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MT. LEHMAN NEWS

The True Blues have started a Whist Club which is well attended in the Orange Hall.

The boys are getting drill exercise to the strains of the bag pipes.

The business meeting of the Presbyterian church was held last week and was addressed by Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, superintendent of Missions for B. C. Reports were submitted from the various organizations. Mr. Alex Gillis reported for the board of managers which was satisfactory con sidering the hard times Mrs Bell and Mrs. Geo. McCallum reported for the Ladies' Aid who had raised $150 for the manse debt. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the ladies for their good work. Mr. A. O. Thomscon reported for the S. S., which showed increase in attendance and receipts. Rev Mr. Reid reported for the session and gave rather surprising statements regarding the work. He said he had during the year walked 465 miles and travelled on B. C. E. R. about 500 miles and visited 120 families. Rev. Mr. Kerr of New Westminster gave a splendid lecture on student life in Germany He spoke on the many good features of the German people; their educational system he said was the best in the world, far beyond anything ever attempted in Canada., in his opinion. The learned gentlemen explained in a very clear and interesting way their dominating militarism and causes, which led to the present terrible war Their theory of might is right was at present undergoing a severe test and their militarism would crush the aspiration of a great nation. The next monthly lecture is to be given by Rev. D. A. McRae of Cloverdale on "Christian and Social Problems" On Friday 26th February in the Orange Hall The Pied Piper of Hamlin will be acted by the school children trained by Miss Reid A forenoon service at 11 a. m. is to be arranged once a month in the church to meet the needs of those who cannot attend the usual evening service at 7:30.

The first service of this kind will be on Sabbath 14th February at 11 a. m. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. as usual

Please keep in mind the date of the grand concert to be given on February 19 at the Alexandria Hall to help the funds of the True Blue Orphanage. There will be songs, dialogues, tableaux and other interesting diversions. One of the star attractions will be the comic dialogues, of "Pat's Dilemna" and "Dr. Snowball"

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SUMAS SCHOOL BOARD

The first meeting of the school board for the year was held at the Huntingdon school on January 30th Present: W. Porter, W. Roberts, T B. Straiton and E. E. Austin.

Trustees W. Porter and W. Roberts the newly elected trustees took the oath of office.

It was found that nominations to fill the vacancies of trustee at the recent election had been called for three trustees, two having finished their term of office and one having resigned. Three nominations were entered, but that of Mr. Straiton was void, as he had another year to serve

It thus happened that a bye-election must be held to fill the vacant seat, and the Returning Officer agreed to conduct it without cost to the Board.

Trustee Porter was re-appointed chairman for 1915, and J. W. Winson secretary.

The date of the bye-election was fixed for the third Monday in February, poll if necessary to take place on the following Saturday.

A long and careful debate was made over the estimates for 1915, these being finally passed at $500 lower than 1914.

Estimates in detail: Salaries over government grant $960; Janitor work $290; Firewood $200; Secretary $20.00; Power for Huntingdon $15; Assessing, Postage, Stationery, etc., $55.00 To Abbotsford schools (less Matsqui Subs.) $200.00; Emergencies $150.00; Supplies $200; Total $2150 In hand $550; amount required from council $1600.0.

The appointment of Miss Kent to Majuba School and her resignation in two weeks later owing to serious illness of her father was accepted by the board. The recommendation of Miss Elliott by the nspector as teacher at Majuba was accepted and position confirmed.

It was decided to divide the salary for January of $60.00 between Miss Kent and Miss Elliott

Resolved:

That in future the floors of the schools be oiled in future: Trustee T B. Straiton to attend to Kilgarde and Straiton schols; Trustee Austin to Musselwhite and the secretary to Majuba Hill. The janitor work in the outlying schools to be paid for at the rate of 5 cents per diem for sweeping and 5 cents for fire building.

That the parents of children attending municipal schools from outside of the school district be charged each child a pro rata amount of the cost of running the school.

That tenders be called for the delivery of 30 cords of wood for the Huntingdon school—maple, alder or birch, four foot lengths, by July 1st payment on delivery.

Various communications were received and dispatched.

Board adjourned to March 6th.

TEN PER CENT CUT IN TEACHERS' SALARIES

School Board Approves of Flat Reduction in Case of All Teachers in High and Graded Schools.

