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## THE SPLENDID ARRAY OF BLOOM DELIGHTS VISITORS

### LIEUT. GOVERNOR PATERSON DECLARES SHOW OPEN WITH WARM WORDS OF PRAISE

Hall Beautifully Decorated For the Occasion—Sweet Peas  
Predominating Feature of Show—Decorated Tables  
Decided By Ballot of Visitors

The committees in charge of the flower show held last Saturday in Berquist's large hall, under the auspices of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Association and under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Paterson, are to be congratulated on the magnificent success of the event, and many of the visitors during the afternoon and evening were heard to express the opinion that it was in many respects far ahead of the flower show held in the city of Victoria.

The ceiling and walls of the big hall were crowded with masses of cedar boughs intermingled here and there with bright flowers and tri-colored bunting, giving a very pleasing effect.

Along each wall on the sides of the hall were arranged three-tier benches for the more convenient display of the numerous potted plants entered in the different competitions. Down the centre of the hall two long tables extending almost the full length of the building and draped with fancy colored paper, were used for the more delicate exhibits of cut flowers, and when these were arrayed with their mass of bloom, supported by gleaming glass vases, it was a sight well worth seeing.

The north end of the hall was given over to the decorated table section, and in which there were seven entries. The visitors' attention was drawn to these immediately on his paying admission at the door as he was presented with a ballot paper and requested to mark thereon the numbers of the tables, which in his opinion, should be given first and second prize. They were certainly tastefully decorated, and covered as they were with their gleaming white table linen and glistening cut glass vases in which were displayed some of the choicest flowers in the show, it was indeed very hard to decide which should receive first or second place. The general sameness of the display made it even harder to decide than it would otherwise have been if a different system of display had been adopted by each contestant.

The only two tables in the competition that departed from the general rule of a large centre piece with four smaller corner bouquets were those of Mrs. J. S. Harvey and Miss Lorna White. The latter used a very simple design, having only a very simple bowl of nasturtiums with long trailers extending toward each corner of the table, while the former used large bunches of a small flowering garden rose as the centre piece on her table, with two smaller bunches of the same flowers on opposite corners of the table.

On the ballots being counted at eight o'clock in the evening it was found that Mrs. S. A. Kelly's table decorated with coreopsis and gypso-

phila, was given the largest number of votes, and was therefore awarded first prize while Mrs. J. S. Harvey's table came a close second.

Perhaps the most attractive display in the whole show was that of the sweet peas, there being no less than 106 entries in this class alone, and one of the long tables in the centre of the hall was given over entirely to this beautiful summer flower. There were also large exhibits of perennials and annuals, notable among the former being gailardias, pentstemons, Canterbury bells and other plants. The entries covered a large range of territory, among the exhibitors being growers in Victoria, Saanichon, Royal Oak, and other points. Displays were also sent from Salt Spring Island and other Gulf Islands.

There was a very good showing of roses in spite of the lateness of the season. The favorite varieties included Hugh Dickson, Pape Gonthier, and Mamou Coche. About twenty varieties were shown in all. One example which attracted much attention was a splendid rambler.

Other outside plants were the Spanish bloom, Scenathus, a beautiful vase of clematis, several specimens of nasturtiums, pansies, petunias, and sweet williams.

In the fruit classes the display of small fruits, which are at their best at this time of the year, drew much praise. There were some splendid exhibits of dishes of loganberries, raspberries, gooseberries, and even of peaches, while a few cherries were also shown. The most notable exhibit in the fruit section was that of raspberries of the Hubert type, sent in by Mrs. S. A. Kelly.

Perhaps the most noticeable display formed the main section of the collection, not for competition, sent by the Sidney Experimental Farm, under the direction of manager Spencer. This had been staged by H. Pruey, under the supervision of Mr. Spencer. Not only did it include trees indigenous to British Columbia, but also some importations of valuable shrubs from Japan and other countries. Fine examples of grain, honey and fruit formed the main section of the collection which had been tastefully treated with coreopsis as a decorative feature.

The committee had been fortunate in securing the services of F. E. Buck B.S.A., a member of the horticultural staff of the department of agriculture, Ottawa, who is visiting on the coast, as the judge, and his decisions gave great satisfaction.

Many members of the Victoria Automobile Association who motored out to the club quarters and lunched there, visited the show during the day. Afternoon tea was served under the direction of Mrs. A. O. Wheeler, in the tea room adjoining the hall.

Among the officers of the society who spent a busy morning were Mr. J. J. White, chairman, and G. P. Bolingbroke, hon. secretary, H. P.

Albury, secretary of the North and South Agricultural Society, gave valuable assistance.

#### THE PRIZE LIST

Gladioli, 6 varieties and two spikes of each, silver vase, given by Mrs. T. W. Paterson, Victoria—Mrs. Jas. A. Grant.

Collection of wild flowers, given by Prof. Macoun—1st, Miss Annie Bowman; 2nd, Miss Lorna White, 3rd, Miss Gladys Bowcott.

Six Crimson Carnations, grown out of doors, given by A. O. Wheeler, F. R.G.S.—1st, Mrs. J. J. White; 2nd, Mrs. Large.

Collection of Perennials, shown separately, 12 varieties and 3 of each, special by Mrs. A. O. Wheeler—1st, C. S. McTavish; 2nd, Mrs. McNaught; 3rd, Mrs. J. J. White.

