

GRANTS EMPLOYEES AN EIGHT HOUR DAY

South Saanich Council Accedes to Request of Road Laborers

(From Sunday's Daily.) The difficulty which threatened between the municipality of Saanich and the laborers employed on works within the municipality has been settled by the latter accepting one of the alternatives put forward by the workmen. At the last fortnightly meeting of the council Councillor Quick endeavored to bring the matter up for consideration but Reeve Dryden ruled him out of order as no proper notice of motion to introduce the subject had been given. At last night's meeting of the municipal council the subject was again introduced.

The laborers at some time have felt that their scale of remuneration was inadequate compared with that offered for like labor in other municipalities. The old rate was \$2.25 for a nine-hour day and the request made to the council was for an eight-hour day at the old rate or a nine-hour day at a rate of \$2.50 while the teamsters were to get \$5.50 for a nine-hour day or the old scale of \$5 for an eight-hour day. Some twenty men are employed by the municipality and it was only after Councillor Quick had promised to present their request to the council that they agreed to continue work and not go out on strike.

Mr. Quick last night introduced a motion which was seconded by Councillor Pointer that the hours for a day's work for municipal purposes be eight hours at the present price for nine hours work, \$2.25, while teamsters will also work the eight-hour day at the old rate for nine hour of \$5.

Councillor Quick stated that the change had to come sooner or later. Other municipalities had fallen into line and Saanich must follow, if not now, at an early date. Some of the other councillors wanted the old nine-hour day but were willing to give some increase in the pay, but the motion of Councillor Quick carried, the change to come into force at the first of next month.

A discussion of the finances of the municipality arising out of the report of the road superintendent showing that work on roads within the municipality should be completed at a cost of \$8,121 brought out the information from Reeve Dryden that the council had at its disposal at present but \$1,600 and as the council has only \$1,000 more which it is able to draw upon, the limit being \$7,000, until the new taxes are collected, it will be imperative that some of the work upon the roads be at least deferred. Reeve Dryden was of the opinion that the road superintendent should be asked to make a report as to what repairs to roads are imperative and what work could be postponed.

Councillor Quick thought the credit of the municipality was good and that they should be in a position to keep the roads in a proper state of repair and while the financial state of the municipality was not a particularly bright one he saw no occasion for alarm.

The resolution by Councillor Pointer that fence viewers be appointed by the council to deal with any disputes which might arise was voted down, it being decided that until the council received a request from any ratepayer for such appointment there was no occasion for having fence viewers. The question of remuneration of such officials brought up the question of the appointment. The bylaw and also the provincial act relating to fence viewers makes provision for the payment of a fee of \$4 per day, but it is not stated definitely by whom the fee should be settled. It was the opinion that if appointed by council the latter would be responsible while if no appointment were made until a request was received from some property owner the latter would have to bear the cost of the investigation. The matter was finally left over until the next meeting.

A communication from A. T. Goward, local manager of the British Columbia Electric Railway company, in answer to a protest from the council against the blocking of a crossing on Toimie avenue by cars of the company and the blocking of the highway by the piling of refuse, stumps and debris, was read, in which Mr. Goward stated that the company would see that the matters complained of were dealt with at once and the requests of the municipality acceded to.

Matthew Arbuckle wrote complaining of the bad condition of the road, which he declared to be little better than a trail, which runs past his property near the Porter ranch. The matter was referred to the road superintendent, Lee & Fraser, real estate agents, asked that the ownership of lots 7 and 8, block G, Strawberry park, be changed from E. F. M. Robertson to Richard Claude Rosier.

Yates & Jay, barristers, wrote enclosing an application of W. Wright to the board of license commissioners for the transfer to William E. Peterson, of the Victoria Gardens license. The matter was referred to the board of license commissioners, Reeve Dryden stating that he had the matter in mind as chairman of the board, made the transfer subject to the action of the board.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the purchase of a Meltz & Wess vertical oil engine, 18-horse power, at a cost of \$1,275, including mounting, was adopted and the offer of an expert to start the plant running was also accepted.

The offer of Robert Hicks to supply 100 yards of gravel for the municipal purposes at a cost of \$75 was accepted, and an additional amount at a like rate may also be purchased.

Reeve Dryden stated that the plans in connection with the opening of roads in the Thompson estate, which were considered at the last meeting of the council, had not yet been signed by him. The roads to be opened, he understood, were merely private thoroughfares, and he failed to see why he, as reeve, should sign any such plan. He had discussed the matter with the solicitors for the other parties, and they claimed that he must sign the plans, but the advice given him by his own solicitors was that it was not necessary. In the meantime the plans stand as before. The plan of the proposed road through the Appleton estate was also considered, but did not find favor with the council, and was referred back to the architect to be prepared according to the council's original request. Accounts to the amount of \$42.52 were passed. Those present at the meeting were: Reeve Dryden, Councillors Grant, Quick, Pointer, Frueckle and Purance and Clerk Carmichael.

