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MATSQUI SCHOOL BOARD

A regular meeting of the Matsqui school board was held at Gifford on Wednesday afternoon, June 23rd.

All members of the board were present with the chairman presiding. Communications were received.

From Dr. Robinson, advising the board that the Public Works Department had been requested to erect an addition to the Bradner school.

Also in reference to the disposal of the school building on the old Matsqui site.

In reference to this the secretary was instructed to write for further particulars.

A. R. Yull, secretary of the Matsqui Agricultural Association, asked for a grant for a school judge at the annual exhibition. On motion the sum of \$5.00 was granted.

The Abbotsford school account for pupils attending from Matsqui was referred back for further information and on motion the sum of \$300.00 was passed to be applied to this account.

On motion it was decided to ask the department for permission to dispose of the Dunach school site, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of a new one.

The board on motion tendered to Principal Auburn and the residents of Bradner a hearty vote of thanks for the Patriotic manner in which the flag-raising was celebrated at the school on May 24th.

It was decided to grant Mrs. Carlson, janitor of the Matsqui school, the sum of \$10.00 for services during the summer holidays.

Resignations of Wm. G. Gamble, Gwendoline McAdam, Norman H. Anning and Luella L. Mitchell from the teaching staff was on motion accepted.

Salaries for the incoming term was arranged to be the same as last term with the following exceptions:

Matsqui, Division I, reduced from \$70. to \$65 and Division II, from \$60.00 to \$55.00. Ridgedale Division I, increased from \$60 to \$65; Aberdeen and Glenmore increased from \$55 to \$60.

Appointments were made as follows: Teachers who had not resigned to continue in charge of same school for the incoming term with the exception of Miss Munn being appointed Division I, Matsqui, and other appointments being: Matsqui, Division II, Miss Frances Kent; Clayburn Division I, Clifton Brown; Dunach, Robert E. Beecher; Jubilee, Catherine Buckfield.

The usual accounts were passed for payments: Cheques for clearing Poplar School, \$35.00; and wood for Aberdeen school \$14.40 was ordered to be left in the hands of Trustee Phillips until the work was inspected.

The meeting adjourned to the next regular date, viz: July 28th at 2 p. m. at Gifford.

WE SHOULD SAY, YES INDEED!

The following note was handed to our reporter today: "Will Mr. Bates (does not say which one) please put one notice in again for this week re the Raspberry Social at Mrs. Boyd's again correcting the day—it is Thursday, July 15."

Recruiting officer—You want to enlist, eh?

Irish Recruit—(enthusiastically) Yes, sir—for the duration of the war or longer if it lasts.

Demand the Union Label on your Printing. It stands for good wages and first class workmanship.

LETTER FROM THE CAMP ACROSS THE WATERS

The number of boys who have enlisted from here and are now camped at Shorncliffe employ their spare moments writing home to friends, and there are very often some very interesting items that their many friends like to read. Pte. Charles Stokes in writing home says:

"We have not been anywhere yet. They are giving all the men with parents or wives the first chance to visit London. Phil and I are anxious to visit our uncles and aunts in London. Only about seven percent get away at a time so at that rate it will be a long time coming our turn. We were to a place called Hythe, about size of Mission. There are about 30,000 soldiers within five miles of here. * * * You hardly ever see a man in plain clothes. They have all joined the army. We had church parade this morning and we are off till nine o'clock to-night (June 6th). * * * Major General Steele inspected us the other day and he told us that we were the best battalion in the division. There are four brigades in a division and four battalions in a brigade. Major Kitchner said we marched better than the Guards. I think myself he was kidding us. * * * Phil and I are in the Y. M. C. A., which is a nice place, free of charge and nice tables to write on, and is about ten minutes from camp. There is some talk of moving us up to London, but I don't think they will as the brigade headquarters are here. The camp is up on the hill and the scenery is fine. We have quite a time getting onto the money, but we are learning it. * * * Phil saw McDonald yesterday—the fellow who used to have the music store in Mission. We heard that Basil and Less Catchpole were over here and camped about three miles from us, but have not seen them yet. * * * We were digging trenches today. Had to dig half an hour, then could sit down for one hour, so we did not hurt ourselves. I was talking to a fellow who went from Westminster with the first lot. He had two bullet wounds in his back and a bayonet wound in his leg. He was trying to get transferred to the 29th. He expected to go back in three weeks. He had a brother and two cousins killed right by his side. * * * He said it was no fun in the trenches: some fellows say it is fine in the trenches. There were 250 remounts left here this morning for France. I have not seen Andy Wilson. There was a report they went right to France. Phil and I were thinking they were walking from Plymouth as I don't think they would put the horses in the cars. I have seen kitbags going through so that is probably the way some are coming in. * * * They said that there were 250 of the 47 from Westminster arrived last night but I have not seen them. * * * We can hear the guns in France and are only about 42 miles from the firing lines."

