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BETWEEN YOU 'N ME...

by
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THIS SHOULD start out with something about being sorry for something I've done. Wrong names for instance. I might as well tell you that I've known Ellen for 20 years. Yea, I know, I told you that last week but after all that time I misspelled her name. It's not Hellen Marshall, it's ELLEN, ELLEN, ELLEN. How's that, Ellen?

And now, here goes for the other mistake in names. It's Mrs Jean Lissiman. I spelt it some other way last week. Like the Irishman said, I don't care what you say about me as long as you spell my name correctly.

This column is going to be short and sweet this time. There's so much news and so little time or space to say it that I'm going to cut this off by saying that I saw Mrs Marg Leslie at the Board of Trade meeting. I knew it was her by that big smile she always wears. Talking about smiles, Mrs Stewart of the Gibsons 5 and 10 is no backbencher when it comes to smiles.

$1 MILLION CLOWHOLM FALLS HYDRO PROJECT AUTHORIZED

Work to Start Immediately . . .

Special to The Coast News

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—Premier Johnson has approved Power Commission recommendation for construction of four thousand horsepower initial hydro development Clowholm Falls to serve Sechelt Power District, cost of dam and powerhouse $689,000 and twenty-four-mile transmission line from power site to Sechelt $275,000.

DEMAND FAST INCREASING

Rapidly multiplying demand of growing district responsible for decision. Since 1945 when Commission took over the 337 customers, growth considered phenominal, total now 1100.

Consumption has risen from 290,000 kilowatt hours in 1947 to million-and-a-half in current year with an anticipated two million by 1952. The new development will be operative by then.

Construction will allow for step by step additional development up to approximately twenty thousand which is limitation of potential in Clowholm Reservoir.

First Dam will be 325 feet long, twenty-five feet high, which would be raised to fifty-six feet and lengthened to produce additional six thousand horse power. Two turbines of two thousand each at powerhouse at tidewater are presently planned; two more can be added by extension of powerhouse to ultimate capacity. *Operations will start immediately.*

Fire Destroys Aldersprings Laundry During Early Morn.

HEADLANDS—A fire which broke out at two in the morning completely demolished the Aldersprings Laundry, causing more than $5000 damage.

It is believed owner John Bertram had recently returned from sick bed and was attempting to thaw out frozen pipes preparatory to starting operation again. Lack of water handicapped firefighters who were roused by the roar of flames. The area is completely isolated, having no phone for emergencies.

The building was a complete loss.

IT'S IRISH BUT YOUR'S

SECHELT—Here is a summary of something you have already had but perhaps did not know just how much and what. R. Hackett, weather observer and postmaster at Sechelt, is the man responsible—for the report, not the weather.

Rain fell on 12 days during December and amounted to 5.55 inches which is approximately double that of this month last year. The greatest amount of rain fell on the 28th, and in 24 hours was two inches.

Estimated snowfall that month was 6 inches. Water content for this amount of snow is .60 of an inch and added to the rain makes a total wetting of 6.15.

This shows a large increase over that of last year, 2.89 inches. Snowfall for December, 1949, was negligible and was taken as "melted snow and rains," and included in the month's total of 2.89 inches.

Death and Hate are End of Cougar Drama

ROBERTS CREEK—The wailing bay of hounds and the sharp crack of rifle fire mixed with the spitting hate of three full-grown cougars has shattered the still of this community.

Four days of hunting three cougar, two full grown kittens and the mother, first sighted by Bill Cook on the B and K logging road, was still not ended at press time, despite the death of two valuable dogs and two of the cats, including the dog-killing mother.

Constable W. A. Peterson, when notified of the animals' presence, called in Percy Cliff, Mission game warden, with two trained dogs. The mother cougar killed one of the dogs during the first skirmish.

Next round of the fight opened by calling in the most famous of them all, James Dewar, with 24 years' experience as a predatory animal hunter. With the hunter came another cougar authority, Corporal Leslie Lane, provincial game department.

With seven trained dogs, the party took the two-day-old trail, resulting in the death of Dewar's most famous hound—the first hound loss he has suffered during his entire career as an animal hunter. Payment was two cougar, one a two-year-old kitten, the other was the mother and dog killer.

It is believed that this has cleaned out the cougar from this district for at least this year.

Water Pow Wow Waits for Jimmy

GIBSONS—The general meeting of Gibsons Liberal Association had to be postponed owing to the weather. Before cancellation of the gathering it was decided to invite James Sinclair, MP, to a luncheon meeting at his convenience.

A letter complaining of and enquiring about the lack of a breakwater will also be sent the federal member.

Marsh Heads Pender Drive

PENDER HARBOUR—The first move in what is hoped will wind up as the finest regattta of its kind was taken at the quarterly meeting of the Pender Harbour Board of Trade, in the Clubhouse, Garden Bay.

Jim Marsh heads the Regatta Committee for the 1950 Aquatic Sports Day. Other officers include Lloyd Davis, vice-president; Mrs A. MacKay, secretary-treasurer.

Dr A. J. Tripp and Rev Allan Greene will also act on the committee. It is hoped to make this the most memorable regatta of all.

In an effort to help the board, an offer of use of the Clubhouse was made by Rev Green. The Clubhouse was originally built for the people of Pender Harbour and particularly teen agers by the Columbia Coast Mission. Dances and ping pong games are held there.

It was pointed out by Mr Green that any organization is welcome to use the hall as a meeting place. It is always warm and comfortable. Mr Auchenleich is always ready to oblige.

Plans Laid for Busy Year . . .

Theed Heads Revitalized Gibsons' Board of Trade

GIBSONS—John Theed, was elected president of this community's Board of Trade at a special meeting Monday. He will finish the unexpired four-month term of John Coleridge.

In outlining plans for the future, the new president mapped a many-point program for the coming year.

1. Building of a breakwater here will have top priority. In a brief to the federal minister of public works it will be pointed out the promised building of floats will be of little value if they are left unprotected against the Squamish storms which sweep the bay.

More than $20,000 damage was done to the floats and fishing boats during the recent storm.

2. A questionaire on this year's road appropriation for the Peninsula will be sent B. M. MacIntyre, MLA. A. E. Ritchey, contractor, pointed out that sufficient gravel of the "very best quality" is available at Mission Creek for resurfacing local roads. Considerable sums of money had previously been spent in long-distance hauling of gravel.

3. The matter of low power will be taken up with representatives of the B.C. Power Commission in an effort to raise the amperage sufficient to operate present shop machines, some of which are now lying idle owing to low power. It will also be pointed out that the commission has failed to keep a year-old promise to supply light to several areas in the vicinity.

