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MOSQUITO NUISANCE RECEIVES AN AIRING

In response to the notices sent out by the secretary a few days ago enough members of the Board of Trade gathered in Berquist's small hall on Tuesday evening to form a quorum. Considerable business had accumulated during the past month and was despatched with much speed, as the larger part of it was composed of correspondence.

Reports were received from the various standing committees and progress was reported in all instances.

The committee of one on the mosquito nuisance gave a very lengthy report on the work he had accomplished, and a much longer one on what he had not been able to do, owing to the fact that there were not sufficient funds at his disposal to carry the project through. The big slough to the south of the town was not the only breeding place for this pest, as stagnant water was to be found on nearly every street where there were ditches for drainage purposes. The committee of one seemed to be very much excited over a reference to this pest that appeared in a letter printed in the Review of last week, and asked the Board to withhold their judgment on his actions until authority could be obtained for the statement made therein that the present pest of mosquitoes are what are known as "grass mosquitoes." The committee stated that he had searched all the known authorities on this subject but had failed to find any reference to this particular brand of men-eaters.

The committee having the planting of trees on the main streets of the town in hand made their report also, and the chairman stated that he had forwarded a request to the agricultural department for aid in this respect, and had been informed that the department could not see their way to giving any assistance, as in the past they had not done so and did not wish to establish a precedent in this respect.

The publicity committee submitted a report on the publishing of a pamphlet setting forth the advantages of this district, but as it was not complete in some particulars it was referred back to them and they were instructed to bring in the complete report at the next meeting.

No further business offering the meeting then adjourned.

MARRIED VS. SINGLE.

A game of baseball was played between teams representing the married men and the single men of Sidney on Wednesday afternoon last on the local diamond. The game, which was supposed to go seven innings, ended in a victory for the benedicts by the score of eight to four, but out of pure good sportsmanship they allowed the single men another chance by playing two more innings, and also allowed their less fortunate brethren the privilege of having on their team a well known player from Victoria important for the occasion. This generosity on their part proved their undoing, for the single genits took on fresh courage and succeeded in tying the game up in the ninth and scored the winning run in the eleventh. The married men challenge the same team (less the imported star) to play again on Wednesday, July 8th, at 6.30 the game to go seven innings.

RATEPAYERS COULD NOT AGREE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED SCHOOL FOR DISTRICTS OF SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH

The Public Meeting Called for Last Monday Evening Was Well Attended— Inspector May Placed the Department's Proposals in Regard to Matter Very Clearly Before the Ratepayers.

The meeting held in Berquist's hall on Monday last for the purpose of discussing the division of the school district and the establishment of a central school will long be remembered, if for nothing more than its non-production of any tangible result, for notwithstanding the fact that Inspector May, of the Educational Department, was there with full explanation of the action of his superiors, and representatives of the different districts were present to put forth their own pleas, the net result was worse than nil, for the meeting closed with the defeat of the motion to tender a vote of thanks to the department for the manner in which they had divided the school district.

Mr. R. N. Tester, one of the trustees, called the meeting to order, and in a few words explained the reason for calling the meeting and asked those present to look at the whole matter through what he termed the large telescope instead of through their own as in the past. He felt that could the ratepayers get together and reasonably discuss the situation from the point of what was best for all, that with the assistance of the educational department, an arrangement could be arrived at by which everybody would be satisfied. Mr. May had already been out to Sidney to talk things over, but as there had been feeling that only a few received word of the meeting, Mr. May had promised to come out again, and was prepared to answer any question regarding the schools and do all in his power towards an amicable settlement of the affair.

Mr. May went over the situation in exactly the same way as at the previous meeting and said that the method in vogue of running the schools was quite contrary to the Act, as each school district should be governed by one body of trustees, whereas in the present case there were three schools under the one body.

He further stated that after the proposal on the part of Sidney had fallen through, he had in conjunction with the trustees outlined the three districts of North Saanich, Deep Cove and Sidney. Since that time, added the speaker, there had been a call on the department from Bazan Bay, where there were sufficient children according to the Act to warrant the establishment of a school, and that this made the fourth district. In his report he had not recommended the school as he had thought they could come to some arrangement with the North Saanich district.

In reply to a question Mr. May here stated that the division of the district was in the hands of the department, but when, as in the present case, there was a difference of opinion among the ratepayers, they were

quite willing to meet with suggestions towards a final satisfactory arrangement. There is no game on, said Mr. May, with some emphasis, as might be implied from the manner in which people had passed judgement on the action of the department.

