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FIRE BRIGADE FORMED AT ENTHUSIASTIC PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Fred M. Humber Receives the Appointment of Fire Chief and G. A. Cochran Will Act as Assistant Chief
Fire Fighting Apparatus Arrived Tuesday

In last week's issue of the Review the fire commissioners stated that as soon as the balance of the fire fighting apparatus arrived they would call a public meeting for the purpose of selecting a chief and a volunteer fire brigade.

On Tuesday evening of this week the steamer Queen City landed at the Sidney wharf the balance of the equipment, which included an up-to-date hose reel and four hundred feet of hose. This, with what had already come to hand, made up the total amount of equipment purchased by the fire commissioners.

Very shortly after the arrival of the goods notices were posted conspicuously on the public bill boards calling a meeting for Wednesday evening, July 23rd, in Berquist's small hall. Practically every able bodied man in town responded, and when Chairman J. B. Kelly called the meeting to order shortly after eight o'clock the spacious hall was fairly filled by an enthusiastic crowd.

In his opening remarks Mr. Kelly stated the reasons for calling the meeting and outlined in a brief manner the programme which the commissioners would recommend for the guidance of the meeting. Before going any further with the business he stated that it was the desire of the present committee to resign their positions as they felt that they had performed the duty for which they had been elected. He thanked the citizens of Sidney most heartily for the generous manner in which they had responded to the appeal for funds for the establishment of a fire brigade, and would ask them now to kindly accept the resignation of the committee composed of Messrs. J. B. Kelly, chairman; A. L. Wilson, W. D. Byers, S. A. Kelly and Geo. A. Cochran.

On motion of Mr. P. N. Tester, seconded by Mr. A. E. Johnson, the resignation of the committee was accepted and a hearty vote of thanks tendered the retiring gentlemen for the able manner in which they had conducted the affairs entrusted to them.

The appointment of a new fire commission was then in order and on motion of Messrs. S. A. Kelly and P. N. Tester it was decided to receive nominations for the vacant positions. Three names were all that were presented, Messrs. J. B. Kelly, A. L. Wilson and P. N. Tester, and these gentlemen were formally named by the chairman as members of the fire commission and will have full charge of these matters in the future.

Perhaps the most interesting event of the evening was then brought forward by the motion of Mr. J. J. White seconded by Mr. W. Sloan, and read as follows: "That the fire brigade after being properly formed, recommend to the commissioners a suitable man for the position of chief." Considerable discussion arose over this proposal, but it was finally adopted.

This practically closed the business for which the meeting was called, there being only one more item of business to attend to before adjournment would take place, Chairman Kelly announcing that Secretary A. E. Moore was then prepared to receive the names of all present who desired to become members of the volunteer fire brigade. The following expressed their willingness by handing in their names:

A. E. Moore, S. A. Kelly, Fletcher North, J. Mason, W. D. Byers, Jas. Storey, Geo. Cowell, W. Coward, H. Teitz, G. Herman, J. J. White, L.

E. Spencer, A. E. Johnson, W. Sloan, W. J. Apps, H. G. Stewart, Wm. Lyons, W. Dick, H. Souell, P. Coggon, G. A. Cochran, F. M. Humber, N. Fralick, W. Pridham, F. Bowcott, J. Rippon, E. Munro, R. Mould, A. E. Bishop, H. A. McKilligan, A. Critchley, W. Mallander, H. Gehrke, C. Brethour, M. Norton, C. A. Merryfield, W. J. Shiflett, J. McKnight, T. Shinton, Wesley Brethour.

Of course the meeting was well aware that there were many other young men in the district who for various reasons could not attend the meeting and who would appreciate an equal chance of being elected on the teams. They therefore instructed the secretary to keep the membership roll open for the next few days in order to give all who desired a chance to join. The roll will therefore be open for signatures at the office of the Sidney and Islands Review, Beacon avenue, during the next week.

On motion of Geo. A. Cochran, seconded by A. E. Moore, the meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. Berquist for the use of the hall for the evening. This was carried unanimously.

A motion was then introduced by Messrs. J. J. White and G. A. Cochran that the public meeting then adjourn and that a meeting of the members of the Sidney fire brigade immediately convene.

