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JOE WALTERS OF YALE SEES POLITICAL LIGHT

The Member for Yale Scores the Oliver Government for its Road Methods—Foreman should sit in House Instead of Present Minister Of Public Works as he is the Boss.

Joe Walters, the member for Yale true to his observations during the past summer, when he travelled for the Soldier Settlement Board, when he had a pretty god idea of how the provincial government spent the money voted in several districts.

Mr. Walters' language caused everybody to sit up and take notice.

He said he would not go into detail because it was his intention to refer to the matter again. In the meantime, however, he wanted to remark that the minister might be the nominal head of the department but the real head was Mr. Foreman and if so he should occupy the chair here in front of me so that we can interrogate him. Under the old regime said the indignant member, the representative of the constituency was occasionally consulted, but under the new regime he is never consulted. He has absolutely no voice. Who should know the needs of the riding better than the member and the resident engineer, and yet the resident was given no discretion whatever. The real dictator was a man sitting in an office in Victoria who makes a flying trip through the riding and comes back and thinks he knows it all. Mr. Foreman, he concluded, may be a good engineer but he is a mighty poor and tactless administrator.

BUILDING NEW SCHOOL AT KILGARDE THIS YEAR

With the re-opening of the Kilgard clay works by the Clayburn company it has become necessary to have a larger school building and the present site is required by the company.

The schol board hopes to be able to purchase an acre from Mr. J. L. Atkinson, but failing this a corner of the reservation may be obtained from the Indian department.

Twenty children attend the school and with the addition of the proposed ten new houses this spring there is a prospect of the attendance being much larger.

The department of education has intimated its willingness to build the new school as soon as the site is secured.

Ridgedale Notes

Mr. John Saunders gave a pleasant whist drive at his residence a few evenings ago.

Mr. Banbury (a dark horse) "brushed" away with the first prize.

After supper the Nightingales got busy and filled the air with all kinds of sweet melodies.

Mr. Chas. Hayton and Mr. Ray Rutluff were in town last week.

SUMAS COUNCIL

The first regular me eting of the Sumas council was held on Saturday at the municipal hall.

The scale of wages for the year was raised to $4.00 a day; teamsters to be paid $8.00.

School estimates amounting to $4000, which is $500 more than last year, were passed by the council.

The increase in wages and the increase in salaries means an increase in taxation this year.

The condition of the ditches along the Vye road was brought to the attention of the council by Mr. Angus Campbell who was instructed to work with the government road foreman for the effectual draining of the highway in that particular section. As the government officials recognize a certain amount of responsibility in the draining of the roadbed it is understood that a satisfactory working basis will be found to carry off this standing water in the ditches

The Kilgard fill and railway approach that has been held up so long is engaging the energetic action of Councillor Atkinson. The re-opening of the brick works makes the new road a prime necessity.

The department of Indian affairs and the Clayburn Company will be invited to assist in the cost of operations and if satisfactory answers are received the work will probably be finished this summer.

Some of the council are suggesting that the Yale road be diverted south of Evan Thomas station and put on the section line, going down the Lamsen road to the Maher road as this old highway is now in the hands of the government it may be necessary to obtain authority before making a change.

No complaints were recorded at the court of revision on Monday last against the assessment. The rate will be struck at the next meeting of the council but it expected that it will not be much higher—but some.

HAVE A HOT SCHOOL QUESTION

The sole topic—almost—of conversation in the Hammond school district is the deplorable school situation which deprives some fourteen or fifteen school children of educational instruction.

The school board will not give in and the people are just as determined to have their way and in the meantime the boys and girls are losing valuable time from their studies.

The board want these pupils to attend the Maple Ridge school and the parents will not agree. It is a distance of one mile, and it is claimed the roads and weather are not favorable.

The next move of the government is being watched with interest.

Mr. E. W. Mouldy made a business trip to Vancouver via Westminster on Friday. He is a very busy man these days running a jitney .

Huntingdon

Huntingdon is losing one of its most popular young lady as Miss Hart is leaving to take the training to be a nurse at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver.

The Royal Bank has opened a branch here and a representative of the Abbotsford bank is here for two days in the week—Tuesday and Thursday.

