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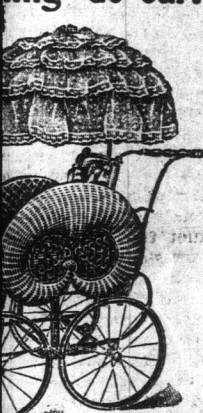
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Several pieces of property, mostly small holdings have changed hands at good figures.

Municipal Council Meeting

The 94th annual meeting of the Municipal Council of South Saanich, was held on Saturday last, at 8 p.m., in the municipal office, Glenford ave. Rev. Thomas Bryden being in the chair, and the following councillors present: Messrs. Moore, Pointer, Grant, Quick, Durane and Puckler. Clerk, H. O. Case, Constable, Russell and road foreman, Pich were also there. The minutes of the previous and a special meeting were read and approved.

Communications were received from Yates and Jay, re by-laws, etc. Mr. Haisell re damages to property; Messrs. Haffner & Co. endorsing plans; deputy minister of finance, refund of real property tax for August, 1906; H. M. Frank, agent for Austen rock-crusher; Beaumont Boggs, re unsatisfactory plan; J. Bennett and Rev. R. E. Connel, re damage to property by overflow of water; R. Holmes, re permission to lay water pipes; and the municipal assessor asking for an extension of time for the completion of his work.

Permission was granted to R. Holmes to lay pipes under supervision of the road foreman and an extension of time was granted the assessor. The clerk was instructed to write the department of finance minister, thanking him for his refund of \$115.46 real property tax, 1906.

B. Boggs, sending a tracing of approved original plans for his education. The cases of Messrs. Bennett and Connel were referred to the road foreman for report. The rest of the communications were laid on the table for later discussion. The reeve brought up the matter of an advance to wages to the road men but the question was left over for the time being.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Deville & Co., groceries supplied to Mr. Coburn, \$14; for telephone, disinfected fluid re death of Collier, disinfected at Ten Mile point; and Pope stationary Co., supplies, \$10.00.

Petitions were received from J. Edwards and sixteen others for re-creation of the South Saanich road, G. McGregor and sixty-five others asking for the opening up of the Cloverdale avenue, the latter petition but left by them unfinished.

Work was ordered to be done on the following roads: Kenneth street, to be repaired at the cost of \$25.00; \$50.00 to be spent on the sidewalk on Saanich road, extension and Douglas St. and hill to be cut down; \$10.00 for bridge and 12 inch sewer pipe on Holland avenue to be done at once.

Constable Russell's report was received and filed.

The annual loan by-law to borrow \$7000 @ 6 per cent for municipal purposes this year, passed its first and second readings and the council resolved itself into a committee of the whole, the reeve in the chair for its consideration. On motion the time for the payment and taxes was extended to August 31, it being pointed out by the reeve that the time was a month, while August being after harvest was better, or in other words, "faster."

The committee then reported the by-law collected and it passed its third reading.

A by-law was submitted for the appropriation of \$3, 25 and 25 and of lot 49 for the purpose of a municipal park in lieu of certain other closed lots.

This provoked a great deal of discussion, councillor Moore objecting as to the propriety of the purchase of the land, and the reeve in reply stated that the land had been sold, one of these having been sold and he argued that the purchase of the other two could all have been sold.

In rebuttal it was pointed out by councillor Moore that the lot had not been sold and he was satisfied. The by-law was finally passed.

Under the head of unfinished business, the question of an advance in wages to the road men was discussed. The reeve said that the men were dissatisfied and would not work for 9 hours at \$2.00 per day, but he thought that if they were paid \$2.25 for 9 hours they would be satisfied.

Councillor Grant said he would support the motion if he was sure the men would be satisfied.

Councillor Pointer contended that it would be better to reduce the hours to 8 and pay \$2.50 per day, he could not see why any difference should be made between the city and country road men. It was harder for the country road men, being a farmer, to work 9 hours on the road as he had to do his chores when he got home.

The reeve said he had worked many hours and did not think the shorter hours would make any difference in a man's work. He had always found that men who work 9 hours in an hour and no more, and that if the hours were reduced it would mean a bill of expense as teams could not be kept busy enough.

Councillor Puckler, sarcastically remarked that it would be better to reduce the hours to 6 and pay \$3.00 per day and soon the men would not want to work at all. It was all rot about the shortage of labor. It not exist.

It was finally resolved to pay \$2.25 per day for 9 hours.

On motion of councillor Pointer, the clerk was instructed to write the reeve of the Dominion government would not make a grant for the repairing of roads in the Indian reserve.

The polling day for the Pound by-law in ward 1 was fixed for Saturday May 4.

The Council then adjourned.

SULTAN REPLIES

Tangier, April 25.—The reply of the Sultan of Morocco to the demands for redress in connection with the murder of Dr. Archambault reached here today. It is in the form of a lengthy and confused document. It is said that it does not accord all the French claims, but shows a desire to negotiate.

GRAND TRUNK AT WORK

Port William, Ont., April 25.—The Grand Trunk Pacific fired up their first engine on the Lake Superior line yesterday morning, and commenced switching under their own steam. Officials of the road still affirm the company will assist in moving the crop of 1907 to the lake front.

WITH FROZEN FEET

Port William, Ont., April 25.—James Williams, Hudson's Bay factor at Osanburg, two or three hundred miles north of Port William, was found frozen to death, or so, and was brought in to the Port William general hospital. The trip by dog sleigh took three weeks to accomplish. The factor will be here in hospital about three weeks.

