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B. B. SMITH

MATSQUI TO BE DIVIDED IN TWO MUNICIPALITIES

At a recent meeting of the Matsqui council a motion was brought in to divide the municipality of Matsqui, making a highland and a lowland municipality of the present municipality. Then Abbotsford, which contains only a quarter of a section and under government control the same as Mission City, except that the government collects the school taxes, steps in and says 'now is our time to incorporate and get a slice in the division.

A meeting was recently held in Matsqui village to consider the idea, and on Saturday last a meeting was held in Abbotsford to talk it over..

The present site of Abbotsford occupies the south-west quarter of section 22, and taking that as practically a centre is seeking to include all of section 22, 21 and 14 and 15.

Two miles square should be a good size for a town or city. There are only six other cities out of the 33 incorporated cities of the province with a larger area than that would give Abbotsford, and these are, New Westminster with 3,481 acres; North Vancouver with 2,750; Port Coquitlam with 6,200; Pt. Moody with 3,000 acres; Vancouver 10,784; Victoria with 4,637 acres, while Abbotsford

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GOVERNMENT GRANT HAS BEEN SECURED FOR FAIR

Secretary Wiggins, of the Agricultural Society, announces that he has received a government grant of $100 towards the prize fund of the fall fair. The directors of the society are urging that those who intend to compete for the usual prizes should plant their seeds without delay.

The late Mr. W. C. Gladwin, of North Vancouver, whose death was recently announced, is a nephew of Mr. Fuller, of this town.

Mrs. Clark and family have returned home after spending a vacation in Victoria.

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ABBOTSFORD, B. C.

THE INCORPORATION PROPOSAL

After a full and interesting discussion of the proposal to have Abbotsford incorporated with portions of Matsqui and Sumas, so as to form a municipality two miles square a well attended meeting of citizens voted against the proposal by 14 votes to 6. The meeting was held on Saturday evening, one hundred persons being present. Mr. Alanson spoke in support of the scheme outlined recently in this paper, contending that if Abbotsford was to grow beyond a country town it should have control, even though its area was at first small. Mr. J. F. Boyd was against the incorporation of a municipality out of an area so small Mr. J. McPhee also spoke against the proposition. All were however agreed that something shiuld be done to improve the opportunities of development in the town and district. The petition which had been circulated to obtain signers for and against the proposed incorporation was handed to the meeting and showed six in the affirmative anl fourteen against. After a free discussion and exchange of views had been heard it was decided that the other suggestion for getting better home government should be fully investigated. It was accordingly resolved that a committee comprising Messrs J. J. McPhee A. J. McGowan, A. McCallum W. Roberts and H. Alanson get together anl consider the advisability of Abbotsford being incorporated along with the unappropriated portion of Matsqui uplands.

THANKS WORKERS FOR AID

The folowing letter explains itself and which this paper has been asked to publish:

To the Secretary Patriotic Working Party:

Abbotsford, B. C.

Permit me in the name of the Voluntary Aid of the St. John's Ambulance to thank the working party for the finished hospital shirts received in good time, and also for the splendid supply of linen pieces. they will go into our collection of linen anl are shipping this week 5 large cases. Amongst our other supplies which we ship this week I may just mention 160 pairs handknitted socks, 110 hospital shirts, 20 suits of pyjamas, a quantity of surgical bandages, pads and wipes. If you would like to do more work I will be glad to send you material, but I wonder if you could not in some way raise money to at least partly pay for your material. We have a large number of workers but are constantly cramped for want of funds.

Yours sincerely,
L. R. CLUTE

B. C. HORSE DANCE A SPLENDID SUCCESS

Approaching sixty couples dancel away a very happy evening on Friday last on the occasion of the first annual dance of the local company of the B. C. Horse regiment. Financial success. A delightful surprise of the evening was the splendid coffee made and served by the soldiers. It is proposed to make this dance the first of a regular series.

HUNTINGDON-MISSION STAGE

The Post hears on excellent authority that some enterprising local people. who are not pessimists, contemplate inaugurating this coming Saturday an auto stage to run to and from Huntinglon to Mission City, with Abbotsford, Clayburn and Matsqui as points of call. At the start two automobiles will be in daily operation.

