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HILL'S STORE NEWS

Vol. I. Our Goods are the Best No. 22.

Ladies' White Blouses:

A new line just opened up to-day.

The newest styles: the lowest prices

Prices - $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2, $2.25 and $2.50 ea

Rubber Soled Canvas Footwear

For Children, Misses, Youths, Men and Women, Good Styles. No advance in prices from last year.

From - - - - - - - - - 90c up

GARDEN SEED Our Stock of Garden Seeds is most complete. All packages tested for 1917. Make your selection now.

Dutch Sets - - - - 25c a lb.

HILL'S STORE

Gazley Block *ABBOTSFORD, B. C.*

WOMEN HAVE UNTIL MONDAY TO REGISTER.

All applications for getting on the Voters' List will close on Monday next, May 14th.

Every women over 21years of age is entitled to register as a voter, under the new act of the provincial legislature, if she has been six months in British Columbia, and one month in the district. They do not have to tell their exact age—just that they are over 21 years of age. The official application form must be signed in order to be registered. It must be done at once. It will be six months before the next list is made up.

The ceremony of registering is a very simple one taking but a very short time.

Where is that equality league that we used to have in Mission City? Is it busy? Every women is entitled to vote now and there is no reason why this opportunity should not be taken advantage of. Some person should make a house to house canvass. DO IT NOW. DO IT NOW.

Matsqui Council Meets

The regular meeting of the Matsqui council was held in the council chambers at the muncipal hall, Mt. Lehman on Saturday last with all members of the council present and the reeve in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Tenders were opened for the work on the Nelson road, and on motion Phinney-Melander, A. F. Verch was awarded the contract for the sum of $110. The other tender was J. N. Tucker $120.

Tenders were also received for work on the Ware road,clearing and grading, $325 for a 24 ft. road and $400 for a 30 ft. road by Wm. Kennedy; E. W. Mouldy, $375 for the 24 ft. road and $490 for a 30 ft. road: D. Coombs $648 for the work with the same specifications. The matter was left in the hands of the Reeve and coun. Phinney.

Fred M. Carmichael sent a tender for work on the Ross-Dennison road, and Josiah and J. E. Israel $350 for work on same road.

For the Haverman road, L. McKinnon would do the work according to specifications for $124 and J. and J. E. Israel the same work for $80.

Owen-Phinney that J. and J. E Israel be awarded the contract on the Haverman road for $80 and also the contract on the Township Line road west of Ross-Dennison road for $350. The contract was signed at the meeting.

J. and J.E. Israel were awarded contract for work on Township Line road west of Mt. Lehman for $175.

Communications were read from the Abbotsford Timber and Trading Co. per Mr. Boyd and from the Clayburn Company re grant to school taxes. The A. T. & T. Co. wished to refer the matter to Mr. Trethewey before acting as he would wish Mr. Trethewey to be quite agreeable, but personally the writer was quite favorable to the proposition. However the matter will rest in abeyance until such time as Mr. Trethewey can be communicated with. The letter from the Clayburn Company showed that the matter was not comprehended by the Company. Clerk was to reply giving further details.

The following petition was received from some twenty petitionees addressed to the B. C. E. R. and asking that the council endorse the petition:

"We the undersigned owners of property along what is locally known as the Patterson and LeFeuvre road would again respectfully renew our petition for the erection of a station at the Patterson road one mile west of Bradner station, as it would be a very great convenience to us and the travelling public. At the present time no shipments can be made except at Bradner or Jackman as the Rand or Lombard stations have no connection with the main or Patterson roads, which are considered merely outlets for the lumber mills operating at these places."

The petition was endorsed by the council.

The Matsqui school estimates for the year show that in Ward I. the Teacher's salaries and Janitor's wages amount to $3000 for the year. This includes the schools at Aberdeen Dunach, Peardonville and Poplar.

Ward 11. Salaries and wages amount to $5004, including the schools at Bradner (2 teachers), Jubilee, Mt. Lehman (2 schools) and Gifford.

Ward III. $1988, including the schools at Clayburn (2 teachers), Abbotsford grant, Huntingdon grant for pupils attending these schools.

Ward IV. $5628, including Matsqui (4 teachers) including high school, Ridgedale (2 teachers).

The total salaies for teachers for the present year is estimated at $14,-900 and wages for Janitors $720, total $15,620.

The government grant is estimated at $10,390.20

Phinney-Aish that Coun. Melander be authorized to expend $300 on the Ross road and also $250 on the International Boundary road.