The Red Cross Sewing Bee was held at Mrs. Boyd's on Thursday: Ladies present; Mesdames Boyd, Frayer, Parton, King, McMenemy, Barrett, Forbes, Callan, Walters, Martin, Bousfield, Miss S. Steede, Miss A. Steede, Mrs. Trethewey, Mrs. Pickin. It was decided to organize under the name of Abbotsford Auxiliary to the Red Cross Workers. Mrs. Boyd was elected president; Mrs. J. E. Parton Secretary-treasurer.

The date of the Mission City Flower Show is August 18th.

SUMAS COUNCIL MEETS

The regular meeting of the Sumas Council was held on July 3rd, 1915, Reeve Munroe presiding and Councillors Wm. Roberts, E. E. Austin, T. B. Straiton and L. O. Lamson.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed as read.

Correspondence was read from the Inspector of Dykes, re financial statement and auditors report.

From M. M. Bowman re excess acreage.

From F. D. Boucher re Boucher road, Sumas Mountain.

From City Clerk, North Vancouver re soldiers' taxes.

M. M. Bowman interviewed the council re excess acreage, Section 405. The clerk was instructed to write the solicitors asking advice using the points at issue.

Re the Boucher road the clerk was instructed to write stating that the work on the road would be commenced at once.

The following resolution was read by the clerk: Resolved that the attention of the provincial government be called to the fact that in municipalities which contemplate holding tax sales the property of soldiers who have enlisted and gone to the front is liable to be sold for arrears of taxes.

Be it therefore resolved that a memorial be prepared setting out the facts signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor in council praying that such relief would be granted in the premises as the circumstances warrant, and in particular that the lands of all soldiers who enlist and go to the front be protected from and be exempted from sale for arrears of taxes in all municipalities until the end of the war and a further period of six months, thereafter.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the councils of all municipalities in British Columbia with the request that they co-operate with this council in obtaining the redress above outlined.

On motion of this council which was passed unanimously it was decided to support the resolution and the clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

Re the Canadian Thistles, the communication from Mr. Eldridge re the thistles on the G. N. R. near his property, Coun. Roberts will attend to the matter and have the roadmaster have the thistles cut.

Coun. Austin reported railway crossings at DeLair needed attention. Clerk was instructed to write the railways asking them to attend to the cutting of thistles.

Coun. Roberts reported that Telephone pole at corner was a detriment and dangerous to traffic. Clerk was instructed to write the B. C. Telephone company asking them to remove the pole at Fry's corner closer to the property line.

The chairman of the school board interviewed the council re the use of the Municipal Hall for school during winter months. Permission to use same was granted.

Re road between M. M. Bowman and A. Lamson—M. M. Bowman reported that the road needed repair. Coun. Lamson stated 2 teams 2 days would remedy matters. Left under the supervision of Coun. Lamson, work to be done on taxes.

A communication was received from the secretary of the Atkie Lodge Gun Club stating that the road between Gun Club shack on Atkins property and the old Yale road had

ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT WILL PURCHASE A GUN

When the great European War now raging on the continent of Europe, and some other continents—three continents, if you please—first broke out, we were pleased to see our young men so enthusiastically enlist for service, and although sorry to see them go away we have had on several occasions just cause to be proud of the Canadians who are now with the Allies fighting for freedom and more freedom—the downfall of the autocracy of the German Empire. That the Canadians will be on the winning side when the war is over, we have not the least doubt, for in this case right and might shall prevail in the end.