Speaking of the advantage of the graded school, Mr. May emphasized the broadening out of the minds of the children by associating with a larger number and by the introduction of manual training and arts, and thought that if the graded school question materialized a teacher could be brought in from the larger schools in other districts for a day each week and give the children something along the line of plant and insect life. He strongly advised the people of Sidney to consider the building of this class of school, but added that while it was not the wish of the educational department to force anything down the necks of the people here or in any other part of B. C., it did, and always would try to show them what would be to their advantage.

In reply to the question by the chairman as to what would happen if no agreement was reached along the centralization scheme, Mr. May said that the division as outlined would take effect immediately, unless, of course, he could get the decision that evening.

Mr. H. Brethour here produced data on the acreage of the three divisions and pointed out the unfair amount of land in the Sidney district, and called attention to the five mill tax as against the seven-eighths and nine-tenths of the North Saanich and Deep Cove districts, to which Mr. Munro replied to the effect that Sidney was looking for more responsibilities which in his opinion, from past knowledge, they were entirely unable to bear, and he further stated that the department had acted openly and above board with all parties.

The most disagreeable feature of the evening was the disconnected way in which the subjects were discussed. When one gentleman had delivered himself of his burden of thought and feeling, instead of his subject being discussed, somebody would spring an entirely different course of argument on the meeting, and this was the main cause for the barren result of the evening.

When Dr. Cumming stood up it looked at first as though he was to be guilty of changing the subject also, but let it be remembered that the doctor, after the chairman's opening remarks, was the first to try and bring the meeting to look at things in a cool light and to take one thing at a time, for, as he stated, the diversity of opinion seemed to be regarding the boundaries and not over the graded school proposition, for

there appeared to be little disagreement over the matter. He fully agreed with the department as to having a graded school but thought they should be asked to reconsider the lines. This met with the approval of the meeting and was embodied in the form of a motion.

Mr. S. Spencer, while admitting he felt in the same spirit as Dr. Cumming, put special emphasis on the fact that the question of graded schools was not right, but the Bazan Bay people wanted to be partial. He thought that nine sensible gentlemen as trustees of the three districts would after a little while be able to get together and talk things over for the ultimate advantage of the district as a whole.

Here Mr. Munro jumped into the argument again and asked how the people of Sidney intended to regulate their schools when there would be a municipality. He contended that the department had taken the wisest stand and that so far as Mr. Brethour's statements on taxes were concerned, he said they had been paying the smallest tax in British Columbia for three years.

Capt. Byers having delivered himself of a few remarks as favoring a graded school, did not make himself famous for finding a solution of the boundary question, and while the meeting was waiting for more questions, quite an element of spice was added to the evening's entertainment by Mr. McKillican who came out flat footed with the charge that Mr. Samuel Spencer and his Bazan Bay school proposition was the cause of (Continued on page 3.)

FIRST GAME OF SERIES GOES TO VISITING TEAM

The Excelsiors, of Brampton, Ont., champions of the Ontario Amateur Lacrosse Association, played their first game against the V. A. C., of Vancouver, holders of the Mann cup, on Saturday, June 27th, at Vancouver, the challengers beating the V. A. C. out after a very close and exciting game by a score of 5 to 4. This is the first time that a team from the east of the prairie provinces faced the holders, let alone win out. The Excelsiors fielded a very fast team, close checkers on the defence and a home both heavy and willing enough to go in close on the nets. The game, which was refereed by Lester Patrick of Victoria, the well known hockey mogul, was most spectacular, the Vics getting one goal in the first quarter, two in the second, nil in the third and one in the fourth. The excelsiors were blanked in the first quarter, got one in the second, one in the third and three in the last quarter. The score was tied twice and the play and remarkably even contest brought forth the applause of the largest crowd that has appeared at any amateur game since the New Westminster team turned professional. Unless the V. A. C. field an improved team or the Vengers fall down in the next game, Vicks as if the Mann cup will take a trip to the east. The next game takes place on Saturday, July 4th, and a large crowd will be sure to turn out for the final game. Good clean lacrosse like the game played last Saturday will go a long way in putting the sport on the same popular plane that existed before the unfortunate trouble between the New Westminster Royals and the old Vancouver professional team. Lacrosse is due for a revival before long and it cannot come too soon.

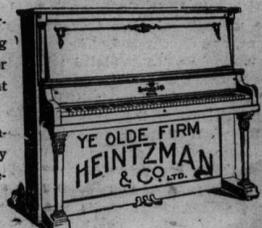
The Mann cup was put up by Sir Donald D. Mann and represents the Dominion lacrosse championship, the champion team of any recognized district being eligible to challenge the holders of the trophy. The donor intended this cup to help develop the playing of good clean amateur lacrosse all over this fair Dominion and the V. A. C. made two trips to Toronto before winning out from the Young Torontos, at that time holders of the cup.

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