AUCTION SALE AT THE CANADIAN CUSTOMS

Comparatively high prices were paid for many articles offered for auction by the Canadian Customs here on Thurslay. In some cases approaching normal prices were obtained by Mr. R. Shortreed, who proved a quick and witty auctioneer. There were some humorous episodes. Casey Jones (the original) bought three bedspreads for $4.75, after brisk bidding, in which the ladies present, refused to bid past the one dollar mark. Artful ladies how you lhuckled! When another unsuspecting bargain hunter purchased five bars of soap for twenty-five cents he thought he had a snap until a lady present told him he could get the same quantity and brand new in B. B. Smith's store at "six for a quarter".

People are begining to ask why Mr. A. Johnson, the local barber, is wearing a bland smile. It appears so indicative of coming and changing of events.

The Rev. Mr. Jukes is taking the place of the Rev. Mr. Yates during his temporary absence in Calgary.

Tonight the Scouts will hold their concert.

ON SAFE GROUND

With a fraction of uncertainty on one or two points, such possibly as high prices of feed, scarcity of help, the dairy farmer, nevertheless, the whole Dominion over is actually engaged now in planning for a more abundant milk harvest than ever from his faithful, patient cows. The prudent, farsighted man has cogitated all points such as seed selection, labor-saving implements, better stables, more alfalfa, a new silo, abundant water and the best cultivation he can possibly give to the land owned or rented.

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MATSQUI COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the Matsqui council was held in the council chambers on Saturday April 3rd with the Reeve in the chair and all the members of the council in attendance.

Communications Received

From Royal Columbia Hospital acknowledging the payment of the account of J. Clark and asking payment of the account against Wm. Bailey of Dennison station, who had informed them that he was unable to pay his account at the present time. The clerk was instructed to reply that the are of the indigent patients was a sufficient liability to be borne. that the late Reeve Mr. Meryfield informed the council of 1914 that Mr. Bailey would receive assistance from the Orangemen if he required: that the payment of this account would establish a precedent that would react to the detriment of the municipality, and while the council is aware of the difficulty of collecting accounts from patients under which the hospitals labor, it must decline to pay this or any other similar account.

From A. F. Welch, stating that the owners of lands adjacent to his had met in conference as to the improving of the old ditch which he had dug some years ago. They were of the opinion that the outlet at the boundary would have to be dug before sufficient depth could be obtained in the proposed ditch. Coun. Melander said, that he did not contemplate doing any work there this year, and the communication was ordered filed.

General Manager, B. C. E. R. stated that their engineering department would examine into the question of a crossing at the intersection of the north boundary of the N. W. 1-4 of S. 22, T. 16, and that he would communicate further after the report was received. Filed.

From H. White, complaining that Mr. Rummel had placed bars across the White road at the bridges which made it very unhandy to any one using the road. Coun. Melander reported that he had inspected the road with Mr. Rummel and that while finances would not warrant placing the road on the line at the present time, he thought that temporary fence should be built to protect Mr. Rummel's field.

Owen-McCallum, that Coun. Melander be authorized to have a temporary fence erected for about 9 rods to protect Mr. Rummel's field until the White road has been built on the section line. Carried.

From Messrs Henderson & Taylor, submitting plan of subdivision of the S. E. 1-4 of S. 1, T. 13.

Melander-Owen, that the plan of subdivision of the S. E. 1-4 of S. 1, T. 13 be approved and signed by the reeve and clerk when the taxes are paid for the current year. Carried

Elliott-Owen, that the plan of subdivision of the S. E. 1-4 of S 1, T. 13 be approved, and signed by the reeve and clerk when the taxes are paid for the current year. Carried.

Elliott-Owen, that the official administrator be given assurance that the sub-division plan of the S. E. 1-4 of S. 1, T. 13 is satisfactory to the Municipal council but the signing thereof is necessaryily delayed until the taxes for the current year are levied and paid in full. Carried

They submitted, also a subdivision plan of a 59.93 acre portion of the S. W. 1-4 of S. 6 T. 16.

