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Surrey Municipality and the lower portion of the Fraser Valley underwent a baptism of fire during the last two weeks of August.

A school house was burned; logging camps destroyed; settlers' homes went up in smoke; lumber mills were threatened; fences fed flames; railway lines damaged.

Notwithstanding the extensive area covered by the bush fires, the actual damage to timber is reported as comparatively slight, but the loss to personal property is estimated as far beyond any previous forest fire.

White Rock had a very close call, but, although a few of the more outlying summer cottages and settlers' homes were caught, the town escaped with little or no damage.

Strangely enough the danger zone was identical with that of the forest

fire of 1910, when the local post office, F. C. Philips' general store, and Mr. W. P. Goard's house suffered.

Heroic work by the whole community in the August conflagration held the flames in check, although they reached and almost surrounded the Wade residence, now occupied by Immigration Inspector S. White, and scorched the flowers in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leeson's home.

Owing to the fact that another fire was menacing the Townsite property, the White Rock school, and the adjacent settlers, Government assistance was obtained through the efforts of F. J. MacKenzie, M.P.P., and a large gang of men were put on to slash, burn and generally take precautionary measures.

This work was so effectively done under the direction of Capt. B. D. Grant that, practically speaking, White Rock need never again fear a bush fire from adjoining districts spreading to her boundaries.

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COURTESY

"Manners Maketh the Man."

"In every kind of business today the inclination of courtesy is part of the office routine; rudeness or brusqueness is costly."—Telephone Talk.

"It pays to be courteous, even to newspaper men."—Kaslo Kootenaiian.

To have a voice with a smile, to be courteous and to adopt a cheerful attitude towards business details, is especially necessary in connection with the work of those who come in touch with men, women and children at a summer resort. They, for the most part, are out for a good time, a holiday, a pleasure jaunt. This fact may in some measure add to the difficulties of those who are catering to their requirements, but a pleasant manner, a courteous and amicable disposition on the part of the individual who comes in contact with them on matters appertaining to their summer outing will soon prove its effectiveness.

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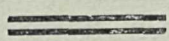
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COURTESY

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The summer season which has just passed brought to White Rock a large influx of visitors, tourists and summer campers. The requirements of this summer population were numerous and taxed the resources of White Rock considerably; in the majority of cases these visitors have returned to their homes well satisfied with the treatment accorded them by the permanent residents, merchants and business men of White Rock.

If there has been any friction or high-handed methods to mar the peace of a seaside vacation, it can be truly stated that the habitat of White Rock were not the offenders.

Dame Nature has bestowed many attractions on the Semiahmoo Bay district; these natural beauties cannot fail to bring an ever-increasing number of visitors as the seasons go and come; a perfect bathing beach; an equable climate; a splendid geographical position, and an easy accessibility to and from the large cities of the Pacific Coast.

If to these attractions be added an unfailing courtesy by local business men, the future of our seaside town is assured.

"The voice with a smile" always wins. There are different ways of doing things, but there is only one right way, and it will be found that more than often the right way is the nice way.

SURREY SUFFERS

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It has been suggested, however, that to make White Rock perfectly safe the Surrey Council should open up the Johnston Road, from the Bonna Vista intersection to the Sea-front Road, and thus not only provide a main section thoroughfare through the centre of the town, but also create a splendid fire break in the event of any internal conflagration.

It is also suggested that the Council, or those whose interests are one with the growth and development of White Rock, should open up two avenues on the Townsite property and thus insure fire breaks and safety to the large number of summer homes and permanent residences situated on that subdivision.

The following "Fire Hints" are published by request:

It is advisable to overhaul stove-pipes occasionally and to discard any lengths found to be worn or ill-fitting.

If possible, always keep a couple of barrels of water and a ladder in close proximity to the house.

Clear away and burn all rubbish and litter that may be round the house and outbuildings.

All summer camping debris should be collected and destroyed.

When practical, a garden hose is a good fire protector.

Always use care; remembering that there is no fire brigade or fire fighting apparatus in our town.

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THE SURREY GAZETTE.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an announcement stating that the name and style of this publication will hereafter be "The Surrey Gazette."

As there is no other paper published in the Municipality of Surrey, and as there is no other printing plant besides our own, the management has decided to branch out from purely district news and to endeavor to cover the whole municipal field.

Arrangements have been made at Cloverdale for an office there, and a representative has been appointed.

For the time being the printing plant and publishing offices will remain in their present quarters at White Rock, but, should business warrant it and the patronage extended to The Surrey Gazette demand it, the "Hub of Surrey" will in due course be chosen as the headquarters for the Surrey paper.

Cloverdale has, in past days, seen the rise and fall of two efforts along the lines of printers' ink. The Surrey Times, edited by Mr. Galbraith, flourished for a couple of years and was printed and published at King Street, Cloverdale; at a later date a printing outfit from Vancouver made a brief stay at Cloverdale, but in each case the support was not sufficient for the investment.

Times have changed since then, and the management of The Surrey Gazette looks forward into the future with confidence, believing that this time Cloverdale and Surrey Municipality, as a whole, will support efforts in this direction, both by their advertising patronage and by a generous answer to the subscription list.