During the past winter many people have been gathering in the pennies, as it were, sewing and knitting for the soldiers at the front. NOW THE SUPREME EFFORT HAS COME and the stay at home Canadians in various centres are subscribing funds to purchase machine guns for the Canadians to fight the enemy and the district of which Abbotsford is the centre has fallen in line with the patriotic idea and have decided to raise \$1000.00 to purchase a gun. May it be the gun that will decide the fate of many of the enemy, and that it will never, never be captured by the Germans.

Monday next, July 12th a public meeting will be held in the Gazley Hall for the purpose of taking up subscriptions for the gun, and if the Post reads public opinion aright every true, loyal and patriotic citizen of the district south of the Fraser will be there. All cannot give much but many can give little and the \$1000.00 will not be long in being subscribed for. What a grand day for the little community that will be when some loyal Canadian shall stand by the great firing line and discharge the first shot from the gun purchased by the Abbotsford district. It is the supreme effort to help win the war for the Allies and if right is on our side—and we have no doubt it is—success will attend the efforts.

Some \$250 have already been subscribed towards the amount and a very large share of the balance will be subscribed on Monday evening when the citizens of the district meet at Abbotsford in the Gazley Hall. Mr. A. Trethewey will be chairman, and with them on the platform will be prominent local men.

The committee having the collecting in charge telephone the Post that they are meeting with great success and that there will be but very little trouble they anticipate in raising the required amount.

Every person will be made welcome, whether they are able to give much or little. As a prominent citizen of a neighboring city said at a public meeting the other day, "he would rather give all he had towards the success of the Empire's arms than lose it by German conquest."

There are many feel that way.

been closed and further asking what access there was to their property. Clerk instructed to write replying that since Lamson road extension had been completed to old Prairie road this would afford them access.

Re auditors report. The clerk was instructed to write stating that the accounts of the council had been duly audited and produced report.

Moved by Coun. Austin and seconded by Coun. Roberts that the auditor's report accompanied by cheque from Mr. J. W. Winson to make up deficiency be accepted and that clerk be instructed to release his bond accordingly.

Austin-Straiton, that re Harris rd he be permitted to work out his 1915 taxes on road to his property.

Austin-Roberts that the rate for school purposes be 3 mills on the dollar for year 1915 and the general rate be 10 mills.

Austin-Roberts that the rate bylaw 137 pass its 1st and 2nd readings.

The following bills were passed for payment:

John LeFevre, auditing accounts \$20.00; Re trial Ferrante murder Magoon Deceased, A. Hulton Harrop rent hall \$2.50; Abbotsford Hotel for meals supplied \$10.50; Mrs. A. Hovde \$3.15; Joe. Bousfield, special constable \$4.25; Walter Harris \$2.50; H. Cobley \$10; Abbotsford Hardware \$1.95; Medical Health Officer, Dr. Swift \$50. John Evanko \$5; Clerk's salary, stamps, files, etc., \$36.85; School expenses \$370; School expenses \$371, L. P. DeLair, constable, \$74.40; J. H. Cameron \$13.50; F. Martin \$2.50.

Council then adjourned

FOREST FIRES

Forest fires are unnecessary, are nearly always the result of carelessness, and may wipe out in an hour what nature has taken hundreds of years to create.

They destroy existing forests. They destroy the possibility of future forests.

They destroy a great market for labor.

They destroy the beauty of the region.

They destroy homes.

They destroy lives.

They destroy prosperity.

Don't start a forest fire.

In Mission City a Chinaman was seen counting his money on Hub Square the other evening. He was perfectly safe as the citizens were all out picking raspberries.

The lure of the land is the natural faculty of man, characteristic of his ancestry and heritage.

HAS BIG SALE ON NOW

The Seldon Stores of Matsqui have a big sale on at the present time. The big posters announcing the sale will give an idea of the good value that can be secured for ready cash. A visit to the store might pay those who are looking for bargains. Try it.

A party of Montenegrins passed through on their way to Vancouver. The party came from Globe, Arizona, and are on their way to join their colors in Europe. After fixing it up with their consul in Vancouver they left on Friday morning for the east.

