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WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

Though woman suffrage is now, by the vote of the people on the referendum in connection with the general election, last month, an accomplished fact in British Columbia, de jure at least—de facto, it will not come into effect until March 1st next, nor into actual operation until after the women have become duly enrolled on the voters' register and get an opportunity to exercise their newly acquired franchise at the first election that may be held in the Province thereafter, whether that shall be a Provincial or a Dominion election—most likely the latter.

In this connection, the Toronto Globe seems to assume that legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary before women in the Provinces that have adopted woman suffrage will have the right to vote in Dominion elections. As the Provincial voters' lists in this and other of the Provinces have for some years now by Dominion enactment been accepted as the lists for Dominion elections, we cannot see, to use, a colloquialism, what business it is of the Dominion Parliament what additions we make to our voters' register, either by adding a lot of new male voters as they become of age from time to time, or by enfranchising the mothers and sisters of these fledgling voters. However, the Globe opines that "a dozen words" at Ottawa will do the business, and, if they think they have any "say" in the matter, they'd better say the "dozen words" and be quick about it; for neither the women of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba, who have all been accorded the franchise within the year, nor the new Liberal Government of British Columbia on behalf of our women, will stand having the franchise clipped of any of its privileges.

While these little preliminaries are being adjusted —the ground cleared, so to speak, for the newly enfranchised "better half" of the electorate to get to work—and there is no reason why it cannot all be done before the first occasion offers for the exercise of that franchise, the interval can be profitably employed by the women themselves and the friends of the suffragist or feminist movement generally in the necessary work of preparation and education for the new duties and responsibilities soon to be assumed and exercised. As has been well said elsewhere, with the mere attaining of the legal recognition of the right of women to vote, women's battle is not over. Nay, it has but begun. The passing of woman suffrage has but placed in woman's hand the golden key of opportunity, and the plain duty of the women who led in securing that key is to inaugurate a wide-spread campaign of popular education in the use of it, which, happily, there is every indication the women realize and are preparing so to do.

The men, have not, on the whole, so seriously realized the importance and sacredness of the ballot or so conscientiously and wisely used it that they can afford to talk down to the women or assume lofty or patronizing airs on the subject. They can assist in "educating" the new electorate, however, in some phases of political knowledge, theoretical and practical, which the masculine mind naturally most readily grasps, and it will be to the interest of both that they should do so. The exercise of the franchise is, after all, as has been said, an important part of the political education of the voter. To ask women to be politically educated before they vote is to ask people to learn to swim before entering the water or to ask the aviator to master his art by sticking to terra firma.

There can be no reasonable doubt that the supplementing and complementing of the exclusively masculine element and spirit in politics and legislation by its feminine counterpart will have elevating and beneficial effects, that will become increasingly apparent after the new electorate shall have time and opportunity to become effective. Those timid or super-conservative souls of box sexes who, even with woman suffrage enacted, fear that we have launched upon an uncertain "sea of troubles," may console themselves by contemplation of the apparent inevitability and rapidly approaching universality of the reform. To go no further, it is nothing short of phenomenal the way it has swept the whole of Western Canada, beginning with Manitoba, into the fold, within less than nine months, after long ago overrunning Australasia and more recently a large part of the United States, besides capturing Scandinavia and setting its cap, with promise of early success, at the very bulwark of conservatism, Great Britain. Yes, we are in good company, and woman suffrage has evidently come to stay. British Columbia, therefore, might as well set its house in order—it has made a good beginning with prohibition and a new Government—for a life of "double blessedness" politically.

THE FRASER FISHERIES.

We noted a suggestion, last week, made by Mr. H. O. Bell-Irving, at the sitting of the Dominions Royal Commission in Vancouver, to the effect that a Royal Commission should go thoroughly into the somewhat large and varied subject of the fisheries of British Columbia, and that, in the meantime, no new canneries should be permitted on main rivers in the Province, and that, from 1918 to 1920, both years inclusive presumably, the Fraser River should be closed to fishing to allow it to recuperate from a condition which he said was deplorable. Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce in the Borden Government, said he would place Mr. Bell-Irving's suggestions before the Government.

No one else, so far as we have observed, backed up those suggestions. There was once a man, according to Mark Twain, who was willing to sacrifice all his wife's relations on the altar of his country. Mr. Bell-Irving may be distantly related to that patriot. At any rate, his willingness to close up the Fraser for a period and inhibit the placing of any more canneries on main rivers is not entirely disinterested. Mr. Bell-Irving has, we believe, one cannery on the Fraser and a large and varied assortment of canneries elsewhere on the coast, from Puget Sound to Alaska. The price of salmon is pretty good now. Limiting the canneries and closing the Fraser would enable it to be boosted another notch, which would leave Mr. Bell-Irving a nett gainer (no pun intended) whatever happened the Fraser River fishermen, packers, and others interested solely or principally in the fisheries of this river.

