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## FIRE BRIGADE GETS ATTENTION

At a public meeting which was called by Chief Forrest of the Alberni Volunteer Fire Department last Friday, it was shown plainly that the sympathy of the public as well as the Mayor and Council, is with the Brigade in the effort to secure a higher standard for both membership and equipment.

Chief Forrest called the meeting to order and briefly outlined the objects of the call. It had been shown at the recent fire which resulted in the loss of the Presbyterian Church and Manse, that there was a lack of adequate equipment for the Department, and that there were not enough trained men in the Brigade. At least 550 feet more hose was needed, and there should be more hydrants scattered about town at various points. Men who would turn out to practice were also needed. Would some of the young men present put their names down and give a hand in getting the Brigade up to a higher level? They would, and several names were added to the list of membership at once.

The Mayor took up the subject, and outlined the attitude of the Council with regard to the Department. The was aware of the needs of the Brigade but had been kept from doing many of the things which they desired by lack of funds. At the time the Department was started there had been a debenture issue for four thousand dollars, and just as soon as these were sold the money would be used to buy the things so much needed. Now how a fire alarm, and other things.

The need of a new alarm was discussed. It appears that there is a bell in Victoria that can be had, and the exact figures will be ascertained at once, and an attempt made to secure the same.

Mr. C. Frith, of the Dunlop Rubber Company, spoke at this juncture and assured the citizens that his company would supply the needed hose, and give the city all the time needed to pay for it. This would give them a chance to sell the debentures before paying for the hose.

A considerable amount of discussion followed, and the general trend of opinion appeared to be that with the splendid water system, and the desire of the present Volunteer Fire Brigade to do all in their power, there should be no difficulty in getting a high class brigade, with full equipment in shape in the near future. Certainly the public appeared to fully appreciate the efforts of the fire boys to do all in their power when called on.

Mr. T. Patterson offered a donation of some twenty telephones for the use of the department for alarm process and it may be that these will be fixed to ring up the numbers in case fire.

### City Council.

There was quite a busy session of the City Council this week. In the first place arrangements were made to purchase 550 feet of fire hose from the Dunlop Rubber Company. By-law No. 2, which has to do with fire protection, will be amended to meet the requirements of the insurance companies, and give the Council power to regulate these matters.

A resolution was passed to ask the Government for power to declare no tax sales on property of men who are at the front.

A number of traders' licenses which are delinquent were read, and it was understood that an effort will be made to get in the back charges.

Mr. Evans was given the job of installing a hydrant on the Indian Reserve.

Sundry accounts were ordered paid, questions about the city debentures will be answered, and certain sidewalks repaired.

A meeting of the Alberni Confraternity Association will be held in the A. C. A. room on Saturday, July 3, at 8 p.m.

## SALMON FISHING NOW STOPPED

Lately there has been an excellent run of sockeye salmon in the Somass River, and quite a number of settlers have been taking advantage of the fact to put up a supply for the coming winter. At the Sprout Lake Falls it was easy to catch the fish with a snag hook, and this also has brought about the exact result which always appears in such cases. A few not content with taking the fish for their own or their neighbors' needs, have been taking them for purposes of sale, or, what is worse, simply pulling them out and leaving them on the bank to rot.

As might have been expected, this has been brought to the attention of the Dominion Fisheries Authorities, and the result is an order to stop this class of fishing. So, for the greed and carelessness of a few, many who would have made a good and right use of the fishing, will be deprived of this chance to get in a supply of valuable food for the coming winter.

We are not quite sure that this is the best method of handling this matter. While proper regulations are of course necessary to preserve the fish supply, it would appear that permits might be issued to those who need the fish for food, and these persons permitted to take enough for their own needs. Others who are disposed to abuse the taking of fish could then be kept in hand.

Then the Fisheries Officer would not have to bury 55 fish which were rotting on the bank, and put a stop to the taking of fish by all parties as he did recently. Those who need the fish could secure them, and the whole situation handled.

The use of nets in the river was also being abused, and has been stopped. It appears that the fish have been taken in nets in the river, and then peddled to canneries, or dealers, and so this form of taking fish will be stopped.

