

each trustee takes his place on the board in rotation, the board is never left entirely to new members, and so stability in the working of the board is established.

Great care is taken of the health of the little pupils, as it is now thoroughly understood that a child suffering from some unnoticed ailment is very seriously handicapped in the race of life, and is often blamed for being lazy, when the little one is just ill. Defective eyesight is among the most common causes of a child's failure at school, and badly lighted rooms have often a great tendency to create such a trouble. The Matsqui school buildings are modern, and the children are all medically inspected.

There is a very excellent High School at Matsqui village, which gives many of the younger residents a chance of finishing their education in their own home district unless they have decided to go on to the University, in which case it is only a question of about a couple of hours run to Vancouver from Mt. Lehman, which makes it possible for a University student to frequently visit his or her parents.

The number of schools is only limited by the population, as it is possible to have a school, whenever there is a request for it from the residents, and there are twelve children to attend. There must, of course, be a reasonable distance between the schools, but it does not matter how far out-lying the district may be, and whenever there are the requisite number of pupils, a school can be built. Want of good schools need deter no one from settling in the Matsqui Municipality, for what ever can be done to add to the comfort of the scholars, or add to the efficiency of the educational training, is done unstintingly. Few municipalities have a better system or a more efficient board of trustees.

TELEPHONE SERVICE BRINGS CITY TO SETTLER

In the present days, the telephone is an essential to the farmer's comfort, as it brings the doctor to his doorstep in case of urgent need, while it gives him the privilege of speaking to the veterinarian, the seedsman, the broker, the local store and post office, and his next door neighbor. In former days many precious hours and days were lost for want of the telephone, which is now to be found in all farm-houses. Matsqui is well supplied in this direction, as the Huntingdon Rural Telephone Company, Limited, has a line to Abbotsford, which is being run through to connect with the Mission City Telephone Company, which runs to Clayburn. Peardonville is shortly to be connected up, and it will not be long before the entire district is on some telephone wire. With the possibility of a telephone service, electric light, and electrical machinery, the Matsqui farmer, or settler, has little real hardship to contend with, in fact he lives in luxury in comparison with the farmer of former years. The Matsqui Municipality is nothing if it is not go-ahead, and more has been achieved in its short life than in the long life of many of the neighboring corporations.