Support on compiling the brief will be sought from fishermen, fishing and towing companies which use the bay as a shelter during rough weather.

Father O'Dwyer To Take Flight

PENDER HARBOUR—The Flying Priest may well be tacked on to Father O'Dwyer, here.

From Gibsons, home of the Catholic padre, to Pender Harbour, is a long jaunt before six in the morning to say Mass. The Associated Air Taxi, realized this and offered to pick up Father O'Dwyer on certain Sunday mornings. They will transport him from Gibsons to Pender Harbour and return—for free. This is part of their regular scheduled flights.

Father O'Dwyer will take advantage of this offer. "It will make it a lot better for me," the popular minister said. "That is a very generous offer."

Power Future is Question To be Handled by Board

GIBSONS—Many eyes on the Peninsula are watching the juggling for control between the BCE Company and the BC Power Commission.

Promises which have never been kept and opportunities for helping development which have never been seized are having a cumulative effect, ending in doubt of the BC Power Commission.

The Board of Trade, on the suggestion of Chris Jorgenson, will approach the B.C. Power Commission reminding it that houses promised light on Honeymoon Lane and other projects are still without electricity. It will be pointed out that merchants here are without use of some machinery owing to the low amperage.

Cost of electricity on the Peninsula also came in for censure from the board. It was pointed out that the B.C.E. Company had tentatively promised Gambier and Keats islands power and light at the same price charged Bowen Island and Squamish.

A letter will be sent the commission requesting an outline of future policy. It is felt this is essential in planning the future of individual projects, in the matter of buying machinery and various types of store equipment.

Three Rs Take Frost Beating

SCHOOLING on the Peninsula has run against another snag—the weather.

Freezing cold, frozen pipes and poorly equipped buildings have taken their toll of education during the last week. Several schools, including those at Roberts Creek, had to close down. Others remained open and worked under difficulties. Children stayed away at will, resulting in a general mixup of teaching. It is expected normalcy will return with the promised thaw.

Every year about 200,000 sons and daughters of Canadians reach 21 years of age and full status as citizens.

It's Twins Now In Davies' Home

MRS TOMMY Davies proudly presented twin boys to the community recently. Mrs Davies had just returned from Vancouver when the five-pound and two-pound babies arrived.

The two-pounder was sent to Vancouver to begin life in an incubator. Both mother and children were doing fine when going to press. Dr D. McCall, Sechelt, was attending physician.

Asks PUC to Reject Application . . .

Sechelt Board of Trade Protests Proposed Increase in Water Rates

SECHELT Board of Trade has vigorously protested increase in water rates as proposed by Union Estates Ltd. The Board lodged its protest with the Public Utilities Commission in the following terms:

The chairman Public Utilities Commission, Victoria, B.C. Dear Sir.—At an emergency meeting of the Sechelt Board of Trade the proposed scale of water rates as applied for by the Union Estates Ltd. was most emphatically protested. The new rates would raise the assessment for the average householder from fifteen dollars per annum to thirty-seven dollars, an increase of approximately one hundred and forty-seven percent.

The proposed scale is so much higher than that paid for water in other communities as to be beyond comparison. Proposed commercial rates are equally prohibitorous as examination of the new rates disclose some increases running over four hundred percent above present rates.

While it is recognized the Union Estates had considerable capital outlay last year in laying new lines in the Selma Park area this should be non-recurring, in fact in past years only maintenance of the system has been necessary. This combined with the large increase in consumers should have enabled the system to accumulate a reserve sufficient to take care of needed expansion and replacements.

The present rates with possibly

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PROVINCIAL LIBRARY VICTORIA B C SERIALS

In This Corner . . .

. . . By H. L. W.

AS A FAITHFUL and breathless reader of the New York Sunday Times, I have always been fascinated by the imposing advertisements for perfumery which appear in profusion as Christmas approaches each year.

This time my fancy has been titillated no end by the accounts of two scents which rejoice in the names of "Tigress" and "Aphrodisia" respectively.

In this great publication, the perfume "Tigress" has been touted in lurid language as a mystic fluid that will turn the most mousy miss into a reckless manhunter.

The language in which this "Tigress" advertisement is couched conveys a warning to the hapless male to jolly well look out if a female approaches drenched in this potent concoction.

The advertisement for "Aphrodisia" is more restrained. The cunning copywriter was well aware that everyone knew it was named for Aphrodite, Greek goddess of love and counterpart of the Roman Venus.

So he contented himself with lots of white space and a sinister silence. Nevertheless, such was his art that the virgin white space contrived to effect the quality of a leer.

PASSION FOR EXPERIMENT

Now it has occured to me frequently that someone with a passion for experiment, such as myself, should do a little research in these extravagant claims for perfumes and here, I thought was some pretty hot material with which to work.

So I managed to procure flacons (not to be confused with flagons) of "Tigress" and "Aphrodisia" and began to look about for suitable subjects for the enquiry.

I immediately thought, of course, of Henry and Gloria.

Henry is a son of the Professor of Tut-tuttery at the University who also gives what has been described to me as a very sound course of lectures in Monotony 26.

So Henry, God help the boy, comes from good respectable stock.

He is perhaps the most average young man I know.

The pull of Old Adam on one side and the pull of the Professor on the other are so equal that Henry travels upon an amazingly accurate norm.

Gloria is a thoroughly wholesome young lady of whom Edmund Sparkling of Little Dorrit fame would undoubtedly have said that she had "no bigodd nonsense about her."

TOOK THEM SEPARATELY

I took the two experiments separately and decided to begin with "Tigress."

I drew Henry aside at a meeting of the Bird Lovers' Society and suggested to him that he contrive to dab a little "Tigress" behind Gloria's right ear and carefully note the results.

Henry was shocked and indigant and refused, at first, to consider the idea. But he has a fine sense of public service and when I pictured him as a human benefactor, he readily agreed to do as I asked.

I might remark here that although Henry is steeped in Tut-tuttery, he is no goop. Once he whistled at a girl and I know he reads Esquire.

So I gave Henry the flacon (not flagon) of "Tigress" and eagerly awaited his report.

It was disappointing.

It seems that when Henry annointed Gloria surreptitiously with "Tigress," his hand slipped and he gave her the whole works down the neck. He pretended he had slipped his gingerale on her and apologized profusely.

All Gloria said was, "I think there must be a busted gas main around here."

From then on the evening was dismal. Far from acting like a tigress, Gloria yawned frequently and at ten o'clock suggested that Henry go home because she wanted to wash her hair.

