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MATSQUI COUNCIL MEETS

The first business of the new council, meeting at the hall on Mt. Lehman on Monday, was to consider an appeal from Peter Halverson to withdraw the last act of the old council.

This was relative to the old charter giving rights to the farmers of Matsqui for the laying of waterpipes along municipal roads, a franchise given to them as the Matsqui Waterworks Company. It was at that time the intention of the farmers to convey spring water from the hills to Matsqui village. As nothing had been done by this company, the 1919 council decided to withdraw the council decided to withdraw the franchise.

Before the bylaw was finally sealed Mr. Halveson, president of the Water work Company, begged for a retention of the charter. The reason work had not been prosecuted, he stated, was the high cost of labor and the higher cost of piping. Expecting a fall in these charges before long, the farmers were waiting a little longer. Original estimates on the scheme gave $10,000 as the total cost. Today the same work would require an out lay of $40,000. If only a 25 per cent. reduction took place in a year's time, that would mean a saving of $10,000 to the settlers.

The reeve contended that the charter was faulty in that it stipulated no time limit. There was also nothing to prevent it being sold to outsiders who might exploit the people He suggested the cancellation of this and the granting of a new franchise when the farmers were ready to act on it.

Mr. Halverson emphatically denied the rumor that they had offered to sell their rights. The farmers had put in about $800 for incorporation fees, elections, etc., and it was not fair to cut them out by cancelling this charter.

As a meeting of the Waterworks Company is arranged for next Saturday the council decided to defer action until next meeting, when a delegation from the farmers is invited to meet them.

Matsqui figured again in the proceedings with a suggestion from the manager of the Bank of Commerce at Mission City that their Matsqui branch handle the municipal account This at present is in the Bank of Motreal at Westminster. Several of the councillors favored the change as being a saving in exchange on the cheques. A resolution authorized a special meeting to be held after the Court of Revision on February 9, when Manager Mathewson will be given an opportunity to state reasons for the transfer. The Bank of Montreal has treated the council with much consideration in the opinion of the reeve.

The claim of the Royal Bank of Canada at Abbotsford for this account will be a very strong one if the proposal made by the reeve is consumated. He had been asked by the Abbotsford Board of Trade to get the feling of the council on the admisison of Abbotsford into Matsqui municipality. The Abbotsford people, it was said, are tired of paying taxes beyond benefits received and of paying without having any say in the manner in which their taxes were expended. They were too small for incorporation, and felt they would be better served by absorption into the municipality

The council considered a plebiscite would be required for this serious step anyway, and as the year was before them they had plenty of time to consider it, therefore no definite action was taken.

The Canadian Natinnal Railway has notified the council of an intention to impound all cattle found on their right-of-way, and has requested information on the localities of the pounds. The only one in the municipality is at Matsqui, and this is likely to be well filled unless the guards are improved.

Trustees Pratt and Jackman with Secretary Brice presented to the council the school estimates for 1920.

As these were $7000 higher than 1919, some explanation was needed. Apparently the reasons were satisfactory as the council accepted them in full.

The chief increase is in teachers' salaries, which are $400 higher than last year, caused by three additions to the staff, and sundry increases in the salaries of present teachers.

The $17,000 total was made up by. Teachers $8000; janitors, $800; secretary, $500; medical, $150; auditor, $25; treasurer, $25; insurance, $25; fuel, $120; to Abbotsford and Langley school districts $750; supplies $1000; repairs, painting, etc., $2250; incidentals, travelling, miscellaneous and emergencies, $1000.

Two new schools must be built which it is hoped to obtain by an appeal to the department of education. These are Aberdeen and Glenmore.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED

Two bills were introduced Monday by the minister of lands in the legislature. One to amend the Soldiers Land Act, provides that the sum which may be devoted to the purchase of land shall be one million dollars, instead of the half million voted last session.

The money is to be taken from the provincial revenue.

The other bill amends the "Crown Lands Sub-Purchasing Indemnity Act." The act of last year gave purchasers until May, 1920, to apply for relief or for an extension of the time for making payments. Under the present bill such applications will be entertained until the first of May, 1920. The act applies to lands that may become forfeited to the crown and also to lands purchased from private holders.