There is not much business now oetween the Canadian and American sides. Canadians are not buying in Sumas, except odd articles and by the time the duty is paid they pay between 60 and 70 per cent more than on the Canadian side. The Canadian dollar today is worth only 65¢ in Sumas: 'tis said that a Canadian took an American dollar—with the big eagle on the back of it—into a store one day recently and he was charged a discount of five per cent because there was a dint in the side of the coin and one of the feathers of the eagle was ruffled. That is going some.

The Huntingdon Feed Association is doing a good business and the farmers are delighted. Mr. M. Murphy makes an excellent secretary and manager.

The post office is to be moved provided Mr. and Mrs. Owen can dispose of their store business to Mr. R. Bulkley.

The roads between here and Abbotsford are in excellent condition now.

Huntingdon is busier today than it has been for many years. It is booming.

The Great Northern Railway track is to be raised instead of building a dyke parallel to it. thus effecting a saving of some $30,000.

GIVING GOOD SERVICE

The truck service between Abbotsford and Vancouver is giving excellent service and the business is growing so that it may be necessary to put on another Traffic at an early date. When such is done a local truck service will be put on to gather and deliver from Huntingdon and Matsqui, and possibly Mission City.

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The Abbotsford Garage has just installed a 13-foot lathe, and will be prepared to do all kinds of metal and woodwork. It is something that was required and will fill a long felt want especially as it will be worked by a competent and experienced mechanic.

A large battery charging set has also been installed and the garage will be able to give good battery service and also be in a position to overhaul batteries, which will from now on be a specialty of the garage.

Mrs. Frank Woller, of Lynden, and Miss Eva Stewart, of Vancouver, formerly teacher at Peardonville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mouldy over the week-end.

The Parent-Teachers meeting was held in the school room on Tuesday with a good attendance.

Spring has come, surely. One lone sparrow was seen on the street here today.

The funeral of the late Alex. Matheson, one of the pioneer business men of New Westminster, who died on Sunday morning after a short illness, took place on Tuesday afternoon.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Frank Wooler and Mrs. Elmer Campbell, of Lynden, were visitors in Abbotsford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chadore have moved to Huntingdon where they will rside in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Fred Kickbush.

Mrs. J. Caldwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lythcow, in Vancouver.

The Parent-Teachers' Association held a most successful whist drive on Friday evening, Feb. 6th in the Masonic hall. The proceeds amounted to $29.10. The first prizes were won by Miss Annie Morrett and Mr. Jack Griffiths. Miss P. Gilbert and Mr. Allan Taylor received the consolation prizes. Twenty-one tables were played.

The blacksmiths of the Fraser Valley met and held a meeting in the Abbotsford Hotel on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 7th, to arrange a uniform price list for all blacksmith work.

Mrs. (Dr.) Swift spent a few days in Vancouver.

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

Mr. Jones, formerly Great Northern section foreman here, died in Blaine on Sunday, Feb. 8th.

Miss Mabel Alder, of Cloverdale, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Bedlow.

Mr. A. Barker and wife, who have been living in Lynn Valley for the past two years have returned to reside here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Smith have been visiting Mrs. McInnes and are now moving to Deroche.

On Friday night, Feb. 6th, some friends of Miss Sylvia Murray took a surprise party to her house, but owing to the bad state of the roads not as large a crowd went as was expected.

F. B. Stacey, M. P., and Mr. W. Drinnan, Provincial Secretary of G. W. V. A. addressed the returned soldiers in their club rooms on Feb. 6.

Rev. H. M. Rae, of Rosdale, filled the pulpit here on Sunday, Feb. 8th. He was on his way to Scotland with Rev. J. Richmond Craig, in the interests of the Prohibition movement.

Rev. W. Robertson preached in St. Andrew's church, New Westminster last Sunday.

Miss Miller, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. McKinnon for some time, has returned to Victoria to resume her duties as nurse.

On account of the large number of pupils attending this school, the receiving class, and teacher, Miss Smith, is at present occupying the Orange Hall.

Mrs. Albert Teng will attend the convention in Victoria as a representative of the Presbyterian church, on Feb. 17th and 18th.