By watching the house lights from across the street, Henry was able to ascertain that Gloria did wash her hair.

FURTHER CASE NOTES

I took up the matter of "Aphrodisia" with more trepidation. Here, I thought to myself, is emotional dynamite. Souls may be blasted with this stuff.

But when I talked it over with Gloria I found her ready and even eager to undergo the experiment. She was to douse herself heavily with "Aphrodisia" and watch the effect on Henry.

I think that sometimes the Tut-tuttery angle weighs heavily on Gloria's heart.

Well, it was almost a week before I heard from Gloria at all. She came into my office, at last, and flopped down wearily into a chair.

"Now," I said, rubbing my hands, "what about the experiment?"

Gloria made a noise that from a person who did have bigodd nonsense about them would have been a Bronx cheer.

"I might just as well have used vanilla," she confessed sadly.

PURE FAKE

Apparently Gloria all but took a bath in "Aphrodisia." She put it behind her ears, at her elbows, on her eyebrows and behind her knees.

Henry arrived about 7:30 bearing his customary little gift, this time a slice of Roquefort cheese.

Then opened the cheese and Henry decided the cheese was a trifle too ripe so he threw it out in the garbage can. But he still kept smelling it so he borrowed her father's shotgun and went out and shot it.

Then Gloria found him sneaking a window open and hanging his head outside.

Finally they got settled down on the chesterfield, as they usually do, and first off Henry thought it would be a moving idea if they would glance through Gloria's family album.

When they got through the album, Henry asked if he might have a glass of milk. He also had a sardine sandwich and two slices of coconut cake.

Then he wandered over to the piano and played Brahms' Lullaby with two fingers.

Read all local news in The News.

VANCOUVER— First Diesel locomotive ever to be used in passenger service across the Canadian Rockies, and the largest to make the trip for any purpose, will leave Calgary for Vancouver January 12 hauling Canadian Pacific transcontinental train number seven, George H. Baillie, vice-president of the railway's Pacific region, has announced.

The train is due to arrive at Vancouver, January 12, at 8:45 a.m.

Packing 4,500 horsepower into its three units, the giant engine is on loan from General Motors for a three-month test to determine the value of Diesel equipment as a means of motive power for regular passenger and freight service over C.P.R. lines.

A specially equipped dynamometer car is attached behind the engine to keep a complete record of its performance.

Other Diesel engines have crossed the Canadian Rockies but they were of a much smaller type used for shunting cars in marshalling yards.

Having completed the first part of its test along the rugged north shore of Lake Superior, the locomotive will operate in heavy freight service through the mountains for approximately six weeks after its arrival at Vancouver.

Its enormous power is expected to eliminate the need for pusher engines or the changing from Hudson-type engine to the massive Selkirk-type, biggest steam locomotive in the British Empire, for the steep mountain climbs.

Made up of a lead unit and two booster units, each developing 1,500 horsepower, the oil-burning giant weighs 360 tons fully assembled, slightly less than the Selkirk-type engine. Each unit holds 1,200 gallons of fuel. Special pumping equipment will be brought along for refuelling through the mountains.

Arrival of the engine represents for the west the first experiments in a vast C.P.R. dieselidation program which is already underway in the east. Recently the railway placed a $12,000,000 order for 58 diesel locomotives to be used on the Schreiber division east of Fort William.

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. . . we happened to be talking to a fellow from Pender Harbour way the other day, he was having plenty of trouble with draughts on an old barrel-style furnace. We do a lot of work around that territory so the next time we were there we looked up this man. His furnace, a converted oil barrel, was giving him trouble alright, poor draught and wet wood. I fixed that—but quick. That same day I installed a GOOD oil burner, converted the motor so it would run from his own private electric supply and came home a real friend richer. "LAURIE SPECK," says he. "That was a real service. I never dreamed you could convert oil drums, and 'specially way out here."

"That's no favour, chum," we says. "That's just part of the service and business-like dealings you get when you phone or call

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The News EDITORIALS
These Are Our Opinions
Monday, January Twenty-third, Nineteen Fifty

Much Ado - - -

By Cherry Whitaker

THE ONLY things that haven't been said about the weather are either unprintable or unspellable. However, far be it from me to depart from the ordinary by remaining silent on the subject. The dubious honor of living in the coldest section of the continent, albeit a temporary state, calls for rugged and forceful language. Being uncertain as to the libel laws governing the weather, I shall try to temper my remarks.

This Siberian Sauce which the weatherman refers to as "snow and freezing temperatures" has its points and I don't mean icicles. Point number one: I like Jello, and to have it requires no effort at all and practically no waiting. Point number two: It's lovely to look at. Hidden are all the eyesores that man strews around in the name of progress. Last, but by no means least, is the holding off of the dark despair that is going to fill my soul when this potential mud starts to come into the house, attached to assorted sizes of rubber boots. Those are going to be the unhappy days. In its present state the cold and white is a cinch. Off with the whisk . . . out with the broom. So much for the credit side.

The other side of the picture is doleful and dreary. New friendships are springing up all over the place, and old ones are rapidly breaking down. Those who have no furnace find it rather difficult to converse amiably with those who have, and those whose water pipes have frozen haven't a thing in common with those whose haven't. Those who have exploded oil-burners take a very dim view of those whose stoves radiate cheer by means of wood. Those who burn wood, but have none, spend their spare time sticking pins in images of the oil users.

Those in the places where the snow is several feet in depth look with a marked degree of scorn on those who measure the white stuff in inches. These, in turn, feel that the man next door who went south last November is a renegade and a traitor for not being on hand in his country's hour of need.

Misery is said to love company, but apparently cold hands and feet don't come under misery's wing, because unless the things turn black and drop off, no one is ever convinced that your feet or hands are as cold as theirs. They don't actually say so, but there is a false note to the proffered sympathy.

This prolonged deep-freeze treatment has produced a serious dislocation in routine family life. Coming, as it has, hard on the heels of the holiday disruption, the average household which includes two or more children, begins to take on the aspects of a particularly untidy gopher's den.

The kitchen, being the warmest room in the house, is the repository for all the outdoor wearing apparel possessed by every member of the family. Pants, shirts, socks, jackets, mitts, gloves and scarves are draped over everything that will hold them up. Footgear, from very small slippers to very large hip-boots, occupy all the avail able space within a radius of five feet of the stove. It's quite amazing how many articles can get lost in a 10 by 12 space. In fact, it places rather a strain on dispositions not as placid as they might be.

