illtreating a dog by kicking it. A large amount of evidence was heard in the case, as it appears that there was a dispute among the parties as to the purchase of a house and lot. The powers of the magistrate were taxed to keep the parties' evidence confined to the case, as they were inclined to bring in the sale of the lot. The Magistrate told the principal witness that if she did not stop interfering she would have to go outside. Mr. Ogilvie, counsel for the defendant, and the Magistrate had quite a little tiff. The Magistrate exclaimed, "Don't think you are up against an ignoramus." Then chapters and sections of the Criminal Code were quoted on all hands. However, the Magistrate remained firm in his contention, that no evidence was admissible from any party unless that party was placed under oath. So D. McQueen had to go on the stand and give his version of the story. In summing up, the Magistrate said that he must take the evidence of the two witnesses for the prosecution as correct, and therefore inflict a fine of $2½ and costs of the court.

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Some men have lucky moments, and John Wayent must have thought that one of the luckiest moments in his life happened in the Police Court last Saturday morning. He was charged with stealing and carrying away several bundles of laths from the premises of the Bungalow Construction Company, also with having in his possession a fret saw, the property of a fellow-workman. When the case was called it was found that the prosecution had failed to turn up, so Acting Magistrate Thomas promptly dismissed the case, asking the prosecution to pay costs. For a time Wayent did not understand the good fortune that had befallen him, of being saved the worry and trouble of proving his innocence. When it was explained that he was free to go, he was all smiles and tarried no longer.

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Leo Andrews came out from Vancouver to hawk fruit without obtaining a licence. He is sorry for it now, as the Magistrate, in a kindly voice, asked him for a contribution of $7.50 towards the police funds.

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E. James, a Greek, was the next to be introduced to the Magistrate. With tears in his eyes, he said that he didn't know that a licence was required. Did you ever hawk in any other town? On the Greek answering in the affirmative, he was asked if he paid a licence there. On admitting it, the Magistrate sarcastically remarked, "Then you knew what you were doing. Your contribution is $5."

How the Farmer Got His Car

A farmer lived among his fields
  So many miles from town
It took a week by boat and train
  To journey up and down.
He wished to buy a car, but lo!
  Was getting in the hay,
And could not spare the time to take
  A trip so far away.

And still he yearned with all his heart
  To own a good machine.
While summer days were warm and bright,
  And hills and valleys green.
He thought about the pleasant rides
  On balmy evenings late,
He might enjoy, when work was o'er,
  And vowed he could not wait.

He got a weekly magazine
  And read the ads with care,
And found ere long the very kind
  Of car he wanted there.
Wrote out and mailed a check at once,
  And now goes motoring
All up and down the country roads,
  As happy as a king.

—Minna Irving.

The Amiable Mouth

This mouth is rather large than small. The lips are full and of tempting redness. The line of closure is fairly straight, and the outer corners of the lip curve upward in a fascinating way while the subject is engaged in conversation.

This amiable mouth is lovely in form, too large for the rosebud type, and indicative of the most womanly and charming attributes. Women with this beautiful mouth are not what one calls strongminded, but make the most adorable and loving of wives and companions.

The talkative mouth is one in which the upper jaw projects, the upper lip is short, showing the teeth all the time. The subject is good-natured, but inconsequential and unreliable as to detail. When the lower jaw projects the subject is tenacious, not easy to change, apt to be a little sullen, and sometimes doggedly obstinate. Women with these mouths are loyal, but they want their own way.

The I. W. W. Again

Lynch! Lynch law has no place in a civilized community. No body of citizens has the right to inflict summary punishment upon offenders when we have courts of law for our protection. The people of San Diego may not have liked the presence in their city of Dr. Ben Reitman, manager of Emma Goldman, but that doesn't justify vigilantes in spiriting Reitman out of the city, tarring and feathering him, and then tracing on his body with a lighted cigar the letters "I. W. W." In their opposition to the Industrial Workers of the World and to the revolutionary Socialists, their methods and utterances, the citizens of San Diego have given an illustration of the practical working of anarchy, the thing they most fear.—"Leslie's."

NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OR OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

The Government Auditing Commissioner of the above-named Municipality will have his office open from 10 to 11 in the forenoon of each day (except days on which the Public Inquiry is being held) for the purpose of passing accounts; and any Ratepayer or Owner of real property may be present and may make any objection to such accounts as are before the Auditor.

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CORPORATION OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

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:-: Dredging the North Arm :-:

It is gratifying to see that in spite of the opposition and pressure brought to bear on the Government at Ottawa, they are making an honest endeavor to carry out the promise made as to the dredging of the North Arm of the Fraser River. At the present time the dredge is at work on that part of the river between Main Street and Fraser Avenue. While the dredge is capable of doing 5,000 cubic yards per day, owing to the softness of the bottom of the river it is pumping at least 6,000 cubic yards per day. The pumped sand is being thrown on the embankment. It is mostly black sand, and on Sunday, when we visited it, we were quite surprised to see quite a number of people taking advantage of it for picnicking purposes. A number of children were romping about, and here and there were seen the busy anglers with reel and rod.

Most of the dredging being done just now is, in our opinion, needless labor; the first high tide or heavy rains will wash a very large proportion of the sand back into the river. What ought to have been done at first was to have piled it at least 40ft. deep, with a minimum channel of 200ft. The land recovered would have more than paid the cost. A frontage tax could be put on all the waterfront, assessing the owners with the cost of the piling. This is a duty that rests upon the Council, although at the present time they have no powers to do so, owing to South Vancouver being a municipality—that is, unless they were to obtain special legislation. If we were incorporated as a city, this improvement could be gone on with at once.

We do not for a moment doubt that if the holders of the waterfront were approached they would agree to pay a special tax on an improvement scheme. Whether they would agree or not, the civic authorities would, under incorporation, have the power to levy a frontage tax. As it is quite hopeless to expect annexation for years, incorporation should be pushed ahead with all speed. Here we have one of the best waterways on the Coast which would bring work to hundreds of our citizens, trade to all the merchants in our municipality, and a flow of British capital undreamt of.

All this is being delayed; the opportunity is being allowed to slip past, and for what? That we may wait for annexation. We have nothing to say against annexation; we want to see a Greater Vancouver, but it is not practical in present-day politics. If the North Arm is to be developed, it must be on the initiative of the ratepayers themselves; they must urge it upon the Council at all meetings.

Let any ratepayer visit the North Arm and judge for himself as to the great possibilities of this waterway, and we are confident he will become as great an enthusiast as we are ourselves.

That the different articles which have appeared in this paper regarding the North Arm have aroused keen interest was evidenced by the large number met walking along its banks on Sunday last.