Their First Meeting.

On the meeting of the members of the volunteer fire brigade coming to order, Mr. Fletcher North was requested by motion to act as chairman.

The first business to be brought before the meeting was the selection of a fire chief that the members could recommend to the commissioners. Mr. Fred M. Humber's name was the first one mentioned, to be followed immediately by that of Mr. L. E. Spencer. In order to select one man it was necessary that a ballot be taken, which resulted in the selection of Mr. Humber.

On the announcement by Chairman North that Mr. Humber was the choice, Mr. J. B. Kelly, on behalf of the commissioners, immediately arose and announced that the recommendation met with the hearty approval of himself and his colleagues. Mr. Humber was therefore declared elected as chief of the first volunteer fire brigade of Sidney.

The matter of electing a deputy chief was then taken up and Mr. G. A. Cochran was elected by acclamation to this important post.

The selection of a secretary-treasurer occupied the space of about one minute, as there was only one name mentioned in this connection and A. E. Moore found himself elected by acclamation also as custodian of the future funds of the organization.

A motion was then introduced and carried to the effect that the selection of captains be laid over until such time as the members were enabled to put in a small amount of practice.

On motion of J. J. White, seconded by W. Sloan the meeting then adjourned to meet at half-past seven on Thursday evening at the temporary fire hall on Beacon avenue for the purpose of taking an initial practice.

Before the audience had time to gain their hats and depart, however, some one suggested that a collection be taken up in order to start the new secretary off on his career, and incidentally provide the nucleus of a fund to provide a few necessary things for the brigade in the shape of ladders, rubber coats and a fire al-

arm system. A hat was placed on the table and the shekels began flowing in amazingly fast. When the last man had disappeared down the stairway the secretary recovered sufficiently to count the amount and found that he would have exactly the sum of ten dollars to deposit in the bank on the morrow. Another meeting—ten dollars, and then about one more and the fire brigade will be fully equipped.

VICTORIA BUSINESS MEN INSPECT SIDNEY PLANT

Victoria Business men make Trip to Sidney Rubber Roofing Company's Establishment

The new industry located by the Sidney Rubber Roofing Company, Ltd near Sidney, was inspected yesterday afternoon by some twenty-five members of the Victoria and Island Development Association and business men of the city, who, on the invitation of the directors of the company, visited the plant and were shown over it. The trip made under the auspices of the Victoria and Island Development Association, was greatly enjoyed and gave the visitors an excellent opportunity of ascertaining what an up-to-date and important new industry had been located in the district. The inspection led the visitors to appreciate how important the establishment of such industries are to a local city, and many expressions of hope were heard that more establishments of a commercial nature would be located in the vicinity of Victoria.

The visitors motored to Sidney, whence they went over the company's plant. They were shown over the latter by Mr. White, president, and other officials, and witnessed the process of manufacturing the roofing material turned out by the company. The greatest interest was manifested by the visitors, to whom it was explained that there is a great field for roofing materials in British Columbia, as hitherto by far the greater part of the material used has been imported. The large storage capacity of the company for fuel oil was also inspected, the importance of large supplies of cheap fuel being appreciated as a requisite for the development of industries. The growing use of this kind of fuel on ocean steamships, both in the coastwise and deep sea trade, has induced the Sidney Rubber Roofing Company to install tanks which have the largest capacity of any north of San Francisco.

In view of the effort which the Victoria and Island Development Association is making towards the end that more industries may be located in and near Victoria, the study of what one concern has done towards this work was most instructive.

DENNIS MAKES GOOD SHOWING

H. A. Dennis, of the Sidney Tennis Club is in Victoria this week representing the local organization in the B. C. championship tournament. He is doing splendidly in the singles and also in the doubles, where he plays with Mr. R. B. Patten, of Saanichton. Mr. Dennis succeeded in winning his first round in the singles from Taylor, Okanagan, by a score of 6-4, 6-2, and with Mr. Patten in the doubles, they also won their first round on Monday from R. Berrill and G. Smith. On Tuesday Dennis won his second round in the singles by beating Eberts 9-7, 6-0, but Schwangers and Harrison trimmed Patten and Dennis in the doubles on Tuesday by 6-1, 6-2. Dennis, however, continued his winning streak in the singles by winning his third round from Pitts 8-6, 6-3. We hope the old sport "Parson" Dennis will be fortunate enough to bring home the "bacon," the ashes, or at least the honors.