Melander-Elliott, that the plan of subdivision of the 59.93 acre portion of the S. W. 1-4 of S. 6, T. 16 be approved; and fur-

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THE POLITICAL SITUATION

The political situation does not seem to be any nearer a solution than it was a month ago when the local house dissolved or was it prorogued? For a short time the air was full of politics and conventions were being held for the purpose of nominating candidates to contest the coming election. We almost breathed politics morning noon and night, whether eating sleeping or working, then along comes a postponement of the date of the election; later the report is current that another session may be held; or that the provincial election may not be held until after the Dominion elections.

The true state of the facts as they appear to us at the moment is that the parties in power at Ottawa and at Victoria are both a little shaky about the results should they now go to the country. Past politics have shown that during dull times is not the psychological moment for bringing on an election unless the governing party is tired of controlling the reigns of power There are people who can be convinced, and their vote always counts, that the government is always partly responsible for "hard times" and all the attendant woes that follow in its trail. None but wish to see the country prosperous.

At this time when the country is at war the people of Canada and the province should not long be kept in doubt as to whether we are to have two elections this year or one or none at all. If we are to have an election, let us have it and be done with it. Then we can get down to business. It is bad for the business of the province and the dominion to have an election pending and there to be so much doubt about it. It may suit the politicians but not the people whom the politicians are to represent, or do represent. It is bad enough to have the leeling "Wait until after the war" without having added to it 'wait until after the elections'. We said we wanted to make 1915 prosperous.

That little Chinese boy when writing the composition on the causes of the war hit it good when he said that Belgium said, "I am a country; I am not a road".

Ex-Hon. Joseph Martin may think he is having a whale of a time busting up the two great political parties and unseating Mayor Taylor; but is not the way most people look at it. Vancouver wants Taylor for mayor; and the people want politics run on party lines and Joe will have his work cut out for him when he starts reforms that are too radical.

Will the Dominion Government deport all the foreigners who have become charges upon the public within two years of the time of their arrival in Canada? Is it the idea to carry out the scheme to make it a Canada for Canadians,

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"IT'S A LONG WAY —— ——"

You hear it whistled, you hear it sung, and hummed, you hear it played by bands and orchestras. It is danced to and marched to. This simple music-hall ditty, that has become the battle-song of a nation at war. Many people ask what is there in it that it should so thrill, that it should strike the chords of the human heart with surer sound than the most martial music.

John Wright Buckham answers the question when he says;

"There is loyalty in it, and longing courage and resignation sadness and joy. It speaks of the near and the far-away, the past and the future. One can hear in imagination, in its tender refrain, great racial and individual instincts and aspirations. The lure of the great city is in it and the unforgotten charm of the quiet home hills. Love and memory and hope and resignation is breathing through it, like the sound of a gentle wind through the pines. Manly response to opportunity and duty are there and the tender drawing of idealism and affection.

If one were able to fare to the farthest reach of its meaning, would it not be something like this? It's a long long way to the ideal of human happiness and attainment. It lies far back among the lost joys and aspirations of youth—and yet far forward, beyond fresh battlefields, in a social ideal in which all shall share. For the attainment of theat goal every true man and woman must be willing to endure hardships, danger and suffering, and bewilling to give up ease and advantage.

And it is best to meet this issue bravely and to brighten the long march with a song. For, far away as it lies over land and sea, past weary days and chill nights, past battlefields and hospitals, past victories and defeats there is a Goal.

Call it what you like—the New Humanity, Social Democracy, Internationalism, the Kingdom of God. It stands fair and firm, deep in the soul of man. It is bound to be realized, but not of itself, and not without heavy cost. Toward it all true souls have pressed with song—many melodied, plaintive yet sweet and strong—of which 'Tipperary' is a snatch, echoing through the heart of our bewildered war-darkened but undespairing generation."

It's a long way to that dream which heightened your hopes and mind in the yesterday of youth, my fellow traveller. That dream which made us forget the rough places in the road; which spurred us on high-hearted—yet, however slow may have been our progress it is not so far as it was then. You and I may not live to reach its fruition. You and I may have to leave that to someone else, but if we have been honest in our endeavor to do for others; if we have kept the faith reposed in us by our fellows our trying shall not have been in vain.

It's a long way to everything worth having. Only those things which have small value and of which we tire quickly are within easy reach.

