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PRACTICAL POULTRY RAISING

Prof. Lunn of the University of B. C., lectured to an interested audience that practically filled every seat of the Victory Theatre on Thursday evening last. The Rev. A. C. McDiarmid, in introducing the speaker, took occasion to inform the public of the splendid work of the local poultry association laying particular stress on the fact that special efforts had been made to get the school children interested in poultry culture. Mr. McDiarmid expressed himself as being proud of the results already obtained in this direction.

Prof. Lunn had with him a large number of really excellent lantern slides, each one of which was explained in detail. A tribute was paid to the specialized development of the poultry industry he had noticed on his visit through the district that day. Commenting on this the speaker said it was an unmistakable evidence that the majority of poultry men had passed the experimental stage and had become fully convinced a good living could be made from poultry. In his opinion the poultry industry was a far safer branch of farming than any other, although it needed the class of man who would stick to it all the time and attend to the necessary detail work with unfailing regularity. Referring to the question of egg production, the speaker said 150 eggs per annum per bird was a good average. The early matured bird, would, generally speaking be found to be the most profitable, as experiments made proved it to be the earliest layer and would continue for a longer period than the later hatched bird. Prof. Lunn saw no reason why Mission should not become the centre of the poultry industry in B. C. The climatic conditions were the best in Canada and it only remained for the breeder to give the same intelligence to the industry in order to make a success.

A hearty vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close, with many expressions that Prof. Lunn would visit the city again in the near future.

THE NICOMEN DYKE

Elsewhere we publish an advertisement calling for tenders for a dam and embankment and three groynes. The tenders are to be in by June 18th.

It looks as though work might be carried on for the protection of this fertile island, providing that in the

meantime it is not washed away. No work can be too costly to save this beautiful island from going down the Fraser river where when dredged out at the mouth would be of no value to this district. They have enough land down there anyway.

June the 18th judging by the present warm weather will be a good time to see Nicomen Island in its greatest danger from flooding this year. The season is late and with the rising of the river in the course of the next ten days of warm weather it should be getting quite lively around the Island.

It is hoped that the advertisement means that something is to be done to make this Garden of Eden a more comfortable place to live in.

Report reached town this week that there was a big rustle after men on Monday evening last to work on protection work. Some work has been carried on for some weeks, but progress was not being made fast enough should there be high water this year.

As has been pointed out there is no doubt about the fertility of this soil. It is the best in the country, and the government,—both governments—would be well advised to protect it. Mission City people are very anxious to see this island put in a more safe condition as it is one of the districts which is considered tributary to the town and for this reason and other neighborly feelings the government that hurries up the work will make many friends here.

G. W. V. FOR MISSION CITY

About forty returned soldiers gathered in the Imperial hall on Friday evening last for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Great War Veterans' Association for this district.

Mr. E. W. Bigelow acted as chairman of the meeting, which was addressed by Messrs W. Drinnan, organizing secretary for the province; Dr. Doherty of Vancouver, — Hart of Victoria, and E. A. Paige, editor of the B. C. Great War Veteran.

The object and aims of the association were outlined by Mr. Drinnan who also told of the work being done in the province at the present time.

After all the above gentlemen had spoken it was decided to organize and the following officers were appointed pro tem:

Fred Plumridge—President.
Wellington Keeves—Secretary.

A meeting is to be held this evening for the purpose of further organization.

SIXTH ANNUAL MAY DAY IS A GRAND SUCCESS

The crowning of the May Queen has become an annual event and the boys and girls look forward to May Day in Abbotsford as their day, and all theirs. "Wake and call me early mother, dear" was the word passed around by many of the Children in Abbotsford and district on Thursday evening—the day before Abbotsford's May Day. The day was perfect in all respects, and the events all passed along with regular clock work and to the enjoyment of our boys and our girls of the town and district, and also many visitors from outside schools.

The special feature of the day was the crowning of the May Queen, and Miss S. Little made a beautiful queen worthy of the retiring queen, Miss Margaret Smith.

The ceremony was conducted in the Alexandria hall with due style and éclat, amidst the enjoyment of hundreds of children and their elders. The sixth queen will reign for one year and in her opening address congratulated her subjects on the bringing of the war to a successful issue, while the retiring queen, who began to reign during the great war was delighted to see our soldiers returning from the battlefields covered with all honor.

The other parts of the programme in the hall were brought before the audience under the able supervision of the Rev. Mr. Robertson, the efficient chairman of the afternoon, and enjoyed it all as much as the children so strongly did he enter into the spirit of the events of the afternoon.