A reduction of 10 per cent. in the salaries of all teachers in the High School and graded schools was decided upon by the Boarrd of School Trusteees. The cut, as authorized by the board, makes no distinction between the high salaried and low salaried teachers. All must suffer proportionately. The saving effected bf the reduction is estimated to amount to $18,775. The reduction will become effective as from January 1 and will be operative for the present year

There was some discussion as to whether the reduction should be made on the basis of a graded scale according to the amount of salary paid, or made by a flat reduction on all. Trustee Dinsdale suggested that on salaries over $100 the reduction should be 12 1-2 per cent, and under $100, 10 per cent. Trustee Deaville's motion for the 10 per cent cut all around was approved.

The Abbotsford Hotel arrivals during the last few days included G. H. Haveman, of Bradner, J. J. Banfield and wife of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sainsbury, of Vancouver, T. S. Fillimore of Victoria, A. Richardson of Vancouver and F. M. Johnston of New Westminster.

FRUITGROWERS' CONVENTION MEETS IN VICTORIA

Annuaal Convention of the B. C. Fruitgrowers a Grand Success—Many Delegates from All Parts of The Province.

The annual convention of the B. C. Fruitgrowers held its convention on Tuesday and Wednesday last in the Agricultural Convention Hall of the Parliament Buildings. Some matters of vital importance to the fruitgrowers came up for discussion during the course of the meeting and very interesting addresses were given at the morning session by Sir Richard McBride, Mr. F. W. Peters and the president of the Association Mr. F. C. Ricardo, who read his annual address.

A very good attendance was recorded. and, judging from the interest manifested, the convention, says the Colonist, was a marked success.

Mr. Ricardo in opening the convention with the presidental address said that he was very much encouraged by the large attendance of the members. many of whom had come at their personal expense all the way from the Interior of the Province to take part in the meeting. There had at first been some doubt as to whether the annual convention should be held on account of the war and its consequences. In view of the fact that it was a matter offirst importance that fruit-growing one of the province's greatest industries should be fostered and that everything possible should be done to support and encourage it, especially since the past pear had not been entirely satisfactory it was all the more important that the industry be operated along the best lines in 1915.

British Columbia fruit had proved itself to be just as good as that produced over the border, and in many cases, far superior. Boxes would be secured at less cost this year, which would naturally tend to materially cutdown one of the greatest of a fruit grower's expenses. The 1914 harvest had been 20 per cent. over that of 1912.

Reduce Cost of Production.

British Columbia farmers should throughout the year, endeavor to keep in touch with shippers and bring the cost of production down to a minimum. The outlook for the year was generally very favorable to the development of the industry as the best prices would be received for the produce.

Mr. R. M. Winslow, the secretary read the report of the executive and the secretary, which also covered that of the advertising committee transportation committee, ransportation committee, legislative committee, the labor committee and the treasurer.

The provincial work done by the executive during the past year had been towards securing publicity for British Columbia. It was urged by the executive that the advertising be continued, and the government support had been granted in this direction.

The membership for the year had reached a total of 876. The general returns were the lowest recorded in recent years. In various branches of the industry advances had been made, but the general conditions were against high prices. United States fruitgrowing had had a good year and the crop was better than any since 1876, consequently the Americans had enjoyed considerable control of the markets. but this year, with wages for farm hands less and with various other expenses reduced, the crop should be profitable

The transportation service had been generally satisfactory and the freight rates to the Interior of the Province had been reduced, and by the inauguration of the Kettle River Valley Railroad, the carrying of the freight to the coast would be very greatly facilitated. Trade with Australia would be more vigorous this year, as all difficulties in carrying on interchange of freight with this country had been overcome.

The price to consumers would be approximately the same as last year, and, with a wider export market, all competition from other countries would be checked.

Mr. F. W. Peters was then called upon to speak in regard to the transportation services that would be afforded the fruit growers. He stated that the railways were all interested in the work doing their best to rendered a satisfactory service to the growers throughout the Province.

He reported satisfactory gains in the freight shipments from various fruit centres in the Okanagan district over those of the previous years. In Penticton there had been an increase of 29 per cent; in Summerland, 8 per cent; Peachland 40 per cent; in other points on the Okanagan 42 per cent; in Vernon 51 per cent.

In May the Kettle River Valley Railway will open, although the exporters will not gain much benefit from it until later in the year. Mr. Peters described the various routes of the railways and gave a brief from the coast into the Interior. A large number of tourists were expected to pass through the fruit-growing area next summer on account of the Panama-Pacific exposition, and arrangements would be made for this reception.

Sir Richard McBride was warmly welcomed by the Association, and he made several remarks tending to encourage the industry, and assuring the members that the government was devoting much attention to the various questions relating to the industry.

"I feel that I have been specially privileged," said Sir Richard, "on this occasion when I am enabled to meet with delegates from all parts of the province of British Columbia who, at their own expense of time and money have come here to render what assistance they can to the development of the fruit industry. In these times of financial stringency, it speaks well for these gentlemen, who have sacrificed so much to attend this meeting.