The Shriners to the number of about 1800 passed through from the east this morning.

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Our Shibboleth—Neither for nor agin' the Government
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The growers of this district have reason to be dissatisfied with some person, we shall not say whom.

Mr. Winslow, upon whom much depends, and who has done much towards advancing co-operation among the growers of the province has failed to carry out the wishes of the growers and ask that the carload rates be made more satisfactory by having the minimum reduced as asked by growers, most of whom in this part of the province believe it would be in the interests of the growers of the province and an advance in the working out of co-operation. His expressed opinion in public and private are known to most of the growers. Then why he stands still on the very threshold of his organization work for years, is a mystery too deep for the ordinary man who grows fruit to understand or comprehend.

Mr. Forsyth Smith represents the province as markets commissioner on the prairie. Read what he says about "irresponsible local express shipments, etc.," and the effect they have on the market. Would one not almost suppose that he believes firmly in the carload lot shipments. Then would not a grower be sending out berries so that they would reach the market at two different prices. As this creates mistrust on the part of the consumer here is something that is injuring the fruit industry of this district and perhaps other districts.

When two men, both employed by the government of the province, working for the same purpose—the betterment of the fruit interest—disagree on such an important matter it is time that the growers knew just where they were. The matter is too serious to permit any delay in just getting to the bottom of the whole matter.

Both are good men, and have done much for the grower in the past, but why this set-back—and all growers who have studied the markets of the prairie must consider it a set-back to have fruit from the same district appear on the market at two different prices. The carload lots will control the prices of the market if correctly managed is our belief, and why can not matters be so arranged so that all the growers will get all the advantage that there is in the shipping of fruit.

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

If a merchant put white sand in sugar; a butcher gave short weight and much bone; if a saddler failed to stitch his harness properly so that it would give away at the vital moment if a hardware merchant sold an inferior kind of article at a high price instead of a good article; if a printer gave a third class paper charging a first-class price for it; if a shoe-maker put the patch at one side of the hole he was supposed to mend; if a jeweller charged for cleaning a watch and did not do his work right; if a barber made 'steps' in the hair he was cutting; if a milliner sold a last year's style for the up-to-date article if a carpenter built his house on a poor foundation for a customer; etc., they would soon be found out and a very bad impression made on their customers. Honesty in business is the motto of the successful business man these days apart from the other advertising that he does. The man of business builds up his trade on what he considers sound business principles, as he wishes to succeed by standing in well with his customers.

The fruit industry of this province is just in its infancy, and although the best of fruit and the abundance of it is the lot of the grower who devotes his energies in that direction; there still remains the art of marketing it in the market that will bring the largest returns to him. In order to do this he must put up a superior article and give full measure if

the consumer is to buy his fruit more than once.

In reading the article by the M. C. for this province on the prairie markets, it will be noticed that while the fruit is O. K., the weights are not always up to the standard. Someone is giving short measure. This is not the way to build up the fruit trade of this province and the man who knowingly gives short weight unless it be by accident is doing himself an injury, and also the community of which he is a grower. This is rather a bad state of affairs indeed and the decision of the M. C. to write to the grower who puts up short measure is taking a wise step and it is hoped that one writing to will be enough.

We cannot help but think that it is a mistake rather than the intention that the weights should be found wanting, and the work of someone besides the grower himself.

Fruit should be good and up to the mark in every respect in order to maintain the markets of the prairie.

If a man who represents the government does not act in the interests of the growers, or what they consider their interests his day of usefulness is gone. No one individual ever controlled all the wisdom that there is to be found in any particular line of thought or business. Every fruitman in the province has a very high opinion of what Mr. Winslow thinks in regard to the fruit interests, but if he is right and knows he is right why does he not come forward with his 'very good reason' and settle the matter for once and all. This waiting is exasperating and may be the ruin of the fruit business for a great many years to come. The matter should be settled now before the fruit season is gone.