REPORTORIAL RECOLLECTIONS

One of the most exciting times in the life of a reporter is when he is engaged in tracking down a prominent person who has suddenly disappeared. All sorts and conditions of people, whose whereabouts for various reasons become a mystery, have to be found, and in view of the recent chase a lady with pronounced views on the subject of votes for women led the police, one or two recollections may not prove uninteresting, writes a busy pressman.

When a pressman finds a person who is missing under exceptional circumstances he is naturally very proud of his achievement, particularly if he can keep the news from his rivals for a time.

During the search for Crippen and his companion, Miss Le Neve, the competition among pressmen to get wind of the missing couple was as keen as it has ever been in the history of Fleet Street. Could one man have found either and secured a brief but exclusive interview, it would have meant a large sum in cash and a reputation on which he could have lived for a very long time.

Tracking a Lady Doctor

One famous case with which I was prominently identified was that of the missing lady doctor, Miss Hickman, whose body was found in a plantation in Richmond Park, after having been missing for several months. Day after day I was following clues, rushing to every point of the compass. At twenty minutes to six one Monday morning my telephone bell rang, and I received information that Miss Hickman had been found.

Half dressed, I hurried off to Richmond Mortuary, and there on the stone slab, her head lying some distance from her body, was the missing lady doctor.

Satisfying myself that I had been the first journalist to see her, and having no reasonable doubt as to her identity, I got through to my paper and secured an exclusive, which won the approval of my editor, and earned me a gratuity of £20. The news of the finding of the body had filtered through from another source, and we were only about half an hour in front, but it served our purpose, and that same evening in Richmond alone we sold ten thousand copies of the paper.

The court where the inquest was subsequently held was so crowded, I recollect, that one famous crime investigator sent out for a bottle of beer and a sandwich, and, although he consumed them within a few feet of the coroner, that official never saw what was going on, neither did any of the score or so of detectives engaged.

In provincial towns, where the police work under a Watch Committee, regulations as to supplying reporters with information are much more lax than they are in London, where the officers were, until the Crippen murder, forbidden to divulge anything relating to a case.

A Tribute to "The Yard"

There are wheels within wheels, however, and, if a reporter proves that he is to be trusted, he can generally manage to get behind the regulations. Sometimes even the police will make a point of consulting him about the best way to get a piece of important news into a certain quarter.

Personally, I have never found the "Yard" ungrateful. Some years ago I was engaged in reporting a case at a police court at which I was the only pressman present. The magistrate, one of those garrulous, old unpaid J. P.'s who talk for talking's sake—made some very scathing remarks about the conduct of a Scotland Yard officer.

The remarks were, to my way of thinking, quite unjust, and I decided not to pander to his vanity by reporting them. When the hearing was over, the detective approached me, and mentioned that it was his first case in that division, that the reporting of the remarks would ruin his career, and asked if it were possible to leave them out. This course did not entail any hardship on the defendant, and I agreed.

The man rose high in the service, and right up to the time of his retirement he and I were the best of friends.

All kinds of astounding suggestions are made to a reporter engaged in police court work.

Some years ago, a very famous firm, who carried on a big trade, were summoned for offences under the Food and Drugs Act. All London seemed to know that the case was coming on, and the firm saw that all their vast wealth would be useless in preventing publication.

In the ordinary course of business, I wrote, offering to supply them with the official shorthand note of the proceedings at the usual charge of a guinea for the note and eightpence per folio of seventy-two words transcript.

A Curious Calling

To my astonishment, I received a telegram asking me to meet one of their representatives, and, when I did so, he laid before me the astounding suggestion that in my reports to the London papers I should leave out as much as possible of the case for the prosecution, make the defence look well, and put in all the figures relating to the immensity of the business, which counsel for the defence would supply, so as to secure a gigantic advertisement out of the case.

For this he was willing to pay £100 down the moment I had proved my bona fides. He had, as a fact, the money in gold in his motor-car at that moment!

Of course, as I had no power to do anything of the kind he suggested, I refused the offer, but during the conversation I discovered the interesting information that this gentleman was a member of some of the best clubs in London, that he made a good living acting as ambassador for firms similarly placed, and that not many weeks before he had made a like offer of £500 on behalf of another firm.

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DINING WITH BANDITS

The saying that there is honor among thieves is strikingly illustrated by a story of the gallantry of a bandit, told by Mr. Andrew F. Crosse in his book "Around About the Carpathians": A certain lady, the widow of a wealthy man of title, inhabited a lonely castle not far from the route between Buda Pesth and Vienna. One morning she received a polite note requesting her to provide that night at ten o'clock a supper for twelve gentlemen. She knew at once the character of her self-invited guests, and devised a novel mode of defence. She dared not send for aid, for she knew every road between the castle and any town would be watched to prevent communication, so she made her own plans.

At ten that evening up rode an armed band of twelve. The great gate of the outer court was thrown open as if for an honored guest. The lady herself, richly dressed, stood at the entrance to receive. She at once selected the chief, bade him welcome, and gave orders that the horses should be well cared for. Then, taking the arm of the chief, she led the way to the dining-room. A goodly feast was spread on the table, and the sideboards were covered with a magnificent display of gold and silver plate. The leader of the robber band started back in surprise, but, recovering his presence of mind, he calmly seated himself by his hostess. When the meal was nearly finished the chief took out his watch.

"Madame," he said, "the happiest moments of my life have always been the shortest. I have another engagement to night which I must keep, but before I go allow me to tell you that in appealing to my honor, as you have tonight, you have saved me from the commission of a crime. Bad as I am, no one ever appealed to my honor in vain. As for my men, I charge them to take nothing from this house. He who disobeys dies that instant." The brigand then asked for paper and pen, and wrote a few sentences in strange characters.

"If you or your retainers ever lose anything," he added to his hostess, "post this publicly in the nearest town, and I pledge my word the missing article shall be returned."

The band departed. A few weeks later the chief was captured and hanged. He proved to be the impoverished younger son of a noble family of Hungary.

The schools in the municipality will close at the end of next week. The usual closing ceremonies and entertainments will this year be abandoned in consequence of the heavy series of examinations.

SOUTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD

Report of the Medical Health Officer

At a meeting of the School Board held just recently, an agenda of a miscellaneous character was disposed of. Resignations were received from Miss Helen Raleigh, Miss Wall and Miss Anstie.

School Site Offered

Mr. Empery asked if the Board was prepared to purchase the school site, D. L. 330. Mr. Empery stated his price was $13,350 and the ground was four acres. He had, he stated, received an offer of sale from another gentleman.

Trustee Scott said he thought the Board could do better elsewhere.

The matter was remitted back to the Committee, but Mr. Empery stated he would not hold the land any longer.

