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W. CROUCH,
EDITOR.

It appears there was some exception taken to an article that appeared in one of our recent issues under the head of "Saanichton News," in regard to the troops as they passed through Saanichton. It is "ordinarily" understood by the general public that out of town items are submitted by correspondents from their respective districts and the Review printed the news sent in by the Saanichton correspondent as reliable news, as our Saanichton correspondent has always been perfectly reliable and we had no reason to doubt his veracity. Although his view differs entirely from the editor's as he saw the troops while in Sidney, an exceptionally fine body of men, and they were complimented by this paper and the citizens of Sidney. We saw the troops as a very fine body of men but beyond this we can't dispute a reliable correspondent unless we have the proof of such correspondent's error.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Protect the Wild Fowl
Editor "Sidney Review,"

Sir,—Your issue of the 4th inst. contains an item stating that two gentlemen had paid a visit to Bare Island and returned with a collection of eggs.

I have been aware for some time that white persons as well as Indians were taking eggs from this island, such action being contrary to the provisions of both the Game Act and the Bird Protection Act.

It is to be hoped that the persons in question acted without the knowledge that they were breaking the law and circumstances have arisen which make it impossible to bring action against them.

The Department will be very grateful to you if you will make public the fact that the taking of any eggs or birds from Bare Island is prohibited by law. Even if this were not the case, it is most regrettable that the only bird sanctuary in British Columbia waters at this end of the Island should have been systematically robbed.

A careful inspection of the Island convinces me that, owing to the depredation of the egg stealers, practically no gulls will be hatched out this season.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

F. KERMODE,
Director.

Saanichton News.

Miss Mildred McKenzie having had an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's hospital on July 7, has recovered so rapidly that she is expected to return to her home on the 18th of this month. Miss Mackenzie has been teaching at the Saanichton school and is very popular with the scholars and parents. She has been very successful with flowers and has tried to instill a love for them in her pupils. It is not yet known if she will continue to teach in Saanichton.

Haldon Bros. had some very fine rose bushes stolen from their garden. This is the first case we have heard of and it is to be deplored, because those who cultivate gardens are public benefactors, and if such cases occurred often it would put an end to gardens altogether. Severe punishment should be awarded to the miscreants and rewards offered by the municipality. Haldon Bros. have some very fine specimens of ornamental trees, some of which are native and have been successfully transplanted. A wild rose from eight to nine feet in height and about one and a half inches in diameter, without a single branch for eight feet of its height is certainly curious.

Our roads are now invaded by electric right poles, which, together with the tele-

phone poles and wires on the other side of the road, has completely destroyed their beauty, and turned them into scenes of ugliness. The road from the hotel to the B. C. E. station is cut to pieces. The whole of the west side is now railed and two ugly pairs of rails cross the road at the new station. We have not heard how much the Saanich council received for the right of way, or if they made a "present" of it to the B. C. Electric. What right they had to rob the community of its road, which is already altogether too narrow and absolutely dangerous. One cannot now walk along the roads in safety and the dust and foul smelling fumes from automobiles is particularly injurious to health, yet no one protests. Soon all that is lovely will be "civilized" off the face of the earth, such "progress" will be made that we may have electric thinking machines and electricity will intercede the human race.

BOARD OF TRADE HELD USUAL MEETING TUESDAY

Among the Questions Discussed Were the
Street Lighting, the Advertising of
the Town and Other Matters

Several items of importance were taken up at the regular meeting of the Board of Trade held in Berquist's hall on Tuesday evening. One of them being the advisability of having the streets lighted. There was an unofficial estimate presented for the installation of five 80 watt lamps on the corners of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th streets on Beacon avenue. The matter was referred to a committee with a view of ascertaining what subscriptions could be obtained from the business men to defray the expense for a year at least.

A committee was also appointed to look into the probable cost of advertising the district through the medium of an illustrated pamphlet.

A letter of condolence was sent to the widow of the late T. G. Procter.

School Meeting.

The first meeting of the new North Saanich school board took place Monday morning at 10 a.m. At this meeting Mr. P. N. Tester was elected chairman and Mr. Alex. McDonald secre-treasurer, Mr. George Cochrane being the other member of the board.

Tuesday afternoon the board inspected Deep Cove and North Saanich schools, and arrangements will shortly be made to have the necessary repairs attended to. It is expected the southern end of North Saanich will be pressing on the board the necessity of a school in their part of the district. A new teacher will be needed for Deep Cove, also for the junior classes in the Sidney school, as Miss Middleton expects to remove to Victoria. The necessity of a superior school and enlarged recreation grounds for the Sidney school will also occupy the attention of the board. So far it looks like a busy season in school circles.

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