The necessity of using a hammer and chisel to get the last washing off the line is a little trying, especially when underwear and pyjamas look, for all the world, as though Junior was still inside them. There are moments, of course, when this would seem like an excellent idea . . . about the time the 16th icicle comes in to be melted in the pot that has been dried and put away for the 15th time. Once the clothes are pushed and bent into position on the drying rack above the stove there comes a short period of acute anxiety while the indoor temperature drops degree after degree. Frenzied stoking of the fire induces speculation on the relative merits of freezing or burning to death. (If this continues much longer either one will be a solution to all other problems.)

At last I understand what is meant by a well insulated house. If you have one, the original snowfall lies on the roof in all its white glory; the quarter inch of ice is on the outside of the windows instead of the inside; the draught between the front door and the back is caused by someone whisking through in a hurry and not by the north wind trying to go south by the shortest possible route; heavy grey work socks are worn because you think they are smart and not because ice ran out the last time the cat scratched your shin.

Ah well! We ain't never died a winter yet and chances are that most of us will survive to complain about the summer's heat.

Municipal Dark Clouds

THE ASSESSMENT in Gibsons Village is now more in line with that of the provincial areas, but that seems to have caused few smiles. Everyone is against the higher assessments. Everyone is against paying more money for schools—against paying more money for anything at the moment. The financial horizon looks black for residents of the Peninsula as far as the values and mill rate are concerned.

We predict it is going to look still blacker. The faint ray of hope which shines through the momentary cloud—lowering of the mill rate—is purely and simply a false dawn. It is to be doubted that the mill rate will be lowered to compensate for the higher assessments. There is little hope for that in Gibsons.

In the village there is a cry for improvements, not the least of which is a better water system. Even the youngest child in the country knows that to be able to buy a candy bar one must have money.

The water system enlargement and the many improvements asked of the village council every year is no candy bar. It takes just that much more money. Neither you nor the village council can get money from low assessments and a low mill rate.

Out of this dark cloud there looms a mere glimmer of light for some—the court of revision which has to sit and verify the assessor's findings in respect to your property. That may give relief in some small way, but only in a small way and only to a very few.

The provincial court of revision will be the first to sit. From it will come the clue which will undoubtedly guide the Village Commission.

But back of all this juggling and wailing looms the hand of the captain as he guides his ship, the Cameron Report, through the treacherous and tricky waters of municipal politics and finance.

We must come again, as we shall ever do for some years to come, to the schools—the crux of most of our particular worries. On the schools depends the welfare of our future. Make no mistake about that. And the schools depend on money. And the money depends on you. So . . .

A Playground At Last?

THE KINSMEN CLUB has set its hand to the plow for 1950. Without fanfare or trumpet, the wheels are now rolling which, it is sincerely hoped by all, will end with the children of Gibsons and surrounding areas having a playground where it is safe, complete with swings and seesaws and the many other gadgets dear to the heart of the youngsters.

It is the club's intention to equip and maintain a sports field and playground for the young fry. It has a small amount of money on hand for this purpose, there is more money lying dormant in the banks for just such a purpose; money now controlled by organizations nearly defunct.

The Kinsmen are to be congratulated on their attempts to unite these different accounts in order to at long last fulfil the wishes of all the kids but also to point the desires of so many of their elders who, years ago, had gathered money for just such a purpose.

It is felt that the money now lying idle would be forthcoming if the original owners were sure it would be used for the purposes attributed to it.

With the Kinsmen assuring the honesty, and the happy faces of the kids, when they see their new park, receipting the bill, it should be easy for the club to fulfill the first plan for the new year.

Recognition should be given to the units which raised the money. This can be done by commemorating the gifts by means of plaques or boards throughout the park, crediting the various groups for their laudable efforts.

John Must Be Strong

THERE IS FIRE in the Gibsons Board of Trade. Fire which may consume it from within but more probably will set a flame to the bone-dry tinder which is the apathy of public feeling here.

In the surprise election of local bank manager John Theed to the presidency of the board lies the clue to the new spirit which is taking control.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that John Theed will make a good president. By virtue of his training and because of the high esteem in which he is held, the popular young manager will make a good leader, provided . . .

And therein rests the success of the board. Therein nestles the history of Gibsons. With this rejuvenated group, the Peninsula itself can come into its own. Or it can snuggle back in its bed of lassitude and wait for several more years.

The decision rests with the president. The onus is entirely on John's shoulders.

There is energy and vital enthusiasm in the board. There is stubborn pride in being right among some of its members. There is the inevitable feeling among some that another man would have been better. That is to be found among all popularly elected groups.

One member, or group, will have a pet scheme. One man will be sure his idea is the major project for the coming season. All these and more are part of the breathing, living Board of Trade.

John Theed must be strong enough to control these elements—must be strong enough and wise enough to guide these energies along the path of success, along the path of progress.

At every meeting in the future he will have to watch and be sure. His is not the job to strive for. His is the labor of responsibility. By his actions during the next five months of his pro tem presidency will he be judged.

Fire there is, and fire he must control. We are glad there is heat and anger there. For only by having these elements can we weld a strong and powerful weapon with which we can slice our share of prosperity, with which we can carve our niche.

We must lend a hand to the leader in order that the fires will not consume. We must make sure that the heat of enthusiasm never dwindles again. If we do our part in all honesty and faith in the future, then John can do his with promptitude and success.

We wish him luck—the very best of luck.

At Times We Rise

JIM VEITCH has enemies in this country, as well as friends. But his actions at the Board of Trade meeting, held to elect a president, will win him more friends than he made during his whole term of office several years ago.

Nominations for the presidency had been called for. Mr Veitch was acting chairman. He was nominated and after a few moments someone moved nominations close, at least that was what the mover started to say. Then Cliff Gray was nominated. He refused, with thanks.

There was a lull, then John Theed was nominated. The bank manager demurred but was argued into letting his name stand. It was obviously going to be a vote between the man who had controlled the meeting and the man who had come merely as an interested member of the board.

A feeling of tension took hold. There was no doubting the enthusiasm and power of the chairman. There was no doubting the popularity of the bank manager.

Said John Theed, "I'll accept the nomination, with thanks."

Quick as a flash came the chairman's answer: "I hereby withdraw and promise to support John to the very best of my ability." There was no doubting the sincerity of the promise.

Jim Veitch was probably a bigger man at that moment than he will be for a long time. Perhaps bigger than he has ever been.

SUBSTITUTE FOR SWEETS

All children like sweets and it is not always wise to refuse them bluntly on health grounds. Instead, why not try to substitude a treat that is also a helthful food. In this bracket is ice cream. Ice cream is a fine source of the B vitamins. Your children won't object to this healthful food.