Medical Officer's Report

Dr. Hunter reported that he was making arrangements to deal with cases of tonsilitis, by operations, and he hoped to carry out a number of these in July, during the holidays. The doctor further suggested getting up a class for children mentally deficient. Such a class, he thought, would be an advantage to those children thus afflicted. Dr. Hunter's report for May showed that he had dealt with four schools. In Tecumseh School he had examined 287 children, in Wolfe School 182, in Mackenzie School 509, and in the Moberley School 207. In Tecumseh School twenty-eight had defective vision, in General Wolfe fourteen, and in Moberley School twelve. In the above schools the cases of defective teeth numbered respectively forty, fifty-three and eighteen, and defective nasal breathing, nineteen, twelve and seven. The report was adopted.

Attendance

Attendance Officer McMahon had attended to 127 cases since his appointment last month. The cases referred to were those of children whose erratic attendances were reported to the officer.

Miscellaneous

A letter was read from Chief Manual Instructor W. K. Woodcock, who asked to be allowed to remain in England till the beginning of August, which was agreed to. Mr. Woodcock expects to reach South Vancouver about the end of August.

Mr. C. Kerkton, who had been appointed assistant instructor, asked that he be allowed to sail from England on August 1. His duties start that day in the Municipality schools. This was agreed to.

It was agreed to allow two weeks for contractors to estimate by sealed tenders for the annexes to General Wolfe, Tecumseh and Carleton Schools. Tenders will be received up to noon on June 25.

Sovereigns were first coined in the reign of Henry I., but they were then worth twenty-two shillings.

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:-: PEN PICTURES :-:

MR. C. W. WHELPTON, Chairman of the School Board

Mr. Whelpton, the present chairman of the School Board, came to South Vancouver about six years ago and commenced business as a building contractor. That he has been very successful in his work goes without saying. Shortly before coming West, Mr. Whelpton was married to the only daughter of Mr. Forsyth, the member in the Provincial parliament for Beautiful Plains, in Manitoba. The Forsyth and the Whelpton families have been near neighbors all their lives. The writer had the opportunity of being introduced to Mr. Forsyth last fall, when he was here for a couple of months on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Whelpton. As chance threw us a good deal in each other's company, it was my good fortune to listen to many of the rare stories the old Pioneer could tell of 50 years ago—of his first impressions of Winnipeg more than 30 years ago as he came through it from the East and halted for a time; but at that time, having no great faith in Winnipeg, he pushed on ahead for Minnidora. The farms there have grown from being miles apart to being quite close together.

The old man did well at farming, and gathered together as much of this world's goods as satisfy him. And now, in the autumn of his years, when the sun seems to shine less brightly and there is a lack of warmth around, he can sit around his ingle nook and recount to the younger generation the trials and difficulties that beset the old settlers before the iron horse carried them from the waters of the East to the waters of the West.

Mr. Whelpton has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He was one of the originators of the Board of Trade, and has since its inception taken a keen interest in all its work. Seldom is he absent from a meeting. This is the second term that Mr. Whelpton is serving on the School Board. During his first tenure of office he was one of the minority purists who tried to look after the interests of the ratepayers. That matters are not in a very much worse position than they are is greatly due to the stubborn opposition the minority offered.

On one occasion, over the purchase of a school site, the minority received information that all was not as it should be. They threatened that if the purchase was gone on with they would resign and appeal to the people. So in the end the minority won.

That Mr. Whelpton had the confidence of the electors in every part of the municipality was shown at the last election by the large vote he received. He was the only member of the old board to again seek the suffrages of the ratepayers, and the ratepayers returned him with no uncertain vote.

The subject of this sketch was first brought into prominence in connection with the School Board investigation. From the first he assumed no uncertain attitude; let it be understood that he wanted a thorough audit of all the accounts for a number of years past, also that he wanted the past dealings of the trustees thoroughly probed, so that if there had been any crooked work, the blame could be put on the right shoulders. The ratepayers can never realize under what difficulties the work of the school trustee was carried on after the new Board was elected. From the first, opposition and antagonism were shown to every motion of the new members, who desired to have the affairs of the Board conducted in the manner the board was elected to do.

Almost from the first meeting of the new Board, Mr. Whelpton and Spencer Robinson were up against each other. Among the first causes was the appointment of an assistant bookkeeper. Then commenced the fight over the school plans and the appointment of an architect. Night after night the Board met to try to come to some arrangement. Robinson wanted certain plans adopted. Mr. Whelpton and those members who were supporting him, suspecting collusion, would not have those plans which Robinson was advocating. Probably the unwritten history of the moves and counter-moves adopted by both parties during these negotiations will never come to light.

Ultimately Robinson sent in his resignation. Mr. Whelpton was elected in his place. Then followed in rapid succession the disclosures that have been made by Mr. Crehan.

Few of the ratepayers and citizens can ever realize the amount of nervous worry and strain the chairman of the School Board has had to undergo, or the amount of financial loss he must have sustained since he took over the office.

He has had to have almost daily meetings with Mr. Crehan, the auditor, and Mr. Kirkland, the secretary, some of these meetings taking up most of his working day. Then there was the pressure of want of school accommodation, as the long wrangle had left this woefully in arrears.

Four new schools have to be built, along with several annexes to the old schools. This alone entails a vast amount of work on the School Board. To cap all, Mr. Crehan's summons for him, along with his co-workers, to be in daily attendance at the Municipal Hall during the investigation, is enough to discourage one from having anything to do with public affairs.

Mr. Whelpton is a busy contractor, with a fair number of workmen working for him. Anyone can therefore see what it means to him to be called so often and continuously from his business. The thought invariably rises in one's mind, Is it honest? Is it just that we should ask our fellow-citizens to devote so much of their time without giving them some remuneration? As the law stands at present, no school trustee can be paid for any work that he may do. Surely in the near future some legislation will be enacted to give a fair remuneration to our School Trustees.

At an early date we will deal in a special article with the remuneration of Reeve and Council and other representative bodies.

Pool Rooms in South Vancouver

The Municipal Police Committee has received several letters of protest against the granting of pool-room licences in South Vancouver. The question came before a meeting of the Police Committee on Wednesday, and the discussion was adjourned to a future meeting.

More Stringent Measures to Govern Licensing of Pedlars

(Continued from Page 1)

Vincenzi complaining of remarks made by the Chief of Police of, as she alleged, a disparaging character. The writer stated that she had lived in South Vancouver for years and her conduct or character had never been questioned. She considered some explanation was necessary. The letter was referred to the Police Committee, who meet on July 4.

School Board Offices

Reeve Kerr reported that he found it was lawful to let ground adjoining the Municipal Hall for school purposes so long as a fair rental was obtained. This applied to the proposal to erect school offices on land near the hall, and a resolution was carried deciding to let a piece of land to the School Board.