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CONSERVATIVES OF VANCOUVER HELD PICNIC AT GANGES

Very Large Crowd in Attendance—Splendid Programme of Sports Provided—Sir Richard McBride Delivers Short Address and Other Speakers Take Part

Last Saturday morning a small party of Sidneyites, including a representative of the Review, journeyed by launch to the northern port of Ganges Harbor, where it was announced that the big picnic under the auspices of the Vancouver Conservative Association would be held.

The early morning was anything but favorable for a fine day, as during the night several small showers of rain had fallen, but evidently the people of Vancouver do not in the least mind a shower of rain, judging by the large number that flocked off the Princess Patricia when she tied up at the wharf shortly after twelve o'clock. By this time the sun had come out and the threatening clouds of the morning had disappeared. They were a merry throng bent on enjoying to the full the pleasures of the day and they quickly made their way to the agricultural grounds, where the programme for the day would be carried out.

On the day before the picnic a large tug had been sent over from the terminal city loaded to the water's edge with provisions and other good things to eat, and the gang of men accompanying it had set to work and transformed the big agricultural hall into a modern dining room. Several long tables extending the full length of the hall groaned under their burden of refreshments, and on the arrival of the pleasure-seekers they were invited to sit down and partake of all they desired. This was a feature of the day's entertainment that was much appreciated by everyone present as it did away with the necessity of looking after the troublesome basket used by individuals at other picnics of this nature.

Immediately after luncheon the speakers of the day took up their places on the platform in front of the hall and for a little over an hour the large audience listened with the closest attention to several of the most prominent men of the province, outlined in brief addresses the progress being made. The Dominion government was represented on the platform by two of her ablest western representatives, Mr. F. Shepherd, M. P., for Nanaimo, and Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P. for Vancouver, while

the Provincial Legislature was most ably represented by Sir Richard McBride, the Premier; Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General; Mr. Watson, M. P. P., Mr. Chas. Tisdale, M. P. P., Dr. McGuire, M. P. P., and Mr. Macgown, M. P. P., members for Vancouver, and Mr. F. J. McKenzie, M. P. P. for Delta. Unfortunately Mr. W. W. Foster, the representative for this constituency, who is in attendance at the Alpine meeting in the mountains, was unable to be present to welcome the visitors.

The presence of Sir Richard McBride and Hon. W. J. Bowser added distinction to the occasion, and, while the time allotted for speaking was comparatively brief, both ministers delivered happy addresses. Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., also was in good form. The only other speakers were Dr. Patterson, president of the association, and Mr. F. H. Shepherd.

All the wards were well represented a feature of the occasion being the presence of many ladies. An excellent programme of sports was provided and valuable prizes were given in each. A feature of the sports programme was the tug-of-war among the different wards. This was run off in heats and the Ward Seven team finally carried off the valuable cup donated by the Premier.

In opening the formal programme Dr. McIntyre expressed pleasure over the large crowd and the splendid weather. He said they were favored with the presence of the flower of Vancouver—the Conservative ladies of the city. He regarded this as a compliment to the Conservatives as well as being a concession to the suffragettes.

The Premier's Address. Sir Richard McBride was the next speaker and received an enthusiastic reception. He said that the program allowed each speaker only ten minutes but in that time a Conservative, especially if he were a resident of British Columbia, was able to say something of importance to the party and to the country.

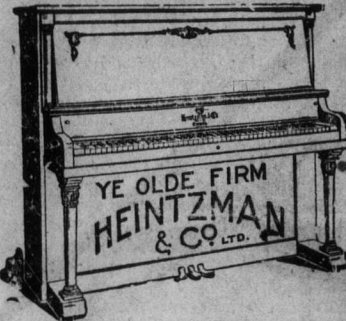
Continuing, he said it was true that there had not been the same generous supply of currency coming into the (Continued on page 3.)



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