As to the alleged "deplorable condition" of the Fraser River salmon fishery, the present year, the returns for which have not yet been made up, is admittedly a record "off year." Being the last in the four-year cycle before the expected "big year," a poor season was looked for—not quite such a fall down, so far as the sockeye run is concerned, as eventuated; but the season has been a very peculiar and remarkable one—an unusually wet, cold and late spring, which would naturally delay the run and cause the fish to swim deep; and every inlet and river in British Columbia has witnessed the same thing—a short run of sockeye this year. Another most unusual phenomon is the reported presence of large numbers of sockeyes outside at this late date. At the same time, the hatcheries up river have obtained an usually good supply of salmon for spawning purposes.

It will thus be seen that it is too early to jump to conclusions from the admittedly disappointing experience of the fishermen this year, so far, on the Fraser. Going back to last year, 1915, the total Fraser River pack, 289,199 cases, considerably exceeded the expectations for that season, besides heading the list of fishing districts in the Province, and the comparative packs of a number of immediately preceding years does not give ground for indulgence in any extravagant pessimism as to the fisheries of the Fraser. Here they are, working backward: 1914, 328,390 cases; 1913, 732,059 (the last "big year"); 1912, 173,059; 1911, 301,344; 1910, 223,148; 1909, 567,203 ("big year" again, and nearly 200,000 cases short of 1913); 1908, 89,184 (how is that for a fall-down?) The "big years," going farther back, show; 1905, 877,136; 1901, 990,-252; 1897, 860,459. Next year is due to be a "big year" again, and the way things have been going it is not unlikely to be quite up to average.

There are some other interesting facts bearing upon the development and value of the Fraser River fisheries to the fishermen and others directly interested and the community generally. One is, that, while there has been some falling off in the sockeye runs (which the hatcheries it is hoped may repair), there has been an increasing and profitable utilization for some years of what used to be considered inferior and non-marketable runs, such as dog salmon and humpbacks. This has had the tendency to extend the fishing season over a large part of the year, instead of being compressed into about six weeks chiefly during the sockeye run. The benefits of this tendency, industrially and economically, are not hard to see. One result is to give the fisherman a uniform and much better price for his catch. This, by the way, is an important compensatory feature of "off years," whereof the prices this present year are a telling illustration, ranging from 60c or 65c each for springs to 25c per for the once despised dog salmon.

On the whole, we don't think we'll have the Fraser River closed to fishing to please Mr. Bell-Irving, of Vancouver, and, even though he might be one of the chosen to draw down $30 per, Sundays included, on his suggested Royal Commission, the several hundred thousand that could easily be thus squandered (a la Bowser et al.) would be much better expended in developing the fisheries in various ways, including the hatcheries. Borden Government papers please copy.

HERE AND THERE.

Monday next, Oct. 9, is Thanksgiving Day, set apart for national thanksgiving and recognition of a bountiful and overruling Providence in the affairs of men. As Canadians, we have much to be thankful for, even in connection with this terrible war in which we are, as an integral part of the Empire, worthily bearing a part, but whose worst ravages we have been spared.

In a recent book by Stephen Graham, one of the highest living authorities on Russian affairs, it is stated that Siberia—Asiatic Russia—has two million more inhabitants than Canada, or a little more than 9,000,-000, and yet it has only three cities with a population of 100,000 each. The desert aspects of Siberia are disappearing and a "healthy promise" of future affluence is opening before the land.

About the middle of August, we were told that Sir Robert Borden had definitely abandoned his proposed trip to Great Britain, and that he and Sir Thos. White would tour the west the latter part of September and deliver a number of "patriotic speeches" here and there. These stars of the first magnitude haven't appeared, however. In their place we have had Sir Geo. Foster, Hon. Martin Burrell, and Hon. Dr. Reid, but, with the exception of the first, they haven't made much of a splash. Can it be that the severe frost at the Coast on Sept. 14th had anything to do with changing the Ministerial plans ?

Theodore Roosevelt, speaking, the other day, on behalf of Chas. E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President, attacked President Wilson's foreign policy as "the policy of vacillation," and in the case of the Lusitania outrage as "humiliating and ignoble." "I have been asked what I would have done if I had been President when the Lusitania was torpedoed," he said, and answered: "I would instantly have taken possession of every German ship interned in this country, and then I would have said: 'Now, we will discuss not what we will give, but what we will give back.'" The statement was wildly applauded.

President J. A. Cunningham of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association, is of the opinion, says the Province, that the Dominion Government might get over the difficulty of appointing a Canadian customs officer at New York by using the two steamers it bought from the Hudson Bay Company and which have been running to the West Indies as direct carriers via the Panama Canal from Eastern Canadian to Western Canadian ports. Mr. Cunningham thinks that the fact that the Government owns a wharf in Vancouver should be a point in favor of this proposition. British Columbia, he says, has been suffering from a lack of tonnage and this proposal might afford some relief.

