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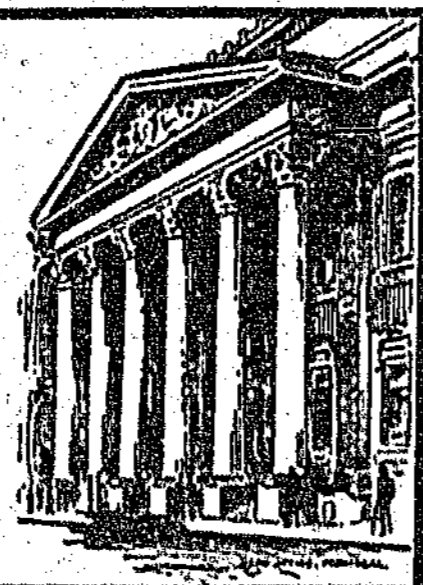
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CHIEF FORREST PRESENTS NEEDS

The needs of the Alberni Volunteer Fire Brigade were brought to the attention of the City Council at the last regular session by Fire Chief Forrest. As a result of the experience of the recent fire which destroyed the Presbyterian Church and the Manse, the Fire Chief presented a request for more hose, more hydrants and a stronger brigade. The need for all of these things was clearly presented, and the chief certainly made out a good case. He called attention to the meeting which is to be held this evening for the discussion of these subjects, and he invited the members of the Council to be present.

In reply the Mayor assured the Fire Chief that just as soon as the funds were in hand, those matters would receive the close attention of the Council. He further stated that there were good chances for the sale of a portion of the City Debentures, and the moment this was done, an effort would be made to meet the demands of the Fire Department. In the meantime the Brigade could be brought up to greater strength, and preparations made to be in line for the better equipment which would be furnished just as soon as it could be financed.

The City Council passed a vote of thanks for the services rendered both by the local Fire Brigade and that of the Port, and assured the boys that their splendid work had been fully appreciated.

The electric time switch on the River Road is out of order and will have to be sent out for repairs. This will shut off the lights along the road for a night or two.

Invitations to attend the convention of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs at San Francisco, and also the one at Ottawa, were received and filed.

Mr. E. M. Whyte appeared on behalf of the committee in charge of the Dominion Day Children's Sports, and the Council appropriated the sum of \$15 for the purpose.

It was resolved to discontinue the bulletin service.

Sundry accounts were ordered paid and arrangements made to transfer the civic accounts to the Royal Bank and the Mayor and City Clerk will be attend to the business.

Permission to use fire arms within the city limits was provided under certain conditions by means of an amendment to the present by-law. This will enable the Rifle Club to use the range for small rifles within the city limits, and permits will issued to members of the Club for this purpose.

The matter of securing permission to work off taxes in city work was taken up, as several applications along these lines are in hand. After some discussion it was resolved to let the matter rest until after the 31st of July in order to see how the general taxes come in, and how much will be in hand to use for city work.

With some minor matters, this concluded the work of the Council for the session.

School Closing.

During the early part of this week the usual examinations in the various schools have been taking place. The High School examinations were conducted by Inspector Smith, from Victoria, and the High School Entrance by Mr. J. J. Howitt. The regular closing exercises, presentation of prizes etc., is taking place today after which the teachers and scholars will disperse for the summer vacation, and the schools will not re-open until about the end of August.

Armament Labor Supply.

Application forms for men for the Armament Labor Supply were received at this office last Friday and have been filled out by 8 from this district. The applications have been forwarded to Nanaimo.

TWO WEEKS FOR REPLY

According to reports from Berlin, there will be a period of some two weeks waiting before the German reply to the American note can be presented. Dr. Anton Meyer-Gorhard is busy acquainting the heads of the various German Departments regarding the nature of public opinion in the United States, and the actual work of preparing the reply will not be undertaken until after this information is in hand.

It may be stated, regarding Dr. Meyer-Gorhard's report, that the information brought by him contained little which was absolutely new to the foreign office, and its chief value lay in its being a report of the strength of the various currents of public opinion in the United States and the attitude of President Wilson and his advisers in a more positive and convincing form than could have been possible in a written communication.

He is understood to have made it clear that the American people are standing solidly behind the president in his insistence upon guarantees against the repetition of such an incident as the sinking of the Lusitania and equally little doubt that no important section of the American people favor war if it can be honorably avoided.