With chairman who could appreciate each number it is little wonder that the boys and girls did their noblest.

The various items on the program were not all by Abbotsford children, some boys and girls from the L.T. B. Orphanage were present and took part in drills, recitation, and song all of which was most excellent, the drill being particularly good.

Mr. T. W. Haslam spoke on the work and efficiency of the L. T. B. Orphanage, which was very interesting.

Miss Borden's class, Miss Laxton's class, Miss Steede's pupils all took part, one of the most interesting of these items being four little girls who drank afternoon tea, and was well received. All however did most remarkably well. Miss Jessie Coogan gave a dainty violin solo; Mrs. J. R. Whitehead favored the audience with one her beautiful songs; Mr. Longfellow was also on the program for a song. The programme was one of the best yet.

The grand May Day dance in the evening from 9 to 2 a.m. to the sweet music of a five-piece orchestra was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The children's sports on the school grounds began at 11 a.m. and continued pretty much all day. The races were all interesting many of the boys going away with honors.

The football match in the afternoon was some game. Beginning at 4 p.m. and playing until about 6 p.m., the game was declared a draw with two goals to the credit of each. The Sardis boys went home feeling that for once they had found their match.

THE O.B.U. NOT REVERSED

A resolution by the New Westminster Trades Council, endorsing the principle of the One Big Union, passed by the council two weeks ago, was at the meeting last week expunged from the records by unanimous vote of the council, no dissent being heard. Delegate Stoney, in moving to this effect, pointed out that the previous resolution had been passed after a motion to adjourn had been submitted and while many of the delegates were leaving the hall, and that in any case it had passed after the time expired for the transaction of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Longfellow and Mr. and Mrs. Eby motored to Bellingham on Sunday.

Should the top become dusty use a stiff brush. To remove man spots or oil, use water and castile soap.

PERSONALS

Mr. Boyd and an old friend of his are sailing from New York this week for England and when returning Hilliard is expected to come with them.

Dr. and Mrs. Swift motored to Vancouver on Monday last.

Miss Naden spent a few days at her home in New Westminster last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith spent last Friday in Vancouver.

The ladies aid met at the home of Mrs. Ryall on Wednesday afternoon. Quite a number were present and not afraid of the extreme heat.

Miss Mildred Hill-Tout who had a slight operation on her throat is home for a short holiday.

Mr. McGillivray is clearing up his new place near Huntingdon.

Glen Thomas has been home sometime, but met with an accident while driving his Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bateman have removed to Vancouver.

Miss Urquhart spent the week end in Vancouver.

Miss Christina McPhee is home for a few days.

Miss Florence Cummings spent last week with the Tretheweys.

Misses Steede visited Chilliwack on Saturday.

Mr. J. King was in Abbotsford last Sunday.

Mrs. Nixon and children visited a few days at Mr. Ben Nelson's returning to Vancouver on Monday.

Miss Grace Kennedy was home last week end from Vancouver where she is working.

Miss Jean Kirkpatrick was home last Sunday from Vancouver.

Mrs. McMaster spent a few days in Bellingham last week.

Mr. S. Kravoski and family motored to Bellingham on Sunday.

Mr. Bannerman has purchased Mr. Fook's Cadillac.

The score last week with the Sardis and Abbotsford was 2-1 in favor of Sardis instead of 3-0.

Mrs. Atkins of Chilliwack was the guest of Mrs. Pace last week at St. Nicholas.

Mrs. Kirkby motored to Vancouver with Mrs. Hart last week and enjoyed it very much.

The whist drive and dance given last week by the W. A. was a great

success for summer time. Fourteen tables of whist were played. Mrs. Swift received the Ladies' first prize and Miss Urquhart the consolation prize. Mr. Smith won the gentleman's first and Frank Parton the consolation. \$19.00 were collected. Mrs. Peele and Mrs. Webster entertained.

May 30th will see another whist drive in the Masonic hall.

Miss Jessie Anderson from Bellingham is the guest of Miss Margaret Smith over May-Day.

ASK GOVERNMENT FOR ADEQUATE STREET LIGHTING

At a well attended meeting of the Abbotsford-District Board of Trade it was decided to request the Government to provide adequate street lighting in the town. It was pointed out that with the increased traffic through the town and danger from level railway crossings it becomes necessary that this be done.

A committee was formed to look into the feasibility and desirability of incorporation as it was felt that the present status of Abbotsford was not in the best interests of healthy development.

The mosquito question again loomed up and it was decided to collect money for the purchase of oil, in conjunction with the Sumas council, to be placed on the ponds and pools with a view to eliminating the mosquito plague this year.