"Last year the crops were large and the harvests excellent, but every year we see how best we can improve conditions. I have no specific information as to what you propose to discuss particularly, but there are a few points to which I wish to draw attention.

"Frst of all. I wish to express my appreciation of the timely aid and assistance rendered by the fruit growers whoh ave gone out of their way in order that the work of the department may be more efficient Many of your members have done heroic work in aiding the industry.

"It seems to me that the co-operative plan should be more generally promoted, for I believe that through its agency a good deal more profit would be derived.

Need of Co-operation

The time has come when there should be greater unanimity of co-operation throughout the province. Economy should be sought and, with co-operation, we are not without hope that its benefits will be obtained.

"The conditions that beset the Empire at the present time are felt here, although we are not in contact with the daily happenings, but we are making many sacrifices and are prepared to make more. We have proved our ability to face the difficulties which now confront the Empire, and we have demonstrated ourselves as equal to any emergency (Applause).

"We have had to bear some unfair competition from the country to the south, and while I would be the last to say anything that might affect the equilibrium existing between the two nations, we have ourselves to consider first always, and there is only one conclusion to be derived from the wholesale shipments of American goods into our own legitimate markets, that we may try to obtain the support of the dominion government. We should spare no effort in that direction, and endeavor to impress upon the authorities at Ottawa the necessity of increasing the duty on fruit from the United States.

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FRUITGROWERS' CONVENTION MEETS IN VICTORIA

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"I honestly feel that the whole situation may be adjusted without any increase in cost to the conusmer In an effort of this kind we may expect the co-operation of other provinces of the dominion.

"For twenty-two years we have been working against an adverse money market. Capital has always been wanting, but you have gone ahead with the work, despite the fact that the money expected was not received. But the province has a future that cannot be taken away, and the fact cannot be questioned. It should be a source of pride to think that while the present stringency and the troubled state exists, we can still go ahead with our work and province."

A hearty vote of thanks to the Premier was moved by Mr. R. M. Palmer, and seconded by the president, Mr. Ricardo.

In the afternoon session was heard a report from the markets commissioner Mr. Forsyth Smith, on his work during the past year in stimulating trade with the Prairie Provinces and Eastern Canada.

On Wednesday a number of resolutions were passed as follows:

1. "That the full pint hallock and crate be adopted as a legal and a standard package for berries, thus equalizing competition with imported fruit, particularly berries.

2. "That the dominion government be requested to enact legislation compelling dealers receiving fruit on consignment to make returns to the shippers, showing condition of fruit on arrival; to whom it was sold, the buyers' address and the price received therefor and that returns be made at least once a week."

An address on "Cooperation in the Okanagan" was then given by Mr. R. Robertson, manager of the Okanagan United Growers, who has been one of the chief agitators for co-operative movement among fruit growers for some time, and whose efforts in that direction have already brought many excellent results.

Mr. Robertson stated that the true spirit of co-operation should be for the members to bind themselves together by contract or penalty and give aid to those that are weaker and unable to bear as much burden as the others. He reported that the movement was making substantial progress in the Okanagan, and was gradually making for better conditionsthroughout the province. He paid tribute to the department of agriculture, the Deputy Minister and Canadian Pacific Railway, all of whom had rendered very great assistance in the various ways towards promoting the co-operative scheme. At present, he did not think it practicable for the producers to act as their own salesmen, but it should be quite possible to eliminate the profits of the wholesalers and jobbers by sending goods direct to the retailers.

Causes of Depression

Mr. Robertson cited two reasons which he accounted for the depression in the fruit growing industry last year from a financial view point. First of all, of course, the war and its susequent uncertain financial conditions had naturally been detrimental. The second cause was the prevalence of reports during the summer that large crops were being harvested everywhere, and that the prices would consequently be very low.

The United States lately had been very succcessful with its apple business. The reason for this was simply because the farmers on the other side of the line were enterprising and had used better business methods in marketing their produce. Columbia fruit, however, was vastly superior to American, and if similar methods to those employed in the United States were adopted in British Columbia there should be little difficulty in checking all competition.

As to the results gained by the United Growers, Mr. Robertson said that the cost of various commodities such as box material, had been considerably reduced and that not a single official complaint had been received from consumers in regard to the goods supplied in speaking of the likelihood of more trade being carried on with the Antipodes, he mentioned the fact that British Columbia apples had proved themselves superior to the Washington products and that they had secured a ready market.