The Forward Movement canvassers have been working most successfully.

Mrs. J. Carrol, of New Westminster, has charge of the B. C. Telephone office here.

Mr. Ainsley, Provincial High School Inspector, will speak on the Consolidated School question in the Alexandria hall on March 11th.

The members of the G. W. V. A. have purchased a piano for their club rooms.

Mrs. J. A. McGowan entertained the ladies of the Embroidery club on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Everett Ryall visited Mrs. C. McCallum in Mission City last week.

Miss Vera Hunt spent the week end at home with her parents.

Miss A. McCallum is visiting in Vancouver this week.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Fraser on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18th.

Don't forget the pan-cake social on Shrove Tuesday.

Mr. F. Browning spent the week-end at his home in Vancouver.

Mrs. A. George is spending the week in Seattle.

Mr. A. J. Mather spent the week-end at his home in North Vancouver.

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Throttling the opposition at Victoria appears to be the idea of the present government, as it seems to be wrong to ask too many questions.

The Hon. Premier Oliver ought to know. For years while in the opposition John Oliver used to, they say, lie awake at night, wondering what question he would next ask the government, and while not a representative in the House had some one else do it for him. He used to be the joke of the province about asking questions. If anything was not known and some one wanted to know it, it was often remarked, 'tell John Oliver and he will ask the government', as Honest John had always nerve enough for anything.

Now it is quite different. John is in power and there are some things that should be kept dark and the Speaker has had to give a ruling so as to throttle off the inquisitive.

Why is it? Will the deeds of the Oliver government not bear the light of scrutiny of the opposition? Can it be that something has happened that Premier Oliver wishes to head off the opposition.

The province is entitled to know how the money of the country has been spent; also how the country has been run, and one way is to have the loyal opposition ask questions. But thou shalt not disturb the peace of the present government. Not yet, but soon.

The big meeting held at Vancouver last week endorsed the motion of the Mission City Board of Trade re the Mission-Matsqui bridge. Surely they did not consult Stacey or he might have told them to do different.ly.

No doubt the endorsation of the motion by the Associated Boards will make the claim for the bridge much stronger.

The Mission board of trade at its last meeting, on Monday evening, one week after it had time to consider what our federal member had to say, did not deem it wise to withdraw the motion re the Mission-Matsqui bridge

Probably a better form of going about the matter could have been adopted, as some wise acres tell us, but so long as the requirement is made clear form should not count. The bridge is required and the people are after it, not just for the sake of asking for it, but because all well thinking people see the requirement for it.

The Mission and Matsqui Councils have again endorsed the motion as emphatically as before.

If we all stay with it the bridge is sure to come.

The new national party may not cut much of a figure but it will tell the present federal government just what the public opinion is in regard to its actions since the close of the war. As a war time government it undoubtedly is a fact that the Union government did good work, but if all be as it appears on the surface the day for Unionism is gone.

There is however no need for a party to fight the farmers' party, at least not at present, as if they got into full power at Ottawa it is very doubtful if they could in any way make things much worse than at the present time. Things need shaking up and the cry is that it is time for a change.

As soon as the farmers party start on the question of free trade it will surely break up the party. The people of the country have not changed much in this respect since sicne 1911. British Columbia would not be in accord with the farmers' party in respect to the damission of free fruit, therefore could not vote with the farmers' party. British Columbia would therefore be in the opposition.

DOINGS AT VICTORIA

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memory, Cook made his hurried getaway to Seattle over the Findlay trail by motor. He is so far several laps ahead of the police officers of the Crown.

Capt. Mackenzie quoted from the official record of Cook's evidence before the Royal Commisison in 1918 which investigated the plugging charges and which found: "It is proved beyond any doubt that an elaborate and expensive scheme of personation was adopted in behalf of M. A. Macdonald, the Liberal candidate." True Cook when before the commission proved a most recalcitrant witness He admitted to destroying the books and papers of the Liberal plugging committee on which he was associated with John T. Scott, Scruton, and others of that ilk who handled the pluggers from Seattle, saw to it they were housed and got to the polls at that by-election. But he had absolute remembrance why he did so or upon whose orders or advice. On that pont his memory was a blank a convenient one for someone. It was a remarkable thing, Capt. MacKenzie opined, that a man with the notorious record of Cook should have been given a position of trust by the government. The House would, he was sure, await an explanation from the attorney-general with interest.