It is probable that no appeal will be made to Mr. G. Taylor for some method to issue permits to those who need salmon for their winter food, and that these will meet the present situation.

### Dropped Dead.

Handfield, June 28. Mr. McKee, store keeper at Handfield, dropped dead this morning at 11:30 while assisting to unload lumber from a scow for the new school.

Deceased was one of the Old Timers on the west coast of the Island, and well known since the days of the mining rush, having been engaged in business at various points on Barclay Sound as a storekeeper.

The funeral services were held at Alberni on Tuesday of this week, Rev. Jas. Carruthers officiating. Deceased leaves a wife and five children.

### Card Of Thanks.

The Managers and members of St. Andrews Church take this opportunity of thanking the Fire Brigades of Alberni and Port Alberni for the splendid work that they did at the recent fire. Sincere thanks are also tendered to the many citizens of both towns who gave such valuable assistance.

### Some Hat.

Geo. White's hat. Say it was quite hot yesterday. Old Sol was on the rampage and did not appear to care who suffered. Glass about one hundred and seven in the shade and no shade. Well it was just the kind of weather when the Alberni ladies are glad to remember that they have no worry about taking care of the meat. All that they have to do is to let it remain in the big ice box at Rochester's until just a few minutes before it is needed, ring up a selection, and there you are. Mr. Rochester is just as careful about what he selects for you as if you were on the spot.

## ALBERNI OBSERVES DOMINION DAY

Carrying out the tradition of the past Alberni made a special holiday of the first of July, and while there was not the long list of sports which are usually in evidence, the young people were not forgotten. Practically the the list of last year was carried out so far as the young people were concerned and to say that they had a good time is putting it mildly. Owing to the demands of the holiday there are no lists of winners this week, but we hope to be able to give the names of the top liners next week.

Quite a number of the citizens took advantage of the holiday to seek some cool and shady spot along the river, or at one or the other of the lakes, and there spent the day in quiet enjoyment.

Though the bustle and excitement of other years was lacking in some ways, yet the general reports of a good time indicate that the day passed in a satisfactory manner.

### Dr. Pallant Killed.

While driving along the Sathlam Road towards the Cowichan River between 6:30 and 7 o'clock on Friday evening Dr. Arthur Pallant, a well known resident of Victoria, was the victim of an accident which cost him his life.

Accompanied by Mr. Albert Wydo, at whose camp he had been spending a few days, he was returning after a run over the Cowichan Lake Road. They had descended a somewhat steep grade on the narrow thoroughfare and were about to make a turn when the front left wheel slipped and the car toppled over, falling a distance of between 6 and 7 feet. It turned bottom upwards and Dr. Pallant was pinned between a log and the side of the machine. He was caught across the body in such a way that death must have been instantaneous.

Dr. Pallant was 60 years of age and is survived by Mrs. Pallant, who lives at Brighton, England; one daughter, Mrs. George Eldor, of Broadhurst, Sussex, England; Lieut. H. Pallant, M. D., who is serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Mr. A. C. Pallant of Alberni, B. C.

### Red Cross Work.

The Alberni Women's Patriotic Society has been doing a whole lot of good work for the benefit of the boys at the front, and especially for those who are in the hospitals. In addition to the former boxes, hales and bundles of things which went forward during the winter and early spring, it is to be noted that another big consignment has been forwarded of late.

This consists of: 22 pyjama suits, 4 bed jackets, 8 abdominal flannel bands, 27 pairs of socks, 3 sweaters, 1 pair of knee caps, 4 pairs of wristlets, 10 helpless case jackets, 3,000 mouth wipes 4x4, 500 wash clothes 10x16, 30 face cloths, 30 towels, 25 flannel squares 40x40, 13 pairs of hospital slippers, 113 cheese cloth squares, 1 shirt.

In addition to this the ladies have sent forward some 31 pairs of socks for the Alberni boys, and have in hand about \$80 with which to purchase material for the next batch of supplies. Pretty good work.