Dangerous Blasting

The contractors for clearing lots near the Municipal Hall sent a deputation to the Council complaining that the Chief of Police had cancelled their permit for blasting.

Chief Jackson said the blasting was being carried on at risk to children and others between noon and 1 pm., and he had stopped it altogether pending instructions from the Council, but he had not cancelled the permit.

Councillor Elliott said that unless more care was taken stringent measures would have to be adopted.

The matter was left in the hands of Chief Jackson. In regard to the fatal accident to Mrs. Tomkinson, the Council reported having visited the spot and they will report to a future meeting.

Dr. Murphy's Salary

The Health Committee recommended that the salary of Dr. Murphy, medical health officer, be $100 per month from July 1, 1912, his duties to include those specified by the Provincial Act, and in addition he is to visit and report on all cases of suspected insanity, police calls, and all other cases where the municipality should be represented by a medical man.

Assistant Health Inspector

The Health Committee recommended that Mr. R. Richardson be notified that his services be no longer required after his work of probation, and that the appointment on probation of his successor be left in the hands of the Reeve and Health Inspector. This was adopted.

Board of Works Report

The Board of Works recommended that rock drillers employed by the municipality be paid at the rate of 40c per hour, and that the Reeve and clerk be authorized to sign releases in favor of the original owners of the 10ft. strips on the east side of Main Street, between 18th and 25th Avenue which were conveyed to the Corporation of South Vancouver in error. The report was adopted.

Lumber Tenders

Reeve Kerr, on a proposition to advertise for tenders for lumber for Wards III and IV for general purposes, said it was a fact that the City would not consider South Vancouver in the matter of tenders. Reeve Kerr asked if that Council was going to be as close-fisted as the corporation in the City. It was decided to call for tenders, the selection being left to the Council. This was all the business of public interest.

Councillor Third also addressed the meeting, endorsing for the most part what the Reeve had said. He added that he had $50,000 in hand, unexpended in Ward IV. so that they could start to block-pave 16th Avenue from 16th to 25th if the City would consent to block-pave up to 16th Avenue. The consensus of opinion in the meeting was in favor of incorporation.

VICTORIA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

To Arrange for Mass Meeting of Ratepayers

A special meeting of the above association was called on Tuesday night last, the main object of which was the election of a president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. A. H. Radford, who is leaving the district, his intention being to locate at the northern part of Vancouver Island.

After a vote of thanks had been tendered Mr. Radford for his faithful services, nominations were called for to fill the vacancy of president, choice falling to Mr. Shiell.

The latter thereupon took the chair, after which pertinent items discussed were water supply, sewerage, and the necessary provision of a fire hose stand for the rapidly growing district of Victoria Heights. It was moved and carried that Secretary Tucker write to Fire Chief Wand, pointing out the necessity of the provision of some means of combating any outbreak of fire in the district.

A visit by a member of No. 1 Road Improvement Association, and his address to the meeting, led to a discussion as to the good that would ensue by an occasional fraternising of the members of the different associations, which would eliminate any possible jealousy between the several districts. It was pointed out that the progress of one district must result in benefit all round, and, guided by the aphorism, "In union there is strength," more importance would be given to any request for needed improvements if it was backed by the whole body of ratepayers. For instance, the big subjects of water supply, sewerage, and transportation affect, not one section, but the whole municipality, and would [illegible] of solution if discussed in friendly meeting and presented in the same spirit to those entrusted with their solution.

Intending to try to initiate the above principles, the members of the Victoria Heights Improvement Association decided, on the motion of Mr. Shiell, seconded by Mr. Kellogg, that the secretary write to the other associations, asking them to join in arranging for the holding of a mass meeting—preferably open air—of ratepayers, and to invite the Reeve and Councillors to address such meeting.

Currie's Barn Burnt

A barn belonging to Currie & Co., grocers, Fraser Avenue, was burned at the fire which destroyed the Imperial Sales Stables on Tuesday afternoon. Smoke also did some damage to the fine stock of groceries carried by this firm.

Week's Building Permits

The building permits issued during the week ending Wednesday numbered fifty-three, the total value of the buildings being $48,250.

Magistrate McArthur has left for Harrison Hot Springs, where he intends to spend some days.

:: Cedar Cottage Comments ::

An early-closing movement is being actively promoted, not only in Cedar Cottage, but throughout the municipality, for the closing of all stores at one o'clock on Wednesdays throughout the summer months.

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On Saturday night last, at 10.30, No. 2 Fire Hall received a call from Mr. Rathie, the well-known plumber near the corner of Victoria Drive, Westminster Road, that a large blaze existed at the rear of his premises in the bush which seemed likely to threaten near property. Notwithstanding it being Saturday night, and that many of the squad were down town, a good turnout responded to the call of the syren, and it involved an hour's strenuous work to thoroughly extinguish the fire.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hindle, of Cedar Cottage, are the recipients of much sympathy on the death of their daughter, Pansy Hindle, on Saturday last. The funeral took place on Monday last from Center and Hanna's chapel.

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Cedar Cottage Improvement Association, having found the scheme for the annexation of Cedar Cottage to be impracticable, has decided to devote all its energies towards pushing forward the annexation of South Vancouver by the City.

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Band concerts are announced for Monday evening at Clark's Park from July 15 to August 26, both dates inclusive. This provides a total of seven concerts by City bands, and the South Vancouver band are arranging others for Cedar Cottage district.

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Considerable regret is expressed round Cedar Cottage at the announcement just made by the B. C. E. Railway that they cannot entertain the idea of the suggested continuation of Commercial Drive along their right-of-way to Cedar Cottage, as it is against the policy of the Company to do so.

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The B. C. E. Railway announce that on July 2 an additional late car to Victoria Road will be run, leaving about midnight.

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On Friday evening last, Mr. M. W. Porter was struck by a Westminster Road car and sustained a broken leg and dislocated thigh. The unfortunate man had just alighted from a car at James Road, and was crossing at the rear of the same when a car bound for the City struck him, knocking him clear of the track on to the side of the road. He was subsequently removed by the ambulance to the General Hospital, and is reported to be making good progress towards recovery.

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The regular meeting of Cedar Cottage Loyal Orange Lodge was held in Cedar Cottage Hall on Monday night last, Bro Sumpter, W. M., in the chair, and Bro. J. Tyerman in the vice-chair. Worshipful Bros. W. F. McClintock (Master of Enniskillen Lodge) and Horner (Master of Grandview Lodge) were invited to seats on the platform. There were such a large number of members and visitors present that the seating capacity of the hall was taxed to its limit. Four candidates were initiated in the Orange Degree, Worshipful Bros. Sumpter, Horner and Hyndman officiating. Bro McClintock administered the obligation and delivered the charge, and Bro. Northcott, P. M., put on the unwritten work. There were seven applications received during the evening. Bro. Albert Porter was unanimously elected to the office of recording secretary, being installed by Bro. McClintock. Bro. A. Porter has already filled the official positions of deputy-master and financial secretary, and the Lodge was congratulated on the result of the present appointment. This Lodge will join with Vancouver City lodges in the celebration at New Westminster on July 12.