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Owing to this being a long delayed shipment we have decided to reduce the prices so as to clear them out quick.

LADIES' LISLE THREAD GLOVES, in black, white, brown, grey and beaver, 20 and 24 in. long. Regular \$5c and 75c. Monday... 50c \$1.25 and \$1. Monday... 75c

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Special Values from the Staple Dept.

Half price sale of manufacturers' lot of bleached and unbleached face and bath Towels

Prices 35c, 25c, 20c, 15c and 10c each

Boys' Norfolk Suits at Special Prices

BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS, in Canadian tweeds of the most up-to-date patterns, in checks and stripes. A golden opportunity of out-fitting your boy for very little for quick clearance. We have marked them away down to, per suit, \$2.50 and

New Arrivals in Velveteens

In all the latest shades. Per yard, \$1.00, 50c 75c and

Remarkable Bargains Are These

Ladies' silk and linen Dust Coats. Regular values \$9.75 \$15, \$20, \$25 and \$30. Monday special \$9.75

LADIES' FULL LENGTH SILK DUST COAT, tight fitting back, with belt, deep collar and cuffs. Regular \$30.00. Monday

LADIES' SEVEN-EIGHTH LENGTH, HEAVY LINEN COAT, triple cape over shoulder, edged with black, full bias back, collar and cuffs finished with fancy braid. Regular price \$25.00. Monday

LADIES' NAVY BLUE, GREEN, DARK GREY AND RED SILK COATS, three-quarter length, back with inverted box pleat and stitches, strap trimming, collar and cuffs trimmed with black braid. Regular price \$15.00. Monday

LADIES' WHITE AND BLACK PLAID, silk coat, three-quarter length, box back with silk lined hood, deep hip pockets. Regular price \$25.00. Monday

Ladies' and Children's Bathing Suits

On special sale Monday. Final clearance for the season

CHILDREN'S BATHING SUITS, in all sizes, in navy blue alpaca, trimmed with white braid. Special Monday \$1.75

CHILDREN'S WADERS, all sizes

BATHING CAPS, balance of stock ranging in prices from 50c to \$1.00. Special Monday

LADIES' BATHING SUITS, in blue alpaca, trimmed with white braid, also in black and red, with sailor collars. Regular \$3.75. Special Monday

ALL BATHING SUITS at \$4.75 and \$5.75. Special Monday

New Silk Velvets

In all the most desirable and up-to-date shades. Per yard, \$1.50 and

A Grand Showing of Men's High Grade Footwear

Preston B. Keith's Famous Konqueror Shoe for Men—the Most Comfortable Shoe Made



MEN'S VICI KID BAL, E E width, welted sole, anti-corn shape, bunion last, no toe cap, specially made for persons with bunions. Sizes 7 to 12. Per pair

MEN'S VICI KID, CONGRESS BAL, Teck last with E cushion insole, double sole welted. Just the shoe for tender feet and which give immediate relief. Sizes 6 to 10 1/2. Per pair

MEN'S BOX KID BAL, whole foxed, French plain toe, heavy welt sole. Per pair

MEN'S NOB CALF BLUCHER BAL, Fennay last, welt sole. Per pair

MEN'S VICI KID BALS, plain toe, no cap, full french last, width E. Welt sole, sizes 6 to 12. Per pair



MEN'S NOB CALF BLUCHER BAL, Peer last, square toe with toe cap, natural shaped last, welt sole. Strictly up-to-date. Per pair

MEN'S IVORY CALF BLUCHER BAL, Mystic last, welt sole. Per pair

MEN'S VICI PATENT KID BUTTON BOOT, dull kid top, welt sole, no box, is a full dress evening boot. Per pr. \$6.50

MEN'S PATENT COLT BAL, whole foxed, welt sole, matt kid top, Mystic last. Per pair

MEN'S GUN METAL CALF BLUCHER BAL, stag last, welt sole. Per pair

MEN'S PATENT COLT BLUCHER BAL, cloth top, elk last. Per pair

MEN'S VICI KID CONGRESS, welt sole, Teck last. Per pair

MEN'S VICI KID, WHOLE FOXED, BLUCHER BAL, Teck last, welt sole. Per pair

All That's New and Nobby in Women's Footwear

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BLUCHER PATENT COLT LACE BOOTS, welt sole, military heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S BLACK SUEDE BLUCHER OXFORD TIE, turn sole, military heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S CORDIVAN BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, heavy leather sole, welted. Per pair

WOMEN'S TAN RUSSIA CALF BLUCHER LACE BOOT, welt sole, military heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S SPECIAL PATENT CALF MATT KID TOP, 1 1/4 leather heel, opera toe, hand turn sole. Per pair

WOMEN'S SPECIAL DENICE PATENT KID, LACE BOOTS, hand turn sole, 1 1/4 leather heel, opera toe. Per pair