Melander-Owen that the Clerk endorse the petition from R. K. Nichol and others to the B. C. E. R. for a station on the Patterson road crossing as the council are of the opinion that this point is the proper place for the accommodation of all and for general development of this section of the Municipality.

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DEATH OF ONE OF OUR PIONEERS

Death suddenly removed one of our pioneer citizens on Wednesday of this week after a very brief illness Mr. H. Gazley had been confined to the house with a severe cold for a few days, but was able to be around again and appeared to be in a fair way to recovery, but he took a hemorage of the lungs and passed away before the doctor could render him any relief.

The deceased who was 62 years of age had led a quiet life for a number of years owing to being troubled with a weak heart; but had worked for many years with the C. P. R.

He took an active interest in all that pertained to the welfare of Abbotsford.

He was an exemplary citizen for the town in every respect and was well liked by all, and wil be missed by all.

He leaves to mourn his demise, a wife, one daughter and two sons, one of whom is a soldier Somewhere in France.

Mr. Coburn, one of our blacksmtiis is a handy man to have in town. This week he made the fine job of putting small cogs in the wheel of a phonograph. It was really a jeweller's job, but the jeweller has gone to the front so Mr. Coburn has decided that there is no use being a blacksmith unless you can take the place of a jeweller, in a pinch.

Mrs. Gazley has been in Vancouver some time at her daughter's and was called home on account of her husband's death.

A telephone pay station has been installed at the post office for the convenience of the general public.

Beware of the bull dog that protects the birdie.

When is love deformed? When it is all on one side.

What is the difference between a mother and a barber, The latter has razors to shave, and the former has shavers to raise.

Local and Personal

Mr. Kickbush was a visitor to Abbotsford last week.

Miss Clark chief operator at the telephone office spent a week of holidays at Aldergrove.

Mr. Harold Rucker is home after being in Blaine some months with his brother Ira.

Mr. A. E. Ryall was at Hope a few days last week.

Pte. Morgan was a visitor to Abbotsford last week.

Mr. Willie McClellagan was home last week unable to work on account of ill health.

Mr. Morgan and Glen Thomas are working at the Clayburn Lumber mill.

It was a false report last week about Mrs. Dan Smith being home but she is getting along well and we hope she will soon be home.

Mr. Sutherby was at Ladner on businesss last week.

Mrs. Sutherby and Mrs. Roberts were canvassing for the cakes for the supper May Day dance, said they did well.

Mrs. Anderson was hurrying home one day last week and was cutting a corner to gain time and caught her foot in a piece of wire and fell, cutting her hand badly on a piece of broken bottle. Dr. Swift dressed the wound.

Mrs. Bateman moved last Friday into one of Mr. J. Higginson's houses, the new nurses have full charge of the nursing home. We wish them every success.

Mr. Childs has enlisted, he will be missed as he was a great help in the Red Cross socials. He gave the one in March. $40.00 was collected that night.

Mr. Stephens of Chillwack visited her mother, Mrs. Fraser, last week.

M. E. N. Hill took advantage of the good weather on Tuesday and had the big car from the garage and took his family and some relatives to Chilliwack.

Mrs. Morgan moved into the house on Monday that Mr. J. Higginson just vacated.

Mr. McMurphy of Huntingdon, M. Wallace,r Dr. Swift and Mr. Storm motored to New Westminster last week to a Masonic meeting.

Inspector Bruce visited the school last Thursday and Friday,

Mr. Parton is working at Clayburn.

Glen Thomas and Earnie Chester went to Vancouver last Saturday. Glen bought a bicycle for riding to and from work.

Mr. Ziegler was in Vancouver last Friday on business.

Mrs. A. M. King was a visitor to Vancouver on Wednesday.

Pte. T. Walters and Pte. Gordon Walters who were home, left again on Wednesday morning. They expect to leave soon for the Atlantic coast. They are railroad guards.

Mrs. Starr of Sumas is visiting in Vancouver for a week at her daughter's, Mrs. Major Hornby.

Mrs. E. M. Ryall is ni Vancouver for a couple of days ths week.

The laidies aid was held at Mrs. Ryalls's this week. The day being fine there was quite a number out, twenty-one adults and a number of children.

Mrs. Nixon of Vancouver is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nelson. She intends staying in Abbotsford a month or more.

The misses Annie and Mary Bousfield are home on a visit.