Church Meeting.

A meeting of the congregation of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, has been called for Monday night at eight o'clock for the purpose of discussing what steps are to be taken as to whether a new church will be built or not.

It is hoped that the congregation will be able to see their way clear to rebuild the church at an early date. If the money is at all available now is the time when the lumber can be bought so much cheaper, and we have no doubt that a good deal of help will be forthcoming, in the way of voluntary labor. A good attendance is requested of all those interested next Monday.

At a meeting of the Managers of the church held last week it was decided to repair the manse just as soon as the insurance adjustor had made his adjustment of the damages, and to have the rubbish all cleared away from the scene of the fire.

Ladies Aid.

The concert given in the Lord-Host hall last Friday night under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church, was a success in every way. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted: Misses P. Wright, L. Swanson, K. Hills, V. Paterson and M. Gill, Mrs. E. Dinsdale, and Messrs. Dr. Morrison, Gardner and P. Stevens. Mrs. Wattle, assisted by the Misses Nancy Burke, Kitty Burke, Dorothy Riddell, Dora Cox, Frances Mcagher, Maggie Redford and Margaret Wattle, gave a burlesque entitled "The Sweet Family," which was very much enjoyed and reflected great credit on Mrs. Wattle, their instructor.

The choir also rendered a number of selections. As a result of this entertainment the Ladies Aid cleared something over thirty dollars.

To Crush Russia.

London, June 22.—It is reported unofficially that units of the German army, which have been in Belgium, have appeared on the front in Gallien. It is believed that the Germans are risking all in a desperate attempt to crush Russia. As fast as the Russians wipe out a battalion it is replaced by men withdrawn from the western front. The German losses are enormous, as they are fighting without regard for loss of men.

ALBERNI BOYS SHAPING FINE

The Editor of the Alberni Advocate had the pleasure of seeing some of the Alberni boys who are now in training for service at the front. It was at Victoria last week, and even now some of them are on the way to the East, for the word has come that the 48th is ordered to the front, and several of the Alberni soldiers are in that battalion.

D. McKenzie and J. Mathison are among the number, and are fine and fit. There was a church parade last Sunday for the 48th and 700 to 800 of them turned out for the services in the Cathedral. They marched like veterans, and looked bronzed and hardy, and quite capable of giving a good account of themselves.

Of the other boys we saw E. Woodward, W. Clarke and G. Hlady, and they are rounding into shape as soldiers in fine style. All these boys sent their best regards to their friends in good old Alberni, and said that they would be glad to get back home, but not until after their job was finished.

Later it was learned that W. Clarke and E. P. Woodward have been taken on by the 48th.

Fire Brigade Meeting.

A meeting of all those citizens who are interested in bringing the Alberni Volunteer Fire Brigade up to a higher standard in the way of more men and better equipment, has been called for this evening in the City Hall. The hour is eight o'clock and there should be a good turnout as the subject is of the greatest importance.

Geo. Forrest, Fire Chief.

Change Places.

News received at London is to the effect that a large portion of the Canadian division is now occupying trenches recently in the possession of the Germans.

These trenches are eight feet deep, but only about two and a half feet wide. They are fitted with brick floors and bear eloquent testimony to the manner in which the Germans fortified their ground during the winter months.

There is a graveyard marking the spot where the Prussians and Grenadier Guards had a hand-to-hand fight. It is fenced off with wire and boards, and there is a board bearing the inscription: "In memory of those who fell here. It is the duty of those who follow to attend to flowers and weeds." As a result each regiment planted a different variety of flowers. The plot was kept clean and the flowers were watered each day.

Near the trenches held by the Canadians is the spot where Sergeant O'Leary, formerly a member of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, won his Victoria Cross, so the men from the Dominion are on historic ground at present.

Church Concert.

A concert will take place in the Presbyterian Church Hall, on Wednesday the 30th inst. The Programme will consist of songs and recitations, and the following will take part:

Mrs. Hannah, Miss Hacker, Miss Rolph, Mrs. Collinge, Miss F. Gladhill, R. Davies, H. Hollins and T. Collinge. Accompanists: Miss Miles and Mr. Hollins.

The concert will commence at 8:30 sharp, and the proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the church.

Italian Gains.

Rome, June 22.—The Italians gained from twelve miles north of Gorizia, and south east of Plava. The Austrians were forced to bring up guns from the Russian front.