There was a report in a Vancouver daily about some erosion in the banks of the Matsqui dyke. The only erosion that we can find out about is in the imagination of the writer of the article. The dyke is considered quite safe so far as is known.

HELD A SUCCESSFUL SALE

The auction sale conducted by Mr. Wm. Atkinson for A. B. Banyard and Harry M. White at the Hygienic Farm at Gifford on Wednesday last was a very successful sale. Everything offered brought high prices, especially the cows, which brought exceptional prices, several of them selling for amounts of over \$150, while a few of the best brought almost \$200 each.

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J. A. BATES, Editor and Proprietor

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A new area in road building has this week been inaugurated this week for Mission municipality, and it is hoped that it will be just the beginning of better things in the way of better roads. There is room for improvement indeed, and in saying so there is no intention of throwing a sly dig at any one of our public men who devote their time to municipal politics. Our road system is not right, and the best of it is we all know it. There is something that is overlooked in our road building that does not make for permanency. What is it?

Roads in the Fraser Valley are hard to build so that they may be kept in repair at all times of the year on account of the rains of the wet season. New roads are in demand as new settlers come in. The municipalities have not enough money to build the roads fast enough and that is probably one reason why the road question is such a hard problem throughout the Fraser Valley—and the soil is made more for producing than for road building.

Each new settler who demands a road is of value to the country and the government ought to help the municipality in its road building.

Sometimes when we read some of the papers in regard to government criticism we fail to see what is good in our Oliver government—the government that slipped into power without the consent of the people. To make itself secure in the hearts of the people the present provincial government should appeal to the people. True the present members were elected by the vote of part of the people, but the policy of the Brewster government as we understand it today and also at the time of the election, was much different than that put into actual working today. The one big cry at the election time was 'no more patronage' but—THAT IS NOT THE POLICY of the Oliver government, who has worked the patronage bugaboo so strong that today one former supporter of the Liberals is now sore at another former supporter. Why? Because of the policy of giving government jobs. We find it in Dewdney, and probably Dewdney is no more different than the rest of the province.

Thus we say it is time for an election.

The report that every effort to get men to work on the Nicomen Island dyke should be good news to all who want to see the district prosper. No finer land in the Province of B. C. can be found anywhere than on Nicomen Island. Were it not for the danger of high water it would be a veritable garden of Eden. It is pretty good as it is.

There is always the open question of the incorporation of Mission City. A committee should be appointed to go fully into the matter and make a thorough report to be placed before the people for their consideration, and if on mature consideration of the report it is found that incorporation would spell greater success to the town than under the present system we should get busy and incorporate.

It is worth while considering very carefully the merchant or manufacturer who is not constantly after new business is playing a losing game, for unless new patronage comes in through the front door constantly, profits filter out through the back windows.

Business, like everything else in the world, is in a state of flux. There is nothing more true than the statement that the business that is left to its own devices does not take long to drop out of the procession. It is only through everlasting watchfulness and care that successful houses are able to retain their positions.

In modern business—in 1919—patronage must be brought to the goods, on the premise that the goods cannot be taken to the people. Most persons follow the lines of least resistance in buying things, going or sending their orders to those companies and those addresses that have been stamped on their minds by one means or another.

Here is where the advertised business gains its advantage. Men and women of the present day are too busy to take time searching for a place to spend their money. The place that puts its goods and its name and its address before these buyers in the most direct, forceful and interesting way gets their patronage; you can't get away from this fact. And the most direct, forceful and interesting way to do this is to employ good printing and better advertising.

The journalistic graveyard of the province during the couple of years before the war and during the war became filled to a greater extent than during any other period, probably, in the history of the province. In the Fraser Valley quite a few became demised. Just off-hand we might say there were: one in Mission City, the Mission City News; one in Chilliwack the Era; one in Langley, the Star; one in Langley (name forgotten); a couple in New Westminster, among which was the Daily News; one in Ladner, News or Times; one in Cloverdale, the Fraser Valley Herald; one in Hope, the Review; but the largest graveyard of all was Port Coquitlam where three took flight, the Coquitlam Star, several times resurrected, the Review, and after the last tax sale the Times. There may have been several in Burnaby, but in getting to Burnaby we are right in Vancouver where the list is almost endless—almost.

The Fraser Valley has done pretty well in this respect. But then it always does well no matter what field of activity is undertaken.

It may be that other parts of the province can show a greater journalistic demise than the above, but with that field we are unacquainted. Perhaps Bro. Power or Bro. Simpson could sling a little light on these matters?