The frightful destruction of forests by shot and shell in Belgium and Northern France is described by a recent writer in American Forestry. The writer says: "It would not be at all surprising to learn, when the war is over, that there remains on Belgian soil no timber of commercial value; that her scenic forests have been wiped out; and that thousands of her roadside and street trees have been used for fuel and for other purposes by the Germans. In northern France, on both sides of the fighting front, great damage has been done the forests, not only by the tremendous bombardments which have marked the fighting there and by the hail of bullets from small arms which have swept divested spaces, but by the trench-builders, the road engineers, and others who needed timber for construction work."

The British spirit in this war, in fact, the spirit of the Allies generally, was well expressed by Rt. Hon. David Lloyd-George, Secretary of State for War, in a press interview lately: "Britain has only begun to fight. The British Empire has invested thousands of its best lives to purchase future immunity for civilization. This investment is too great to be thrown away." Asked how long he figured this can and must go on, Lloyd-George answered: "There's neither clock nor calendar in the British army to-day. Time is the least vital factor. Only the result counts—not the time consumed in achieving it. It took England twenty years to defeat Napoleon, and the first fifteen of those years were black with British defeat. It will not take twenty years to win this war, but, whatever time is required, it will be done, and I say this recognizing that we have only begun to win." Lloyd-George paid equal tribute to the loyalty and determination of the Allies, particularly France and Russia. His statements were apparently opportunely intended as a notice to any intending neutral peace-patchers that their services will not be required till the Allies finish the job on behalf of civilization and posterity that Germany has imposed upon them.

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ABOLISH PATRONAGE.

With the unmistakable mandate received by the Liberal party, under the Leadership of Mr. Brewster, from the electorate of British Columbia, to take over the administration of the affairs of the Province—a mandate only awaiting formal declaration after the deferred counting of the soldiers' votes has been proceeded with and completed—there is a not unnatural spirit of curiosity or inquiry abroad, both among supporters and opponents of the new Government to be, as to just what is involved in one reform to which the Liberal party was conspicuously committed by its leaders during the campaign—to wit, the abolishing of the patronage system of the Bowser Government.

There would seem to be latent, lurking doubts as to whether the policy is to be a passive or an active one, or partly passive and partly active; whether it is to be a case of let well enough, or ill enough, alone; a policy of hands off, or hands on in a thorough overhauling and reconstruction of the civil service of the Province, and the patronage question generally, on a radically reformed basis. As the Liberal leaders are enjoying an interval of enforced inactivity of a full month between election day and the counting of the soldiers' votes, imposed upon them by Mr. Bowser's leisurely regard for their over-worn nerves, these questions will have to await an authoritative answer until the slowly moving governmental machinery, of which Mr. Bowser still holds the lever, automatically turns the Bowser Government out of office and the Brewster Government in.

While not authorized to speak for the Liberal leaders, who have had no opportunity as yet to get together as a Government and work out the details of their policies, it seems to us that it is not altogether impossible, by the rules of common sense and a little deductive reasoning, to reach a fair approximation of what is to be inferred from the declared Liberal determination to abolish the patronage system, taken in connection with other related utterances, as to smashing the machine, and giving returned soldiers the preference, according to qualification, in appointments to the civil service of the Province. A merely passive policy—that is, leaving everything just as it is, to gradually regulate itself—would hardly be compatible with such declarations of intention. On the other hand, we do not expect to see a violent and precipitate attacking of the problem—making changes for the sake of putting some people out and others in—but a deliberate and sane procedure, including a general retrenchment by the abolishing of unnecessary offices and officers, looking to an eventual thorough reform of the service along the lines indicated.

"Smashing the machine" must inevitably be a consideration and objective in the working out of such a policy. The "machine" has been "smashed" in the solar plexus—put out of business as an organic whole but it has, in the very nature of the case, its ganglia and tentacles insinuated in and through the body politic throughout the Province. These it will be a work of absolute necessity, but requiring time, patience, and discrimination, to separate and remove from the healthy and legitimate growth of an honest, non-partisan, and efficient civil service. We look to see fitness, efficiency, honest service, and a fair deal all round, with no hide-bound party favoritism, such as we have had exemplified to the limit, the controlling motives and principles in all matters of patronage as handled by the new Liberal Government.

Farewell Banquet to Col. Taylor.

In anticipation of his early departure, with his battalion, the 131st, for overseas, Lieut.-Col. J D. Taylor, M. P., was given a hearty send-off banquet in the New Westminster Club, Tuesday night. Sixty-five representative citizens, irrespective of political or other lines, as well as a few visitors and guests of honor, such as Mr. Geo. H. Cowan, K. C., ex-M.P., and Major C. E. Doherty, Assistant Director of Medical Services, C. E. F., who was home on a brief visit, were present.