On Feb. 13th the W. A. of St. Matthews church will hold a Valentine whist drive. (Girls will be hostesses.)

ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the board of trade was held in the G.W.V.A. rooms on Monday evening, Feb. 2nd with a good attendance.

Nominations for membership were G. R. Wright, F. W. Johnson, R. Leary, J. Cottrill, L. McPhee, C. Gray, W. W. Groat, F. E. White and all were duly elected.

Two replies, from advertisements re jam factory, Hon. E. D. Barrow, M. L. A.

The following were elected officers:

President, Geo. H. Kerr, (re-elected); 1st Vice-president, J. A. McGowan; 2nd Vice-Pres., Reeve McCallum, Secretary N. Hill was re-elected. Council Messrs A. H. Harrop, Thomas Delair, F. J. R. Whitchelo, E. A. Hunt, C. Spring, R. H. Eby, R. J. Shortreed, F. E. White, S. D. Trethewey. Chairman of Committees, membership, C. Spring, A.H Harrop, Reeve McCallum; Publicity, F. J. R. Whitchelo, Finance N. Hill; Agriculture, A. H. Harrop; industrial J. A. McGowan; entertainment, R. Leary; roads and streets, R. J. Shortreed; fire and light, R. H. Eby

It was decided to at once take the necessary stops to establish a pound by-law in the townsite.

The secretary was authorized to get full particulars from attorney-general in regard to the necessary steps for amalgamation with Matsqui municipality.

The secretary was also instructed to write the B. C. E. R. regarding the poor light and heat on tram cars in Fraser Valley; also write various clerks of municipalities to co-operate.

CARMICHAEL—McGILLIVRAY

On Wed. Jan., 28th at the home of the bride's father, Huntingdon, Miss Nora McGillivray and Mr. Fred Carmichael, were united in marriage Miss Carmichael, sister of the bride groom acted as bride's maid while Mr. Hugh McGillivray, cousin of the bride, assisted the groom. After a wedding trip to the coast cites they will reside in Abbotsford.

Mrs S. Woolgar and Miss Hildred La Faive are guests of Mrs. Geo. Zeigler.

Mrs. J. Starr of Sumas was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Boothroyd, Cloverdale, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. W. W. Groat spent a week in Vancouver.

Miss Vera Hunt spent the week end with her parents.

Mrs. McGuire, Brandon, Man., has been visiting her brother, F. J. R. Whitchelo.

Mr. and Mrs. McGowan spent a few days in Vancouver.

Mr. Coogan made a busiess visit to Vancouver this week.

Mrs. Bedlow and family have been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Alder, Cloverdale.

Mr. F. J. R. Whitchelo was in Vancouver attending the funeral of a relative this week.

Miss Annie Hart has left to train for a nurse in St. Paul's hospital.

On February 10th the W. A. of the G. W. V. A. will entertain the wives and children of the returned men of the district at a tea in the G. W. V. A. hall at 3.30. All soldiers wives are cordially invited; and in the evening Mr. F. B. Stacey, M. P. and Sergt. W. Drinnan, secretary of the G. W. V. A. who has just returned from a conference at Ottawa, will speak in the subject of pensions for Returned Men at 8 p. m. All come.

PREMIER OLIVER HAS SURPLUS

It was announced at the house this week that the present government has a surplus, having spent less than the revenue of the province.

The excellent manner in which the public works of the province have been carried on during the past year (?) and increased taxation should make all admirers of the premier very proud indeed. A little more to help increased production would really have had a better smack to it.

PERSONALS

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. E. Sluter, a son.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts on Feb. 1st in Abbotsford hospital a daughter.

The W. A. of St. Matthews church held a most successful whist drive on January 30th, when nineteen tables of whist were played. These winning first prizes were Mr. Geo. Kerr and Miss Gilbert; consolations went to Mrs. Wililams and Mr. O. Zeigler.

Owing to some cases of flu in Straiton the school there has been closed and Miss Ina Fraser, the teacher, is visiting her sister Mrs. J. Steffin, Chilliwack.

A parent teacher's meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:15.

A pan-cake social will be held at the home of Mrs. J. K. McMenemy on Shrove Tuesday, February 17th. in aid of the missionary fund.