S. PETER'S CHURCH, SOUTH VANCOUVER

Annual Dedication Festival

On Thursday, June 27, the S. Peter's branch of the W. A. will give a garden party, with the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Walker, at their home on Main Street, opposite Brock School, from 3 till 6 in the afternoon, and in the evening from 8 till 10.30. Tea, strawberries and cream and all kinds of refreshments will be obtainable. A splendid programme has been arranged, including open-air theatrical performances by the Misses Fowler and Messrs F. L. Magee and A Evelyn Horne, both afternoon and evening. All friends of the Church are cordially invited. The Festival Services will be held on S. Peter's Day, Saturday, 29th inst., and Sunday. The special preacher at 11 o'clock will be the Rev. T. des Barres.

A NEW ROAD TO HEALTH

This is an age of new ideas and discoveries, and many things of great service to mankind have recently been brought to light. Wireless telegraphy is a notable instance of this.

In the methods of healing, things are rapidly changing. The use of drugs and medicines is dying out, and newer and better methods are coming into favor. One of the latest and most sensible of these is known as chiropractic, a method of healing by which the nervous system is brought into good working order. In using this method a doctor works with his hands along the patient's spine with the object of relieving the nerves from pressure. Medical science has found that the majority of diseases are nervous in origin, or, in other words, are due to derangement of the nervous system, and on these the results obtained by chiropractic are almost miraculous.

Chiropractic was discovered 17 years ago, and for some years was practised by its discoverer and no one else. As its merits became known, others were taught the system and now there are several colleges where it is taught, and considerably over 1,000 doctors are using this method in Canada and the United States.

Those who are not afraid to try something just because it is new, should try chiropractic and they will be amply rewarded.

Dr. Ernest Shaw is a fully qualified doctor of chiropractic, and he will be pleased to explain the system more fully to anyone interested. He can be seen at his residence, 250 Twenty-second avenue east, between the hours of 1.30 and 6 any afternoon except Sunday.

"A Fool and His Money," at the Avenue Theatre, did a phenomenally large business for this season of the year, and it has been repeated this week with "Moths," that brilliant creation of Ouida's. It is a fine production in every way, being finely staged and mounted, and above all, finely acted. At the Avenue every member of the company is an artist of reputation.

For next week the management offer that great Swedish dialect play, "Ole Oleson," made famous by Gus Heege. Those who saw "Yon Yonson" a few weeks ago at the Avenue know what Mr. Lawrence can do with a Swedish dialect role, and his opportunities are even greater in "Ole Oleson." It will be produced on an elaborate scale, introducing the famous Swedish quartette and other specialties. Big houses are sure to prevail at every performance, so it is advisable to secure seats early.

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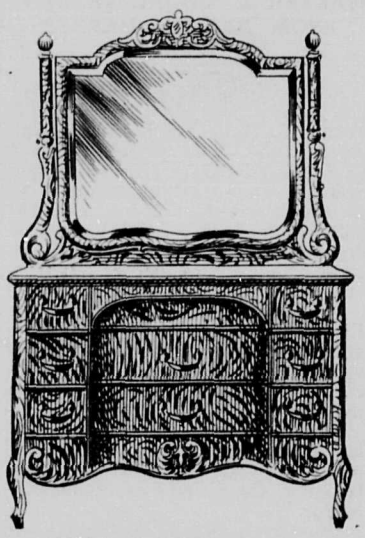

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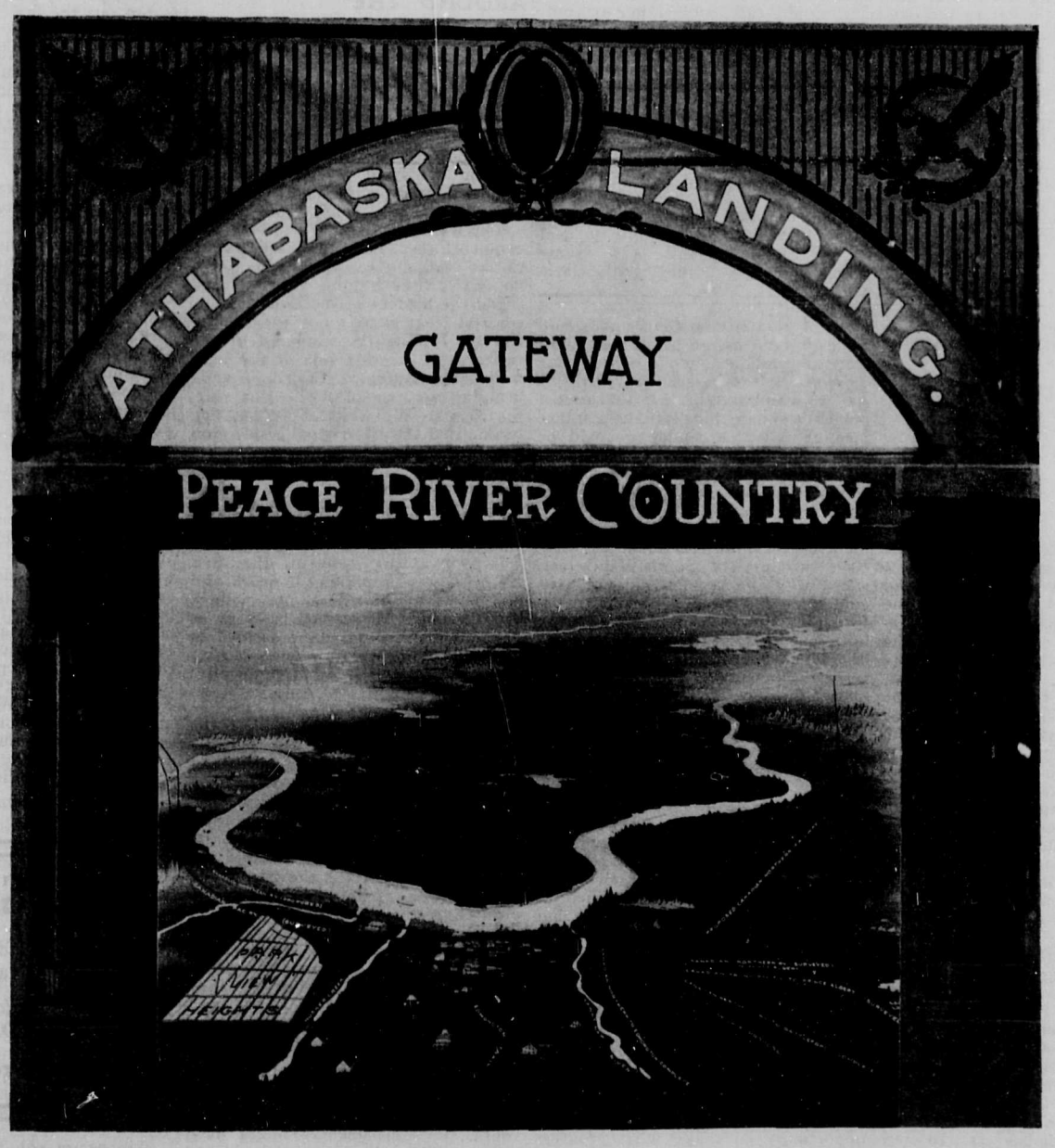