The Surrey Gazette will be issued on the 1st and the 15th of each month. The edition issued on the 15th will be mainly for the Semiahmoo Bay district, whilst the earlier number will deal with matters and news items of more particular interest to Cloverdale, Hall's Prairie and other Surrey points.

Full particulars will appear in the first edition of The Surrey Gazette, which will go to press on October 1st.

**SANITARY CONDITIONS
AND SCAVENGER WORK**

During the summer season, more especially at White Rock, the question of kitchen refuse and general scavenging work presents difficulties. This is always the case in a young and growing community, but it is a matter which calls for prompt attention now that both the permanent population and the summer inhabitants are becoming more numerous each year.

Refuse of all kinds is dumped in the underbrush from houses and camps, the result being that the woods, the railway embankment and the more secluded portions of the Bay shore are full of little heaps of decaying matter of all kinds.

The better system, practised by some of the permanent residents, is to either have a deep pit dug and empty all refuse therein, duly covering same with fresh earth each day, or to have one special heap for all rubbish and have this heap burned at frequent intervals.

As the matter stands at present, decaying refuse is scattered through the underbrush in all directions, and its presence can be decidedly noted during the warm days of September and October.

The committee of residents who have in hand the matter of local improvement along the lines of a public park, electric light and transportation, should add to their program this question of sanitary conditions and scavenging work.

If you are seeking information about
White Rock we shall be
pleased to assist you

WHITE ROCK PUBLICITY BUREAU

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FOR RETAILERS.

Have you ever calculated the annual loss in your returns through failure to put a price on your goods by means of a neat, clean, and legible price ticket?

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No charge is made for freight or postage. Cash with order.

Samples can also be seen at the "Semiahmoo Gazette" office, who are the printers of the majority of these tickets.

RED CROSS TAG DAY.

White Rock's contribution to the tag day on behalf of the British Columbia base hospital, amounted to \$42.00, which sum was creditable considering that the majority of visitors and tourists had already gone away.

**LITANY FOR THE ARMY AND
NAVY.**

God of our fathers, at Whose call
We now before Thy footstool fall,
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's sons on land and sea.

If wounded in the dreadful fray,
Be Thou their comfort and their stay,
If dying, may they in their pain
Behold the Lamb for sinners slain.
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's sons on land and sea.

And soon, O Blessed Prince of Peace,
Bring in the days when war shall
cease,

And men as brothers shall unite
To fill the world with love and light.
Till then, O Lord, we plead with Thee
For Britain's cause on land and sea.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor:

It may be of interest to residents at White Rock that samples of all the milk supplied locally were taken during July, and all were found to be well within the regulations as to butter fat and cleanliness, according to the bacteriologist's report.

F. D. SINCLAIR,
Medical Health Officer.

LOCAL NOTES.

Semiahmoo Bay has the reputation of being the only harbour on the Pacific Coast which is absolutely free from winter fog. Owing to the forest fires throughout the whole of the lower mainland, fog and smoke were very heavy even over Semiahmoo Bay during the latter part of August, for the first time on record.

Nearly three months without a single drop of rain is a record for British Columbia. Such has been the case at White Rock and district this summer.

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To the Editor:

We wish to express our thanks, through the medium of your valuable paper, to Mr. Frank J. MacKenzie for his successful efforts in saving the houses and property of the residents of White Rock when menaced by the recent forest fires. Thanks are due from the whole community not only that the immediate danger was guarded against, but also that the work done by the government gang of fire fighters has practically secured the safety of this town for years to come.

We sign this on our own behalf and on behalf of absentee owners of houses in White Rock.

JOHN STEWART.

JEAINI BROWN.

B. D. GRANT.

J. W. HETHERINGTON.

M. R. SANDS.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. George Huckin, of the White Rock auto service, took a party up to the St. Alice Hotel, Harrison Springs, for a five days "joy ride," during the latter part of August. The auto party had a splendid trip but those fair patrons of the popular chauffeur who were left languishing all departed from the shores of Semiahmoo Bay during his absence. Was it the fires of unrequited love, or was it the fires of the forest that caused their hurried exit?

Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Brown and family from Edmonds, spent the Labor day week end at their summer cottage, Victoria avenue.

Mr. F. D. Rice is staying in White Rock for a few weeks during which time he and associates are repairing the fire sprinkling apparatus at the Campbell River Lumber company's mill.

Mr. Mercet of the British Columbia Nurseries company from Vancouver, is on a canvassing trip to this district. Whilst in White Rock Mr. Mercet attended the meeting of the Surrey school board, held in the White Rock school house, and applied for the contract for shrubs and trees in connection with the laying out of the Surrey school grounds.

Mr. F. J. MacKenzie and Mr. H. T. Thrift were both present at the meeting and pressed the need of an adequate water system for the White Rock building.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and son of Vancouver, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hetherington at "Drumbreugh", Victoria avenue.

Washington avenue, Blaine city, to the boundary line at Douglas, St. Leonard's hotel is now paved and in splendid condition.

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OUR PUBLICITY BUREAU.