After Cook's recent disappearance from Vancouver with a wad of public money, Attorney-General Farris, in a newspaper interview, intimated that Cook was already in the government service when he (Mr. Farris) entered the cabinet. This statement does not tally with his answers to questions put last session by Mr. Bowser, opposition leader, who sought information concerning Cook's appointment and the reasons therefore. Then, Mr Farris had replied, Cook was appointed to the position in June, 1918. In other words, he was given the job of cashier and the care of public funds entrusted to his care for some months after Hon. Mr. Farris assumed the direction of the law department of the Crown, and in a department coming under the jurisdiction of the latter.

Opposition members of the Legislature are going to find their inquisitorial privileges materially curtailed this session. Hardly had their first questions reached the order paper than Premier Oliver seized upon a technicality to prevent what he termed the "abuse of the privilege of the question." Mr. Bowser had presented a series of questions bearing upon administrative affairs, notably a request for information as to salaries paid under special acts and warrants in the various government departments with details thereof, and also data concerning superannuation of civil servants by the present government over a period of three years. The premier held that the proper method for the opposition leader to follow was to ask for a return to be brought down, claiming the time required to look up the records, etc., would be so great that the rules of the House never contemplated that information of that nature should be supplied in answers by members of the government. Mr. Bowser pointed to the previous experience of the opposition where returns asked for had been purposely delayed until the last day of the session so that information asked for was not forthcoming thus preventing the opposition from eercising its undoubted right to follow its role of investigator of the government's administration of public affairs, a right he strenuously upheld. Authorities were quoted by the Premier and opposition leader in support of their respective positions and finally the debate was adjourned upon suggestion of J. H.

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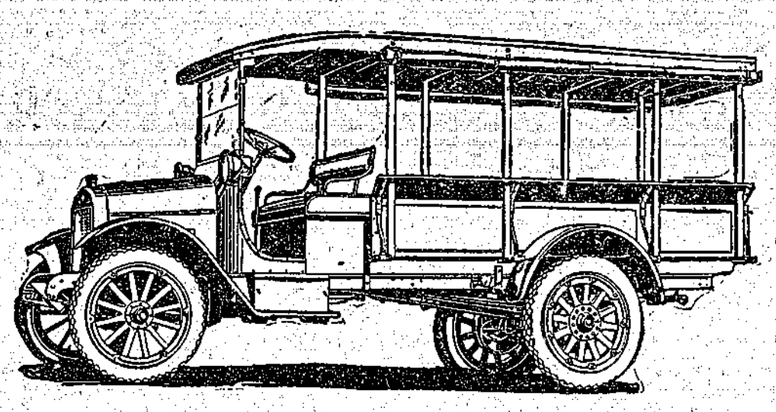

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DOINGS AT VICTORIA
FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Victoria, February 10.—Prohibition promises to be the all-absorbing topic at the present session of the Legislature which completed its first week's work on Saturday, a week almost wholly devoted to consideration of the Speech from the Throne, the debate on the Address in reply being got well under way. The importance the liquor question is assuming in the minds of members is indicated by the attention which the government supporters are paying to it in their speeches.

True, the Speech from the Throne—one in which a legislative bill of fare even more engaging than usual is offered—made by passing reference to the subject, merely mentioning the fact that amendments will be submitted further regulating the issuance of doctors' prescriptions. But this admission that the government deems is advisable to bow to the universal demand for betterment in existing conditions consequent upon the well nigh general violation of the law may be said to be more or less political camouflage. The fact is, and it is accentuated by the remarks of Liberal speakers, the government is ready to go much further in the matter of liquor regulation than the Speech from the Throne would indicate. Undoubtedly the government supporters, in their denunciation of the existing deplorable conditions and their bold declaration of that the time has arrived when the problem of a bone-dry province or, as opposed to that, the sale of liquor under government control must be faced, are merely feeling out for the government the sentiment of members of the House. Chas. F. Nelson, Slocan, a strong prohibitionist; Dr. Sutherland, Revelstoke, J. W. Cooper, Vancouver, a member of the original committee of forty prohibitionists which launched the prohibiton campaign in this province and saw it through to a finish, and Hugh Stuart, Comox, all hidebound supporters of the present Liberal administration, were unanimous in their declarations that something more than a mere limiting of the size and number of doctors' prescriptions is necessary.