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOTS, drill kid top, welt sole, Cuban heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S GUN METAL CALF BUTTON BOOTS, welt sole, military heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S VICI KID, Lace, welt sole, military heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT LACE BOOTS, tan, cloth top, welt sole, military heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S HAND TURN FRENCH KID LACE BOOTS, military heel. Per pair

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT BUTTON OXFORDS, welt sole, medium heel, dull kid top. Per pair

In the Men's Furnishing Department

SWEATERS AND SOX FOR HUNTERS

ENGLISH BLUE WOOL SWEATERS, plain and fancy stitch, \$3.50

IMPORTED WHITE WOOL SWEATERS, \$2.50, \$2.00,

BLUE, WHITE, RED AND FANCY MIXTURE WOOL SWEATERS, \$1.25

HEAVY RIBBED WOOL SOX, dark and light grey, per pair

NATURAL WOOL SOX, per pair

HEAVY NATURAL AND GREY SOX, per pair

HEAVY MIXTURE SOX, per pair

Sweeping Reductions in the Furniture Dept.

Our Mighty August Furniture Sale still continues

\$16.50 Sofa, Monday's Special \$11.00

SCROLL SOFA, covered with English tapestry, tufted back, spring seat. Regular value \$16.50. Monday's special \$11.00

\$9.50 Lounge, Monday Special \$6.00

PLAIN LOUNGE, covered with German tapestry of conventional design. Regular value \$9.50. Monday special \$6.00

\$13.50 Turkish Lounge, Monday Special \$8.50

TURKISH LOUNGE, covered with red armure, buttoned spring seat and scroll. Reg. value \$13.50. Monday special

\$16.00 Bed Lounge, Monday Special \$12.00

HOEY PATTERN BED LOUNGE, covered with German tapestry, spring seat and pillow. Reg. value \$16.00. Monday special

There are also numerous other bargains in this department, which we know will interest you.

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR MONDAY Ladies' Untrimmed Hats, values up to \$2.50... 25c

Ladies' Underwear at Bargain Prices

LADIES' LISLE THREAD COMBINATIONS, lace trimmed at knee, low neck, trimmed with valenciennes lace, no sleeves, others with long and short sleeves. Price

LADIES' COTTON COMBINATIONS, lace trimmed, no sleeves and short sleeves. Price

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Ladies' Balbriggan Underwear

LADIES' WHITE VESTS AND DRAWERS, per garment, 75c and

LADIES' VESTS AND DRAWERS, unbleached, per garment

LADIES' WHITE RIBBED DRAWERS, knee and ankle length, knee length trimmed with lace, 65c, 50c and

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF WHITE VESTS, in ribbed and plain. Price

LADIES' FLEECE LINED VESTS AND DRAWERS, long sleeves and ankle length. Per garment

Fine Quality Stationary at Bargain Prices

Eaton Hurlbut's Writing Papers the best on the market

We have a very large assortment of this famous and fashionable paper, including HOT PRESSED VELLUM, in two sizes, BERKSHIRE LINEN FABRICS in white blue and grey, in three sizes, KARA LINEN in three sizes.

HIGHLAND LINEN, in white, blue and grey, in 3 sizes.

HIGHLAND LINEN BOND, in white, blue and grey.

HIGHLAND LINEN BOND TABLETS, four sizes.

KARA LINEN TABLETS, 4 sizes, in white and blue.

LOUISINE LINENS, in white, blue and grey, 35c per lb., or per quire

OUR INITIAL TABLET is very popular, 65 sheets with any initial for

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Big Bargains in Carpet and Drapery Dept.

6 Money Saving Offers

To round out and complete a month of splendid bargain giving we purpose that the last week of the AUGUST SALE shall keep pace with the other weeks, and for that reason have laid out the following SIX SPECIAL BARGAIN OFFERS FOR THIS WEEK:

50 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains

3 1/2 yds. long, 50 in. wide, small flower in ground, with neat-Batzenburg effect border. Regular price \$2.00. August sale, per pair

12 Only Saxony Plush Rugs

Size 27 in. x 54 in. in myrtle and white, delft and white, crimson and white. Reg. price \$4.50. August sale

12 Only Hammocks

Strongly warped, in all colors, with 36 in. head rest, just right for comfort. Regular price \$4.50 and \$4.75. Aug. sale \$3.50

200 Yards Curtain Nets

30 in. wide, with border of applied design, and in plain and floral net ground in white only, and suitable door panels, sash curtains and narrow windows. Reg. price 50c. August sale, per yard

12 Patterns Brussels Carpet

Good honest Brussels, suitable for bedrooms and living rooms, in blues, reds and greens. Regular price \$1.25 to \$1.50. August sale, per yard

20 Short Carpet Ends

In from 5 to 15 yards, in Brussels, Wiltons, and Axminsters. Bring your measures and let us fit your hall or small room at about half the regular price.

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