Mrs. Plumridge of Mission visited her sister Mrs. Renner on Monday.

The Chilliwack District Orange Lodge met at Mt. Lehman on Feb. 3rd at 11 p.m. with delegates from 1470 Chililwack, 1867 Abbotsford, 1868 Mt. Lehman, 2290, Aldergrove. After general business was dealt with election of officers was held resulting as follows: J. McLean W.C.M., 1867; J. Robertson, W.C.M. 1470; H. McNeil, chaplain, 1867 J. Bates, R.E. Sec. 1867; C. Ramsay, Financial secretary 2290; A. McLean treasurer 1868; A. Carson, D. of C. 1470; H. Israel L.E. C. 1868. Several interesting addresses were given by the retiring officers and it was decided to hold the 12th of July celebration in Chilliwack. The semi-annual meeting is to be held at Aldergrove. The Mt. Lehman lodge put up a sumptuous repast which was enjoyed by the delegates present The meeting closed at 3 p. m.

Mr. Frank Elliott formerly of Abbotsfordis fireman on the Sumas-Guichon run.

Mrs and Miss Grace Kennedy attended the induction of Rev. J. L. Campbell into Knox church, Collingwood East on January 27th.

Mrs. H. P. Knoll has returned from Victoria bringing Mr. Knoll's mother with her.

Mr. G. H. Kerr is a delegate to the Board of Trade convention at Vancouver this week.

Miss Fisher of Vancouver is the guest of Mrs. Ferris.

Mrs. Alex. McCallum is visiting her son in Vancouver.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. McGowan on February 4th.

Mr. J. Walker, organized a "Boys' Drill and Temperance Club" in the Presbyterian church Feb. 4th with a membership of 26. They meet every Wednesday evening in the S.S. room at 7:30 sharp.

Mr. S. Trethewey has purchased the house formerly occupied by S. Kravoski and his daughter, Mrs. McDaniel will reside there.

Mr. Geo. Robinson, Vancouver, has bought the Miller ranch.

Mr. Howard, Vancouver, has purchased Mr. Matt Nelson's home and the Nelsons have gone to reside on Matsqui Prairie.

Provincial Inspector Anstey of the high schools and Inspector Sullivan of graded schools, visited Abbotsford on Monday last and found the schools in good shape, teachers and pupils doing good work.

The L.O.L. New Era, No. 244 held a banquet on Saturday evening, Jan. 24th to their returned men.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Teng celebrated their first wedding anniversary Feb. 3rd, when about twenty friends assembled to congratulate them.

Mrs. McMillan is visiting friends in Bellingham, Vancouver and New Westminster.

The Misses Mabel and Maude Hume of New Westminster were the guests of Mrs. Parton over week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Teng are visiting in Vanvouver. Mrs. Teng intends spending a month in Victoria with her sister.

Mrs. Tapp, Huntingdon, and Mrs. Parton were chosen delegates from W. C. T. U. to attend convention in Victoria.

Mrs. (Rev.) Robertson went to Seattle where she met her daughter Mrs. Frazer, and both have gone to San Diego and other points south.

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Plums Are Picked Almost Every Day—

The reason put up some for not having the bridge over the Fraser river put up at the present time is that 'the country cannot afford it.' This is an old story, almost threadbare. We have heard it given by many different governments during the past thirty years and yet governments go on spending money and collecting revenue to take the place of that spent; further they are getting into debt more and more all the time. We can compare our provincial debt or our dominion debt with that of ten years ago and we find there is a vast difference between now and then, and it was not all spent on account of the war either. This is a new country and money must be spent to develop the vast resources until such time as the country is properly developed and can stand on its feet alone. It is business and good business to hasten the day of full development. We reap the benefit as we go along. The country subscribed Victory Bonds not long ago to meet the demands that the country needed to carry it along. The people are assuming part of the debt of the country,showing that they have faith in Canada's future.

At Ottawa during the sessions; at Victoria during the sessions, and also at other seasons of the year the lobbies are full of men who are after something for some district in the province or the dominion. The successful lobbyist is the one who wins out and carries away the plum for his district; and sometimes while the other hungry fellow looks on with wide open eyes and mouth, wondering how it was done. The political plums are being picked successfully almost every day, either for some individual or some district in the broad dominion. When the plums are all picked is the only time to stop picking.