### Home Guard.

There will be a meeting of the Alberni District Home Guard, on Saturday evening July 3, at 7:30, for the purpose of discussing whether the Guard will continue drills or disband. A full attendance of members is requested.

### Notice.

The Ladies Aid of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Raspberry Social at the residence of Mrs. Neill, on Wednesday, July 7, at 4 p.m.

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Alberni, B. C., Canada - July 3, 1915

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We are pleased to note the fact that the efforts to improve on the local fire fighting arrangements have met with a prompt attention on the part of the local authorities, and that there are now under way measures which will put the fire department on a better basis so far as equipment is concerned.

More hose and more hydrants. A fire alarm which will be heard beyond the block on which it is located, and more attention to practice runs on the part of members, will all tend to put the volunteer brigade on a better footing, and these are being attended to.

In the matter of more hose, the way is clear, and the City can get all the hose needed, and have time to pay for the same until the debentures are sold.

The tests of the water system proved that it is well up to all requirements. Both the standing and running pressures were good. In a number of instances the running pressure was 90 pounds or better and from 70 to 80 was common. The test of the tank was excellent. It was found that at the rate the tank lowered at the recent fire, it would give a run of at least 24 hours at full pressure.

All of which is very satisfactory. Now let the citizens take a hand in the game. Let them show such an appreciation of the efforts of the firemen, and such a pride in the department, as will spur the boys on to closer attention to practice, and secure a greater membership, and we will have a fire brigade that will be a credit to the city.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Now comes the news that the reply of Germany to the U. S. note will be favorable. Can it be that even "Bloody Bill" has found his hands full, and does not care to take on any more engagements, or has his hard heart been so softened by the resignation of "Grape Juice Bill" that he does not feel like putting a farther load on the suffering States?

The Russians have regrouped their forces and are all ready for the tap of the bell for the next

round. Strange how hard the "Big Bear" is to knock out.

He comes up smiling after every round and some time he is due to land a "sleep producer."

And now comes the glad news that Sir Richard, the "Wandering Knight" is once more on Canadian soil. Did you notice how much brighter the sun has been shining for the past few days? The fact that there are a few bricks hidden in the "glad hands" that are extended to welcome Sir Richard home, is only one of the minor matters that come in the day's work, along with other things in the political game.

We have arranged for a snap shot of the scene where Bowser falls on Sir Richard's neck—with an axe.

The only fear we have is the difficulty of getting a shutter fast enough to take the movement. It will be a swift one, unless there be those who juggle with facts when reporting the feeling between the two big Bosses.

Recent pictures of Sir Richard McBride show him with a close hair cut. We shudder when we remember what happened to Samson.

The editor of the Victoria Colonist remarks:

"There is not the least reason for any person to go without food. The sea at our very doors is full of fish; clams by the thousand can be dug from the beach; every time the tide goes out it leaves millions of mussels high and dry. Anyone can get them who thinks it worth while. We are not suggesting that people ought to be content with fish, clams and mussels, but we do know that they make mighty good eating."

All of which leads us to remark that we will wager a small amount that the snug, well fed look which we observed on the face of that editor, a week or two ago, was not based on either clams or mussels. The viewpoint makes a difference.

Just how to "undo" the two "British" royal dukes who are now to be found fighting in the German forces is a question which is agitating the public as well as Parliament in the Old Country. These two have had their "Garters" taken away, and we venture to suggest that if they could be coaxed within range of some of our Canadian boys that not only garters, but socks, as well as dukedoms, would soon have no further interest to them. As undakers of this kind of dukes the Canadian boys are a great success.

The Germans have adopted a new battle formation which closely resembles the ancient Macedonian phalanx. Quite a number of them have since gone to chat the matter over with the original inventors of the move-

**PRACTICAL POINTERS**

**ABOUT ALBERNI**

Alberni is reached by train from Victoria. Connections are made with Victoria, running through to Alberni on every other day. Passengers from Vancouver City can connect with this train at Nanaimo.

Alberni is also reached by steamer from Victoria, and in the summer months there is no more delightful trip than this up the west coast of Vancouver Island and along the picturesque Alberni canal.