As we journey on it is well to remember this; Long after the great war is ended, and after its last hero has gone to sleep, we still will be singing if only in our souls—"It's a long way to Tipperary."

ORCHARDS OF MEN AT THE FRONT

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture explains itself:

The Horticultural Branch of the Department of Agriculture has been in receipt of many requests, from all parts of the province, for especial attention to the orchards of men who have gone to the Front.

In order that the necessary and proper care can be given these orchards during the absence of the owners, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture has instructed that Assistant Horticulturists give especial attention to requests from those who have left or are leaving for the front, or their agents or representatives. In such cases, Assistant Horticulturists are instructed to visit the orchards and give such advice and instruction as to their care as should give best results.

Further requests may be addressed to the Department of Agriculture direct, or to the Assistant Horticulturists of the districts.

THE GERMAN 'GOOSE' STEP

If there is one thing in particular that distinguishes the German army from all others, it is the goose-step—the ceremonious "high-kicking" step so impressively employed by German regiments in marching past king or Kaiser or other potentate.

The goose-step is accomplished by keeping the knee stiff and by lifting the leg in a kind of kick as high as possible. To see great lines of infantry employing the goose-step, to see them, with erect body and with drawn-in stomach and toes pointed outward at the same angle, lift each leg high and stiff, then bring it thunderously down upon the ground—well that is a striking spectacle.

The goose-step, furthermore, is a fine exercise. Military critics declare that a half-hour of it will strengthen the muscles of the leg and abdomen as much as a full day's marching.

On this account, since the war's outbreak has brought the goose-step into prominence, a great many gymnasiums have inaugurated goose-step classes under the supervision of ex-officers of the army.

It is claimed that with ten or twelve minutes of goose-stepping a day a fat man or woman will reduce the waist measure an inch or more a week. The goose-step makes the leg very supple and shapely.

WHAT THE KAISER HAS SAID

"I am opposed to war."

"The best word is a blow."

"We belong to one another, I and the army."

"You wear the Emperor's uniform, you have therefore been given a preference over other men."

"There is only one master in my country; I am he, and I will not tolerate another."

"The soldiers must have a will of his own—they must all have only one will and that will mine."

The Kaiser issued the following proclamation to his Eastern arm; according to a Polish newspaper:—

"Remember who you are. The Holy Spirit has descended on **ME.** Because I am the Emperor of the Germans I am an instrument of the Most High. I am his sword and his representative. Woe and death to those who resist my will; woe and death to those who do not believe in my mission; woe and death to cowards. Let all enemies perish. God demands their destruction; God, who, through me, commands you to fulfil his will

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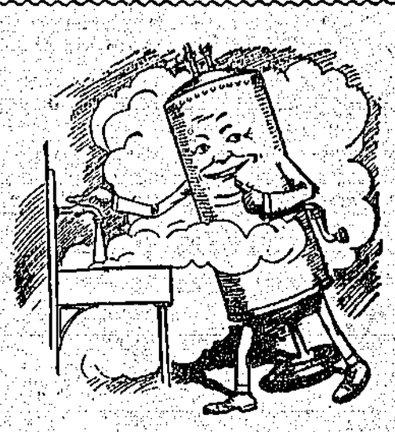

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MATSQUI SCHOOL BOARD

A regular meeting of the Matsqui School Board was held at Gifford on Wednesday afternoon, March 31st.

The full board was present with the chairman in the chair

Minutes of previous meetings were on motion approved.

A number of communications were read and ordered filed.

The matter of improving the school sites and plans of such were considered and to be forwarded to the director of Elementary Education for School Gardening.

Chairman Pratt was empowered to arrange for fencing the Bradner school site.

The secretary was instructed to reply to the communication of the Sumas school board, and state that under sections 15 and 16 of the School Act the Matsqui school board is not liable for the payment of a portion of permanent improvements to the Huntingdon school as per account submitted.

Trustee Page was authorized to have the new flag pole erected at the Matsqui school and when this is done that the first flag-raising be suitably commemorated.

On motion of Trustees Merryfield and Phillips, that the trustees call for tenders for the necessary wood required by the schools in their charge. tenders to be submitted at the next meeting of the board.