With regrd to the outlook of the fruit industry in the Okanagan he said that efforts would be made towards the amalgamation of shipping intrests. The country had the climate, the land and the people, and by avoiding the mistakes that had previously been made, the indications pointed to real prosperity in the days to come, such as yet had never been enjoyed.

The remainder of the morning was spent in the discussion of the resolutions, a report on by-products and a general discussion on various points brought up in the address of Mr. Robertson.

In the afternoon the discussion was continued until the arrival of the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Price Ellison.

"I have had several previous opportunities," he said, " to address the Association, but what I have to say to day will be on very different lines. The time has passed when the Department of Agriculture had to urge the fruit growers of the Province to continue in their work and to give instructions as to how the industry should be conducted. You have become the most epert fruit grower in the world, and not only do you produce the best apples, but you have gained for yourself the reputation of being the most expert fruit packers in the world."

The Minister stated that he remembered the birth of the industry in the Province when the first carloads were being brought to the coast, and it was a striking contrast to what was going on today. The progress that had been made not only reflected credit on the farmers themselves, but also on the efforts of the Department of Agriculture, which had never ceased in its efforts to better conditions.

He felt that co-operation was absolutely necessary, and stated that the Department was very much in favor of its promotion.

A plea was made by the Minister for economy in all things pertaining to the operation of the industry. Better results could be obtained in a financial way by not paying so much attention to the packing and cutting down expenses in that direction. He advocated the growing of other produce besides fruit on fruit farms, and drew attention to the fact that clover and alfalfa could be grown very profitably in conjunction, thus allowing no waste space on the farms.

The Minister believed that a large trade in fruit could be developed with the United Kingdom by shipping through the Panama Canal. Efforts were being made to secure a higher rate of taxation on fruit coming from the United States, which would naturally tend to check all competition coming from that quarter.

The fruit growers of the province had received large loans of money from the government, but when it could be proved that the money had been used in the best possible way to foster the industry and had been found inadequate, then the growers were perfectly justified in asking for further assistance. As in the past years, it had always been the aim of the provincial government to do all in its power to foster the industry in every way possible.

At the conclusion of the address, which was received very enthusiastically by the Association, a general discussion took place, chiefly conecrning the co-operative work of the Salmon Arm fruit growers.

The other business transacted included the resolutions reported by the resolutions committee; the amendment to objects of the Association, and the election of directors for 1915

The evening session opened shortly after 8 o'clock, the first hour being taken up with the discussion of a few minor points. Then Mr. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture addressed the meeting. He pointed out that the prices this season had been very unsatisfactory. Perhaps financial conditions were partly responsible, but the principal reason was the slumping of fruit from the United States. The only protection for this was by raising the tariff, representation to this effect had of course, already been made to Ottawa by the fruitgrowers, who could be assured that the provincial government were supporting them.

Mr. Scott pointed out the increase in the tariff was not the only way to insure fruitgrowers getting a good price for their produce. The cost of production must be lessened, they must economise, and he strongly advised them to patronize their own cooperatinve associations and not to underrate the value of advertising. With regard to exhibits this year, all efforts of the provincial government would be centred on their exhibition at the Panama Exposition. The C. P. R. had agreed to house the exhibit in their own building and to give all the assistance possible in making it a success.

The following directors were then elected: Victoria, W. F. Somers; Duncan-Nanaimo, R. M. Palmer; Lower Mainland (south of the Fraser) George I. Thornton; Lower Mainland (north of the Fraser) Mission and East) F. M. Shook; Lower Mainland (north of the Fraser, west of Mission), J. C. Metcalfe; Salmon Arm Armstrong, F. D. Nicholson; Vernon-Coldstream, W. C. Ricardo; Okanagan Centre-North Kelowna, J. E. Reekie; Kelowna (South and East), W. C. Pooley; Summerland, R. V. Agur; Vernon-Long Lake, W. S. Foggo; Penticton, E. W. Mutch; Similkameen, J. J. Armstrong; Kettle River, James Rooke; Arrow and Slocan Lakes, Thomas Abriel; Nelson and Lower Kootenay, James Johnstone; Kaslo and Upper Kootenay, E. Norman; Creston and East Kootenay, James Compton; Gulf Island, Alex Law; Lytton to Kamloops (including WestLillooett) C. E. Barnes; Peachland-Westbank, J. L. Vicary.

The executive were re-elected unanimously, as follows:

W. C. Ricardo, president; Thomas Abriel, vice-president; F. D. Nicholson, R. M. Palmer, Jas. Rooke, W. S. Foggo, Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Agriculture, W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, ex-officio; R. M. Winslow, secretary.