The Island trunk line of the C.N.R. is now building from Victoria to Alberni.

Land prices as to acreage varies from \$20 to \$100 per acre for bush land and from \$100 to \$400 for land that has been cleared and brought under cultivation. Prices are governed by quality and location, and land can be had in any quantity.

It has been found that mixed farming pays best. On plots of from ten to twenty acres fruit growing, dairying, poultry raising, hogs and cattle will all pay well.

In Alberni will be found the usual advantages of a progressive Western Community that has faith, and the courage of its convictions. There are a number of good stores carrying a wide range of goods, schools, churches, the Alberni Advocate, newspaper, and a number of athletic and social clubs.

The climate is as fine as can be found on the Pacific Coast, taken the year round. The rainfall is less than that of the City of Vancouver, the frosts are light. There is seldom frost enough for skating or snow enough for sleighing, and when either of these comes it only lasts a few days. For the summer and autumn months there is nothing in the world to equal the Alberni weather.

Alberni is the outlet of one of the largest and most fertile valleys on Vancouver Island. In the District will be found a vast wealth of timber of the finest kind, coal, iron, copper, marble and other commercial stones, brick clays and other materials.

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Noxious Weeds Act.

That all parties within the Municipality whose property is infested with thistles or other noxious weeds are hereby warned that unless the same are cut on or before July 1, 1915, that the City will have the same done and charge the cost of so doing against the property.

J. Forsythe,  
Acting City Clerk.

ment.

Well the kids had a good time anyway, and that is as good a way to celebrate Dominion Day as any other.

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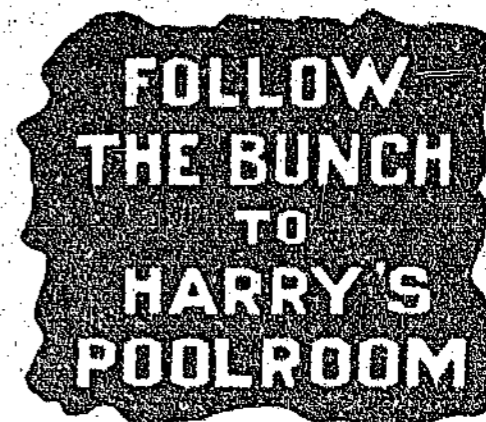
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All of which would appear to indicate that it would be a good thing if someone could be secured who would go down to the Point occasionally and give the boys a few lessons in swimming. This is a sport of the greatest value from many standpoints, and should be encouraged. Is there not some way in which such lessons could be arranged.

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1. All contributions to campaign funds to be open for public inspection at any time, and the use to which they are put to be clearly indicated.
2. The appointment of a non-partisan civil service commission to make all appointments to both outside and inside service.
3. The abolition of patronage in every form, all purchases to be made in the open market and on regular business terms.
4. The publication of a regular quarterly bulletin, giving full details of all monies expended by the government.
5. We agree to ask for a commission to investigate the affairs of the province that the real facts may be known and the hands of the government left free to restore the credit of the province and develop its great resources for the benefit of the people.
6. Wherever the findings of this commission show that the resources of the province have been alienated by fraud, to take such steps as shall restore them to the people while protecting the innocent investor.
7. The encouragement of agriculture by loans on easy terms, by making accessible scientific information as to the nature of the soil and climate and other conditions of each region, the encouragement of co-operation and by every legitimate means to make rural life as attractive and profitable as possible.
8. The development of mines, forests and other great natural resources of the province by encouraging the actual producer and making as difficult and unprofitable the activities of the mere exploiter and speculative investor.
9. The improvement of the conditions of the working classes by doing all possible to assure a reasonable wage, fair working conditions and decent surroundings for all classes of labor, providing for compensation for the injury or death of the worker and taking such steps as shall eliminate the suffering now falling upon the workers in times of financial depression.
10. Local option for the control of the liquor traffic.
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14. A rigid and impartial enquiry into the financial position of the P. O. E. and C. N. P. railways and the disposition of the monies already provided, and if necessary the government to take over the roads and complete them in the interests of the people rather than to continue the present policy.

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