MARKETS' REPORT

B. C. MARKET COMMISSIONER

The following taken from the July Report of the B. C. Markets' Commissioner, Mr. J. Forsyth Smith of Calgary, will prove interesting reading to the fruit growers of the district and some good pointers might be taken from the comments:

BRANDON, MAN.—Brandon using about a car a week of Puyallup raspberries. Regina brokers endeavoring to sell us Fraser Valley berries, but impossible because we cannot use a straight car at a time without too much shrinkage, and Dominion Express gives no stoppage in transit privilege as do the Great Northern and Canadian Northern. A car of raspberries per week in two or three shipments works out right for us. B. C. price is right and, with proper unloading privileges, we could handle them. Raspberries who. \$3.25 to \$3.50. Retailers getting 50¢ a crate more.

MEDICINE HAT.—B. C. raspberries on consignment to one local commission house are mostly arriving in 2-5 crate, and are selling, who. at \$2.25 to \$2.75.

EDMONTON.—The first car of Mission-Hatzic raspberries arrived in good condition. Quoted, who. \$3.75 then dropped to \$3 and finally to \$1 for clean up. Local express shipments arriving in fair condition, who. \$2.50 to \$3.00. The market has been glutted with Okanagan preserving cherries, some selling as low as 50¢ per 4 lb crate. Gooseberries market fair. Bulk shipments best.

WETASKIN.—Edmonton quotes us: B. C. cherries, 4 lb \$1.50; raspberries \$2.50. Retail here raspberries \$2.75.

REGINA.—The first car of Mission raspberries cleared up quickly on account of wide distribution, some going to Saskatoon. Some were a little overripe. Second car was placed in Moosejaw, who. \$3.75, ret., \$4.80. Few local shipments daily not interfering much. Cherry demand is very

weak. Have to force sale of stock on hand.

CALGARY, July 3.—Raspberries are in heavy supply coming in in splendid condition. Many hallocks, however are not filled, and in many cases, the full pints do not weigh more than the 2-5. This is particularly unfortunate in view of the effort being made to impress consumer and retailer with the difference between the two packages, and to make a definite price difference between them. The following are the weights in lbs of a number of cases weighed: Pts., 23, 21½, 21½, 20 23 20½, 2-5 qts., 20, 18½, 20, 21, 19½, 17, 17½, 17½. Similarly, a number of hallocks weighed: 2-5. (Ok. Center) 10 oz., 10 oz., 10 oz., 11¼ oz., 2-5 (Hatzic) 10 oz., 9½ oz., 10 oz., 9½ oz., 10¼ oz., full pints 13½ oz., 14½ oz., 12½ oz., 12¼ oz., 14 oz.; No effort should be spared to give full weight in every package, as only thus can the satisfaction be given that builds business. The M. C. proposes to watch this matter very closely this season, and to write personally to those shippers, who are not filling their boxes. In addition to the Fraser Valley fruit, some very fine raspberries are coming in from Okanagan points. The use of the two packages, 2-5 and pts., causes some confusion, and, without raising at all the price that can be secured for the former, tends to depress prices for the latter. The M. C. strongly recommends that shippers decide to remove the 2-5 crate from the list of legal packages next year. It has now been definitely proven that the berries will reach the market satisfactorily in the larger cup, and there is no question of its popularity with the public. Conditions affecting the sales of carlot raspberries have been bad; our own irresponsible local express shipments, consigned direct to the retailer, holding prices down steadily. The second car, sold to Edmonton at \$3 delivered, (brokerage, 21½¢, express and ice, on 75 crate load, 59¢, net to shippers, \$2.18) arrived in excellent condition, but had at once, to meet the competition of local express berries selling to the retailer at the same or less than was being paid by the wholesalers for the car. In one particular instance, an order given by a retailer for berries out of the car at \$3.50 was cancelled on receipt of a considerable shipment which actually came in at a lower price by the same train from one of the growers shipping in the car. This sort of thing is very decidedly not good business, and the wholesalers, who have had, as a result, to drop prices from \$3.50 to cost price, \$3, and finally to job as low as \$1.50 have good reason for dissatisfaction. In fact, it will be difficult to place another car with them at all. The third car was sold to Moose Jaw at \$2.60 delivered. The fourth car was placed in Calgary at \$2.65, and has to be sold at \$3 to give a margin. It is naturally moving slowly in the face of local express competition at \$2.50. The fifth car goes to Regina or Saskatoon at \$2.50 delivered.