Dr. Sutherland, speaking as a physician, declared the act as it now stands is a curse to the medical profession, that the doctors want none of it and that he did not blame them for taking advantage of the opportunity thrown their way to make all the money they could through the issuance of prescriptions. Mr. Cowper while emphasizing his personal belief in and practice of prohibition, confessed that after what he has seen of the operation of the present act and resultant conditions, he was fully prepared to sink his personal predilections and in the public interest spport government control whereunder liquor could be purchased by the bottle for use in the home.

Mr. Cowper, erstwhile critic of the former encumbent in the office of attorney-general—M. A. Macdonald—whose retirement from cabinet rank was due to Cowper's charges later substantiated by the finding of a royal commission, found no place in his denunciation of the present liquor conditions for criticism of the present chief law officer of the crown. Indeed Mr. Cowper pinned a medal upon the chest of Attorney-General Farris by asserting that it had always been the earnest desire of the latter to enforce the Prohibition Act to the limit. Opposition speakers were unkind enough to suggest that Mr. Cowper, having for the past three years been more or less non persona grata with the administration is now seeking on bended knees, to creep back into the party fold hoping his former activities as a member of the Vancouver "purity squad" in seeking the clean out of the Augean stables of the Liberal party there, might be overlooked.

Mrs. Ralph Smith, who is wont to prate of her complete political independence the while she consistently supports the government, did not as was expected of her, take any decided stand upon the prohibition issue. As woman's representative in the House it was expected she would have something to say of present conditions from the woman's view-point on the alternative suggested by previous speakers. She contented herself with stating that in the event of another referendum she was sure the people would make the right decision but she offered no opinion of her own as to just what that decision should be.

An echo of the famous "plugging" scandal was heard in the Legislature on Friday when Capt. F. J. A. MacKenzie, Conservative soldier member from Delta, suggested the House would be interested in learning how it came that Joseph C. Cook, one-time secretary of the Ward Two Liberal Association in Vancouver and one of the inside gang of Liberal workers manipulated the votes of the Seattle water-front thugs imported by hundreds to Vancouver in February, 1916, to personate in the Liberal interest at the bye-election at which M. A. Macdonald was elected, came to be appointed to the responsible position of cashier in the Provincial Police office at Vancouver. Cook is now a fugitive from justice having recently levanted from that city with some $3,000 or more of provincial funds filched from the proceeds of motor and other liquor fees collected at that office and turned it to him for safe-keeping. A reward of $1,000 is now being offered for his arrest. Like his former pal in the plugging scandal, John T. Scott, of notorious

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Hawthornthwaite, Socialist member for New castle, who opined that Mr.

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Speaker should be allowed time to consider his decision and who suggested that the opposition leader's assertion that the Premier's tactics smacked of Russia was a comparison hardly fair to Russia.

On Thursday the matter again came up. There was more argument by the opposing leaders and then Mr. Speaker gave his decision, one he had had before him in type-written shape, throughout the verbal fight between Premier and Mr. Bowser. This fact did not escape the latter who suggested Mr. Speaker had reached a decision before he had heard the argument in full. The decision supported the Premier's contention. Against it Mr. Bowser appealed to the House and was, naturally unsuccessful in the face of the strong government majority, one he was wont to dub "the brute majority." But the division, the first of the session was significant in that it showed evidence of the growing spirit of independence among government supporters. Mr. Willson, Rossland, and Whiteside, New Westminster, voted with the opposition, as did Hawthornthwaite.

This display of independence on the part of some of the Liberals was subject for comment in the corridors. Up-country members particularly, if their expressed views count for anything, are showing a disposition to be critical of their own chiefs. They admit to an interesting restlessness among their political friends in their ridings one engendered, they suggest by present conditions and the feeling that the government, after three years of office, is not showing sufficient initiative in keeping the problems of development, the while there is no apparent likelihood of any easing up in the pressure of the financial thumb-screw applied by the administration.