Notwithstanding the fact that many papers are unable to eke out an existence very long there are always those who are willing to take a try, often where others fail, and make a success or apparent success—that is able to keep running. No doubt this spring with the return of brisker business new ventures will be undertaken again. As a matter of fact we know of two at the present moment; one in Langley and the other in Cranbrook.

May they both find the journalistic path a path of roses—but we know they won't, nevertheless we cannot wish them less.

Again we celebrate the 24th of May.

The next issue of the Greater Vancouver and Lower Mainland Telephone Directory Closes on June 5th, 1919

If you are contemplating taking new service, or making any changes in or additions to your present service, you should send in notification, in writing, not later than the above date, in order that you may take advantage of the new directory listings.

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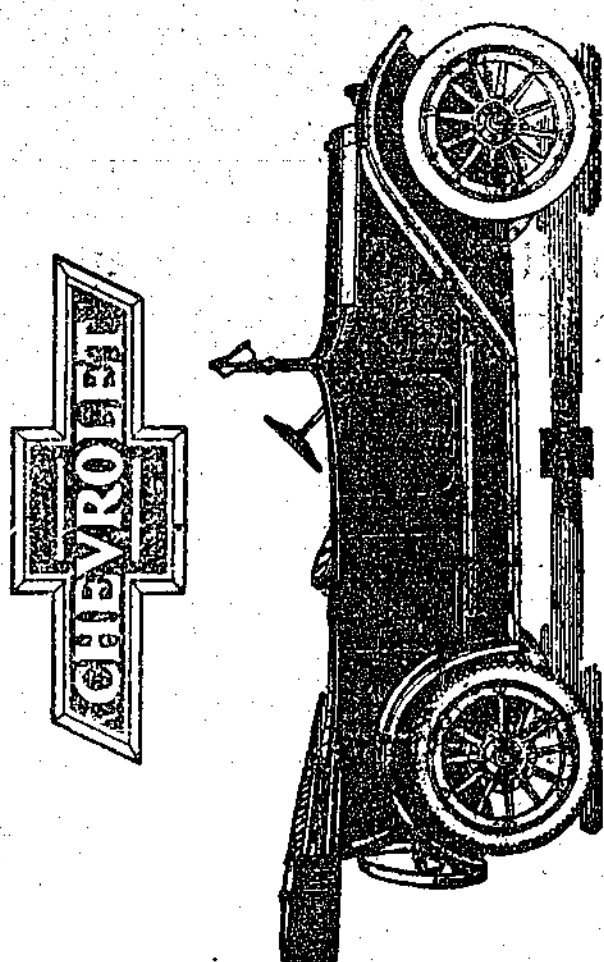
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HATZIE FLOWER SHOW

The Hatzie Flower show will be held on June 12th next.

The following are the rules and regulations:

1. All members of the Institute shall be entitled to exhibit in all the classes on payment of 25 cents.
2. Non-members in all classes on payment of 50 cents.
3. All exhibitors must send in to the secretary a list of their exhibits on blank forms supplied, writing clearly and distinctly the numbers of the class and the number of the section of each entry, name and address of exhibitor.
4. No entries will be received later than two days before the show.
5. All exhibits shall have attached to them by the exhibitor the tag provided for them by the committee showing the number of exhibit, and must be in the hands not later than 11 a. m. on day of Show.
6. All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitors, and must

have been in their possession for at least one month previous to the time of showing.

6. No competitor shall make more than one entry in the same class.
7. Struck out.
8. Exhibitors must provide all requisites for exhibiting purposes.
10. In the case of only one entry the option of 1st, 2nd or any prize shall be left to the judges.

Professionals are prohibited from entering for competition.

Entry forms may be obtained from the secretary.

A collection of any Flowers shall mean one only of each kind.

A display permits several of each kind of flower being used unless otherwise stated.

CLASS 1.

Section A: 1st—The best white rose, any variety, 1st 50¢; 2nd Rose 2—The best red rose, any variety, 1st 50¢; 2nd Rose. 3—The best yellow rose, any variety, 1st 50¢; 2nd Rose. 4—The best pink rose, any variety, 1st 50¢; 2nd Rose.

Section B: Each a different variety—1—The three best white roses, 1st 75¢; 2nd Iris. 2—The three best red roses, 1st 75¢; 2nd fern. 3—The three best yellow roses, 1st 75¢; 2nd Iris. 4—The three best pink roses, 1st 75¢; 2nd fern.

Section C—The best four roses, distinct colors, special given by Mr. Crosby, 2nd \$1.00.