At the afternoon session of Tuesday's convention a report containing much valuable data was read by the markets commissioner, Mr. J. Forsyth Smith, on his activities during the past year in the Prairie Provinces and elsewhere, with a view to stimulating and promoting trade in British Columbia fruit.

Mr. Forsyth Smith pointed out the different requirements of the Eastern markets, especially of Toronto and Montreal. The favorites were generally of prime favor and possessing long preserving qualities. A larger shipment of peaches could have been disposed of had the British Columbia growers been aware of the fact.

In the shipment of rhubarb, competition was found chiefly from Walla Walla, where the carloads were mixed with other vegetables. In strawberries there was a much smaller market as there was not so much preserving done as in former years. Wherever they were received, however, they were appreciated, and there would probably be a greater demand for them next year.

Trade in apricots and cherries was somewhat confused last year, and more advertising was recommended. There was an over-supply of tomatoes which accounted for a considerable slump in the price. Very little sentiment was ever expressed in the wholesale business, but what there had been was favorable to British Columbia.

In regard to obtaining publicity for British Columbia fruit, the commissioner advised the appointment of salesmen who would carry samples of the various fruits and give lectures wherever they went. The plan, while it seemed somewhat radical, was operated last year with great success. Various circulars were being distributed but practical demonstration was much more effective and had been proved more desirable.

B. C. FEDERATION

Convention at Nanaimo Elects Officers and Adjourns, to Meet in Vancouver Next Year.

The fifth convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor adjourned in Nanaimo Thursday last, to meet in Vancouver next year.

The resolution of Delegate Robertson, of Nanaimo, declaring in favor of a general strike the moment war was declared between the United States and Great Britain, which resolution was referred back to the resolutions committee at Tuesday's session of the convention, was amended and endorsed by the convention, the amended resolution reading as follows:

"Resolved that all labor bodies throughout Canada and the United States, take up the discussion of such questions as anti-militarism, general strike and organization work, so that they will be in a position should occasion require, to take definite action in such a way as will make war impossible."

PACIFIC FISHERIES

A Montreal news item says that it is believed in that city that there will be great expansion in the fishing industry on the Pacific coast of Canada. It is being stimulated to some extent by the closing of the North Sea, but the belief is expressed by those whose opportunities for judging are of the best, that even after the war the development will go on. The item goes on to say:

Three Canadian express refrigerator cars, carrying 60,000 pounds—thirty tons—of prime halibut taken from the waters of the Pacific Ocean off Prince Rupert, B. C., passed the city en route for St. John, N. B., where the fish is to be shipped by SS. Scandinavian to the British market. A trial shipment of 20,000 pounds of halibut was made up in Prince Rupert last month and when opened up in England was found to be in first class condition, leading to the placing of other large orders. It is only since the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental line a few months ago that Prince Rupert fish has been on sale in Eastern Canada and the United States. Remarkable catches are being made by the fleet in the North Pacific fishing grounds, declared to be the richest in the world, and the fish is at once placed in ice and given a quick run over the Grand Trunk Pacific. In the case of the shipments to Great Britain the fish is carried over 6,500 miles before it reaches the consumer, but so perfect are the refrigerating precautions that it loses none of its delicacy.

THE CULT OF FORCE

Professor Harnack in a recent article on the outcome of the war, after admitting the possibility of a German defeat, said: "We can at least die" Why should the Germans look upon death as the last resort of their nation? No other people have any wish to kill them. All they need to do is to go home and behave themselves and no one will seek to injure them. Certainly they will be required to give some better guarantee of good behavior than a "scrap of paper" will be; but when they have agreed to arrangements under which the peace of the world can be secured, they will find those, whom they have chosen to consider their enemies, ready to afford them every facility for advancement in peaceful pursuit.—Ex.

An attempt was made recently to burn a C. P. R. bridge east of Revelstoke. A tool shed was destroyed

Kamloops will be a mobization camp for the next contingent, says Gen. Sam Hughes.

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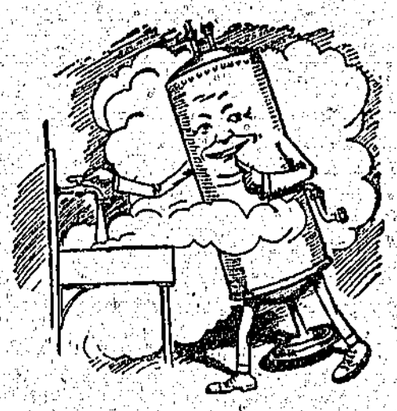

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TEACH AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS OF PROVINCE

Department of Education and Agriculture to Co-operate in The New Course of Instruction—Summer Course Successful.