Mayor Gray presided, and toasts were proposed and responded to as follows: The King, drunk with musical honors; The Dominion, by Mr. W. G. McQuarrie, reply by Mr. Geo. Kennedy; The Province, by Mr. C. A. Welsh, president of the Board of Trade, reply by His Honor Judge Howay; Our City, by Mr. J. R. Grant, reply by Ald. Goulet and Johnston; The Fraser Valley, by D. E. MacKenzie, reply by Reeves Sullivan and Lougheed; Our Guest, by Lieut.-Col. F. H. Cunningham, reply by Lieut.-Col. J. D. Taylor, M. P.; The Army and Navy, by Mr. Geo. H. Cowan, K. C., reply by Major C. E. Doherty, M. D., and Capt. Groves.

The banquet was an excellent and enjoyable one and well served, and the tone of the speeches was cordial and patriotic throughout, with a tone of deep feeling as befitted the occasion. Several much appreciated musical numbers were given by the orchestra, as well as solos by Mr. Marsh,

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A. W. McLeod, the well known local insurance agent, has been gazetted a notary public.

Mr. Justice Murphy will preside at the criminal assize to open here on October 16. Mr. W. G. McQuarrie is Crown counsel. There are just five cases on the docket.

There were registered during the month of September in this city 80 births, 32 deaths and 24 marriages. For September of last year there were 94 births, 28 marriages and 29 deaths.

Gordon Houghton, son of Rev. C. W. Houghton, has enlisted for overseas service in the Queen's Battery, Kingston. Edgar Baker, son of the late Captain Baker, has joined the 231st Seaforths.

Sergt John Evert Paton, who left the city as orderly room sergeant of the 47th Battalion, is reported wounded. He was formerly bookkeeper at the Brunette Sawmills, and rather well known.

"SERVICE" is my motto, and it is my aim to give the business of all clients prompt and careful attention, not only in writing the policies, but also in dealing with claims, rates or future changes. Alfred W. McLeod, the Insurance Man.

Night classes in motor construction, engineering, dress-making and commercial subjects were organized at the Duke of Connaught High School this week. It was intended to teach a greater number of subjects, but the enrolment was not sufficient.

Judgment of the Court of Appeal in Lucas vs. The Ministerial Union, arising out of "Crisis in B. C.," has been given, ordering a new trial, on the ground that certain remarks in the charge of the trial judge, Mr. Justice Morrison, were prejudicial to a fair trial.

Record prices are being paid by the canners on the Fraser River for all varieties of fish. Qualla, popularly known as dog salmon, are fetching 25 cents each. They never used to be worth more than five cents. Cohoes are fetching five cents a pound and red springs six cents.

A religious census of the city will be taken on Thursday afternoon and evening, October 12, according to a decision of the Ministerial Association. It was also decided to make an effort to have all of the residents of the city attend church at least once on the first Sunday of November.

The funeral was held, Saturday afternoon, at Ladner, of the late William James Brandrith and was largely attended, interment taking place in the Boundary Bay cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. S. S. Wright, J. Perrin, A. Davy, R. Smith, G. Love, and E. Foote.

Receipts at the local customs office in September totalled $21,771.69 as compared with $16,467.01 for the same month last year. At the Crown timber office the total receipts for the first half of the fiscal year were $57,600.33, compared with $36,374.74 in the corresponding period of 1915.

Postoffice receipts for the month of September were as follows: Money orders issued $17,227.13, on which commission was $128.08; money orders paid, $21,767.63; stamp sales, $3,433.25; box rents, $32. This shows a considerable increase over the business done for the same month last year.

The local prisoners of war committee will appreciate suitable donations for the Christmas parcels to be sent to prisoners of war in Germany. Donations should reach the Carnarvon street rooms by next Tuesday, as arrangements are being made to send the parcels at an early date. Donations of sweet cakes, candy, tobacco, gum, socks, mittens, etc., will be appreciated.

A new time table goes into effect on the B.C.E.R. Fraser Valley line next Sunday. There is no decrease in the service, but the running time is lengthened slightly to allow for winter conditions. The first and second passenger trains leave this city at same time as at present—9:20 a.m., and 1:40 p.m.—but the third leaves twenty minutes earlier, at 6 p.m., and, returning, leaves Chilliwack at the same hour.

Another New Westminster man who gave his life for his country and the Allied cause in the recent heavy fighting on the Somme is Pte. Matthew Knox, who died of wounds on Sept. 24th. Pte. Knox was also a 104th Regiment man. He was 23 years of age when he was attested. His mother, Mrs. J. G. Knox, resides on Tenth street. In October, 1915, he transferred to the 72nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders. Sapper Frank McBroom, formerly of the city Health Department, is reported wounded.