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Alberni, B. C., Canada - June 25, 1915

FIRE BRIGADE

WHERE a few days ago stood the beautiful Presbyterian Church there is now a handful of blackened ruins. At no great distance stands all that was left of the Manse which was the residence of Rev. Jas. Carruthers, the Pastor of the Church.

The ruins stand as at once a monument and a demand. There is not much in the way of a monument about the little that remains, but what there is makes a record that cannot be put to one side. The demand is there in no uncertain sound. Alberni needs more adequate fire protection.

Now get this right. If there was any one thing demonstrated at the fire last week it was the fact that what we have of a system, both as to men and water supply, was fully up to the highest standard. The fact remains however that there was not enough equipment to make the water of the greatest use, and there were not enough trained men to handle the equipment if we had it.

Let us look at a few of the many sad lessons which can be drawn from this fire which we are discussing.

It is evident that we need, and must have, more hose.

We need, and must have, an alarm system.

We need, and must have, more hydrants in the main portion of the City, as well as one or two of the outside sections.

We need, and must have, more men, and better equipment for these men. Coats and more helmets.

More men—and then, more men.

By this we mean the fact that there not only needs a far greater interest in the practices, and the turning out of the men for drill more regularly, but also the addition of a number who have not, as yet, shown any special interest in this work. We have the material for a high class fire brigade right here in Alberni. We will have to get it out at all costs.

There is no use in sidestepping or making excuses. The safety of the town demands an immediate attention to these matters, and we are pleased to note the fact that a meeting has been called for this, Friday, evening

to discuss this situation, and hope that there will be a large turnout; for the subject is of the most vital importance, and well worth the attention of every citizen. Turn out and let us hear from you on this subject.

WAR LOSSES

FRENCH military experts recently have been preparing some interesting figures with regard to the various war losses. This with a view to answering the question as to the probable duration of the war. The German and Austrian losses up to March 31 are put at 6,726,000, divided between 4,200,000 Germans and 2,526,000 Austrians. Since the date of this estimate the losses have been such that at present the estimate of the enemy's losses will not fall far short of 9,000,000. To this add some 200,000 for the Turkish losses.

French casualties are given at 1,500,000. British 300,000 and Belgian 200,000. Thus the total of the Western Allies will reach the neighborhood of 2,000,000. Russian losses are estimated at 3,000,000, and Serbian at 150,000 and this will bring the total loss for the Allies to around 7,000,000 if we regard all localities where fighting has been going on.

Thus we find the total losses for the first ten months of the war reaching well toward 10,000,000. Even if it is found that these figures are too large, they will not be cut down much when the yearly average is to be estimated, for some of the hardest fighting is now going on, and at several places there is a chance for the biggest battles of the war to develop. Let the war last two years at the present rate and from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 men will be lost to the world in one way and another.

When these figures are considered it is better understood why there are many experts who consider that Germany and Austria cannot last another year, and that as the forces of the enemy diminish, they will be compelled to give way before the vast number of new forces at the command of the Allies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A brief visit to outside points has convinced us that Alberni is in about as good shape as any of them, and that with the present fine run of salmon, and the good looking potato crop that is now coming on, we had better stay right here.

The growth of vegetation in and around Victoria appears to be about two weeks ahead of the remainder of Vancouver Island. But then they will strike next winter just that much sooner.

So Lemberg has fallen. Well let them have it to play with for a little while. It will all come back with the big bunch in the end.

Our neighbor, the Port Alberni News, don'ts having "torpedoed" Sir Richard McBride. Since the important fact is admitted, the question arises—Who did?

Meantime the Editor has our

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.

There are numerous attractive opportunities for the manufacturer and investor. The Editor of the Alberni Advocate, Alberni, B. C., will be glad to take these matters up with you. Write to him for particulars.



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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.


sympathy on the "limitations" editorial, and a certain amount of admiration for compiling such a long list of things for which he refused to take the blame. As a rule the average editor has to stand for the entire list, and then some.

Windsor, Ont. June 22.—An attempt was made this week to blow up the armoury here. Twenty-seven sticks of dynamite were found under the building. The fuse was timed for 3:15 a. m. The fuse cap exploded, but the dynamite failed to do so.



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Lomborg.

Visana, June 22.-Lomborg is practically surrounded and 'ts is imminent.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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