Gibsons School News

By EUGENE BLOMGREN

WE ARE all back at school once more, happy and trying to keep our New Year's resolutions after all the season's celebrations.

Betty Brown, a popular Grade 10 student, is having trouble with her appendix at St Mary's Hospital. We hope she is back with us soon.

TEEN TOWN

The Roberts Creek Teen Town elected a new slate of officers at a recent meeting in the home of Allison Heron. Lin Johnson, popular student from Grade 11, took the top office. She will take over where the last president, Edward Shaw, stopped.

Other officers are: Deputy mayor, Mary Jean Kennedy; secretary, Jacquiline Johnson; treasurer, Eugene Blomgren; police force, Don Sleep and Tom Cain.

The members took the opportunity of thanking retiring president Edward Shaw for the fine job he did as mayor.

A very successful Teen Town dance was held at Roberts Creek on the same date as the meeting. Teen Towners from Sechelt and Gibsons attended.

1949 Salmon Pack Slightly Higher Than That of '48

THE 1949 pack of British Columbia salmon was only slightly higher than the previous year's total, despite some earlier optimistic predictions of a greater volume, the American Can Company Ltd., Vancouver, has reported.

In a survey based on container requirements of Pacific Coast packers, the can manufacturing company estimated the 1949 catch at just the 1,400,000-case mark. This compares with the government figures of 1,308,-137 cases for 1948.

"The usually substantial pack of Chum salmon was a big question mark in 1949," commented G. W. Henderson, Canco's west coast sales manager. "Packers were very cautious because of the drop in exports. In former years, quantities of Chum were shipped to such countries as France, South Africa, Australia and other British possessions but these countries are now unable to make substantial purchases because of the dollar shortage. Although there is only a light demand for Chum on the domestic market due to the lack of a pronounced pink or reddish color, this species is gaining in popularity because of its high nutritive value."

The Canco spokesman reported that the Sockeye pack was approximately equivalent to 1948's and that the other favored varieties, Cohoes and Pinks, showed a satisfactory increase over the last three years.

EGMONT

By JEAN JEFFRIES

HERE we are knee deep in snow and people are talking about spring planting.

The Malcolm Silveys started the new year in their new home and had a rip-snorting housewarming party on New Year's night. Everyone had a grand time and after the refreshments Percy Crow-Swords took some pictures of those present, including two of Mr and Mrs H. Silvey who were celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Fred Day and George Staiton entertained a few friends recently, namely Mrs Dalton, Mr and Mrs Crowe-Swords, Mr Bill Blakely and Jim and I.

At midnight the boys took the firecrackers out and set them off. Between the snow on the ground and the large snowflakes drifting down, it was certainly a sight to see. Too bad there isn't snow at Halloween.

The Egmont Consumers' Co-op held its annual meeting January 7. It was quite a meeting, lengthy to say the least. The most important piece of information coming from it was the annual checking which showed a profit which, in turn, means patronage dividends this year.

Len Longacre was elected and J. Jeffries re-elected to the board of directors.

Hal Dakin of the UBC Extension Department explained the balance sheet to the members. Karl Dybhavn also attended in his capacity as manager of the U.F. Co-op.

Mr and Mrs John West and family have been spending a few weeks' holiday in Vancouver.

This 'n That

By E. NESTMAN

RECEIVED this very fine letter in my mail, and I'm going to let everyone read it, for it's very refreshing . . . and to have such a wonderful outlook on life at that very fine age of 86, is something different in this day and age . . .

Dear Friend—

Greetings to all down there, many thanks for all gifts, letters and lucky wishes of good will to me. Hope you and that new baby had a wonderful Christmas, kiss the baby for me. Now to tell you of me, as you saw me at the Children's party, also the Klondike night, you know up to then that all was well, Mrs Bartle saw me safe home from the Klondike night, by 11 o'clock. So you see was home to give Santa a welcome when he came in as usual—loaded down with gifts from you all. Sis gave him a little "sniff," to keep him warm . . . took one myself and off to bed . . . Woke up on Xmas morning to see the sun rise from my bedroom window, it was a lovely sight. I said my prayers with thanks for everybody and as I could not go to church had the sermon on the radio. All chores done for me by Leo D'Aoust, Sylvia D'Aoust came over then to help me with my gifts, and my Blessing for the day was Walter FFrench to see his old grandmother and he helped Sylvia with the gifts. Then his mother came, not knowing he was up. It was a grand gift to them both. . . . Wally took Walt home from here with his Mother . . . then called for me to go on down to supper, bringing me home after nine o'clock. There ended the Xmas, very thankful to rest all the rest of the week. . . . On Thursday there was another surprise, my daughter Mrs Vern Burns of Pincher Creek, Alberta, came through all that storm by car, was I glad to see her to take me to the New Year's Frolic, my only wish was for to go for one more dance to meet all the folks, and I sure did. We took in both dances, then home, leaving me safe in a good hot blanket, then off they went, where I don't know but you know Wally and Peg. . . . Anyway, Jean got home safe and we had New Year's Day together with Mrs Dell Graham as our guest, Peggy arrived later. Next day having all that care I caught a real chest cold so Jean put me to bed, hot plate, and oils, lemon honey, and I'm here yet. . . . Now if you can beat that come along, I'm still with you all, greetings to every one from me . . . and my sincere thanks to all my friends and neighbors, who so generously remembered me Xmas, and New Years . . . my best to you all.

Sincerely "Granny McEwen."

PS—Only had two "Sniffs" . . . (Granny has the heart of a teen ager . . .). Bless her . . .

Mrs H. Clay home after several weeks away.

Mrs Coleridge home. When snow leaves us, maybe we can get around, and visit a few of our shut-ins . . . very happy to have them home. Mrs Sotiros still sojourning in Vancouver, bet she is going to be glad to get back home.

No getting around very much in this snow, in fact staying close to home, and just darting out for the necessities of life. What a country. Who said it never snowed in B.C.

Mr Mel Usher up for couple of days, they are now located in Maillardville, and would be glad to hear from any of their friends . . . one of these days, we are going to get that road in front of the post office fixed . . . I took a very nice slide down, coming from there the other day . . . it wasn't bad, as I didn't hit any rocks going down.

Hear "Do" Wortman is back home again, greetings, hope you are recovering, and will be soon back on the job. Sorry to report Mrs Banks of "Whytecot," Gibsons, has gone down to Vancouver and is in the hospital . . . her return is indefinite.