Section D—Best display of not less than six roses, each a different variety, with long stems, shown individually. Special given by Layritz, rose stock value \$3, 2nd \$1.00.

Section E—Best collection of roses correctly named, one only each variety, special given by Mr. Mynors \$3, 2nd \$1.

Section F—Best display of roses with any foliage, arrangement to count, special given by Lawrence & Bishop, order on Layritz, value \$2.50 2nd \$1.

CLASS 2.

Peonies—Section A.—1—The best red, 1st 50¢, 2nd plants; 2—The best pink, 1st 50¢, 2nd Iris. 3—The best white, 1st 50¢, 2nd rose.

Section B.—Best display of Peonies arrangement to count, special given by Empress Company, 5 lbs tea, 2nd \$1.00.

CLASS 3.

Section A.—The six best perennials, not shrubs, any foliage, arrangement to count, 1st special given by Brown Bros., value \$3, 2nd Book by Department and \$1.

Section C.—Shrubs—Best collection of shrubs, arrangement to count 1st special given by Mr. Mynors \$2.00

2nd \$1.00.

CLASS 4.

Pansies—1—The best three pansies, each different 1st \$1, 2nd 50¢. 2—The best display of pansies, arrangement to count, 1st Special picture given by Mr. Frupp, 2nd \$1.00.

CLASS 5.

1—Best 6 Iris, 1st \$1.00, 2nd 50¢. 2—Best collection of Iris, special given by Miss Creelman, 2nd \$1.00.

CLASS 6.

1—Best collection of annuals, 1st \$1.00; 2nd 50¢. 2—Best collection of Sweet Peas, special given by Braud 2nd 50¢.

CLASS 7.

House Plants—1—Best Geranium 1st 50¢, 2nd 25¢. 2—Best display of Geraniums, 1st \$1.00, 2nd 50¢. 3—Best display of Begonias, 1st 50¢, 2nd 25¢. 4—Best display of house plants, 1st \$3.00, including special by Mr. Mynors, 2nd \$1.00. 5—Best any other house plant, 1st 50¢, 2nd 25¢. 6—Best fern, 1st 50¢, 2nd 25¢. 7—Best hanging basket, 1st \$1, 2nd 50¢.

CLASS 8.

Best decorated table, floral decorations only to count, specials given by J. Hargitt, 1st \$2.50, 2nd \$1.50, 3rd \$1.00.

CLASS 9.

Hat trimming contest for young ladies under 20. Hats to be trimmed with natural flowers only, 1-2 hour allowed for trimming to start at 5 p. m. Contestants to bring their own hats, flowers, etc., special given by the Flower Show Committee, 2nd \$1.00.

CLASS 10.

Best collection of spring vegetables special given by King-Beach Co., \$2.50, 2nd \$1.00.

CLASS 11.

Best Presentation Bouquet, special given by Mr. Bates; 2nd 50¢.

CLASS 12.—Children.