LIBERAL REVOLT OVER SIR WILFRID'S CHOICE

Pugsley's Selection as Successor to Emmerson Objected to

CONFERENCE IS BEING WATCHED

Ottawa Interested in Settlement of Colliery Strike—Premier Laurier on Imperial Relations

Ottawa, April 25.—(Special.)—Although Premier Laurier is not a Liberal, he has decided to quit provincial politics, having accepted the Liberal nomination for St. John city and county for the House of Commons vacancy created by the death of Dr. A. A. Stockton. It is not altogether certain that he will be the next minister of railways. Certainly he will not be Mr. Emmerson's successor if the Liberal delegation from New Brunswick in the House of Commons have any say in the matter. No one here realizes what transpired between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Pugsley at the conference which took place in St. John two weeks ago last Friday. Sir Wilfrid may have offered the portfolio to Mr. Pugsley, but he so this selection will not be pleasing to the Liberal rank and file in the House. It is currently reported tonight that the House this morning, he is not a member of the delegation from that province is in favor of P. E. Carvell, member for Carleton.

Much interest is being manifested in the outcome of the conference at Fernie tomorrow between the mine operators and miners. Hon. R. D. Lacombe had received information up to a late hour tonight before what he announced in the House this morning, but to the respondent he expressed the positive belief that within 48 hours the whole trouble will be settled.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Saturday sent the following cablegram from London to La Presse, Montreal: "By resolution just given to press you will see that there is no imperial council at all, and that the government of Canada and the government of England will still be carried on in the future."

After some vigorous official on the part of Senator Ferguson, the upper house today decided to return to the Commons the lengthy address in relation to the proposed increase in the provincial subsidies.

The House was engaged all day on the private bill to give federal incorporation to the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company, chartered in 1894, and which was introduced by the Hon. J. H. Macdonald, member for the province of Ontario.

Here is what Mr. Marpole has to say in a despatch to the Colonist: "Please advise me if I have written a letter covering the percentage of the output that could be transported by the railway. The facts have been misrepresented to the government."

Mr. Marpole's denial, it is assumed, refers to an interview with the secretary, Dr. Young, which was published in Sunday's edition of the Colonist. He takes exception to that which is appended: "Chief among these circumstances is the fact that the whole year's stagnation in mining was therefore a possibility, the only escape from which was an immediate resumption of work in the coal mines."

As to the position taken by the boards of trade, Mr. Buchanan said that all that they were asking was that work be resumed until such time as the board of conciliation should have completed its work. If its findings were not satisfactory to the men they could then strike. "What was desired by the boards of trade was that there should be no unnecessary cessation of work pending that time."

The situation was a most complicated one. In the first place, asked for the appointment of a board of conciliation but the operators claimed that this was not a regular and had applied for the appointment of a board giving a ten per cent reduction in wages.

Today's conference at Fernie was being held for the purpose of seeing if some settlement could be reached. It was a temporary one, until the whole matter had been gone into, and it was not intended that it should be a permanent one. The effect of action at the present time by the boards of trade would be considerable and would materially assist in the adjustment of the trouble, for the Alberta boards were acting in conjunction with those of British Columbia.

Is it an Intimation? The government of Alberta, he might say, was considered by many to be directly interested in this dispute, for there was an impression that the refusal of that administration to pass an eight hour law at its last session was now being resented by the miners working in that province. They felt that the legislators of that province were drawn practically entirely from the agricultural section of the province, and that they had no interest in the welfare of those on whom they depended for their fuel supply.

The miners, it was argued by some, intended their stoppage of work as an intimation that their welfare must be looked after by the legislators of that province.

Other Boards Act. Mr. Buchanan is in communication with the Vancouver board of trade and representatives of many other boards are ready on Fernie or on P. G. Sturkey, of Nelson, vice-president of the Vancouver board of trade, of eastern British Columbia. Mr. Buchanan thinks that a resolution by the board of trade would strengthen the hands of the other representatives today.

The government's department are watching the situation with interest and are prepared to act with decision if the strike is to be prolonged.

Boiler Explosion. Toronto, April 25.—On Saturday morning, at the little village of Conant, about eight miles from Toronto, a boiler exploded, killing a third child in a critical condition. About 9 o'clock a boiler exploded, entirely wrecking the building, and instantly killed Norman Gilchrist, an employee aged 10 years, and Pat Cannon, a prosperous farmer, about 45 years of age, who had just arrived with his family to visit his mother. The cause of the accident is supposed to have been a defect in the boiler. The shock was so great as to be felt in the other buildings of the village. Cannon leaves a wife and several children.

The explosion was followed by a rush of flames, and all the oil-soaked buildings were soon destroyed, as there was no fire-fighting apparatus. The employees in the building in which the boiler exploded were forced to move quickly to escape.

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Supr. Marpole Says Statement is False. Never Expressed Opinion That Railway Could Handle Only Half Lumber Cut

The statement which Hon. Dr. Young says was made to the government by members of the lumbermen's deputation, which was to the effect that R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific, had said that his railway would not be able to handle more than fifty per cent of the output of the coal mines, is entirely false, according to the statement made by Mr. Marpole in a despatch to the Colonist.

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Effect on Commerce. In conversation with a reporter for the Colonist last evening Mr. Buchanan said that the effect of the strike was already being felt in commercial lines, for the C. P. R. were even now refusing to carry freight, and that perhaps more serious too, the railways were being forced to operate on a hand-to-mouth supply of fuel, and that the coal mines were being shut down for any length of time.

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