Our grandchild has put on over a pound, since her return from hospital, and we're all quite thrilled about that. Must get a list of new babies from the nurse one of these days, for there's quite a new crop around, the little ones who a few months ago, seemed so tiny, are now almost walking, how they grow, for which the mothers are truly thankful. Don't forget to feed the birds, having a cat around our house, who loves birds, and I mean loves them, I have quite a time, have the oats, porridge, and bread crumbs up on the window box for them, and have to keep the cat in while the poor things eat . . . they flock around, even the old seagulls will try and horn in . . . the cat goes wild, she gets up on the cupboard, and reaches over to the door, tries to jiggle the key, and knocks it to the floor, then yowls her head off . . . but I keep her in until we can't stand the yowls any more. But the poor birds sure need that food.

Listening to a few of those wild and woolly commentators, from outside stations, sometimes makes you wonder, seems if they didn't have so many prophesies of wars, and wars to come, they'd have nothing to talk about, but the odd few women whose lives make mighty dull reading. They keep one stirred up in a dither from one end of week to the other, with their talk of atomic bombs, what Russia is doing, and what she is going to do . . . when they know as much about it as the average arm chair critic in front of his fire. They are paid fabulous sums, and some of the tripe they dish out is really criminal. As one commentator said, and he was about the most sensible one I've heard in some time, that the public demands the sensational news they get, and in passing, he said the three greatest headlines of the past year was the Rita Hayworth debacle, the Ingrid Bergman-Rosellini case, and the marriage of the once barmaid, to the four times married Gable. He said if our tastes were so low, it was time we took stock of ourselves, to see what depths we had all sunk too, and how right he was. With this stuff staring at you from morning to night, why glorify these people, when there are countless good ones around, who work for the good of their neighbors, and mankind in general without one word of thanks, or praise. I think if a lot of these so called socialites, were given the cold shoulder treatment, there'd be less of it. Who cares what they do, they are all only dust, and one day will all go the way of all flesh. Certainly they are no examples of shining lights to set up in front of everyone. If people didn't support this kind of tripe, as the commentator said, then they'd drop it too. But it's time we did take stock of ourselves at that. There is so much misery around, that people's efforts and energies could certainly be put to a great deal better use. Let's hope it changes in the New Year.

There's so much snow and slush around, we will have to dig ourselves out of this today. Most everyone staying close to home, and they're wise, for it's dynamite walking if you don't have to. Home and the fire is the best place this weather. Be seeing you folks. Thought I saw a robin out on the window box, it was a fairly large bird with brownish red chest and neck . . . am I right or wrong?

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By "ARIES"

HAD A CALL recently from an old friend Jonn McKenzie from near Kelowna. Tells us that he often sees Joe Davis. Remember Joe when he was with the Columbia Power now the B.C. Power. Joe asked him to say Hello to any of us who remember the Davis family and don't we all.

Sorry to hear that Joe Archer is suffering a severely injured hand, caught it in the power saw Sunday. Good thing Dad Fred is around to do all those little jobs such as the wood this cold weather. Hope Joe gets along alright.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs Harry Billingsley when the DePencier Circle met there for their monthly meeting. Owing to the icy roads there were not as many as expected but even at that nine ladies attended. It was decided to sew for the choir surplices etc and the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs Thelma Brooker on February 9. Mrs Jack Redman is president of this group and Mrs C. Blanchard is secretary-treasurer.

A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mrs Thelma Brooker in honor of Mr and Mrs E. S. Clayton. The staff of Union Steamships Store presented Mr Clayton, who has recently retired from the position of store manager, with a wrist watch and Mrs Clayton with a condiment and cream and sugar set. The presentation was made by E. Parr Pearson, resident agent. Those present were Mr and Mrs Clayton, Mrs Thelma Brooker, Mr Harry Billingsley, Mrs R. S. Hackett, Mr Tommy Morrison, Mr Ed Hancock, Mrs Mae Esson, Mr W. Paton and Mr and Mrs M. Hemstreet and Mrs C. Prince. Invited but unable to attend were Mrs Dora Doyle, Mr and Mrs J. Mowatt, Mrs McGuiness, Mr and Mrs West and Miss Gladys Ponsford and E. A. Nickson. The evening was spent in games and contests, and the entertainment was under the direction of Mr H. Brooker Sr.

We hear that Eleanor Powell had a birthday recently and that many little friends called in. Many Happy Returns, Eleanor, one of our favorite children here.

Spending a short vacation with her parents Mr and Mrs V. F. Dunn is Mrs Hvaas the former Nora Dunn. Nora has certainly been getting around since marriage to a deep sea captain and there's not many places that she hasn't visited. She was just come back from England where she saw her grandmother for the first time. We enjoyed our short visit with Nora, she is just the same friendly girl and still a dead ringer for Deanna Durbin, and it was nice to hear about England too. We would like a trip sometime.

Mr Bill Hunter will be back in Sechelt once more driving taxi. We missed you, Bill, and your sense of humor even if you did let us fall flat on our face once in getting out of your cab. We forgave you very readily anyhow, it was good for a laugh and no harm done.

ROBERTS CREEK UNDER THE DOGWOOD
By Jack for Short

I PREDICT, by the time you read this the worst will be over. Everyone is talking or writing about the weather. From here on in it is the forbidden subject.

The P-TA held its monthly meeting last Tuesday with a very poor attendance owing to the forbidden subject.

Mrs J. Kirkland sent a letter of thanks for the camelia bush the unit had sent her in appreciation for the work she had done as past president. A letter from James Sinclair assured wholehearted support in the fight for federal aid for education.

Our Valentine dance tickets are on sale now, 75 cents. Get yours early.

A letter was received from the Sechelt P-TA requesting help and support for another Talent Show. This scheme is under supervision of Mrs K. Whitaker. All entries should be sent through her.

I should have been in Pender Harbour this last weekend but the forbidden subject stopped me. Maybe this one.

I met some grand people in and around Sechelt in my efforts to try and straighten out the subscription lists for this paper.

I just happen to wonder if the kids in grades 11 and 12 are happy about having the warmest rooms in Gibsons school. It means they are often the only ones at school.

There is a meeting of the Roberts Creek Community Hall Board scheduled for Monday, 23. This meeting is NOT in the community hall but in Mathew's Hall.

Now I must scatter. I want to get this on the way and I have to head for West Sechelt. Cheers for now and hopes for better news on the forbidden subject.

Jack for Short.

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BOWEN ISLAND

By PEARL PUNNETT

ARTHUR DAVIES of Fern Falls left on the 12th for California on a six-week vacation and is hoping spring will be here by the time he returns. We all hope so too.

There was no church service on the 15th as the Howe Sound ferries were cancelled on account of the rough wind.