M. Rennier is our policeman again.

GET FIGHTING SUIT ON

We fight the Turk, the beggar runs.
We fight the Bulgar and the Huns
We swat the flies, but mores the pity
There's no one fights the durned Moskittie.

Now there's a thing wants more than watchin'
Out on the flats there are millions hatchin'
Just walk out there and you can see them

The waters all a wriggle wi' them.
Now if these beggars make a break.
'Twill be our fault, and our mistake,
So out upon them right away.
There's only one thing "We must spray."

MAY DAY

Friday, May 18th, Abbotsford will celebrate its fourth a nnual May Day The celebration will be held on the grounds adjoining the Masonic Hall and the school grounds. Miss Marie Scotvold, the retiring queen will crown Miss Evelyn Nelson queen for the coming year. Good weather is all that is essential for a splendid celebration.

The programme is an excellent one throughout and is full of interesting events. Mayor Grey of New Westminster will open the ceremonies directly after the parade at 1 o'clock. Other speeches will follow, also choruses, sports, knitting race, military drill and children's cotillioin, not to mention the open air fairy play. Tapp's orchestra of Huntingdon will supply music for the children's cotillion,and Clark's orchestra will play selections during the afternoon. In the evening the Queen will be crowned in the Alexandra Hall, followed by a concert given entirely by the children. Notice is called to the fact that the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. please be prompt. Children taking part are requested to be at the hall at 7 p. m. Arangements have been made to have colored lights played on the stage during a number of the drills. Each number on the program is a special.

At the close of the concert a grand dance will be held, music supplied by Clark's five piece orchestra.

Prizes will be given in all sporting events and also for the best decorated autos in the parade.

The committee take the opportunity of extending an invitation to owners of automobiles to join in the parade which will be at 1 p. m. Specially appointed autos will convey the Queens and their company of pages and maids. The citizens of Abbotsford are urgently requested to display the good old flag as much as possible and let all know it is May Day.

The owner of the best decorated building will also receive a prize.

Arrangements have been made with the Red Cross Society to provide lunch and supper for the speakers, orchestra and reception committee. The Red Cross will have charge of all booths on the grounds during the afternoon, and wish to ask all ladies of Abbotsford and vicinity to contrbute cakes and efreshments to the Red Cross booths whether personally asked or not.

M. E. Scotvold will be master of ceremonies for the day. Mr. J. A. McGowan, chairman, afternoon and evening. Mr. Mouldey and Mr. Sutherby have charge of the building and decorating, J. J. McPhee, H. Alanson and J. Vanella are manager of the parade and Mr. Murphy manager of the sports, assisted by J. Heath.

All are working unanimously for a successful festival.—Contributed.

Ridgedale Notes

A pleasant afternoon was spent by our Red Cross workers, on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of our Sec. Treasurer, Mrs. J. A Hargitt Mission City. We are pleased to have our Mission friends with us. Our workers were glad of an opportunity to sign the prohibition petition presented by Mrs. McDairmid.

The April box of Red Cross garments were packed and shipped to Vancouver Central Depot, containing the following: 24 pairs hand knitted socks; 24 linen serviettes; 24 white handkerchiefs; 100 wash clothes; 400 mouth wipes 6 suits pyjamas; 6 grey flannel day shirts, 6 sheets; 6 towels; 12 pillow covers; 6 soldier comfort bags, containing following articles: towel, wash cloth, soap, tooth brush, and powder, brush and comb, razor, handkerchief, boot laces, writing pad, envelopes, pencil, tobacco, pipe, cigarettes chocolate and spearmint.

Besides the box of Red Cross supplies we have sent to Belgian Relief Headquarters Montreal, $8.50, and $10.00 to Vancouver Red Cross Central Depot, and $100.00 sent to the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, for two military beds.

During the month two quilts were made for Relief Association.

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J. A. BATES, - - Editor and Proprietor

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1917.

It cannot be said that the women of British Columbia were very anxious for the privilege of voting, as they are not registering now in a very eager way. There are hundreds of women through the country who have not yet registered their vote and from the appearances of things they do not intend to do so at the present time. Some future day, perhaps—after they have seen a couple of good opportunities go by without being able to vote.

Votes for women are now the popular thing in B. C. If you wear petticoats and can otherwise qualify, it is your duty and privilege to register without delay—for the political sharps assert that a Dominion election is not far away, to say nothing of British Columbia possiblites.—Ex.