Railroads will connect Vancouver with the Peace River Empire by the time the Panama Canal is opened. At present the roads from the East are rushing into that great northland. The Canadian Northern has already reached Athabaska Landing from Edmonton. The Grand Trunk Pacific is building to the Landing, and the Canadian Pacific will reach there soon. Our cut shows the window of Messrs. Walsh and Beltinck, a prominent real estate firm at 810 Hastings Street West, handling Athabaska Landing property. F. M. Walsh was one of the best-known newspaper men in the West, before going into the land business. Mr. Beltinck is also an old newspaper man well known on the Coast.

Imperial Sales Stables Are Destroyed by Fire

South Vancouver Visited by a Large Conflagration---Loss Estimated at $10,000

Fire entailing a loss of $10,000 utterly demolished the Imperial Sale Stables at the corner of Forty-seventh avenue and Fraser avenue on Tuesday noon. Just how the fire originated will probably never be known. About 10:30 in the morning an alarm was given to the men in the office that the building was ablaze, and almost at the same time flames began to leap from out the top storeys. A call was hurriedly made for the firemen of Ward Three, but before their arrival it was seen that the building was doomed.

Only ten minutes before the call of fire, Mr. Robert Hawes, barn foreman, was cutting feed in the loft above. When he left that part of the building there was absolutely no sign of fire. He had only safely reached the floor beneath when the flames were seen issuing from all parts of the loft. Thomas Murnder and John Tynan, who were employed with James Heath's gang of men cutting a lane between First and Second avenues, were amongst the first to arrive on the scene and gave valuable assistance, not only in freeing the animals which were in the building at the time, but also in saving the residences across the road from the stables which at one time looked as if they would feed the flames. Twenty-nine horses were released from the stables, while several buggies, a democrat and a racing sulky were also saved. Every bit of harness in the stables at the time was destroyed, while fifty tons of hay and twenty tons of oats were rendered worthless.

Twenty-six firemen under the direction of Fire Chief Wand responded to the call. Three streams of water were quickly thrown on the burning structure, but when it was seen that there was no hope of saving the building or contents an effort was made to protect the adjoining property. The flames reached across the street to the house of J. E. Shell, corner of Forty-seventh and First avenues, but splendid work by the volunteer firemen saved this house. So intense was the heat that the firemen were forced to work at times under the protection of wet blankets, which were supplied by neighbors. The furniture was also removed from the residence of Mr. Shell, in view of the danger.

When the roof of the stables fell the firemen found much less difficulty in coping with the blaze. The wind, too, which had been blowing toward the row of residences on First avenue, died away, and another element of danger was removed. Spectacular while it lasted, in probably less than one hour the entire building was nothing more than a smouldering mass.

The loss is estimated by Mr. H. M. Vasey at about $10,000, on which there was insurance of about $3,000 on the building and about $1,500 on the contents. Strange to say, the large auto bus which Mr. Vasey has been operating between South Vancouver and Ladner was sent to Comox on the morning of the fire.

Either defective wiring or spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the cause of the conflagration, which is the largest that has visited South Vancouver for some time. Owing to the fact that the fire spread so rapidly and the fact that it was reported to have been seen from so many different sides at once, the latter is attributed as the cause.

The close proximity of MacKenzie school to the scene of the fire was the cause of some anxiety for some time, but after the sounding of the alarm the pupils were quickly formed and marched out in orderly manner. Among the volunteers who assisted were Commissioner Crehan, Municipal Clerk Springford, Water Superintendent Mullett, Mr. West, Mr. Janes, and Building Inspector Young.

The lack of an adequate water supply must be attributed to circumstances over which neither the water department nor the fire department had control.

It is the intention of Mr. Vasey to rebuild. In the meantime he has quartered his animals on Lulu Island. The Imperial Sale Stables were the largest of their kind in South Vancouver.

SOUTH VANCOUVER LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday evening a meeting of the Liberal Association was held at the offices of Mr. Donald Burgess, Twenty-ninth and Main Street. Mr. Burgess was voted to the chair, and among those present were Messrs. E. W. Peach, J. R. Peach, J. M. Mowatt, E. W. Patterson, H. Kay, D. Hobson, and T. Dickie, secretary, who placed his resignation in the hands of the meeting.

The Chairman stated that the president, Mr. Caldwell, vice-president Simm, and the Secretary were out of office, and that the meeting had to consider what course should be adopted in regard to the future. If they had an association, then their aim should be to make it a success. He was willing to give the free use of his office for meetings, but there was no use in having an association unless there was some life in it.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. Donald Burgess was elected president, Mr. J. M. Mowatt vice-president, and Mr. H. Kay, treasurer and secretary. Everyone present paid in a subscription for the ensuing year.

Mr. Donald Burgess said he would do his best as president. In the past the association had been working under great difficulties.

He believed the day was not far distant when they would see the Liberal party in power throughout British Columbia.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. Dickie, the retiring secretary, who, in reply, said he should be pleased to continue to assist the association in every way possible. Owing to Mr. Dickie's generosity the association will start the year free of debt.

Discussion then arose as to the necessity of obtaining copies of parliamentary records of both the Dominion and Provincial legislatures, and the feeling of the meeting as expressed by the different speakers on the subject was that steps should be taken at once to obtain copies of Hansard and of the proceedings of the Provincial House.

It was resolved that the meetings in future be held on the first Friday of each month, and that the kind offer of Mr. Burgess of the use of his office at Twenty-ninth avenue and Main Street be accepted.