If we had time we might ask Mr. Joseph Martin what he thinks about the Kelly business in Manitoba, and whether there is anything in the name?

The lure of the land is the natural faculty of man, characteristic of his ancestry and heritage.

To succeed today on a farm requires courage, industry, tact, knowledge, patience, enthusiasm, and also some brains. If you are possessed of all of these or most of them farming is an appropriate occupation for you.

Recruiting officer—You want to enlist, eh?

Irish Recruit—(enthusiastically) Yes, sir—for the duration of the war or longer if it lasts.

The date of the Mission City Flower Show is August 18th.

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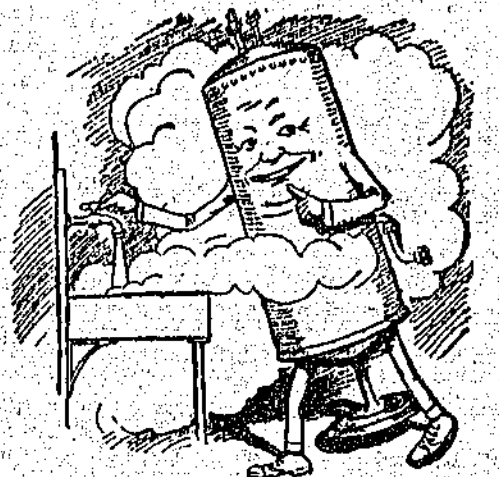
Write the secretary regarding manufacturing sites with unexcelled shipping facilities and cheap power or information regarding the farm and fruit lands of the district, and industries already established.

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HUNTINGDON AND DISTRICT

Reeve Munroe was a visitor in Abbotsford yesterday.

Miss Maude Heatherington is in town visiting friends and acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Alanson and family are spending a holiday at White Rock.

Subscriptions will be gladly received by either of the above officers to enable them to buy a supply of material to work with. All supplies and subscriptions will be acknowledged in this paper, if desired.

It is with regret that we learn of the departure of Mrs. Brooke and family, who have decided to leave on Saturday next to make their future home in Kamloops. The good wishes of the community go with them.

The Loyal Blue and Orange Lodges will attend service in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. (July 11th). All members of the two lodges are requested to meet at the Orange Hall at 10:15 a. m.

The many friends of Oscar Hicks were glad to welcome him home for a few days this week. A social dance was held in his honor on Wednesday night in the Orange Hall. A very enjoyable time was spent by all present and the best wishes of his friends go with Mr. Hicks on his return to service on the S. S. Rainbow.

Mrs. Wooler who was badly shaken up in a runaway on July 1st, is much improved in health and is able to be out again.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND

An Interview With His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Barnard, the Chairman of Provincial Branch of The Fund.

In relation to its operations in British Columbia His Honor Lieutenant Governor Barnard, chairman of the provincial branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, upon being interviewed said:

The fund was organized shortly after the war broke out, at the instance of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General, the objects being set forth in an appeal by His Royal Highness to create a fund for the relief of the volunteered for active service at home and abroad.

In this province a provincial branch was organized and an active campaign for the collection of funds was commenced. Branches were formed throughout the Province with collecting and relief committees.

Its activities and the knowledge that patriotic Canadians would see that the dependents of those fighting our battles would be cared for was no doubt an incentive to recruiting, and the enlistment of married men for overseas was thereby encouraged.

Although the fund is a national one with its head office at Ottawa, still it has been the effort to have each

province collect within its boundaries sufficient to furnish its proportion of the amount required to meet the demands of the dependents of those volunteering from the Province.

In this respect British Columbia has so far been successful, but should the war last, as it may, for a longer period than at first contemplated, more money will be required in order to maintain our proportion of contributions.

Where large contributions have been made by banking, railway, insurance and other corporations operating throughout the Dominion, a share of the amount has been credited as having been collected within the Province, but this figure has not yet been determined and hence is not included in figures quoted.

The approximate amount collected to May 31 by the Provincial branch is: (exclusive of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society) \$33,901.04
Victoria Patriotic Aid Society (mainly for Canadian Patriotic Fund) 116,000.00
Remitted direct to Ottawa from contributions within this Province 29,821.32
Vancouver Citizen's War Relief Fund 137,153.02

Total \$317,175.38

British Columbia's proportions of the amounts contributed by banking houses insurance and other large enterprises paid in from the head offices to the Central Fund is not included.