The editor of the Greenwood Ledge is getting ready for a food famine. He says: "We take potatoes for subscription when cash is not available. About 20 lbs of onions also will not be turned down for a year's sub."

"The man who cannot forgive any mortal thing," says an exchange, "is a green hand in life."

The appropriations for the different constituencies of the province have already been decided upon by the provincial government. These appropriations are in the main one-half of what they were last year; and last year they were a little lower than the year before. Of course the amount appropriated can be made go a long way towards putting the roads in good condition but it is a dead cinch that not many new roads will be built throughout the province during the coming season, if the old roads are to be kept in repair.

It has been charged that the late government did not use the money to the best advantage—that it took fifty cents to put fifty cents worth of work on the roads. We are not prepared to contradict this, nor yet to say it is true. We only know that in the Fraser Valley the roads improved during the past few years. But it is not likely that the present road employees will be able to stretch out this year's appropriations to do the work of last year. The past winter in the Fraser Valley has been a hard one on the roads—they have been frozen, and partly frozen and then thawed out so often, that with the traffic, they have reached that stage where they will need a lot of repair before they vill be as good as last year. As good as last year is not what we want—we want them a little better than last year. Then we will be making progress. Present day business demands good roads and the government that neglects to provide for better roads than last year each year will find that when election time comes there will be a lot of explaining to do to the elector and voter, let alone be returned to control the reins of the government. It is a hard thing to explain to the ordinary man that there is no money for road improvements.

There is a great deal of truth in the following paragraph from the Republic Journal:

When the civil war closed the energy that had awakened under the stress of necessity could not be stopped immediately. The most remarkable development of the country was taken up before the ardor kindled by unusual exertions had died out. War is hell, but it is a great renovator. It stirs up the sluggish blood and brings men with eagerness to a point of action. The fever is being kindled in the present war. When this war is ended, whether it be brief or a long duration, a new enthusiasm will be characteristic of the national spirit, and a new area of great things naturally follow."

Too many people in this country appear to be under the impression that they are doing their share in the production and patriotism movement by raising prices instead of growing foodstuffs. Before this war ends a great many sham patriots will be relegated to the scrap pile and the true patriots will appear on the surface.

The prohibition question in British Columbia is altogether too tantalizing. One day the "drys" are on top; the next day the "wets" bob up serenely. This alternate current of public opinion has been the daily routine for many months past. In the name of common sense, and a decent respect for the people's intelligence, give us whiskey or give us water; we can be happy with either. But this perpetual juggling with the question puts man in as great a misery as n old toper is in during the fall and spring seasons, when it is too cold for beer and a little too hot for Scotch. Under present conditions a man doesn't know what camp to train for. It should not be very difficult to decide the question. If the soldiers' vote was honestly taken and they decided in favor of whiskey, then we should have sufficient respect for their wishes to stand by their decision; if the vote was fairly taken, and we do not intend to abide by their verdict, then we made donkeys of ourselves when we gave them the franchise. On the other hand, if fraud can be shown in taking poll, you can pass us a glass of water with a drop of Alberta Scotch on the side.—Grand Forks Sun.

ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT BOARD OF TRADE

President, Hope Alanson Secretary, N. Hill
of Abbotsford, B. C.

Meeting Held First Monday of Each Month

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.

EARNINGS AND OPERATING EXPENSES.

The gross earnings of Canadian Railways in 1916 amounted to $263,527,157.42, which involved a gain of $63,684,690.29 over 1915.

Operating expenses had a total of $181, 361, 790.18. This represented an increase of $33,630,690.71 over the preceding year

The ratio of operating expenses to gross earnings was 68.94 as compared with 73.94 in 1915.

Of the foregoing gross earnings, $1,638,503.45 attached to four special units which can scarcely be classified as railways. They are segregated in tabular form. Of the operating expenses $819,531.20 apply to the same corporations. For the calculations which follow gross earnings are reckoned at $261,888,653.97 and operating expenses at $180,542,258.98.

So far one active multi-millionaire advocate of conscription of men has definitely declared for conscription of wealth. The distinction belongs to E. W. Scripps of San Diego, who has signed the demand of the American Committee on War Finance for the taking for War purposes of all incomes of over $100,000 a year. Mr. Scripps makes it clear that he does not ask that his wealth be treated more tenderly than the lives of other men. But how lonely he must feel among his fellow conscriptionist millionaires Requests to take a position similar to that taken by Mr. Scripps have been sent by the Committee on War Finance to John D. Rockfeller, Vincent Astor, and other wealthy men prominent in urging drafting of men. So far they have given no intimation that they would have their property treated in the same way.—Public, New York.