1. Best collection of freshly gathered Wild Flowers, special given by Mr. Mynors \$1.00; 2nd, 50¢.

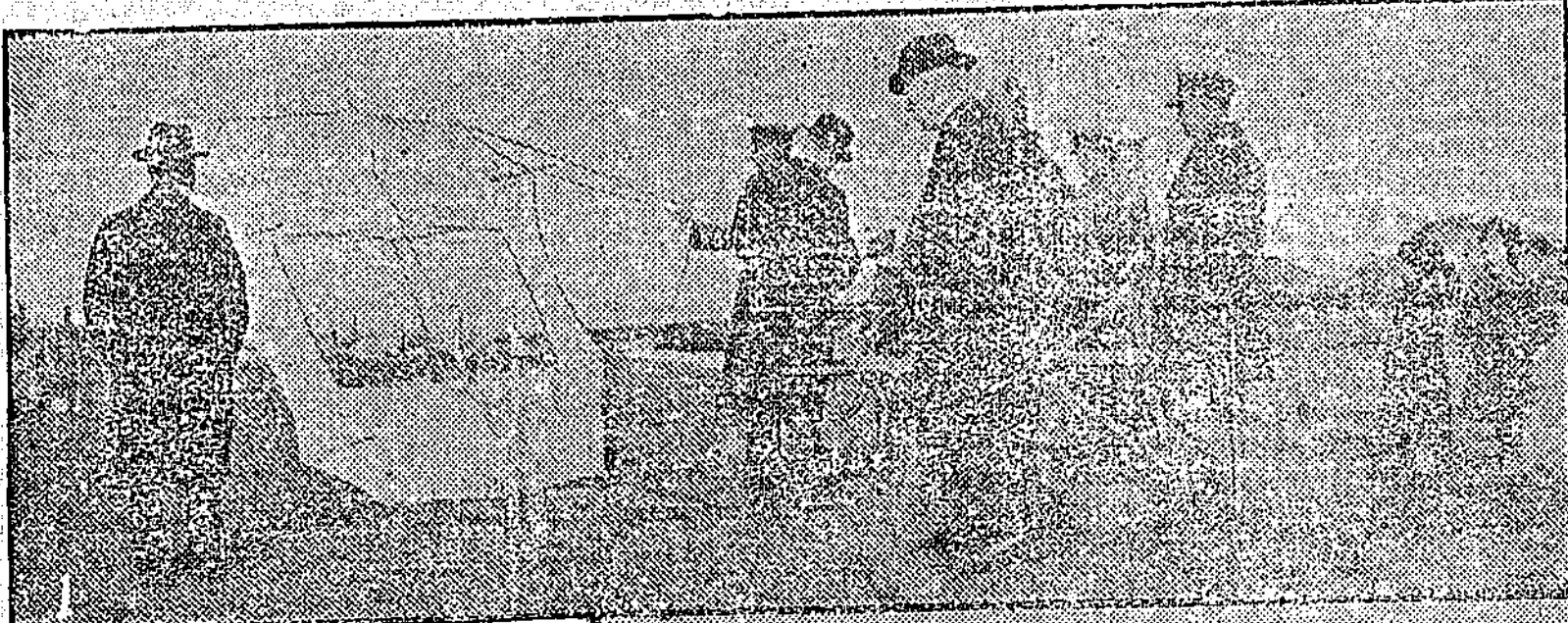
2. Best Garden at Hatzie School, special by Mr. Maynors, \$1.00; 2nd, 50¢.

FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

President, Mrs. Millar; Mrs. T. Cathwood, Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Hodgson, Mrs. Ketcheson, Mrs. Noble, Miss Fisher; secretary, Mrs. Frupp.

A very simple way of cleaning valve stems which are under suspicion of harboring carbon deposits is to inject a little kerosene in the air valve of the carburetor while the engine is running. In this way a little of the kerosene finds its way down the valve stem and softens and washes off the carbon. It is no bad idea to do this once a month or so.

TAKING AIR SOUNDINGS ON THE ATLANTIC



In future days when one takes a casual flight across the Atlantic, in a Detroit flying flyer, the success of the trip can be credited to the British Air Ministry in general, the meteorological in particular and Lieut. Guy Harris, F.R.M.S., R.A.F., specifically.

Lieut. Harris arrived in St. John recently, the only passenger on board the Canadian Pacific Steamship Montcalm. He is the commander of the Atlantic upper air investigation expedition which under the control of the Royal Air Ministry will chart every air current and make the air route across the Atlantic as sure and safe as the water pathway. Weather news bureaus will also be inaugurated to furnish up-to-the-second information regarding all aerial conditions.

A representative of the press visited the vessel and examined the special apparatus with which she was fitted for the experiments. At first sight it seems to be simple enough, for it consists only of winches, wire, box kites, and a meteorograph, but the meteorograph is itself a complicated and intricate instrument, and kite-flying for scientific purposes is not quite the schoolboy fun that many people imagine it to be. The kites used are of three types, and the largest of these, which measures roughly, 8 ft. by 6 ft., exerts a pull in a strong wind sufficient to strain the holding power of four men.

Besides the box kite there is a crown kite, 16 feet long and 12 feet high, with a main plane and two keels; the keel kite is smaller and is used mostly as a pilot kite to assist the others up.

There are two winches, one placed on the fore deck for use when the wind is aft, and the other for use when the wind is ahead or abeam, is to be sent off on the gun platform in the stern of the ship. By these means the mooring cables which are of fine steel wire very similar to marine sounding cable will be kept clear of rigging and derricks whatever may be the angle from the ship at which the kite is flying.

When the soundings are taken two kites are attached to the cable-end a pilot of light make and 400 feet behind it one of the bigger box kites carrying meteorograph. The air currents and varieties of atmospheric pressure vary in layers upwards, and soundings can be taken up to a height of four or five miles. The meteorograph, a comparatively small instrument combining three devices in one, records at the same time, by pen points marking a chart on a revolving drum, the humidity of the air, atmospheric pressure, and the speed of the wind, all factors of the utmost importance in the consideration of flight.