During the tourist season especially our Publicity Bureau receives and answers quite a large number of enquiries regarding White Rock and other Surrey points.

The following are extracts from some of the letters handled:

"Calgary, Alta.,
"August, 1915.

"Not knowing any one to write to personally, I take the liberty of writing to you, as we own property (in Surrey) and would like to pay a visit to White Rock for a few weeks."

"Vancouver, B. C.,
"August, 1915.

"We and all our friends had a right down rattling good holiday, and are heaps better for it; so much said for White Rock."

"Vancouver, B. C.,
"August, 1915.

"Can you oblige the writer with the desired information?"

"Vancouver, B. C.,
"August, 1915.

"Will you kindly inform me if * * *
Thanking you in anticipation."

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lee, of Clayburn, together with Miss M. Pearson, of Coghlan, have been spending a couple of weeks' vacation at "Rocklands," White Rock.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, of Ardgowan, White Rock, included Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rae and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rae and family, and friends, Mr. McLaren, the Misses Rae, Miss Brandeau, and Mrs. G. Swain.

Mr. A. J. Crockett, teller of the State Bank of Blaine, has just been appointed to the position of Assistant Cashier. Mr. Crockett was a frequent visitor to White Rock during the summer months.

Dr. Ernest Hall, who was a visitor to White Rock last month, is still contemplating the advisability of erecting a convalescent home here.

The New Westminster Board of Trade has sent in to the Railway Commission a strenuous protest against the petition of the G. N. R. to be relieved from operating the special campers' train. The protest also asks that the G. N. R. be ordered to make the week end tickets operative the whole year round.

Attention is called to the reading advertisement of Mr. Thomas West in regard to Price Tickets. This publication has the contract for printing the greater portion of these tickets for Mr. West.

Mr. George Collins, well known in White Rock as the caterer to visitors who wished for drives behind a spanking little team of horses, sustained a serious wound a short time back and is now in the hospital.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Jasper Sutcliffe, of Vancouver, has been the guest of Mrs. Thornber at Har-Pur-Hay, White Rock; it is due to Mrs. Sutcliffe's treatment that Mrs. Thornber is now practically recovered from the knee trouble from which she has suffered so long. Mrs. A. M. Johnston and her son, together with Master Stewart McPherson, were recent guests at the same house.

LOCAL NOTES.

News from Ridgetown, Ont., states that Mr. Earl Savage, formerly of the Sea View Store here, arrived home safely and is steadily regaining his health.

Miss Mulcaster, of Cumberland, England, is, with Mrs. L. Thornber as a permanent guest.

The G. N. R. are installing an electric alarm bell at the White Rock wharf crossing.

Mrs. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Steadman, whose homes on the Johnston Road were destroyed by the recent bush fires, are staying in the sea-front road cottages belonging to the Townsite Company.

The wedding took place at the latter end of August of Mr. J. C. Thrift and Miss Annie Seely; the bride being a Yorkshire lassie, whilst the groom is the elder son of Mr. H. T. Thrift, of White Rock.

Owing to the fact that the bridegroom is a member of the 104th regiment and a volunteer for overseas duty, the honeymoon was a short one and the festivities in Bella Vista cottage were cut short by the call of the happy husband to the training camp at Vernon. The bride has many friends in White Rock, as she formerly lived here for a short time.

David Hughes, the White Rock realty man, reports further real estate transactions just recently. He sold a lot on the Orchard Beach subdivision for spot cash to a North Vancouver resident, who, it is stated, intends to build thereon.

Motor bus lines and the jitney trade from the cities to White Rock brought down the G. N. R. passenger traffic, but it was noticeable that the railway did not bring down their rates. As these rates are at present much too high, would it not be policy to lower them and thus obviate the necessity of applying for a release of the Railway Commissioners' ruling regarding the campers' "special"?

The B. C. Electric Railway, in conjunction with the B. C. Telephone Co., will, at a future date—near date, it is hoped—co-operate in the erection of a pole line to carry both company's wires at White Rock. It is expected that Victoria Avenue, or the lane between Victoria and Washington Avenues, will be the route chosen. As Victoria Avenue is 90 feet in width, that location would be the most preferable to the White Rock inhabitants.

The Blaine Journal, in a recent issue devoted a column, front page, in reply to a paragraph in the August Semiahmoo Gazette. Editor Sheets admitted that the Semiahmoo Gazette was correct and that "Blaine had it coming and could not protest."

**AUSTRALIAN
CADETS**

Greeted at White Rock.

Labor day at White Rock saw a Picnic of South Surrey Sunday Schools and the arrival on Canadian soil of a troupe of Boy Scouts from the Antipodes. By courtesy of the local Dominion officials, assisted by the G.N.Ry, the Australian Scouts were enabled to receive a message of welcome from the Premier, an address from our residents: both read by F.J MacKenzie M P P: to review the local Scouts, under H.T. Thrift, J.P and to be presented with souvenirs of White Rock by Mrs H.G Lawrence and little Miss Vidal. Lt. Simons, on behalf of the boys from the loyal Commonwealth, responded in a Patriotic speech.

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