BURNABY BOARD OF TRADE MEETS

EDMONDS, June 21.—At a meeting held on Wednesday evening the Board of Trade displayed a strong disposition to encourage improvement and development, and the shrewd, firm confidence in the future of the municipality which is shared by similar bodies in neighboring communities. The board unanimously endorsed the proposal to pave the interurban highway on its course through Burnaby. According to the present plan this involves the construction of a 42-foot roadway between Edmonds and Westminster city limits, and a 30-foot roadway from Edmonds to the South Vancouver boundary, an improvement of an excellent highway which, by the way, might be emulated with advantage in South Vancouver.

Reeve Weart, who spoke in support of the proposal, took it for granted that the Crown would lend assistance to the extent of defraying half the cost. About one-fourth or one-third of the remainder would be assessed upon the whole of the municipality, he said, while what was left would come under the Local Improvement bylaw. He pointed out that Burnaby's borrowing powers were already large, and that they were rapidly and steadily increasing.

President B. G. Walker was heartily endorsed in his work in connection with the dredging of the North Arm of the Fraser, the meeting showing itself keenly alive to the importance of harbor improvements in a municipality with four miles of waterfrontage on the Fraser and six miles on Burrard Inlet.

GROWING BUSINESS FIRM

Owing to the increase of business the well-known hardware firm of Robinson & Hoag, corner of Twenty-fifth and Main Street, have been obliged to erect a new warehouse at the rear of their premises. Up to the present the firm met their requirements in the retail store, but to cope with the ever-growing trade more room to accommodate customers was necessary and the whole store is now being used for retail purposes.

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WALTER S. MOORE RETURNS FROM BRITISH MARKET TOUR

After visiting the markets of Eastern Canada, New York and England, Walter S. Moore, corner Eighteenth Avenue and Main Street, returned to South Vancouver some days ago.

Mr. Moore's trip was unique in so far that it was the first journey probably ever made by a South Vancouver drygoods merchant to personally purchase Old Country materials for retail sale in South Vancouver.

Mr. Moore's splendid stores at the Eighteenth avenue corner go to make up a commercial feature that cannot but impress itself upon the visitors coming into South Vancouver from the city.

Since last July the establishment has grown wonderfully and in the past twelve months it has been enlarged to three times its original capacity.

Of course, South Vancouver is prosperous, but undoubtedly the main reason for the wonderful expansion of this modern drygoods store is the fact that Mr. Moore possesses the happy faculty of "studying the public and giving the very best value for money spent over his counter."

Mr. Moore's journey to England was most satisfactory in every respect. From a business point of view it was most successful, and, be it said, the South Vancouver merchant derived much pleasure from his travels.

Mr. Moore is "celebrating" his return to South Vancouver by holding a big clearing sale. This event opens today, and in the course of clearing the shelves to make room for the new range of autumn goods from abroad, Moore's place is likely to be a "house of bargains" for a time.

During the several months Mr. Moore was absent from the Coast he found business fairly good on all sides in the East. He could not but observe the interest those in the East and in Great Britain are displaying in British Columbia and Vancouver, and on all hands Mr. Moore heard the feeling expressed that Vancouver is on the verge of a wonderful epoch of prosperity.

A BIG BILL

On Wednesday evening a bill for $25,000 was presented to the Board of Works by the B. C. Electric Railway Company in respect to an account for approximately $25,000 held by the company against the Council in connection with the relaying of track, caused by the grading and other work on the roads in the municipality.

According to the franchise agreement entered into between the council and the company, provision was made for one relaying prior to the putting down of a permanent track, this to be done at the expense of the company. In a number of instances the tracks have had to be moved more than once, and the company, having made the arrangement with the old council, desire that the present council shall acknowledge the agreement. The money does not become due until the permanent track is laid and the company suggested that the council pay 5 per cent. of the principal, as an acknowledgment of the account.

The matter was referred to the engineer and solicitors for consideration and advice.

Ratepayers of Ward IV Discuss Annexation Question

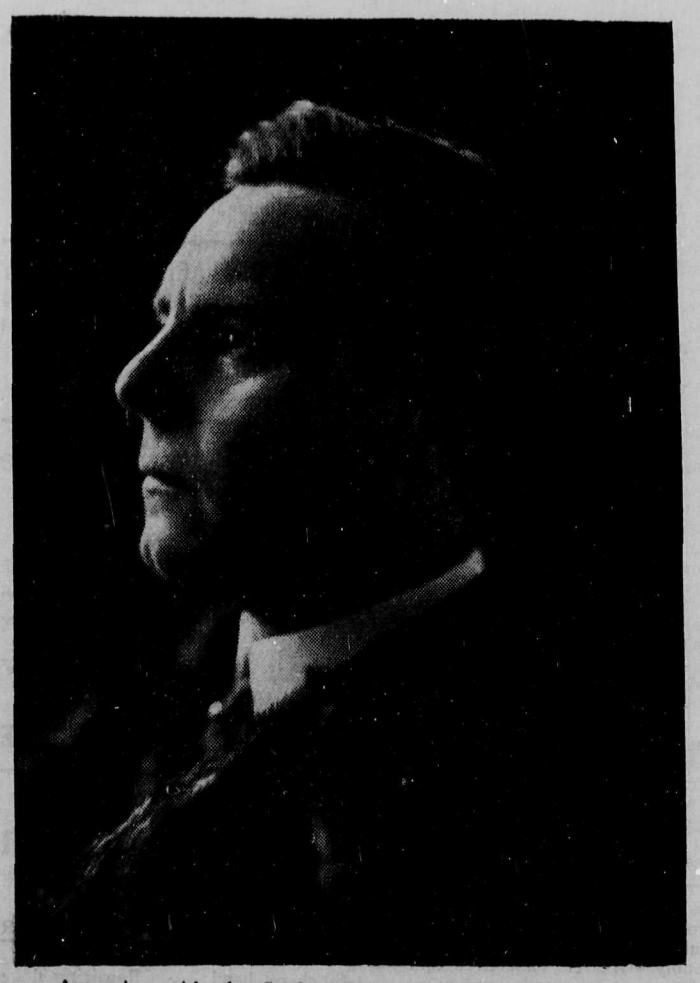
Reeve Kerr Explains Position of Council at Meeting on Thursday Evening

Mr. Feast presided over a meeting of Ward IV on Thursday evening, held in the Schoolroom, 29th Avenue and Main.

Reeve Kerr spoke upon several questions and said the amendment in the Municipal Elections Act did not affect in any way the procedure in connection with the annexation vote. In regard to other matters, even Mr. Bull, the city solicitor, was in doubt as to the true meaning of the amendment. Those entitled to vote, however, had to be the owners of land or real property in the municipality of not less than $100. Both the deed owner and the registered agreement owner had a right to have their names entered on the voters' list. At an election the deed holder was the one who had the right to vote, but if he waived his right before the day of election then the agreement holder could vote. A voters' list was being got up which would be a legal one, and this was very important. He pointed out that every agreement holder in C. P. R. property only would be disfranchised, except those who happened to be householders as well. In the past there had been carelessness in regard to the voters' list. Unless the government framed a special act the voting upon annexation would be the same as before.