It has been said that if the Mission-Matsqui bridge were built as the board of trade motion calls for that there would be other districts after the same thing. That might be true but the 'early bird carries off the worm' and the fellow with the original idea should certainly be encouraged, especially when it benefits the country in the way of development. Precedents are established every day in the year both at Ottawa and at Victoria, and all other capitals throughout the Empire; and the man who carries off a plum for his district is looked up to by his fellow man. A successful plum getter is surely a favorite with the people.

Mackenzie & Mann captured an excellent plum when they sold the C. N. R. to our dominion government; so did the Grand Trunk people; and so did New Westminster, years ago when the bridge was built across the Fraser river. Dewdney has not captured many plums, but it sure did pick a good one when the bridge was built over the Pitt River. We are not saying any of these things were wrong but we do say that none of them was done in a day or an hour; the proper necessity was placed in the proper light before the giver of these perfect gifts.

This district of the Fraser Valley might be capturing a plum in the Misison-Matsqui bridge, but there would be a great many people who would derive the benefit, and by the time everybody had a bite out of the plum this district would only get but a small taste, which goes to prove that the benefits of a bridge at the point mentioned would very greatly help in the development of the Fraser Valley. The benefits would be not only Valley wide but would spread its good effects for many miles around. Thousands of people besides the people of Matsqui and Mission would share in the usefulness of the structure.

It behooves the people of this district to ke ep after the bridge and if the present member or members of this district cannot reach high enough to grasp this plum, let us search and place in the proper position those whose strong arm and powerful intellect can devise ways and means to a successful end.

There have been intimations in the press despatches that scores of Socialist aviators are entering Canada to avoid the roundup by the United States government, should serve as a warning to the government and the immigration staff. Canada has given a home to many hundreds of these gentry and made them welcome as did the United States under the impression that our free institutions and broad liberties would induce them to abandon their destructive views and become good citizens. Events of the past year have shown that hopes built on these promises were false hopes. Life in Canada, life in the United States, has not changed the Reds. They are here as they were in Eurpe,—enemies of the social order, bent on tearing down and destroying the established institutions, to replace them with the kind of government they have given Russia. The lesson has been so plainly taught that all must understand and appreciate the seriousness of failure to recognise the possible consequences of neglect to make plain the foundation principles of our government system; that if there is to be revolution it must come peacefully and through the recognized channel, the ballot box. Those who preach and advocate any other form of social and economic revolution are enemies of the state and deserve to be so regarded.

The board of trade meetings in the city of Vancouver—the get-to-gether meetings of this week are bound to have their effect on the future development of the province. The programme shows that Vancouver realizes there are other questions, than the immediate questions of the city, that need boosting in order to push along development throughout the province.

The Fraser Valley on the north side of the river should from every point send in a vote of thanks to the Vancouver Board of Trade for the able assistance given in bettering the mail service between the coast cities and all points along the C. P. R. line. Mission City along with the other towns now secure their mail on the local several hours earlier than for many months past, the mail coming in on the Agassiz local in the evening and going out on the local in the morning. This certainly facilitates business and puts all these points nearer the big business centres.

To destroy a newspaper, even though it is a week old, shows, in the opinion of the Chinese a gross lack of character; to crumple a printed advertisement shows the haste of unreason; to toss a book carelessly on the floor shows a tendency toward violence; to tear a printed page shows that you are mentally deficient. It is a sad commentary on the quality of much of our reading that we of the Western world, where illiteracy is rare, have so little reverence for the printed page.

There are a number of people who think if the town were a little larger it would be in better shape for incorporation ;while on the other hand Grand Forks claims that its city is too big to properly administer; and says that 'there are people in the city who have been paying taxes for twenty years who have neither city water nor light. It is the city's duty to supply these people with modern conveniences before she begins to sigh for the conquest of new territory,' meaning the amalgamation of Ruckle, a neighboring district.

Abbotsford is tired of self-government for school tax purposes and wants to throw in its lot with Matsqui school district. Many believe this would be better business. Misison City is a part of Mission municipality for school purposes and the scheme works well, at least we hear but little complaint at the present time; and the district has an excellent school system.