Amount paid out to dependents to May 31 has been:

Vancouver \$ 65,430.72
Victoria Patriotic Aid Society 34,960.29
Provincial Branch 32,595.71

Total \$132,986.72

The amount paid out for the month of May was \$24,782.32

This will probably increase with the new recruiting until by December the monthly demand will be at least at the rate of \$40,000 per month. The number of families receiving assistance for the month of May was:

Vancouver 852
Victoria 380
Other parts of the Province 275

Total (families) 1,509

It should be noted that the cities of New Westminster and Kamloops have local relief funds not affiliated with the Canadian Patriotic Fund and are at present supporting the families of soldiers residing in those cities. Correct information as to the number has not been obtained.

The expenses of administering the funds have been practically nominal. In Vancouver the city officials and a volunteer committee performed the duties free of cost to the Vancouver War Relief fund prior to its affiliation with the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

In Victoria, the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society is under the able management of Mr. R. H. Swinerton, its honorary secretary, who has practically devoted the whole of his valuable time to its work without remuneration, and has provided an office without charge, the expenses, therefore, being limited to cost of printing, stationery, light, fuel and two assistants in all less than \$2,500.00 for nine months of operation.

The expenses connected with the administration of the provincial Branch for eight months have been \$796.51, under the able supervision of Mr. W. J. Goepel, Deputy Minister of Finance, who is honorary secretary. The above sum however does not include postage and stationery, the work of the office being carried on at Room No. 7, Parliament Buildings, and the cost of postage and stationery being borne by the provincial government.

The secretary of the Fund at headquarters, Sir Herbert Ames, maintaining the fund throughout Canada has been covered by the interest allowed by the banks upon the balance on deposit.

All branches are being urged to try and get new subscribers. A comparatively small proportion of the community are contributing to this very important and necessary fund.

Some sections of the province, from which one would expect good subscriptions have responded very poorly, whereas other and poorer districts have come forward nobly.

Likewise with individuals, those who can afford it best are giving the least, and many who can ill afford it are straining their resources to make their monthly contributions. All honor to them. Many of those loudest in their expression of patriotism are the last to put fervid loyalty to any practical test.

In the Province, as elsewhere throughout the Empire, everyone can help by placing their services at the disposal of some charitable or patriotic organization.

I must not forget to give credit to the Daughters of the Empire and other ladies who have been good enough to devote a great deal of their time to rendering valuable service on relief committees. Mention should be also made of the work being performed by members on committees of the Branch Associations throughout the Province, secretarial and other work being done, in the majority of cases, without any remuneration whatsoever, as well as a great deal of time given by members of the committee to investigate claims.

The figures quoted above are approximately correct, but each organization and branch has its own auditors for the protection of the subscribers, and the whole is again subject to audit at Ottawa, under the direction of the Minister of Finance, the Hon. W. T. White.—The Colonist.

WEEKLY FRUIT REPORT

Of the Vernon Fruit Co., Ltd., operating at Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Regina and Saskatoon.

The past week has been a rather difficult one. The delayed trains of the flood district and washouts, throwing onto Monday, goods that should have been on the market Saturday afternoon, when there was a hungry demand. All came in on Monday and in quite poor condition—quite a supply had to be carried over till Tuesday, people were not canning freely which added to the heaviness of the market.

Arrivals on Wednesday were also heavy both morning and afternoon. Stores closed on Thursday. Trade bought very light, forcing carrying over till Friday of considerable quantities. Friday the market cleaned up leaving Saturday free, when all markets cleaned up.

On the whole the week was a difficult one. The car load at Edmonton was not exactly a success, trade refused to buy at the high prices charged and the car hung, finally cleaning up at prices as low as \$1.00 per case.

Monday people were anxious to can and heavy supplies cleaned up at a surprising rate. On the whole Monday's receipts were of an exceptional quality. Black currants are selling better but lower prices had to be made to start them. Red currants continue dull.

S. J. FEE, Manager
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