Reverting to annexation the Reeve complained that some of the citizens had been unfair, but he still contended the council should consider what the people wanted. Some wanted one thing and some another, and all that was left for the council to do was to ask the government to pass special legislation. At the last election many voters were too apathetic to vote, and that was most discouraging. Every voter should have been able, nevertheless, to vote at Twenty-fifth avenue, but even that should not have prevented them voting. Reeve Kerr gave details of his interview with Mr. Bowser and the Premier, and in a lengthy address defended his action on the annexation question, and explained that South Vancouver had done everything possible. What they had to do was to find out whether the city would talk annexation or not. That matter would be taken up on the following day, no doubt. There must, however, be a proper agreement if annexation were to come about, because South Vancouver was not spending money by the millions, and it was imperative to rush sewers into the municipality. Roads must be built, too, and that quickly, and any agreement with the city must protect the people of the municipality. He thought the city was willing to deal fairly, although there were some things upon which they would clash.

V. T. HENDERSON



Appearing with the Sanford Players at the Empress Theatre

JOINT MEETING OF RATEPAYERS

Position of Councillor for Ward I is Discussed—Paving Westminster Road

The resignation of Mr. Spencer Robinson as councillor for Ward One, the selection of a representative to fill the vacancy, and the question of the permanent improvement of Westminster Road, were topics which came up for discussion at a joint meeting of the Westminster Road Improvement Association and the Ward One Ratepayers' Association on Tuesday night of this week in the Carleton Hall, Collingwood. As the resignation of Mr. Robinson had not been received by the council at the time of the meeting, it was decided after some discussion to defer the question of selecting a successor, the secretaries of both organizations being instructed to call a general meeting immediately upon the receipt of news that the document was in the hands of the council.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Black, president of the Westminster Road Improvement Association. After reading the letter which had been sent to Mr. Robinson from the Westminster Road Improvement Association calling for the resignation of Mr. Robinson, Mr. J. H. Glanville, secretary of the association, explained to the meeting that Mr. Robinson had promised Mr. R. C. Pierce, secretary of Ward One Ratepayers' Association, and the speaker, that he would tender his resignation immediately after he had got into communication with his lawyers. In view of this promise the joint meeting was called. Mr. Pierce also explained the meeting with Mr. Robinson, and then the chairman, Mr. Black, threw the meeting open to discussion.

Mr. W. H. Kent thought that in view of the circumstances it would be inadvisable to go ahead and nominate a candidate, while the same opinion was expressed by Mr. C. Bailey, who thought that the utmost publicity should be given to a future meeting when a candidate could be selected. These opinions being put in the form of a motion the matter was finally laid over until a future meeting.

On the question of the improvement of Westminster Road, Mr. Geo. Rae, ex-Reeve of South Vancouver, asked why the council did not concoct some definite plan and put it before the public. If some plan were not placed before the people the $70,000 which was available now would revert back to the government at the end of the fiscal year. He was of the opinion that the council had power to do the work under the local improvement plan, as provided for under the Municipal Clauses Act, without asking for any special legislation from the government. New Westminster, he said, did work under the local improvement plan as provided for in the Municipal Clauses Act, and if that city could go ahead and do the work he saw no obstacle for the council of South Vancouver. He suggested that the council agree to pay one-third of the cost of paving from general taxation and that the balance of the estimated cost of $225,000, less the $70,000 granted by the government, be taken care of under the local improvement system.

Mr. Black explained that the council had met with several unforeseen difficulties and counselled that the association go slowly and give them an opportunity to make what progress they could. He thought that it would be extremely inadvisable to put any obstacle in the way which would retard the movement towards the permanent improvement of Westminster Road.

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AROUND THE MUNICIPAL HALL

Consternation reigned in the Municipal Hall on Tuesday forenoon, when someone shouted in the hallway that South Hill School was on fire. In a moment the employees were pouring out from every room. A headlong rush was made up the Fraser Avenue; dense masses of smoke were seen issuing from the direction of the school, and for a time it was really believed the school was on fire. After running for fully 100 yards the leaders of the croud shouted back that it was not the school. Gamely leading the vanguard of the runners on the east side of the sidewalk was Auditor Crehan, while bringing up a good third was Mr. Springford. We would have bet five to one that the latter would have won the race if at that moment the fire hose had not come up, and as it was becoming difficult to push, Mr. Springford joined it as one of the pushers, while the picturesque figure of the Auditor in pants and striped shirt was soon at the scene of the fire. Everybody was anxious to work and do his best, but there was a lack of cohesion. All seemed to work as disjointed units, and there seemed to be a lack of organization and a master mind to grasp the facts heroically; but each group strove to do its best.

Mr. Springford and Mr. Crehan seemed to be taking charge of the work going on around the burning building, while the fire chief was looking after the hose and the saving of the houses on the south side. After a time the school was dismissed, the teachers leading the children out in perfect order, marching them down the playground across the tracks and through one of the avenues before dismissing them. It was a most thoughtful act, as it at once removed the children out of the danger zone. We noticed quite a number of anxious mothers among the crowd: they came rushing from the lanes and streets, many of them being under the impression that it was the school that was on fire.

The fire has taught an object-lesson. Let us be thankful. Had a stiff breeze been blowing from the south, the consequences might have been appalling. Let us take the lesson to heart and see that no such dangerous buildings are again allowed to be built near our schools. The employees and the citizens around the scene of the fire deserve the highest credit for the manner in which they worked to put out the fire.

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The Board of Trade have received a very highly complimentary letter from Ottawa, thanking them for the valuable data and information supplied as to the North Arm of the Fraser River.

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On Sunday we travelled by the car down Main Street to the Eburne line. When we reached the end of our journey, we were more than surprised to find there was neither station nor sidewalk on the Eburne line. Along with the friend who was with me, we struck a line through the Chinese gardens to try to reach the river. Nearly a dozen people came off the car along with us, and as we were the first to make tracks, the crowd followed us, under the impression that we knew the way. The route was a very rough one; we had to cross, by means of a plank, a ditch with 4ft. of water in it; walk alongside the ditch for a considerable distance; climb over a barbed-wire fence; then walk along two planks about 4ft. high, and leap down on to the sand. It was nothing for men to do, but we noticed several ladies with their husbands, and one or two were carrying children in their arms. Surely the Railway Company could put up a notice telling the people that there was no direct road to the river except at Fraser Avenue. We have no doubt many took the car to the Eburne line on Sunday expecting to get an easy way to the river, and when they found so many difficulties came away in disgust.

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