Merryfield-Page that accouts be passed for payment.

Phillips-Conroy, that minutes of January 23rd, 1915, be adopted as read. Carried

Accounts passed for payment Repairs, equipments, supplies and other salaries $330.00; the Teachers salaries $1033; Janitors' salaries $53

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Gifford on the last Wednesday in April at 3 p. m.

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would have 2,560 acres.

Of the smaller cities of the province Chilliwack has 1,040; Cumberland 40;; Duncan 500; Kamloops 912; Kaslo 400; Kelowna 1,281; Ladysmith .220; Nanaimo 720; Nelson with a population of 7,000 people has 483 acres; Prince Rupert with a population of 6000 has 2,240 Vernon with a population of 3,500 has 2,000 acres

Judging from the above the proposed acreage of Abbotsford is just about right.

All these cities have indebted ness—money borrowed on the credit of the property and improvements for the purpose of further improvements. Chilliwack has an assessment of $1,357,225 on land $866,360 on improvements, exemptions $313,075; total $2,536,660 and the debt on general debenture is $196,000 local improvement debenture $19,591 and other $8,550 making a total indebtedness of $224,141 for a population of 1800 people. Other cities have also indebtedness ranging from $6,000 for Phoenix to $19,555,506 for Vancouver. From this is can be seen that if so desired when incorporated a city can borrow money for further improvements. The total debt of the cities of the province is $73,747,954.73.

While it may be all right for a city to become incorporated most municipalities of the province should be much larger. The smallest municipality of the province is Kent with an area of 390.46 acres; Matsqui has now 54,145 acres and is among the largest of the province, there being only five municipalities in the province over 50,000 acres: Langley 75,907; Mission 52,000; Spallumacheen 65,000 and Surrey 76,000 acres. There are only six in the province with less than 10,000. It is reported that the new lowland municipality which it is proposed to have will be about 10,000 acres.

Sir Richard McBride has not made public the reasons for his present visit to London but it is generally understood that it is for the purpose of supporting the efforts of those interested in provincial railways to raise the capital necessary for carrying out their projects at a cheaper rate than was asked for funds in New York. It is also understood that while in England he will make the necessary arrangements for capital to enable the government to put the Agricultural credits scheme into operation without delay. Both of these objects are of direct interest to the people of British Columbia and it is to be hoped that the Premier will succeed in inducing British capital to assist in the completion of the P. G. & E. and also that he will return with the assurance of a good reception for the proposed Agricultural Aid Bonds. The above must be right as it is taken from the Kamloops Standard the Conservative organ of the Interior.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

The date upon which the provincial elections will be held is still a matter of uncertainty. It is expected, however, that upon the return of Sir Richard McBride from the east, which will probably take place next week, a definite announcement will be forthcoming. Rumor has it that possibly a Dominion election may be held prior to the Provincial campaign, but to this we do not attach a great deal of importance, and our expectation is that an appeal to the country by the McBride administration will not now be long deferred, and in all probability will take place early in May.

In this constituency the contest may now be said to be well defined. Dr. K. C. MacDonald received the nomination in the Liberal interest at the convention held in Armstrong last Thursday; and Mr. Basil Gardom has also announced that he is in the field as an independent candidate. Mayor Polson of Enderby, who at one time also spoke of getting into the arena, has apparently joined forces with the Liberals, as he spoke at their meeting at Armstrong. It is possible that the Socialists will nominate a candidate, but upon this point we have no information.

Dr. MacDonald is a seasoned politician, having twice before made an unsuccessful appeal to the electors for their support. He has been defeated by Mr. Ellison for the Provincial House, and by Hon. Martin Burrell for the Dominion Parliament. He is an experienced campaigner, a vigorous fighter and a good platform speaker. From past experience we know that he will conduct a clean contest. We believe that he is again doomed to defeat, but we admire his courage and respect his consistency in supporting his party and principles through thick and thin.

Mr. Gardom has not yet announced his platform, but his appearance in the field is held to be the result of a grudge which he entertains against Mr. Ellison in connection with certain quarantine regulations enforced by the Department of Agriculture against Mr. Gardom's herd of cattle on his farm in the Dewdney riding. We shall naturally have something to state in this connection in future issues, but until Mr. Gardom has made public his position, it is obviously impossible to make any reply. In the meantime we may assure Mr. Ellison's supporters that he has absolutely nothing to fear from Mr. Gardom's "revelations." The position of Mr. Ellison in this respect is perfectly unassailable, as will be made abundantly plain before the end of the campaign.