Mr and Mrs Albert Billington of Toba Inlet have been staying with the former's mother, Mrs Peter Wood.

The school had to close this week as the pipes were frozen solid after the zero temperatures of last weekend.

Mr and Mrs Eddie Lawrence and children arrived home on the 14th from Stony Mountain, Manitoba, and landed here in colder weather than they had left behind.

There is not much doing around here just now. The main occupation of most folks is thawing pipes, getting wood and stoking fires.

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PENDER HARBOUR

By "J FOR JUDY"

HERE are a few Christmas highlights, hope it isn't too late to be of interest. It turned out to be a Happy Christmas after all for Joey, Charlie and Peter Lee, as their mother, Mrs Frank Lee, who had been confined to the Vancouver General Hospital for a few weeks, arrived home just two days before Xmas.

Pete Michaelson was an unofficial member of the Polar Bear Club on Xmas Eve when he misjudged his footing at Frank Lee's float and fell into the icy water. He clung to the side of his rowboat and shouted for help. John Haddock, hearing the frantic call, ran to Lee's, and with Frank's aid, pulled him out, shivering and cold. After a good thawing out, change of clothing and a stiff Hot Rum, Pete seemed none the worse for his experience.

We decided to spend our New Year's at Powell River, our old "Home Town." This was John's first visit back in nearly eight years. We attended the annual Papermakers' Ball at Dwight Hall, and ran into a host of old friends. Also exchanged New Year's greetings with George and Mrs Haskins, formerly of Granthams (and this paper). Monday morning early, there was the wail of the Westview Fire Sirens, then smoke pouring from Carey's Furniture Store, one of the largest of the district. Before long the entire building was enveloped in flames, and firemen and volunteers had to concentrate their efforts on saving Carey's residence and nearby stores. At noon, on our way to catch the "Mariner," the remains were still smouldering, just the chimney standing. While the fire was at its height, and four fire engines on the scene, our son Albert remarked there were more men around when Nels Anderson's woodshed caught fire at Madeira Park last summer!

Miss Jean Bergenham, Mr Jack Blaine, Miss Margaret Bergenham and Mr Bob Scott, all of Vancouver, enjoyed Christmas festivities with the girls' mother and family at Madeira Park, Mrs Harry Reiter.

Madeira Park, especially around our place, should have been named "Delnor" Park on our return from Powell River, everything was frozen! the whole bay, right over to Canoe Pass, Kleven's, past Frank Lee's, and on toward Jim Cameron's Whiskey Slough, and even to Dusenbury's Island. For the first time in many years, Sinclair Bay had ice. The youngsters are making the most of the snow now, with sleigh-riding. The Lagoon at Madeira was solid enough for skating, but was quite bumpy.

Mr and Mrs John Daly spent the New Year's season skiing up Hollyburn.

A correction in printing of the Community Club nominations is as follows: Vice-president, Jim Cameron, Bill Newick, Frank Lee, Bill Scoular. For 2nd Vice-president, R. Murdoch, Mrs E. Larsen. Plan to attend your Community Club's annual general meeting Sunday, January 22 at Garden Bay Lodge, 2 p.m.

Peggy Cameron had the misfortune to sprain her right arm while sleigh-riding this week. She will be off work for a while. Tough luck, Peggy.

Further on the Camerons: Mrs Bill C. was hospitalized for a few days, receiving treatment for burns. Auntie "Tottie" looked after little June during that time.

Dr and Mrs D. D. Vollan spent part of the holiday season with the former's mother, Mrs Grace Vollan at Garden Bay. They left for their home in San Francisco a few days ago, but they still think Pender Harbour is the beauty spot of them all.

An old-timer, Louie Larsen, passed away at his home Christmas Day, at the age of 91. He leaves a brother in the Harbour, to mourn his death.

Little Betty, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Stewart of Madeira Park, was taken seriously ill recently, necessitating her removal to a Vancouver hospital.

Pleased to report that Mrs Ole Lee is progressing very well at the Vancouver General Hospital and is able to be up in a wheel chair now. We hope to see her back home before too long.

Mr and Mrs Russ Keillor were passengers city-bound on Sunday's Mariner, as were George Haddock and Mr and Mrs Ernie Lee.

Thorne Duncan's new gillnetter the "Louella May" was launched this week at Bargain Harbour Marine. This boat is powered with a Nordberg marine engine, one of the first around these parts.

Our sincere sympathies at this time go out to Mr and Mrs Gordon Roy in the death of Gordie's mother, Mrs Lillian Roy, on January 3.

It's a daughter for Mr and Mrs George S. Wright, born at St. Mary's Hospital on January 9. Congratulations!

LOST

Irish Setter: Red, female. Answers to name of Pamela. Small white mark on chest, in the shape of a 7. Is wearing a worn green collar.

REWARD

Please phone Leona Lee at Lloyd's Store or write Sinikka Kolehmainen, Pender Harbour, B.C.

THE PROVINCE AND THE MUNICIPALITIES

The Province of British Columbia has established by statute over one hundred municipal divisions, and directly and indirectly it is concerned vitally with their welfare.

Since the early 1930's when the days of economic depression seriously reduced the ability of the senior government to aid its municipal divisions, substantial advances have been made in the subsidization of municipal activities.

Not only through direct grants-in-aid, such as from Motor-Vehicle revenue and the Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax, but through assistance to education by ways of grants toward both current and capital costs and the indirect aid by way of assumption of a large part of municipal responsibility for health and welfare changes, has the Province financially supported the local governments and relieved them of a heavy tax burden.

Following almost in its entirety the advice of the Royal Commission on Provincial-Municipal Relations, aid to municipalities has increased over seven-fold in the past eight years and is still developing. The table below illustrates how these principal sources of assistance have expanded in the post-war years.

