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THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS

The Purchase of Suitable Grounds and the Erection of Necessary Buildings Discussed on Friday Last

A general meeting of the Sidney Amateur Athletic Association was held last Friday evening in the parlor of the Hotel Sidney and several matters of importance to the future welfare of the association were discussed. President P. N. Tester presided and in a few brief words informed those present of the purpose for which the meeting was called.

The association has been working under a very heavy handicap during the past few years, owing to the fact that they have no suitable park or grounds on which to hold their sports or ball games. It is quite true that they have at present a piece of ground on which the games can be played, but it is an open field and only leased for a short term of years. It has no fence of any kind and as a result there are no regular gate receipts coming in, and the athletic association have to depend entirely on what they receive by passing the hat. This is a most unsatisfactory way of running things, as the amount usually collected is not sufficient to cover the expense of putting on the game.

To overcome this it was decided to call a meeting and see if ways and means could not be devised by which the association could purchase a suitable piece of ground and erect the necessary buildings thereon. It was thought by the executive that it might be possible to do this by forming a joint stock company for the purpose. This matter was discussed from every point of view, and it was finally decided that the present is not the most opportune time for the organization of the company owing to the fact that the money market has not yet loosened up. However it was thought advisable to appoint a committee to take up the matter and find out as near as possible the cost of a suitable piece of ground and erecting the necessary buildings and fence thereon. This committee is composed of Messrs. W. D. Byers, L. E. Spencer, Alf. Duffus, W. Lait and R. Mould.

The game of basket ball is now a very live subject among the young men around town, and to play this game during the winter months it is necessary to have a large hall, and on the meeting deciding that it was out of the question for the time being to erect a hall of their own, it was thought advisable to see what could be done in regard to obtaining a lease of the old building belonging to the V. & S. railway and attending to the necessary repairs. Quite a lot of work will be necessary to put it in shape, as it has been neglected in the past, and it has become decidedly draughty. The installation of electric lights is also very necessary. After considerable discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to look into the matter and find out the probable cost of putting the building in shape. The president then appointed W. Munro, A. Gehrke and W. Pridham to take charge of this matter and report back to the executive. This committee will also handle basket ball matters throughout the winter.

Another committee that was appointed during the course of the meeting and given full power of devising some means of bringing money into the coffers of the club, was the membership committee and consists of Messrs. J. Storey, R. Mould and E. Munro, chairman. These gentlemen are now out on the warpath for new members to swell the ranks of the association, and they will hold a meeting very shortly and discuss the advisability of giving a dance or some other means of entertainment to provide the money necessary to clear up the present year's financial operations and, if possible have some thing on hand to start the season with next year.

Boost Saanich Peninsula.

Saanich peninsula is given prominence in the current issue of Telephone Talk, the magazine issued by the B. C. Telephone company. It is the first time that this progressing section of the province has received illustrated notice in a mainland publication, and is an indication

that Saanich development is attracting attention. The article deals with the general features of the peninsula, the excellence of the district for fruit ranching and chicken raising, and the establishment of industries at Sidney and on Saanich Inlet. The probabilities that one day the whole peninsula may be a Greater Victoria are also pointed out. Several illustrations greatly supplement the text.

Telephone Talk, while issued by the B. C. Telephone Company for its employees, serves a double object. Not only does it serve to inform employees concerning progress in the province in which they live, but many copies being sent to shareholders in Great Britain, investors there are able to see from time to time what development is taking place in British Columbia where they have money invested and what various resources bring prosperity to cities on the Canadian Pacific coast.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CRIMINAL LAW ANNOUNCED

They Are Very Stringent in Regard to Certain Classes of Criminals, Especially the White Slave Traffic.

The amendments to the Criminal Laws of Canada have been secured after many years of agitation and much discussion. It is often difficult to move the government to pass remedial legislation, but has at last done so, and the results should prove of great benefit to the whole Dominion. For many years the social and moral reform societies of the country have been urging upon the governments the necessity of a change. The leaders in the different churches have had a voice in the matter and gradually public opinion has been brought to bear in a quiet way with the present happy result.

Prominent in this work have been the members of the voters' league and those who now compose the social service commission. The public letters given by Dr. Hall and others have been influential in urging people to keep the matter to the front. Organizations of all kinds have been busy and have sent in drafts and recommendations that have been an aid to those who drew up the amendments. Aid has been secured from some who do not wish their names to be mentioned in this regard, and to them much of the credit is due. The next step is to see that the law is enforced. There seems to be just now a desire on the part of the authorities to have the laws enforced. Those who have aided in securing the passage of the law may now find an outlet for their activities in helping the authorities to clean up.

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