If the soundings experiments made from the Montcalm are successful a number of ships will be fitted forthwith with similar gear to that which she is to carry. Soundings in great numbers will be taken, and the information obtained will be distributed by wireless from ship to ship, and to stations in London, Lisbon, the Az-

- (1) Lieut. Harris experimenting with kites at St. John.
- (2) Crown kite flies.

ores, and Newfoundland. There is also to be an immediate station on a battleship cruising on a definite area between Newfoundland and the Azores. Those are the points at which it has already been decided by the ministry to establish parts of call for cross Atlantic air traffic. At each there will be repair shops, spare parts, stores, and petrol for refueling the aeroplanes. The type of machine to be used will be a "flying boat" and thus when the proposed method of gathering news about weather conditions is in full working order, and when in a month's time official cross Atlantic flight by aeroplanes begins, as it is hoped it will, pilots will be able to have their machines overhauled to "refill," and to learn the latest tidings of weather ahead at five halts on the journey. Thus the Air Ministry is reducing the risks of flight to a minimum.

It was at first proposed that these atmospheric readings should be made using balloons of the type employed by the Meteorological office in carrying out daily readings over land, but there are many objections to flying balloons from ships. The kite which is made of fine linen stretched between bamboos is strong and serviceable, and can be folded away for storage in a very small place. It is also cheap to make and quickly turned out. It may be remarked that the officer stationed at Lisbon is to be allowed full use of the observatory there for gathering weather news. The official view is that the prospects for cross Atlantic flights by aeroplane are entirely favourable, and it is hoped to make the journey without touching the Azores. Early news of conditions ahead will have the greatest influence on the success of the venture. Lieut. Harris said that there were many difficulties experienced in the kite flying at sea, but thanks to the valuable assistance of Captain Ham-

ilton and other members of the ship's staff everything worked out remarkably well. It is a far different thing, he stated, to fly a monster kite from a moving, lurching ship than it is from the steady ground. It is very difficult to get the kite away from the ship, and for a long time he had to puzzle out a method of getting the recording instruments up to the kite after the ascent had been successfully made. To the best of his knowledge, kites had been flown from ships only once before, and that long before the present war. During the voyage across he had made several altitude flights of 7,800 feet, and many over 6,000 feet.

The air service mentioned above, he added, will be used and charted for every sea and will cover a service of airships and the larger heavier-than-air craft, as well as planes. His records made during the voyage across are in rough shape and of course nothing can be published regarding the trip until the official reports have been passed through the ministry at London. But, he added, "I am very well pleased with the results obtained and I can state without qualification that the expedition, so far, has been most successful."

Mr. Harris is a fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, and has been engaged in scientific pursuits for the past 18 years, making his first experiments when but a mere lad. He had been engaged in scientific kite-flying several years before the war broke out, and his services were keenly appreciated by the air service.

For three years he has been attached to the Royal Naval Air Service operating around the British Isles and Dunkirk in anti-submarine work. It has been frequently stated that there never has been a ship attacked by the German U-boats while it was convoyed by a flyer.

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MAPLE RIDGE

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Maple Ridge Returned Soldiers Reception Committee consisting of Reeve W. H. Ansell, Coun. Dale, Coun. Adair, Coun. Lilley and Constable E. Pope, met in the municipal hall, Port Haney, on Saturday, April 5th.

Coun. Lilley was in the chair. E. Pope was appointed secretary of the Returned Soldiers Reception Committee.

The matter of selecting a standard honor roll or tablet came up for discussion, and several designs and patterns were examined. Mr. Pope was authorized to communicate with N. A. McDiarmid, C. M. C., of Delta stating the Maple Ridge Committee's choice of honor roll or tablet, and asking to be kept informed as to the selection of other municipalities.

The matter of choosing a medal for returning soldiers was also gone into. Coun. Lilley and Constable Pope were given power to act in connection with making a choice of a medal for the returning soldiers.

At a subsequent meeting on Friday evening, May 9th, the secretary reported that at the Maple Ridge Council meeting held April 5th, several communications were read from the "Gold Stripe" asking to have an honor roll of Maple Ridge heroes published in the forthcoming issue of that publication, and saying that the cost of drawing and making the engraving for such honor roll would be about \$25. This communication was referred by the council to the R. S. R. C., with power to act. On April 17th Coun. Lilley and the secretary went to Vancouver and interviewed Mr. Paton, of the "Gold Stripe" selected a drawing for the Maple Ridge Honor Roll and the names to appear on the honor roll were left with Mr. Paton.

Coun. Lilley and Mr. Pope ordered one hundred silver medals for presentation to the returning soldiers. They also interviewed Messrs O. B. Allan and Henry Birks & Co., re prices and specifications for honor roll or tablet and both parties asked for some time to go into the matter closer.