Young five year old Jack Tetley, 215 Regina street, was the victim of an unusual accident, Tuesday last, as the result of chopping a block of stove wood with an axe. He struck what is assumed to have been a detonator, which, he declares, was embedded in the wood. The resultant explosion hurled the axe back on him, inflicting a severe gash on the head, and literally peppered him. When his mother rushed into the shed she found the boy unconscious, but he quickly revived. Dr. Walker, who was called, had the wounded juvenile removed to Royal Columbian Hospital, where he rested easily and out of danger, after having a deep cut in his head sewn up and pieces of metal extracted from his leg and other wounds.

Smoker at Haney.

The electors of Haney and Hammond foregathered, last night, in the Haney Agricultural Hall, to the number of nearly a hundred, in a congratulatory smoker in honor of John Oliver, member-elect for Dewdney, who was the guest of honor. Mr. Jas. Riddle occupied the chair and dispensed a bright and entertaining programme of short speeches, interspersed with songs and musical selections of a high order. The speeches of the evening were delivered by Mr. Oliver, Mr. Hector Ferguson, and Mr. W. J Faris, and there were others, but a more extended notice is impossible in this issue.

Capt. Sangster Killed in Action.

Mr. Alex. Sangster was officially notified Tuesday of this week of the death of his son, Capt. Henry Walker Sangster, who was killed in action on Sept. 26. This news, coming so shortly after word of the death of T. S. Annandale, son of Capt. Annandale of the 47th, shocked the community, as both were particularly well known. Walker Sangster was prominent in lacrosse and athletic circles. His military training dated back to 1902, when he joined the local company of the 6th D.C.O.R. On the formation of the 104th he was made a lieutenant, and shortly after the outbreak of the war promoted to a captaincy, but transferred to the 29th Battalion for overseas service as a lieutenant and gained promotion to a captaincy again on the field.

Of Scotch descent, the late Capt. Sangster was born in Argyle, Minnesota, in 1886, moved with the family, two years later, to Victoria, B. C., where they resided eight years, and lived for the last twenty years in New Westminster, deceased having been a member of the staff of Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., this city, for years. A brother, Louis Sangster, is with the 131st, at Vernon, shortly to go overseas, and another brother, Philip, with the 196th (Western Universities), at Camp Hughes, Man.

Capt. Sangster was killed almost to a day within a year from the time he first entered the trenches, Sept. 25, 1915, being killed Sept. 26, 1916, in the recent forward movement on the Somme in which the Canadians took a prominent and gallant part. Besides the brothers mentioned, he leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sangster, this city; two sisters, Mrs. Russell Purdy, of White Rock, and Miss Nellie Sangster, of this city; and two brothers, Mr. Rufus K. Sangster, of the Pacific Canadian Printing Co., this city, and Mr. George K. Sangster, public school teacher in Burnaby.

City Market.

Thanksgiving market was an unusually large and lively one. Meats were in good supply and demand, with little change in prices. Local turkeys did not show up in any numbers, the season being too early, but there was a fine display of poultry generally, particularly chickens, which sold at last week's prices. Some prime geese brought 25c per lb. Eggs retailed at 50c, wholesale 45c to 46c; butter, 35c to 40c retail. Potatoes brought $16 to $18 wholesale.

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that did not invalidate his argument.

Ald. McAdam, with a few words in support, seconded Ald. Bryson's motion to table the Dominion Water Power Branch's communication, which was carried unanimously.

More Letters Dealt With.

A communication was received from the City Solicitors, enclosing copy of letter by the City Solicitors to the chairman of the Board of Investigation under the Water Act, 1914, relative to the city's right and title, historically and technically speaking, to the water of Coquitlam Lake required for the city's water supply past, present and future. Briefly, the Board of Investigation, at Victoria, under the Water Act, 1914, asked the city to file with the board a statement of its claim to the rights held and enjoyed by the city in the premises, and the reply of the City Solicitors is in effect that the rights of the city have been fully dealt with and determined both by the authorities at Ottawa and Victoria, confirming to the city "for all time to come the fullest supply the city may require and in addition thereto 1000 inches of water," and that the city's water rights, therefore, do not come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Investigation. Received and filed.

From the Hassam Paving Co., Ltd., with accounts for interest on contracts, amounting to $356.05.

Ald. Jardine, with regard to a portion of this interest, for the Columbia street contract, explained that the bond had lapsed in October, the Council was not notified till January, and the work was not completed till the following August. He claimed, therefore, that the ctty was not liable for that portion of the interest.

On motion of Ald. Goulet and Jardine, the matter was referred to the Board of Works and the Finance Committee to report.

From the secretary-treasurer of St. John's Ambulance Association, asking that the use of the Council Chamber be given on Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the annual meeting of the association. On motion, the request was granted.

Reports.

Ald. Bryson, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported, re application of C. P. R. Co., for a deed of Lot 1, block 3, city, recommending that, as the lot in question has been in possession of the C. P. R. Co., and is included in the station grounds, the application of the company be granted and a deed issued accordingly. Adopted.