"I will stop advertising: that will decreased my expenses.
"I will reduce wages: that will increase my profits.
"Then I will cut prices; that will put me ahead of my competitors."
Hush! Don't wake him up.—The Efficiency Magazine.

ANNUAL SNOW FALL

A table showing the annual amounts of snowfall and temperature for the last two years has been issued by the Dominion meteorological service, of Victoria, as a matter of information following the obnormal weather conditions in most parts of the province. From these figures it is seen that the snowfall on Vancouver Island has not been as heavy during the past year as in 1915-1916, while in Cariboo and at Glacier and on the lower mainland the past year has been abnormal. As the winter has been unusually cold and the spring very backward dangerous floods may occur in the lower Fraser river should a pronounced and continuous warm wave set in during May or June. This would be even more pronounced should it occur about the time of extreme hightides, viz. about the 9th and 23rd of May or the 6th and 20th of June.

Snowfall Table

	in inches	
	1915-16	1916-17
Victoria	77.00	31.00
Goldstream Ck.	175.50	150.00
Bear Ck.	188.80	185.80
Chilliwack	88.00	75.00
Vancouver	70.55	81.20
Barkerville	185.65	246.35
New Hazelton	19.50	57.05
Nelson	109.00	91.00
Rossland	133.20	154.40
Glacier	417.00	459.50
Revelstoke	117.00	159.00

COMMISSONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS

The following people are entitled to take affidavits for registration of votes, and all applications should be filled out and sent away before the 14th of May.

J. A. McGown, Abbotsford.
Reeve McCallum, Abbotsford.
Mrs. Parton, Abbotsford.
F. C. Wiggins, Abbotsford.
A. Cruickshanks, Matsqui.
R. McCrimmon, Abbotsford.
B. B. Smith, Abbotsford.
Geo. H. Kerr, Abbotsford
R. Shortreed, Abbotsford.
J. J. McPhee, Abbotsford.
Mrs. C A. Sumner, Abbotsford.
Fraser York, Huntingdon.
E. St. G. Yarwood, Huntingdon.

A supply of these forms are, or should be kept on hand by each of the above.

The Drug store or B. B. Smith's is a handy place so we are informed.

CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES

Lord Beresford seems to think a good deal more of the United States navy than do the naval experts themselves, says the Calgary Herald. However, it is reasonably certain that in event of war our neighbors would have plenty of effective navy to protect their Atlantic coast-line from anything German that might sneak through the North Sea past the British fleet.—Ex.

THE MAIL-ORDER HOUSE

(Tune. "The old Oaken Bucket.")

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood
When fond recollections present Them to view—
The church, and the store, and the school in the wildwood,
And all the loved spots that my infancy knew.
Last summer I wandered again to the village,
But found not a neighbor of old or his spouse;
The streets were deserted; the farms Needed tillage—
Town had been killed by the mail-order house.
The village had vanished when merchants were banished,
But one lone survivor, as scared as a rabbit,
I found and asked why the village was dead.
"The town got the mail-order catalog habit,
And that was what killed it forever," he said.
"It was not a war, epidemic, or pillage,
No foeman's invasion or robber's
The money that should have developed the village
Was all sent away to the mail-order house—
The money we earned here—never returned here,
When it was sent to the mail-order house."

"A reformer is a man who is always looking for something to shock him."

Why are ladies the biggest thieves in existence? Because they steel their petticoats, bone their stays, crib their babies, and hook their dresses.

See me now about that Insurance

FIRE :-: LIFE

Etc., Etc.

I have a large and splendid supply of Raspberry Canes for sale at low prices. Finest quality.

A. McCallum
Abbotsford

The Right Road.

The road to successful business may not be so easy as the well worn road to failure, but the trail has been well marked by those who have passed that way. They never needed any brakes on the road to success, but often required a whip, particularly at the rough places. The whip they invariably used was newspaper advertising. If you will think of the most successful merchants or manufacturers you know of, you will find they were liberal users of newspaper advertising. They began as small advertisers, and grew to be large ones, as a natural consequence.

Will you, Mr. Merchant, profit by their experience?

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GRAND CELEBRATION MAY DAY

ABBOTSFORD, B. C.