On this trip Coun. Lilley and Mr. Pope were fortunate enough to meet Col. J. D. Taylor, of New Westminster and in course of conversation mentioned the proposed reception to returning soldiers of Maple Ridge and suggested that the people of Maple Ridge would be glad to see the

Colonel present on that occasion. The Colonel replied that if he is in B. C. at the time the reception is held, he would be pleased to be present, and to help in any way to make the affair a success.

Mr. Pope also reported:

The committee met on Tuesday, April 22nd, and Mr. Muter, for O. B. Allan, presented plan, etc., for tablet or roll of honor but as Messrs. Birks & Co. had not submitted their plan and price, nothing definite was done.

It being thought advisable to have two ladies on the committee I was advised by the chairman to communicate with the Red Cross and the War Relief Societies of the district and the Women's Institute of Port Haney, and ask them to send one lady from Haney and one from Hammond to join the committee.

The report of Secretary Pope, re honor roll was accepted.

Mrs. D. Simson and Mrs. A. Tapp then presented credentials from the Red Cross and War Relief Societies, and the Women's Institute, and took their seats with the committee.

Rev. G. H. Findlay was included as a member of the Reception Committee. The names of W. G. Whalley and Basil Thompson were added to the honor roll to appear in the "Gold Stripe" if possible.

A long discussion then took place over the proposed memorial tablet, and a monument for same. Two sites were mentioned for the monument, one being the Maple Ridge cemetery, and the other being the municipal grounds at the corner of the Hinch and Dowdney Trunk Roads. It was finally moved by Reeve Ansell, seconded by Mr. A. Tapp, that the site of the monument be the municipal civic centre on the corner of the Hinch and Dowdney Trunk roads. Carried.

Mrs. A. Tapp, Mrs. D. Simpson and Coun. Adair were named a committee to view monuments in Vancouver and report at next meeting.

Representatives of the British Columbian addressed the committee at some length re the proposed Victory Number of that publication, to be issued in the near future, and asked for certain information to assist in making a creditable writeup of the war activities of the Maple Ridge district. They were promised all possible assistance.

The committee then adjourned.

DIRT ROADS

The highway running east and west is but a sorry jest. In droughty seasons it will do; then motor cars along it choo, and loaded teams climb up its hills, and dislocate no poles or wheels. And this is why I sometimes say the government should do away with rain and moisture of that stamp so that the road may not get damp for when the water drips and pelts that doggone highway simply melts, like sugar in a cup of tea, and there's no thoroughfare to see. Some drowning mules we may behold, and autos from the culverts rolled, and swearing men who ply the jaw and say there ought to be a law. We've blown in millions, more or less, to make the road a big success. We've graded and we've plowed and dragged, we've engineered and cussed and bragged we've foundered horses by the herd to make the highway less absurd. And when the weather's good and dry it pleases the esthetic eye; it's scraped and manicured so nice we think it's surely worth the price; we bowl along its dusty miles, our faces wreathed in beaming smiles. Then Pluvius un-

coras his trough, it rains, and all the stuff is off. I wonder if we'll ever rise, unswerving purpose in our eyes and build the kind of roads that last through vernal rain and wintry blast. —Walt Mason.

Maple Ridge

Between thirty and forty returned soldiers formed the nucleus of a branch of the G. W. V. A. on Saturday night after a meeting in Haney Municipal hall and an address sketching the aims of the association by Mr. Walter Drinnan, organizing secretary and another by Mr. W. A. Robertson on the work of the board for the re-establishment of soldiers in civil life. A temporary president was found in the person of Lieut. Earl Solkirk and a temporary secretary in Mr. James Allison. The next and organizing meeting will be held on Friday evening.

The fortnightly meeting of Haney taxpayers was adjourned on Saturday night on account of the returned soldiers' meeting, until May 30.

Sergt. Jones, M. M., of Port Coquitlam, has acquired the ranch of Mr. Haraka, who sold it at \$500 an acre. The ranch is reckoned to be in fine shape, well planted with strawberries, raspberries and blackberries and other fruits. It is well situated, with a good house, about two miles from the town of Haney.

The Haney War Relief Association is winding up its affairs and balancing its accounts. It finds it has a large quantity of yarn to sell at \$2 a pound, which will help to square matters if purchasers can be found.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burnet of Haney have left for an auto trip to California. Their Ford car has been remodelled so that by the removal of two bolts, the back of the front seat is rendered removable and with the cushions, a couple of short boards and a soft thick comforter, a fire bed is ready at hand. They will keep a diary of all interesting incidents and will also make frequent use of their camera.

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