Ald. Jardine, chairman of the Board of Works, reported, recommending that permission be granted the Canada Products Co. to erect a temporary shelter on Front street to store supplies. Also that a four-foot sidewalk be laid on Hastings st., at estimated cost of $15. Adopted.

Ald. Eastman, chairman of the Light Committee, reported, recommending that the City Treasurer be instructed to pay Mrs. Clausen $10 in consideration of city being allowed to use the poles she paid for situated on D. L. 172. Adopted.

Ald. Dodd, chairman of the Water Committee, reported, recommending, among other things: That meters be placed in buildings using water power to run elevators; that Port Coquitlam be billed for arrears for fire protective service, at $10 per month, overlooked by this city since August, 1913; that water rates be amended, making maximum charge for manufacturers using not more than 250,000 cubic feet per month, $100 nett per month; and that a rate of 3c nett be charged for every 100 cubic feet in excess of 250,000 feet; and that for 80,000 and under 125,000 cubic feet the rate be 10c per 100 cubic feet, subject to the usual discount. Adopted.

Ald. Bryson reported statement of receipts for taxes up to end of Sept. as follows: Land, $204,628.35; local improvements, $26,374.93; received by mail, $3,000; total, $234,003.28; tax arrears, including tax sale, $85,823.53; grand total, $319,826.81. Adopted.

Ald. Goulet reported that the dredge would remove the rock in the channel which was referred to in the letter of the pilot at previous meeting. Adopted.

Ald. Eastman referred to the letter of the Western Canada Power Co. as to supplying electric power for lighting purposes and their arrangement with the V. P. R. Co. in that regard, and, on motion, it was decided to invite Mr. McNeill, of the Western Canada Power Co., and Mr. Russell, of the V. P. R. Co., to meet the Council on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at 2:30 p. m., to deal with this matter. Adopted.

Ald. Dodd stated it was advisable that meters be used for some water services that now pay flat rate, and recommended that a needed 3-inch meter be purchased, at a cost of $200. Adopted.

Unfinished Business, Etc.

The Fire Prevention By-law, 1916 (consolidation) came up for second reading, and was laid over.

The Mayor reported verbally that he had taken up with Mr. Duncan, manager of the Vulcan Iron Works, Ltd., the question of meeting representatives of the city and the petitioners in the matter of securing a suitable site for the works in question, and Mr. Duncan had declared his readinesa to take part in such a meeting, for which a definite date would be fixed as soon as a suitable site or sites could be submitted for discussion. Adopted.

A communication received at previous meeting from the Nanaimo City Council, asking endorsement of a resolution protesting against the release of interned alien enemies for employment by certain large corporations, particularly in the coal mines, was taken up by the Council, and the resolution endorsed, on motion of Ald. Goulet and Jardine, after expressions sympathizing with the object of the resolution by the mover and seconder. the Mayor, and Ald. Dodd, Johnston and Eastman.

A communication, previously received, from the Niagara Falls Council, re Dominion Government Pensions Bill, recommending that war pensions be the same for privates as for officers, and asking endorsement of a resolution to that effect, was then discussed, nearly all the Aldermen taking part, and a resolution expressing the Council's approval, moved by Ald. Eastman and seconded by Ald. Goulet, was carried unanimously.

Ald. Bryson was disposed to go farther. Why, he asked, should officers get more pay than privates?

New Business.

Under this head, Ald. Jardine called attention to the necessity of grading and macadamizing Simcoe street from Eighth to McInnes street, and, as this was contiguous to the Provincial Government gaol property, he moved, seconded by Ald. Johnston, that the Government be asked to bear the expense of the work, which was carried.

Tenth street, it was pointed out, also needed fixing, and a resolution was passed referring the question to the Finance Committee to report as to funds being available for the work.

The matter of appointing delegates to the U. B. C. M. convention at Vernon, on the 11th and 12th inst., was then disposed of, the Mayor and Ald. Goulet and Johnston being chosen.

The Council then, on account of Monday next being Thanksgiving Day, adjourned to meet on Thursday afternoon, 5th inst., and also arranged to meet at the same time a representative of Cleveland & Cameron, the firm who made the "special survey" of the city some years ago.

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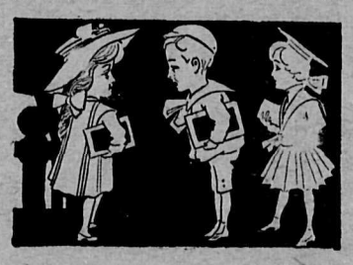

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MAN-EATING COUGAR

Of Cowican Attacks Two Young Children, Who Escape After Plucky Fight, Severely Wounded—The Beast Afterwards Shot.