While the situation is admittedly a more complex one than has obtained in former contests of recent years, there is nothing in it to daunt in the slightese degree the courage of Mr. Ellison's friends. He is the regularly nominated candidate of the Conservative party in North Okanagan. As soon as the campaign fairly opens he will enter the fray with all his old-time vigor. He goes in to win, and will emerge a victor.—Vernon News.

It is gratifying to see the fruit industry of the district looking as though it were on a good business basis. We are all vitally interested in the problems and difficulties that confront the fruit grower and the farmer of the district and the province. Every business in the country is depending more or less upon the success of the man on the soil. It is however a very hard matter to deal with the marketing of the products of the soil. We would hope however that each one would do his best to further the interests of the grower and the products, and assist in boosting that the residents of B. C. favor B. C. fruit, vegetables, etc., as much as possible.

Be the result as it may, we are absolutely convinced that a change of methods in marketing our produce is absolutely essential. The consignment system must be swept away before we can hope for success. Any change must be for the better. It would be of more advantage to the community in the long run to have the fruit rot in the orchards than to be sent out at prices that do not begin to pay for the cost of production. Along these lines runs the straight road to ruin.

A proposal is now under consideration whereby one of the Nash houses on the prairies offer an agreement to buy all our fruit at a price to be fixed later on in the season, but with a guarantee that it shall not go below a minimum of one cent per lb. We do not profess to be able to pass judgement on this proposed bargain. This is a matter that must receive most earnest consideration of the new board of directors.. But whether it be accepted or not, we must reach out this season for a closer and more direct connection between the grower and the retailer. The expense that stands between the producer and consumer must be greatly reduced. This has been advocated with more or less persistency since the co-operative movement was started. But two years have now passed, and apparently no real effort has been made to reach this goal. At any rate we are no nearer it now than we were when the Central was brought into being. We say that this must be done or at least a wholehearted attempt be made to reach this end, or a general smash-up of the co-operative system may be speedily expected. We are in possession of information that compels us to accept this view. We know that a very large percentage of growers have determined to cancel their contracts this season unless this policy is adopted. We can conceive of no greater calamity that can happen the industry at this stage than the collopse of co-operation. And we feel certain that this can only be avoided by entering upon a determined effort to sell our fruit direct to the wholesaler and retailer on the prairies and at the coast. This, we admit, cannot be affected with any degree of completeness in one season; but a start in that direction must be made this year if we hope to hold the growers together.—News.

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HUNTINGDON AND DISTRICT

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Trethewey gave an interesting account of her recent journey to Honolulu in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening.

Mr. D. H. Nelson is busy these days getting Uplands Nursery into good shape for a big yield this coming year.

Mr. Paul Taylor is the proud possessor of a Ford car and can enjoy these long evenings in taking trips around the district. Who'll be the next? Can you afford or not afford and pardon the pun.

Mrs. Jeffs returned from Vancouver a few days ago with her new baby girl.

Mr. Clark the skilful blacksmith of the Abbotsford mill company, who brought home his bride a couple of weeks ago, is residing in Mr. Steiss' residence.

Registered at the Abbotsford Hotel during the past week were among others Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McNair and family of New Westminster, T. S. Ryan, S. W. Holland, O. M. Cooke M. L. McPhee, Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark and Mr. E Foster all of Vancouver, H. M. Rich of Ladner, W. Lewis of Seattle and G. F. Kellington of the Royal City.

Have you attached the War Tax to all the various things you should.

One of the finest entertainments ever given in Abbotsford was the interpretation of the pretty Irish comedy Peg O' My Heart given by a travelling comedy company here a few nights ago. The attendance was good considering the depressing and wet weather that "reigned" on Mondal evening.

HUNTINGDON NEWS ITEMS

A new industry may be started in Huntingdon shortly—a first class steam laundry and will be built adjoining the Alexandria Hotel.