Collection of Annuals, shown separately and named, 12 varieties, 3 of each, special by Mrs. A. L. Wilson—1st, Miss Loundes; 2nd, Mrs. J. J. White.

Sweet Peas, shown separately and named, 8 varieties and 8 stems of each, with foliage attached—1st, Mrs. A. L. Wilson; 2nd, Mrs. P. B. Darnell.

Sweet Peas, shown separately and named, 5 varieties and 5 of each, Mrs. Jas. A. Grant; 1st, Mrs. Spearin; 2nd, C. S. McTavish; 2nd, Mrs. J. J. White.

Best Collection of Carnations—1st, Mrs. J. J. White; 2nd, Mrs. Bastin. (Continued on page 5)

### MOUNT NEWTON STATION CHANGED TO "SIDNEY"

It will no doubt be pleasing news to residents of Sidney to know that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company have at last met their wishes in regard to the changing of the name of the station on their line at the head of Beaton avenue. Hereafter this station will be known as "Sidney" instead of Mount Newton, as in the past. This change will shortly be announced on the new time schedule that will take effect during the next two or three weeks.

The name Mount Newton never should have been given to this station, and it was strongly objected to at the time not only by the Board of Trade but by the citizens generally, as the station is nowhere near the mount of that name. It is gratifying to know, however, that the B. C. Electric are beginning to wake up to the fact that Sidney is a town to be reckoned with, and it would not be any surprise to a majority of the people living here if the company made the announcement that they intended laying a loop line in order to connect Sidney with their main Saanich line. Now that the new park at Deep Cove is rapidly nearing completion it would certainly be of advantage to the company to make it possible for the people of this district to patronize it.

#### SAANICHTON NEWS.

The people of South Saanich who visited the flower show were well pleased with the high standard of floral wealth exhibited and those who showed were grateful for the assistance of the secretary, Mr. H. Bolingbroke. We beg leave to congratulate the committee.

The concert to be held Saturday evening at the Agricultural Hall for the purpose of providing funds for installing lights in St. Mary's church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild and the management of Mrs. K. E. Streetfield, promises to be a great success, as the items on the program are of a very high order. To enlighten the church is surely a work that should ensure the support of all sorts and conditions of men.

## RATEPAYERS OF SIDNEY ELECT TRUSTEES FOR ENSUING YEAR

Meeting Votes Five Hundred Dollars to Be Applied on New  
Site For Four Room School Building—Department's  
Proposal Not Favorably Received

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of Sidney, for the purpose of electing three trustees to represent them in this school district, took place on Saturday last in the public school building on Fifth street, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The attendance was very small, considering the important matters that were to be decided upon, there being only about twenty who took interest enough in the educational welfare of the town to put in an appearance. However, the rest no doubt will be heard from later on, after they have received their tax notices for the next year.

Altogether it was one of the most harmonious meetings ever held in Sidney, and for once it seemed that each and every one were of the same opinion, and the business brought before the meeting was quickly disposed of. The proposal of the Educational Department, as published in the Review of last week, was brought up during the meeting for discussion, but was given the "cold shoulder" with but very little debate, as it apparently did not meet with the approval of anyone present.

Mr. P. N. Tester, as chairman of last year's North Saanich School Board, called the meeting to order, and after reading several clauses in the School Manual relating to the proper course of procedure at a meeting of this nature, he called upon the meeting to elect a chairman, and although requested by a motion to occupy the position as chairman he refused to accept the honor offered him. Several other names were then mentioned, but one after the other they all refused to act until it began to look as if the meeting would have to adjourn for the lack of a chairman. The situation was saved, however, by the timely appearance of Dr. Cumming in the doorway, when someone immediately nominated him and he was elected almost before he was aware of what was taking place.

On his taking the chair and after a few preliminary remarks he called upon Secretary A. McDonald for his report of the work done by the board during the past year and also the financial statement.

Many improvements had been carried out at the various schools under

their control, said Mr. McDonald, the fencing of the Deep Cove school grounds and other improvements to these grounds as well as those of North Saanich and Sidney, being among the principal items of interest.

According to the financial statement the Educational Department still owe the North Saanich district the sum of \$2,500. This amount is fully \$1,000 over what will be needed to finance the three school districts for the balance of the year, although the department asked the ratepayers, through the advertisements posted calling the meeting, to vote a further sum for the balance of the fiscal year which ends on December 31st, 1914. This, of course, the ratepayers refused to do, as they saw no reason for raising this extra amount when there were funds already available to meet all expenses.

Mr. R. Oldfield, who audited the books of the school board, had a few remarks to make about the system of book keeping used, and suggested that a more up-to-date system be employed in the future.

On motion of Mr. G. A. Cochran, seconded by Mr. P. N. Tester, the secretary's report and the auditor's financial statement were adopted as read. As soon as this motion was put to the meeting and passed, Mr. McDonald asked the chairman to have the meeting elect a secretary pro tem, as it was necessary for him to immediately depart for the meetings being held for the same purpose at Deep Cove and North Saanich, where it would be his duty to give the ratepayers of these districts a copy of his statement and also a copy of the auditor's report.

On motion of Mr. R. Oldfield, seconded by Mr. J. B. Kelly, Mr. John H. Williams was requested to act as secretary of the meeting.

Some discussion then arose over the announcement that the department had failed to send forward a copy of the assessment roll for this district, and a motion was made that the meeting adjourn until such time as this was forthcoming. The motion, however, was lost and business was resumed.

The next order of business, announced (Continued on page 5)



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