Natural history experts have assured us that the British Columbia cougar or panther, whatever the habits of his congener the California mountain lion may be, will rarely if ever attack a human being. Even the man-eating tiger of the tropics, it is said, is not normally a hunter of men, but becomes so through the infirmities of advancing age, when, his more agile prey, the beasts of the chase, getting beyond his reach, he haunts the vicinity of human habitations for the easier quarry which he there obtains. This may, and would almost appear to be, the real explanation for the remarkable case of a cougar attacking and severely mauling two young children of Cowichan lately, which is told by the Cowichan Leader of last week, Sept. 28, the story being no less remarkable on account of the plucky, heroic, and fortunately successful, fight for their lives made by the two children—a boy and a girl, aged respectively eight and eleven years.

The editor of the Cowichan Leader, from which we take the recital, it is of some interest to note, is none other than Mr. Hugh Savage, formerly of the Columbian, this city, and the Province, of Vancouver, and who while on the latter paper was himself the principal hero in the slaying of the cougar of Stanley Park, exhibited in the windows of the Province office at the time, some two years ago.

Follows the story from the Leader of the Cowichan cougar, his murderous exploit, and the tragic end which fortunately soon overtook him:

On Saturday last, two young children, Anthony, aged 8, son of Mrs. Farrer, and Doreen, aged 11, daughter of Mrs. Ashburnham, Cowichan Lake, swinging their pony bridles in their hands, went up the trail to the field where their ponies were grazing.

To their surprise they found a panther lying quite still and naturally turned to run away. The animal, however, heard their footsteps, sprang up, jumped on the girl's back and knocked her down. The boy used his bridle with such effect that he drove the cougar off his companion. But the brute was not defeated and rose on his hind legs to attack again, when the children ran at him and fought him with their fists. The hungry creature managed to knock the little fellow down on his side and began tearing his scalp with his claws.

Filled with anxiety over Tony, the girl jumped on the animal's back, trying to drag his head back. Then she gouged at one of his eyes. Finally, seeing he was intent on chewing Tony's head, she thrust her arm in his mouth and freed the boy. Having accomplished this, she instructed Tony to run while she held the panther. Sitting on his back, she put the snaffle, which happened to be of a larger size than usual, over the cougar's nose and practically muzzled him. She then ran from the beast.

The boy arrived home covered with blood, and with his scalp hanging loose. Mr. Ashburnham and Mr. C. Marsh went out and shot the panther, which measnred over seven feet.

The animal was apparently blind, and, on opening the carcase, there was no appearance of food in its stomach. The body underneath the fur showed many bruises as the result of the children's attack with their bridles. A dog which came to the rescue was badly mauled and had to have several stitches in its chest.

The pluck of the children is more remarkable as they are both very timid by nature. The girl was most anxious about her boy friend, and her remark to her parents "Don't worry about me, take care of Tony," is worthy of commendation. She also told her friends who marvelled at the bravery of both children, that "I had to save Tony because I was the oldest."

As often happens, conveyances were out of order, and Mrs. Ashburnham had to row herself across the lake to Dr. R. N. Stoker's residence, leaving the children under the good care of others. Dr. Stoker rendered first aid to the patients, easing them of much of their pain.

Dr. Dykes, with the matron of the Duncan Hospital, arrived from Duncan within two hours of the accident. With him was Dr. Ernest Hall. Tony Farrer received 39 stiches and was taken to Duncan Hospital by motor, Mrs. Stewart kindly giving her car and service. Doreen Ashburnham had her arm bitten right through as a result of putting it in the panther's mouth, also her hand was damaged, and she had several other serious scratches. Both parents are full of thankfulness for the attention given by the doctors and the hospital staff. The boy is progressing well, and, unless blood poisoning sets in, will soon be about again.

The girl was brought to Duncan Hospital, yesterday afternoon, for treatment.

Mr. Chief Justice Hunter, who was staying at the Lake, says the deeds of this boy and girl are worthy of the Royal Albert medal. He will place the facts before the regular authorities,

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ashburnham live not far from Bear Lake, five miles from Riverside. Mrs. Farrer lives with them.

The animal would not have attacked the children had it not been blind and ravenous. About 25 years ago, an Indian was attacked near Campbell Lake by a cougar. He had meddled with its cubs.

Preliminary arrangements have been completed for the tag day in this city, on Friday, October 13, in aid of the British Red Cross. Those who will have charge of the different tagging stations are: Mrs. Webb, Mrs. R. Bryce Brown, Mrs. G. M. Corbould, Mrs. Shadwell, Mrs. R. M. C. Souper, Mrs. W. H. Elson, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Godson, Mrs. J. R. Payne, Mrs. B. Lewis, Mrs. Muir, Madame Gauvreau, Mrs. J. H. Watson, Mrs. H. C. Major, and Mrs. Stilwell Clute.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Echo of Old Coquitlam Controversy Revived—Release of Interned Aliens Protested—Equal Pensions for Privates and Officers Approved.