Mr. M. Murphy of the Alexandria Hotel is arranging for re-opening of the restaurant in the hotel block, under his own personal supervision.

Mrs W. B. Taylor and Mrs. Ed. Taylor of Mt. Lehman were visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs M. Murphy on Thursday last. They also had as guests Mrs. J. Bowyer and Mrs. Harwell, both of Mission City.

The Ladies Aid held a successful regular meeting in the church on Wednesday afternoon.

There was quite a rush for war stamps at the local post office on Thursday.

Mr. R. L. Gallinger, of the mill here, has returned home after a short vacation with his family at Seattle. The controlling parties interested in the mill are endeavoring to sell the plant.

Mr. Gezley, who passed through Huntingdon Thursday on his way to Sumas hospital reports that Mrs. H. Gazley is slowly recovering from the effects of her serious illness.

MATSQUI COUNCIL

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ther that the same will be signed by the Reeve and clerk when the taxes in arrears are paid. Carried.

From P. P. Lee as to the fence along the Tp. Line road on the north boundary of the N W.1-4 of S. 35, T. 16 stating the fence was built according to the line established by a surveyor engaged by him. The Reeve was of the opinion that the original post was still in place, and Cr. McCallum asked that the matter be left in abeyance until he again visited the road."

From Dr. Port accepting the position of H. M. O. for 1915 at a salary of $75 per annum. Filed.

From Attorney-General re appointement of Police Magistrate, stating that while the department is always pleased to hear from the council any views they may have in conection with the Police Magistrate still the government must take the responsibility of any appointment and not the council. Filed.

From Robinson, Firkins and Loach, submitting plan of subdivision of a 38.02 acre portion of the S. W. 1-4 of S. 7. T. 14

Owen-Elliott, that the plan of subdivision of the 38.02 acre portion of the S. W. 1-4 and the fraction S. E. 1-4 of S. 1, Tp. 14 be approved and signed by the reeve and clerk under the corporate seal and that the clerk be authorized to sign the statement that the Hawkins and the Coghlan roads were constructed prior to 1905 and that public moneys have been spent thereon. Carried.

Matsqui School Board, as to the disposal of school taxes in arrear. Filed.

Tenders

Tenders for work was opened as follows:

Huntingdon road: A. Sinclair $294.00; A. Lindstrom $205; C. E. Gephart $195; R H Williams and H. Hamshaw $175; B Murphy $159; R. Peardon ..140.

The latter was awarded the contract the work to be completed on or before the 31st of May, A. D. 1915.

Riverside Road South—S. D. Trethewey clearing and burning brush ..20; digging ditch on east side $136. ditch on west side 75¢ per rod or 30¢ per rod for cleaning out only: J. F. Carlson $2:50 per ton; J. G. Chaison $287; P. M. Rolf $250; H. Frederickson $244; A. Nordin $241; Gutford Johnson $200. The contract was let to the latter, the work to be done on or before the 15th day of May, A. D., 1915.

Harris Road East—Torlief Spilling & Fred Hansen $398; A. Nordin and L. Svard $340; A. Poignant and C. G. Poignant $334; Hans Steferson $260. The contract was let to the letter, the work to be completed on or before the 15th of May A. D. 1915.

RESOLUTIONS

McCallum - Melander, that whereas the tenders received for the proposed work on the Township line road are considered too high.

Be it therefore resolved that the Municipal council of the corporation of the district of Matsqui that the tenders as before mentioned be, and the same are hereby rejected: and further that Coun. Owen be authorized to proceed with the proposed work by day labor. Carried.

McCallu-Owen, that Coun. Melander be authorized to call for tenders for grading 12 inch. of the Ross road west of S. 11. T. 13 the tenders to be in the hands of the clerk by April 17 Carried.

McCallum-Melander, that W J. Ware and Ben Nelson be paid for fencing where the Ware road was gazetted through their lands some two years ago according to the agreement entered into by the council at that time. Carried.

Elliott-Owen that the clerk be advanced the sum of $25 for the payment of small accounts and petty cash expenditures.

McCallum - Melander, that the clerk notify the B. C. E. R that the culverts on the south Riverside road where the railway crosses are not deep enough to allow of proper ditching of the Riverside road and as that road is being opened we would like that their crossing be put in good repair. Carried.