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH 1917

The Red Cross will have full charge of all the Booths on the Grounds in the afternoon

SPECIAL FEATURES-- AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Including Opening Address by Mayor Gray of New Westminster, followed by other prominent speakers.

GRAND AUTO PARADE at 1 p. m.

SPORTS, Open Air Play and Children's Cotillion in Afternoon

7:30 p. m.--CROWNING of MAY QUEEN and GRAND CONCERT---Admission 50c, Children Free

10 p.m. to 3 a.m., MAY DAY DANCE

MUSIC by CLARK'S Five-Piece Orchestra---Gents 50c; Ladies 25c or bring Cake

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

TRY

J. G. COPPING

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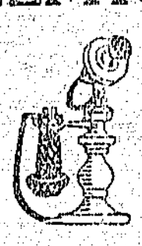

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MATSQUI COUNCIL

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Melander-Owen that Coun. Phinney be granted an appropriation of $100 for the Township Line road east of the C. P. R.

Melander-Aish that Coun. Phinney be allowed appropriation of $300 for the Clayburn screening plant.

Owen-Phinney that Coun. Aish be allowed an appropriation of $500 for gravelling roads.

Aish-Owen, that Coun. Phinney be allowed to call for tenders for grading the Township Line road from the Ward II. boundary east to the B. C. E. R.

Melander-Phinney, that the council wish to call the attention of the residents that there is a by-law against horses running at large—particularly horses at large in Ward I.

Melander-Phinney, that Ward II. have an appropriation of $150 for the Township Line road; $100 for gravelling the Marsh hill; $250 for general repairs and $250 for the Pemberton road north.

Aish-Owen that the Matsqui Revenue by-law 1917 be reconsidered and finally adopted and signed by the reeve and clerk under the Corporate seal.

The rate of taxation will be on improved and real property held by railway and telephone companies 9 mills, school 4 mills and on wild land 35 mills. To get the rebate the taxes must be paid by September 30: second rebate Nov. 30.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Dyking commissioners re the crossing on Dyke that said road was gazetted before the dyke was built therefore the government should make crossing said cost to be paid by dyking district (not by council) as the council have not the right to collect any dyking charges from the dyking district.

Aish-Owen, that the by-law marked be reconsidered and finally passed and adopted and signed by the reeve and clerk under the corporate seal.

Bills may be read at the semi-monthly meeting but are only passed at the regular meeting the first Saturday of the month.

The bills for the month were read and passed.

An Early Morning Fire

(From Fraser Valley Record

The residence of Mrs. C. A. Watson was burned to the ground this morning, she and Miss Apps escaping uninjured but very badly scared.

About three a. m. the two ladies were awakened by some cause probably the smoke in the room. They climbed out through the upstairs window onto the shed and then jumped to the ground.

The alarm was given in but the building and contents is an entire loss, while the stable and the chicken house were saved. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Unloads Another Car

This week Mr. J. A. Hargitt unloaded another car of Fords, and nearly all of them are sold. Another car will be due shortly, or just as soon as the present lot are all placed and the Ford factory can fill the order.

Rhubarb Going Out

The Hatzic Growers are shipping their rhubarb this week and will be able to load another car or two this week. The Fraser Valley Growers intend shipping a car of rhubarb on Friday of this week.

Orders came from Vancouver this week not to ship any more to certain dealers.

Here's Another Reason

The rhubarb situation this year does not appear to be just the best possible for the grower, owing to the fact that the season is late and that the prairie markets are flooded with the American rhubarb. The quality of rhubarb being shipped out by the growers at the present time is A. 1., and it is hoped that the market in Vancouver and the prairies will shortly open up with better advantage to the growers.

This flooding of the Canadian markets with American products is a matter that could easily be taken up by the Board of Trade, as it does not seem right that the growers of this province should have to compete with the overflow of the American grower. A higher duty should be placed on all fruit coming into Canada.

Here again is another reason why the growers of British Columbia should organize right down to the last man, then it might be possible to get legislation through that would be to their mutual advantage. In unity there is strength.

Something That Is Of Interest To All Of Us

The season is again advancing when the mosquito will be abroad if he has an opportunity, and with real warm weather and the Fraser running good it is likely we shall have a visit or two this summer again. We discuss the mosquito question but that appears to be as far as the matter goes, until the little creature gets busy himself. She don't discuss the matter at all; she acts. Some precaution should be made against those breeding pools becoming a menace to the residents.