There was a full Aldermanic Board, with His Worship Mayor Gray in the chair, at the regular weekly meeting of the Council Monday night, and an echo from an old burning municipal question on which more than one civic campaign was fought rang through the chamber, with Ald. Bryson, doughty champion of the safeguarding of the Royal City's water supply, holding the floor—the occasion being the receipt of a long delayed communication from the proper Ottawa Department, explaining why the clearing of the reserve round Coquitlam Lake had not yet been completed by the B. C. E. R. Co.

A protest from the Nanaimo City Council against the release of interned alien enemies for employment by large corporations, in the coal mines principally, embodied in a resolution which this Council was asked to endorse, had the warm sympathy and endorsement of the Aldermen, as did also a resolution from Niagara Falls, Ont., Council in favor of the Dominion Government revising its pension schedules so as to provide equal pensions for all, privates the same as officers.

Communications.

The following communications were received and dealt with in order as read:

From the Westminster Mills Co., Ltd., Lulu Island, asking to have a new roadway, 16 feet wide, on Duncan street. Received and referred to Board of Works to act.

From the Chief of the Fire Department, reporting the fires during the month ot September, nine in all, and stating the Department was in good order. Received and filed.

From Mayor W. H. Smith, of Vernon, B. C., extending an invitation to the Mayor and Aldermen to attend the Union of B. C. Municipalities convention, opening on the 11th inst. Received and filed.

From Jane Allen and other ladies, asking for a light at the corner of Nanaimo and Jones streets. Referred to Electric Light Committee to report.

From J. A. Guy, asking for a three-plank sidewalk from Alder street to Eighth avenue. Received and referred to Board of Works to report.

From the Building Inspector, recommending that the extension to the life of Thomas Ovens' building next to the Central Hotel to same time as hotel building be granted. Recommendation adopted.

From Reeve Hugh M. Fraser, Burnaby; re U. B. C. M. at Vernon, mentioning that he was informed that legal representatives of railway and telephone companies would take up the matter of railway and telephone rates respectively before the convention, and suggesting that the municipalities ought to have legal representatives present, offering to share expense if New Westminster had City Solicitor McQuarrie accompany Council's delegation to convention.

On motion of Ald. Johnston and Goulet, this suggestion was complied with, and resolution passed accordingly.

From the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, pointing out the desirability of the masters of Canadian vessels being British subjects, owing to war conditions and the necessity in that connection for imparting confidential information on occasion to masters of vessels. Received and filed.

Westminster's Water Supply.

The next communication was from J. B. Challies, Supt. Dominion Water Power Branch, re clearing around Coquitlam Lake, in reply to inquiries from Council. The letter stated that the total acreage around the watershed of the lake was found to be some 766 acres. Of that, 620 acres had been cleared. The remainder consisted of scattered areas at considerable distance from the intake. The B. C. E. R. Co. had expended in this clearing work, under direction of the Government engineers, $650,000. In addition, they had many analyses of the water made, at considerable expense, and had installed an intake system that was second to none in America. The analyses showed the water to be actually purer than it was before the works were carried out, and established New Westminster water supply to be in the very first rank. Altogether, the Department did not deem it necessary or advisable to compel the B. C. E. R. Co. to carry out any further clearing opsrations at the present time. That was about the purport of the communication, which was a lengthy one.

Ald. Bryson, the old time champion for the safeguarding of New Westminster's water supply in Coquitlam Lake, was on his feet as soon as the reading of the letter was finished, with a motion to have the communication laid on the table for a week. He wished to verify the particalars given in the letter. The question, he said, was not whether the water was better than it had been. There was an agreement entered into, and there were three parties to that agreement—the City, the B. C. E. R. Co., and Dominion Government. The city had carried out its part. The Government, as the third party to the agreement, should see to it without quibbling that the undertaking of the B. C. E. R. Co. was carried out. He (Ald. Bryson) was a firm believer in the sanctity of "scraps of paper," for which the sons of the Empire were shedding their blood in thousands on the battlefields of Europe. The German Kaiser thought he could do as he liked with Belgium, and make it all right. But Great Britain said no. The letter spoke of separate scattered places not cleared, continued Ald. Bryson. In his recent trip to Coquitlam Lake, he had failed to see those scattered places. A portion appeared to be cleared around the lake, the remainder was dense forest down to the lake, no breaks at all. As to being far from the intake, all the water had to flow past the intake, so that argument would not hold. Instead of spending so much on the installation of the intake where it was, it would have been much better if the intake had been taken farther up the lake, as the city wished. Mr. Freeman, the Government engineer who had been particularly charged by the late Government with safeguarding New Westminster's water works in this respect, had declarrd strongly for the necessity of this clearing being thoroughly carried out. Now, under a different regime, he appeared to be accommadating his views to theirs.

Ald. Dodd remarked that all the water of Coquitlam Lake did not flow past the city water works intake, as a portion flowed down the Dake Buntzen tunnel, to which Ald. Bryson agreed, but said

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