For some time past the Department of Education has been making investigations and formulating plans preparatory to the inaugurating of agricultural instruction in the public and high schools of the Province.

Following the appointment of a Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, a special course of instruction in agriculture and school gardening was arranged under his direction, and, with the assistance of a number of instructors from the department of Agriculture, was successfully carried out. Teachers from all parts of the Province attended this special summer course, 175 being registered in it, the largest class of summer students in agriculture ever assembled in Canada. Running concurrently with this course in rural science, manual training and manual arts, art and music, each of which attracted large classes of students teachers, the total attendance registered being in the neighborhood of 600.

The splendid success which attended this first Summer school for the teachers in British Columbia has led the Department of Education to decide to continue it during the coming summer. For those who completed last year's course in rural science and school gardening a second and more advanced course will be given leading to a special diploma in elementary agriculture, which will entitle the holder to a special bonus in connection with the teaching of that subject in the public schools of the Province. A preliminary or first-year course will also be given for teachers who did not attend last year.

Agriculture in School Course

The Department of Education has also decided to include agriculture as an optional subject in the high schools, thereby making it possible for boys to pursue this branch of study after leaving the public school. Competent teachers, with special qualifications as instructors in the various branches of agriculture, will be appointed in these high schools, which will be chosen from those schools situated in the best agricultural districts. These agricultural specialists, in addition to teaching agriculture proper, will also assist in teaching of some of the regular science work of the high school, especially the biological part. They will also spend a part of each week supervising the work in elementary agriculture and school gardening in the public schools of the districts or municipalities in which the high schools are situated. Extension classes in agriculture will be opened in these particular high schools for boys and young men who are not regular students in the high school and who can give only a portion of their time to such studies. These classes will be held either during the day or in the evening, as may be found convenient or desirable.

In addition to the organizing of elementary agriculture, nature study and school gardening, the Director is giving his attention to the general improvement of school grounds. As a rule, the school grounds throughout the Province are not in keeping with the school buildings, which certainly are scond to none in the Dominion of Canada. In many cases the grounds are too small or are in such a rough state as to be of little use for recreation or for study. Some of these grounds need draining, many grading and leveling, practically all need planting and beautification. Hereafter the school grounds and gardens will be regarded as part of the school equipment, and grants will be made towards their improvement and upkeep. These departmental grants will be made consequent upon grants for a similar purpose being made by the school boards themselves. To help in this, plans are now under way for the establishing of a Provincial nursery, where suitable trees and ornamental shrubs, as well as many kinds of herbaceous perennial flowers will be grown from seed for distribution to schools throughout the Province.

Benefits of Proposals

There can be no doubt as to the many benefits and the far-reaching influences that are bound to result from the carrying out of such an advanced policy in education and in school improvement. Anything and everything that makes for the better training of children and that fits them to take their place in the world of affairs as well as of letters is bound to be a good investment at the present time in this province. Through the introduction of agriculture in the course of study for boys and girls in our public schools, the Department of Education has begun that which cannot but produce an awakening of interest amongst the young people of the Province in scientific agriculture. If this interest can be fostered and maintained by the combined efforts of the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture, with its various branches for instruction and demonstration, and through the Provincial College of Agriculture, with its facilities for scientific instruction and agricultural research, it will not be long until British Columbia will be in possession of the greatest bulwark of strength and stability of which any nation can boast—a prosperous and contented rural population.

The delegates present from the Fraser Valley were:

M. F. Shook, Hatzic,
J. C. Metcalfe, Hammond,
E. Osborne, Mission City,
J. A. Catherwood, Mission City,
Thos. Catherwood, Hatzic.
Geo. Scoffin, Chilliwack,
J. H. McDonald, New Westminster
R. C. Abbott, Mission City,
R. H. Treherne, Agassiz.

Women's Institutes

The convention of Women's Institutes of Ontario met recently in Toronto. City people were astonished to learn how large was the number of delegates and how orderly and businesslike were their meetings.

The women of Ontario were the first people in the Province to see that if farming was to revive conditions in the rural districts must be improved. Since that the organization has spread throughout Canada. It has done much to make life less difficult and happier in rural districts. The women themselves have come together and discussed matters of household management. They have learned from each other how to do their work better and more quickly. They vie with each other in the improvement of their homes and gardens.

Through the instrumentality of the Institutes rural schoolhouses have been improved and libraries established. It may be that in some districts less has been done than enthusiastic leaders could have wished but, on the whole, life has been awakened and a spirit of helpful co-operation aroused among the women.