Dewdney Doings

Mr. Fred Fuller left for a few days visit at the coast the first of the week.

Mr. Geo. Newton attended the War Dance at Vancouver this week.

Mrs. T. M. Hairsine was a visitor at the coast last week.

Mr. Robt. Peacock killed a fine large bear near his home on Hatzic Prairie.

Mrs. R. J. Fellows, Mrs. J. M. Cox, Mrs. Henry Watson and Mrs. Albert Johnson all attended the carnival together last week.

Miss Hazel McIntosh returned home Monday evening after a short visit with her sister at the coast.

Mr. Bouchir was on business to Vancouver the first of this week.

Mrs. Earnest and Chas. Bothemly arrived home Sunday evening after attending the wedding of their brother, Albert, held in Vancouver one day last week.

Mr. Mose Bouchir killed two fine mountain goats last week in upper Stave Lake country. Mr. Bouchir reports heavy snow. The second growth firs are said to be covered, snow slides and avalanches are very numerous.

The war must be the cause of the two wheel buggys that are flying around over the highways. Miss Lena Hyde was the first to adopt the new mode of travel. It saves not only two wheels but also axel grease.

Away Up At Deroche

Mrs. Trembly invited her friends as guests on Wednesday afternoon of this week, to meet her friend Mrs. Peck from Vancouver. A pleasant afternoon was spent.

Mr. A. C. Hill has completed his bungalow and shortly he expects to have as cosy a home as any in Deroche. He is one of our new settlers.

The farmers are busy with the seeding.

Some fifteen men are busy filling in the bridge at Thompson's corner. The work is being done by the government.

The Fraser is gradually rising. It rose two feet here on Tuesday evening.

A concert will be given on Friday evening of this week and the proceeds are for patriotic purposes. The roll of honor for the district will be unveiled.

About Our Railways

Railways Statistics for the year ending June 30th, 1916, show that the railways of Canada made large gains over the preceding year in operating mileage and gross earnings.

That operating railway mileage was increased by 1851.61 during the year bringing the total up to 37,131.05 miles of operating railway in Canada.

That about 3,150 miles of new railway were under construction on June 30, 1916, almost wholly in western provinces.

That the volume of passenger and freight traffic in 1916 was the largest in the history of Canadian railways. The number of passengers was 49,027,671, and the tons of freight 109,659,088.

That the total operating expenses in 1916 was $180,542,258.58—an increase of $32,811,159.51.

That operating expenses were equal to 68.9 per cent of gross earnings.

THE OLD HOME PAPER

Harper's Magazine, in a recent issue says that our little country paper, seems drab and miserably provincial to strangers; yet we who read them read in their lines the sweet, intimate story of life. And all these touches of nature makes us wondrous kind. It is the country newspaper, bringing together daily the threads of the town's life, weaving them into something rich and strange and setting the pattern as it weaves, directing the loom, and giving the cloth its color by mixing the lives of all the people in its color pot—it is this country newspaper that reveals us to ourselves, that keeps our country minds open and our country faith stronger.

When a girl at the glove counter married the boy in the wholesale house the news of their wooding is good for a forty-line notice, and the forty lines in the country paper give them self respect. When in the course we knew that their baby is a twelve pounder named Grover or Theodore or Woodrow, we have that neighborly feeling that breeds the real democracy. When we read of death in that home we can mourn with them that mourn. When we see them moving upward in the world, into a firm, and out toward the country club neighborhood, we rejoice with them that rejoice. Therefore men and brethern, when you are riding thru this vale of tears upon the California limited, and by chance pick up the little country newspaper with its meagre telegraph service of three or four thousand words—or at best fifteen or twenty thousand; when you see its array of countryside items, its interminable local stories; its tiresome editorials on the waterworks or schools, the street railroad, the crops, and the city printing don't throw down the contemptible little rag with the verdict that there is nothing in it. But know this, and know it well; if you could take the clay from your eyes and read the little paper as it is written, you would find all of God's beautiful sorrowing struggling aspiring world in it and what you saw would make you touch the little paper with reverent hands.

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TAKE NOTICE that the partnership heretofore existing between T. A. Swift and C. A. Ryall under the firm name of Abbotsford Garage Co. at the town of Abbotsford, in the province of British Columbia has this day by mutual consent been dissolved.

The business will be carried on by the undersigned to whom all account should be paid.

Dated at Abbotsford, B. C. this 29th day of March, A. D. 1917.

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