W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition in this province, has made much headway during the past year among the people of the interior, the island and the larger cities at the coast. Wherever he has spoken big crowds have attended and invariably listened to his expression of the methods of the present government. In fact, so strong have been his presentations of the existing political conditions in this province, as well as the lack of business charged against the government,that Mr. Farris has mounted his mule and been charging here and there with the ancient sword in his hand trying to cut away the impressions made by Mr. Bowser. It is taking a good deal to stir upu Mr Farris, but Mr. Bowser has at last succeeded in doing so.—Standard-Sentinel.

The mule has apparently laid up Mr. Farris as the latter was reported sick a day or so ago. They say it takes a real good man to ride a mule.

The government candidate who wished for many years health and the ability to lead the loyal opposition for many years, must have read the hand-writing on the wall and just said those kind words to ease his conscience.

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The use of the word "Liberty" is especially fitting, says the same exchange, and in more ways than one.

The advantages of this form cannot be over-estimated. The saving of time and mental effort would be immense. All holidays and anniversaries would always fall on the same day of the week. A promissory note given for any number of weeks, months and years would always come due on the same day of the week it was given on. The plan also provides that Good Friday and Easter Sunday shall always be observed on certain fixed dates. This was contemplated when our present calendar was adopted.

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That fills his mother with dismay,
And so she says, "Don't get your books,
You mustn't go to school today

He doesn't look so very ill,
And yet he has no appetite
And always we're alarmed when Bill
Don't yearn for food, by day or night.
He sits, all huddled in a chair
And sort of seems to droop and pine
A little picture of despair
Until he hears the clock strike nine.

The magic clock; the magic hour!
When little children are distressed,
Combined their wield a healing power
No doctor ever has possessed!
The dreaded bell has pealed its last,
The drooping child is well assured
That school-time now is safely passed
And lo! He suddenly is cured!

He hurries to the pantry shelf
His face with wakening health aglow,
The breakfast he denied himself
Is put where breakfasts ought to go.
And though such craft is one so small
His prudent mother must deplore,
She's rather thankful, after all,
For she's not worried any more.

B. C. AGRICULTURE

British Columbia has pledged assets of agricultural lands suitable for settlement, 50,000,000 acres timber lands of saw material, 349,568,000,000 board feet; coal lands 83,828,523,000 tons. Production for the year ending December 31st, 1918, was: Agricultural $49,543,008, mining $11,083,093, lumbering $54,162,523, fishing $21,518,495, general manufacturing and other industrial, approximately $50,000,000. These figures show an increase of from 11 to 40 per cent, compared with the figures for 1917. Agricultural shows an increase of 31.55 per cent.

SURREY SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

An analization of the estimates for the current year on the ordinary expenses of Surrey schools shows that salaries, janitors' wages, supplies, fuel, repairs, grounds and items of a like nature run up to the figures of $70,900.

ATLIN MEMBER IS DEAD

Frank Mobley, member in the legislature for Atlin died at Victoria this week. A bad cold first, then pneumonia developed.

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STACEY MEETS THE MISSION CITY BOARD OF TRADE

At the request of the board of trade here, Mr. Stacey, M. P., met the board on Monday evening to talk Mission-Matsqui bridge.

There was a good attendance of the members and some outsiders to hear what were the prospects of having a bridge across the Fraser at this point. The enthusiasm got quite a shock before the end of the meeting, but the majority have quite recovered again and will still boost for some means of transportation across the Fraser besides the Mission-Matsqui ferry.

The people of this district are so enthused over the matter still that if there is no signs of a bridge over the Fraser by the time of another election comes around that they will be inclined to support the one who is most enthusiastic over the securing of the desired results—the Mission-Matsqui bridge.

The president called the meeting to order and had the following motion read by the secretary:

Inasmuch as the C. P. R. has refused to allow their bridge to be converted into a combined traffic and railway bridge;

Resolved that this Board of Trade apply to both the Dominion and Provincial Government for a separate traffic bridge to be built across the Fraser River at the town of Mission City, and would suggest that the cost of this bridge be borne by the Provincial Government, the Dominion Government and the people—division of cost to be as follows: one-third by the Province, one-third by the Dominion, and the remaining one-third to be advanced by the Dominion Government, and to be liquidated by a toll to be extended over a period of years.