DIRECT GRANTS	1941-42	1948-49 (anticipated)	1949-50 (estimated)
"Municipalities Aid Act," 1948—			
(1) Motor-vehicle revenue	$570,000.00	$ 1,657,000.00	$ 1,625,000.00
(2) Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax	.....	4,707,000.00	5,900,000.00
Education—	1,774,000.00	5,848,000.00	5,864,000.00
(1) Basic and Supplementary grants	86,000.00	250,000.00	275,000.00
(2) Conveyance of pupils	.....	702,000.00	713,000.00
(3) Teachers' pensions (employer's share)	95,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,400,000.00
(4) School buildings	.....	.....	.....
	$2,525,000.00	$16,164,000.00	$17,777,000.00
INDIRECT AID			
(a) Social assistance—			
Indigent relief—municipal cases	.....	1,800,000.00	2,765,000.00
Indigent medical services	415,000.00	-360,000.00	593,000.00
Hospitalization of indigents		-188,000.00	463,000.00
(b) Keep and transport of prisoners	.....	60,000.00	100,000.00
(c) Local roads	25,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
(d) Interest on certificates of loan re municipal superannuation	.....	110,000.00	122,000.00
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Tuesday	Lv.	VANCOUVER	9:30 a.m.
		WILSON CREEK	11:45 a.m.
		*SECHELT	12:15 noon
		HALFMOON BAY	1:15 p.m.
	Ar.	PENDER HARBOUR	2:30 p.m.
Thursday	Lv.	VANCOUVER	9:30 a.m.
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		*SECHELT	12:15 noon
		HALFMOON BAY	1:15 p.m.
	Ar.	PENDER HARBOUR	2:30 p.m.
Saturday	Lv.	VANCOUVER	9:30 a.m.
		WILSON CREEK	11:45 a.m.
		*SECHELT	12:15 noon
	Ar.	HALFMOON BAY	1:15 p.m.
Sunday	Lv.	VANCOUVER	7:30 p.m.
	Ar.	*SECHELT	9:45 p.m.

*All Sechelt calls will be made at Wilson Creek during the building of new Sechelt dock.

SOUTHBOUND

Wednesday	Lv.	PENDER HARBOUR	2:00 p.m.
		HALFMOON BAY	3:00 p.m.
		*SECHELT	4:00 p.m.
		WILSON CREEK	4:15 p.m.
	Ar.	VANCOUVER	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Lv.	HALFMOON BAY	7:45 p.m.
		*SECHELT	8:45 p.m.
	Ar.	VANCOUVER	11:00 p.m.
Sunday	Lv.	PENDER HARBOUR	2:00 p.m.
		HALFMOON BAY	3:00 p.m.
		*SECHELT	4:00 p.m.
		WILSON CREEK	4:15 p.m.
	Ar.	VANCOUVER	6:30 p.m.

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Cougar and Danger Rife; Kinsmen Hunt Big Game

GIBSONS—Probably the greatest predatory animal hunter of them all, James Dewar, took Kinsmen along the trail of the mountain lion when he spoke on cougar and their habits at the club's bi-monthly supper meeting in Hunter's Guest House, Wednesday.

Little known facts about cougar were handled with authority. In relation to the belief that cougar will not attack a man, Mr Dewar recalled times when he has actually known of cases which disprove this theory. "A cougar will attack anything or anybody," he said, "—often without provocation."

"Cougar are supposed to drop from trees onto their prey. This is hardly borne out by facts. They will attack deer in the open, from the ground."

Another point was:

"The big cats are supposed to kill a lot of deer. Maybe they do, but not to the extent we are led to believe." The speaker estimated a cougar will kill approximately 20 or 30 deer in a year. He affirmed that many of them are cannibals, recalling fights he has witnessed and the actual practice of cannibalism.

Cougar will often kill when not hungry. They frequently kill from the urge to kill.

Dogs for tracking cougar are expensive. "Money can't buy a good dog," he said. "They have to be bred for certain characteristics and this is what makes them invaluable. They are seldom of any use for other work."

Wolves do greater damage to game in British Columbia than do other predatory animals.

In speaking of a cougar's speed, he pointed out that they have small lungs which will not allow them to run long distances. "They are fast, but only for a few yards."

In answering a question, Mr Dewar assured that most of the cougar had now been cleaned from this country. It may take them two years to swing around this area again, he said.

GAMBIER HARBOUR

By Glenwood

DAVE ANDERSON returned to Shaughnessy Hospital recently and as far as we can find out he seems to be well following his operation.

Francis Drage, JP, called a round table conference of parents on the island and laid several possibilities before them in respect to schooling. They promised him every co-operation.

The USS Lady Rose brought our mail in the other day. I understand she will be doing so for a little while. She will call in Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

We were sorry to hear of the death in Shaughnessy Hospital of George B. Frost, a former resident of Gambier. Another islander, Arthur Yule of Halcott Bay, died in Shaughnessy December 31. He was a charter member of Unit 276.

Mr and Mrs Frank W. Alexander returned to the island recently. They had to walk from New Brighton owing to there being no ferry now.

MORE ABOUT . . .

WATER RATES

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one or two exceptions are equitable and comparable with water rates charged in other communities. Any increase will involve severe hardship on many householders with small fixed salaries and incomes who will likely be compelled to dig wells. This of course will be a retrograde step and could conceivably if many were forced to take this step mean an even lower gross income from the system. Reducing the total number of consumers cannot but place a greater burden on those remaining.

From a business standpoint the proposed rates in some cases will increase costs to the point where they will inevitably have to be passed on to the consumer thereby raising the cost of living indirectly besides directly as heretofore described. The proposed increase will lower the competitive opportunities of Sechelt in relation to other contiguous communities. The Union Estates Ltd. is by far the largest owner of settled property in the area and even if their own commercial enterprises are assessed on the new basis it merely amounts to taking funds from one pocket and placing them in another so that in effect all the dependent consumers not only bear the full cost of the operation but are at the same time in a less favorable competitive position. We are sure under the circumstances the commission will not view favorably an application which will prohibit many consumers from participating and which cannot but result in placing Sechelt in an unfavorable light, privately and commercially in relation to other communities.

W. J. Mayne, Secretary;
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PERSONS EMPLOYED, 1948

Agriculture	33,000
Mining	16,000
Forestry	41,000
Fishing	22,000
Manufacturing	100,000
Miscellaneous	211,000
TOTAL	423,000

Value of Production, 1948

Forestry	$ 363,786,000
Mining	152,524,752
Agriculture	142,108,000
Fishing	58,605,619
Manufacturing	975,000,000
TOTAL	$1,692,024,371

The Department of Trade and Industry encourages the establishment of new enterprise in British Columbia. Prompt attention is given to industrial and trade inquiries.

Manufacturing Investments

1909	$ 50,000,000
1919	220,000,000
1929	311,806,456
1939	274,969,502
1948	525,000,000

EXTERNAL TRADE, 1948

Exports	$371,480,456
Imports	199,949,221

Industrial Payrolls, 1948

Agriculture	$ 30,000,000
Mining	35,000,000
Forestry	80,000,000
Fishing	40,000,000
Manufacturing	190,000,000
Miscellaneous	275,000,000
TOTAL	$650,000,000

Miscellaneous Statistics, 1948

Retail Sales	$731,520,000
Building Permits	96,953,000
Consumption of Electric Power K.W.H.	3,436,778,000
Railway Freight loaded, Tons	10,325,427

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