This has been turned to good account since the outbreak of the war. Work has been done for the relief of the Belgians, for the Red Cross Society, and for the Patriotic fund that could not have been accomplished unless an organization had existed.

There can be no question that Women's Institutes will continue to prosper. There is so much that country women can do to bring about prosperity, happiness and goodness in their districts and, in this way, to the nation. The day of isolation and drudgery has passed for the country woman. There will be hard work but it will be carried on more intelligently and with many more conveniences. Women will know one another and take an interest in each other's welfare. They will learn to make more of the resources they have. Their gardens will be more productive, their poultry better cared for. More important than all, their homes will be happier and their children better trained and taught. The women of the Institutes realize that home-making is the chief business of women and that nothing connected with it is of little importance. In this the chief value of the organization lies.

Independence

How can one preserve the spirit of independence in hard times is a problem which faces many women in our own city this winter. It can only be done by refusing to take assistance unless it is absolutely necessary. As long as wood can be had for the labor of preparing it, no one should ask for fuel. If fish can be caught and there is anyone who has time to go for them, the table should not be without them. Whatever talent the mother or any member of the family may have should, if possible, be turned to account before assistance is sought.

Everyone who buys a home-made article or gives an order for work of any kind is helping to preserve good citizenship. The man or boy or woman who can find work of any kind to do, even if it is hard or disagreeable, should on no account become dependable.

The growth of the pauper spirit is the evil to be fought against in such times as these. That the charitable societies see that this canker has already begun to destroy the usefulness of some of our people is a cause of grave apprehension. There are girls who would rather remain idle at home than accept low wages. Hundreds of men are content to leave their gardens uncultivated while they are waiting for employment. As many women neglect to use their spare hours in making some article which they could sell, perhaps for only a small sum, but one that would help to keep things going.

A deputation waited upon the Victoria council at its last meeting asking for more money for publicity purposes for the coming year.

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HUNTINGDON AND DISTRICT

NOTICE

N.3013-14
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Between
GEORGE RICHARD NELSON
Plaintiff
And
FRED H. BOWEN
Defendant

To Fred H Bowen,
Sometime of Hazelmere, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of November, 1914, a writ of summons was issued in the above action by the above named plaintiff which claimed (a) judgment against you for the sum of $500.00 principal and $28.35 interest on the sum of $500.00 from the 13th February, 1914, to 1st November, 1914, at eight per cent. per annum, making together the sum of $528.35, and further interest on the sum of $500.00 at 8 per cent. per annum till payment or judgment, upon a covenant contained in a certain agreement for sale and purchase dated the 13th day of February 1914, made between the plaintiff as vendor, and the defendant as purchaser, for the sale and purchase of the North Easterly Ten acres of the North Half of South East Quarter of Section 20, Township 7, Municipality of Surrey, New Westminster District; and in default of payment: (b) That an account be taken of what is due to the plaintiff by you for principal interest and costs under the said agreement, and in default thereof that you be foreclosed of all interest in the lands referred to in the aforesaid agreement of sale; (c) a declaration that the plaintiff is entitled to possession of the said lands; (d) the costs of this action; (e) a Lis Pendens.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that by order dated the 10th December, 1914, it was ordered that the publication by advertisement in this form of the said writ of summons and of the said order in all issues of the newspaper published in Abbotsford, B. C., known as the "Abbotsford Post" for two successive weeks should be deemed good service of the said writ of summons upon you.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in default of your causing an appearance being entered for you at the office of the District Registrar of this Court at the Court House, Vancouver B. C., within eight days after the last of such advertisements, the plaintiff may proceed in said action and judgment may be given in your absence.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 28 day of December, 1914.

A. F. R. MacINTOSH
Plaintiff's Solicitor
122 Hastings St. W.
Vancouver, B. C

Oved fifty people comprised the party which went over to the dance at Gifford on Friday evening. The strong turnout appeared to be highly appreciated by the Gifford folk with a very happy evening's enjoyment.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell was a visitor in Vancouver early this week attending the Presbyterian Synod held there on Monday and Tuesday.

Considerable local interest was shown in the visit on Tuesday of Army Purchasing Captain Cunningham who bought three horses out of twenty-five exhibited for sale by local ranchers and others. In view of the very strict inspection and exacting requirements of the authorities in selecting horses for use in the war the percentage is considered a good one William Fooks and E. P. Ruthig were among the sellers of steeds.

At a recent meeting of the managers of the Presbyterian Church Mr. McMenemy was added to the board of management.

Captain Cunningham who came out to buy horses for military purposes brought his own assistant, an expert rider, who gave the horses he tried out some idea of what they would be required to do on the battlefields of France.