Owen-McCallum, that Coun. Elliott be empowered to grade the Beharrell road by day labor the cost not to exceed $175 Carried.

Melander-McCallum, that Cr. Owen be authorized to straighten the Coghlan road by day labor, the cost not to exceed $175. Carried.

Elliott-McCallum, that the clerk register the Matsqui road Tax Bylaw, 1914, Amendment By-law 1915. Carried.

Owen-McCallum, that Coun. Melander be authorized to do repairs on the Towlan road at a cost not to exceed $100 Carried

Owen-Elliott, that Coun. Elliott be authorized to use the grader on certain roads in Wd. I. the cost not to exceed $50.

Melander-Owen, that Coun. McCallum be authorized to do repairs on the Nelson road at a cost not to exceed $50; also to expend a sum not to exceed $100 in the Ware road in opening up the south end of the said road.

McCallum-Owen, that Coun. Melander be authorized to have the necessary repairs made on the Lehman road west from the Ross road to Mr. McDonald's place, the cost not to exceed $50. Carried

Owen-McCallum, That Coun. Ellitt be authorized to have the ditch through the C. P. R. property and Matsqui Main Street deepened or put in a new ditch to drain the road or street leading past the Matsqui ware house, and to furninh 6-inch tile for the same. Carried.

McCallum-Owen, that Coun. Melander be authorized to call for tenders for about 7 chains of ditch along the LeFeuvre road south of the Yale road. Carried.

Owen-McCallum, that Matsqui Municipality remain a member of the U. B. C. M. Carried.

Owen-McCallum, that the Municipal Council issue cheque to the Secretary of the Matsqui Farmers Institute for 52 cases of powder $6.10 per case. Carried.

Owen Melander, that a note payable on or before the 31st day of December of the current year be signed by the reeve, clerk and Finance Committee under authority of the Temporary Loan By-law 1915, for the difference between the salaries of the teachers and janitors for the month of March and the Government grant for the same month, and that the clerk be authorized to endorse the note as follows: 'The liability incurred by the within note is a liability payable out of the municipal revenue for the year 1915. Carried.

Bills Presented for Payment

H. Bose. U. B. C. M. $30; W. J. Marsh 2 days work on the Jubilee Hill $4.50; Matsqui Farmers' Institute 25 cases of powder $152.50 E. Nascou, Huntingdon road $1.50; Henedrson & surveying roads in Ward I. $52 Townshipline road in Ward 2 Frank Raines powder $12.35; D McDougald $29.81; V. Ferguson $30.94; J. A. Morrison $30.94 J. A. Morrison $87.67. J. Dennison road repairs $6.75; Dennison road repairs $6.75; Mt. Lehman Lumber. Timber and Trading Co.. Ltd., pipe for Bates road flume $2.40; C. L. Clark boxing ditch on Tp L. Road $28.52; Evans, Coleman & Evans vitirfied pipe for Bell. road $24.60; P. A. Johnson repair Riverside and Page roads $10.-13; Burnett & McGugan, maps $3.75; Mott Harvey, bounties, $9.70; James Conroy, bounties $2.20; E. Elin bounties $1.00; King's Printer $1.80; C. M. C. advance as per resolution $25; postage $1.50; travelling expenses $4.00; School accounts general $330.33; salaries for March $1055.00; janitors $53;

Elliott-Owen that the bills be paid. Carried.

Melander-Owen, that note authorized at the meeting of Council of the 20th day of Mar. be increased to include the amount of the overdraft arising from the payment of the accounts as passed, not including the salaries of the teachers and janitors for March; and that the clerk be authorized to endorse the note as follows: 'The liability incurred by the within note is a liability payable out of the municipal revenue for the year 1915.' Carried,

The council then adjourned to meet in the Exhibition building of the Matsqui Agricultural and Hor. Assn. at Gifford on Saturday April 17th at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

James Gibson, C. M. C.

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Jas. H. H. Nelson, Barrière B. C

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that any parties having claim against the estate of the late S. S. DeLair are requested to furnish same before the First Day of May, 1915.

Dated this 26th Day of March 1915.

THOMAS DELAIR

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