Mrs. Sharpe spent a few days in Mission City last week, and expects to return to Mission City to live at an early date

COUNCIL HOLDS QUIET MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mission council was held in the council chambers on Saturday afternoon all members of the council being present and the reeve in the chair.

Clark—Wren, that minutes be adopted as read with report of the reeve that the committees be the same as last year.

Thompson—Knight, that the following correspondence be filed: R. C. Hospital, Canadian Reconstruction W. Engrem J. Granger.

Thompson—Clark, that the clerk write Mr. Coghlan that we are not appointing a rock crusher man at present but will consider his application when we do appoint a man.

Knight—Wren, that this council accept the offer of the Western Canada Power Company, that the municipality get out the poles for the electric power from Calgary street to the rock crusher.

Knight—Thompson, that A. Laxton have a culvert put in on the Ferndale road east of the Stave Lake road.

Clark—Wren, that Mr. Armes' offer be accepted for N. E. corner N. W. quarter section 35, tp. 17, that he survey it if necessary.

Wren—Thompson, that the school estimates be left over till next meeting for re-consideration by the school board.

Knight—Thompson, that the delegation which goes to Victoria take up the Mosquito bill and endeavor to have it amended, as the present bill is of very little use.

Wren—Clark, that the indemnities for Reeve and Councillors for 1920 be raised, and the bylaw be amended to read as follows. Indemnities for Reeve $325; councillors $225.

The amendment was read and pass the first three readings.

Knight—Thompson, that the ditch on the Knight hill, Stave Lake road, be tiled along the steep bank to keep the slides from filling the ditch and causing the water to wash out the road.

Knight—Thompson, that a delegation go to Vancouver to look over the different trucks, also motor and tents with power to act.

Clark—Wren, that the communication from Mr. Hunter re road thro' S. E. 1-4 S. 29, b referred to the road committee with power to act.

Bylaw No. 89 re Loan was read and passed first three readings.

Clark—Thompson, that the cemetery bylaw No. 61 be now reconsidered, finally passed, signed and the seal of the Mission corporation be affixed

Wren—Clark, that D. Cooper be instructed to put in tiling on Cooper road as soon as water permits.

Knight—Thompson, that Mr. Catt applicant for cemetery caretaker for 1920 be appointed and that the clerk send him a copy of the cemetery by-law.

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BOARD OF TRADE HOLDS THE ANNUAL MEETING

(From Fraser Valley Record)

The regular meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the council chambers on Monday evening with a fair attendance.

Among the question arising from the correspondence was one from the goverament asking about the desired change in the ferry service. A committee composed of the president, president of auto club, Mr. Manson, Reeve Catherwood; presiden tof the Mercantile Company; representative of King-Beach; Reeve of Matsqui, representatives of the F. V. Feed Association, Mission and Matsqui; president of Abbotsford Board of Trade; president of Good Roads, Abbotsford were appointed and they meet this afternoon(Thursday) to discuss any changes desired.

The financial statement for the year was read showing quite a balance to the credit of the board in the Bank of Commerce.

Messrs H. Beach and J. A. Catherwood, representatives to the big meeing in Vancouver last week, made a report of progress on the requests of Mission City Board of Trade.

A most hearty vote of thanks was extended to the secretary for the very able way in which he had conducted the correspondence of the board during the past year.

A notice of motion was brought in to change the night of meeting from Monday night to Tuesday night—second Tuesday of each month.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to Mrs. W. F. Sharpe, the late Mr. Sharpe being one of the prime movers in starting the present board of trade.

The following officers were elected for the year:

President—F. J. Roche.
Vice-Pres.—H. Alanson.
Secretary—H. Beach.
Treasurer—W. H. Mathewson, (re-elected.)
Committee—Officers and Messrs Catherwood, Crosby, Bates and Lane.
Auditor—R. P. King.

A motion was placed on the books stating that it was not the intention of the board to withdraw the motion regarding the Mission-Matsqui bridge as asked for by Mr. F. B. Stacey, M. P.

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