In a week or so now the A. T. and T Company mill will be running in full swing again. The repairs are about completed. The concern has a large order for government ties similar to the huge quantities now being cut at the Fraser Mills.

February 13th is the date of the Valentine afternoon tea and cookery sale arranged under the auspices of the W. A. of St. Matthews Church. The event will be held at the Gazley block.

Miss Edna McMaster was the hostess of a delightful party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McMaster on Wednesday evening when fifteen friends passed several happy hours with games and a dance.

Despite tight money and the high price of feed for stock business is pretty much the same as usual in and about Abbotsford. One hears few kicks coming up, the warm sunny weather is as a tonic even to pale pessimists and with the near approach of spring, with its tendencies to brisker trade, it is little wonder that the people at Abbotsford still wear a happy smile. Wih a good bunch of agriculturists and other settlers all round the town and well established merchants satisfied within it, Abbotsford will be among the first few places in Canada to share in the coming prosperity.

HUNTINGDON NEWS ITEMS

The Ladies' Aid met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Tapp.

Dr. Draney, who until recently a prominent figure in the life of Huntingdon and who will leave with the third contingent as medical man has located temporarily on Vancouver Island.

Mr. and Mrs. George Washby, who have lived on a ranch near this town for the past two years leave tonight for Manitoba. Mr. Washby intends locating with his brother there.

Mr. H. M. Frith of Vancouver was over last week end to spend a few days as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser.

Mr. B. T. Malcolm was a visitor in Vancouver on Monday his son Foster watching the interests of the store in his absence.

Mr. G. C. Kenny and Mrs. Kenny arrived in town on Wednesday after spending a very enjoyable two months trip at their old home in the Eastern States. They look well and appear to appreciate the sunny winter of B. C.

Miss Turnbull reports that last week business was rushing at the postoffice and that as far as the people who do business at the wickets are concerned there is little evidence of any financial stringency in Huntingdon. More than that, the Dominion post office dpartment does only a strict cash business.

A very interesting program was rendered at regular meeting of the Social Service League held on Wednesday.

Arrivals at the Alexandria Hotel during the past few days included Messrs H. W. Mustard, of Vancouver also Mr. and Mrs. R. Campbell of the same Coast city.

Mrs. Jensen, who was for a short time housekeeper at the Alexandria Hotel has moved to Vancouver.

Mrs. J. S. Murphy intends spending the coming week end with friends at Vancouver.

Mr. Mackstead of the local mill, has returned from atrip spent on the Coast.

The fact of Mr. Charlie Brown of the local pool hall buying a new piano in supposedly hard times is said to be a sure indication of the truth that in Huntingdon business is very much as usual.

SUMAS SCHOOL BOARD

FIREWOOD

TENDERS are hereby called for the delivery of THIRTY CORDS of split maple, alder or birch, in four foot lengths, to the Huntingdon School.

Wood to be cut this spring and to be delivered dry, by July 1st; payment to be made on delivery.

TENDERS to be in hands of Secretary by March 3rd. 1915.

J. W. WINSON, Secretary.

J. T. Armstrong has been sent to Victoria from Fort George to look after incorporation.

PROVINCIAL NEWS ITEMS

The people of Ganges want sidewalks.

Last year Phoenix collected $906 in police court fines.

Eggs have been retailing at 40c per dozen in Nelson.

Four hundred and ninety-two children attend the Cranbrook school in Cranbrook.

In Eholt the other day two patriarchs celebrated their joint birthdays. They had not spoken for a number of years but made up and drank out of the same bottle.

Granby will pay dividends again this month.

Creston will harvest 100 tons of home grown ice this winter for local use. Some hot town—one ton for each citizen.

The Creston Review is seven years old and the editor gets three squares a day yet.

Grank Forks has $7.807.29 to the good after paying off the year's expenses; then say a small incorporated town has a hard time, even under good management.

Gen. Sam Hughes told the Revelstoke people the other day when he passed through that their town was to be made a recruiting rendezvous for the third contingent.

Lieut. Peters of the Destroyer Destroyer Meteor which took a prominent part in the North Sea fight is a son of Hon. Fred Peters, formerly premier and attorney-general of British Columbia.

LIQUOR ACT, 1910

(Section 35)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th day of February next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a license for the sale of liquor by retail in and upon the premises known as The Royal Hotel situate at Huntingdon, B. C., upon the lands described as Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32, Block 27, Huntingdon Townsite.

Dated this 3rd day of Jaunary 1915.

J. B. SIMPSON, Applicant.

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