Further that the bridge be built across the Fraser to land at the foot of Horne Avenue, the present wharf at Mission City, as this would necessitate but a small piece of road to be built on the south side of the river to connect with the Huntingdon-Riverside road, which runs about due south from the Fraser to the International Boundary line at Sumas, Wash.

The neighboring municipalities of Matsqui and Mission having heartily endorsed the plan of a brdge at Mission City, we think the time is ripe for the construction of this bridge.

We humbly beg the Dominion and Provincial Governments to go into this matter without further delay.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mission and Matsqui councils the Boards of Trade at New Westminster and Vancouver, the Good Roads League, Vancouver and New Westminster, for endorsation; and also to the Provincial and dominion governments through our representatives.

Several of the members of the board spoke to the motion. Mr. Alanson giving a number of reasons for the Mission-Matsqui bridge. Among these being the connecting up of the two districts of Matsqui and Mission, the alternate route via Blaine or Sumas City to the coast cities of Vancouver, the better means of crossing the river at this point to connect with the proposed Hastings Highway on the north side of the Fraser, which desides giving Mission City and district a hard-surfaced road to the coast is intended to relieve the traffic on Kingsway; tourists would thus pass through a rich and fertile district giving them a better impression of the district and the productiveness of the country, provide a shorter route home via Sumas to tourists back from the up-country trip, and what was practically more important to the growth and development of the district would give two transcontinental railways instead of one for t he shipping of the fruit, thus providing a wider range of market, and would give the district competitive freight rates. These and other things were pointed out by the speaker.

Mr. Roche pointed out the advantages of another road for both districts, besides being a connecting link to the two rich growing districts. a more expeditious method of doing business, without loss of time, which was so esential to greater production.

Mr. Catherwood pointed out that it would the more firmly connect the two ditrict s. Mission City and district being a fruit district, was also a natural market for much of the hay and grain of Matsqui prairie, and the ferry system was most unsatisfactory It had ever been the plan of former members to find reasons why the bridge should not be built, but he hoped our present member would adopt a different plan.

Mr. Stacey was then introduced to the meeting and he immediately launched out asking where he could get a strong reason for having the bridge built. He said, what reason or reasons have I for broaching the the government and asking that they be requested to pay for two-thirds of the cost of the bridge. He said, your financial proposition would not appeal to the department as a good financial proposition owing to the fact that the Dominion Government are asked to pay two-thirds and the Provincial Government one-thinrd and get all the benefit, as it would take ages to pay the one-third in tolls, which they advance.

He wanted to know why the Dominion Government should pay any part of it. Unless a very strong case was put up it would be establishing a precedent that there would be no end to. He had in mind two other points on the Fraser that will be putting in the same claim, and still other points throughout the Dominion.

He then dwelt on the financial condition of the dominion, stating that it was practically evident that they would witness no special expenditures and giving his reason therefor.

Last year the department gave considerable for dominion building for the purpose of putting returned men to work.

He wanted to know what answer the provincial government had given and was informed that the provincial government saw the importance of better connection between the north and south side of the river.

Several in the me eting asked some questions while others gave suggestions. Ex-councillor Aish of Matsqui pointed out the necessity of the bridge, and humorously made seval remarks that put the audience into good humor.

Finally Mr. Stacey stated that he would placet he request before the government as requested, but seemed to have no faith in good results.

He then suggested over the top of the C. P. R. bridge or the planking of the bridge so as to permit traffic.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Stacey for meeting the board and others, and on rising he asked that he thought the next step would be to withdraw the motion.

The meeting then adjourned.

Two of Mission City's multo-millionaires, one still active in business and the other retired, as they boarded the train on Wednesday morning left word with our worthy postmaster, to toll the editor, that they were on their way to Victoria to get John to build the bridge, and might come back with it in their pockets.

At the end of the present month Mr. C. Illingsworth will spend all his time with the manual training in Mission City; the Pitt Meadows teacher of manual training will take charge of the Maple Ridge schools.

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