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BOARD OF TRADE WILL GIVE BANQUET ON FEBRUARY TENTH

Committee Was Appointed at Last Tuesday Evening's Meeting to Make all Arrangements for Annual Event Which Will Take Place at the Sidney Hotel.

No very important matters came up for discussion at the meeting of the Board of Trade held on Tuesday evening, except the appointing of a committee to make arrangements for the annual banquet, may be termed as such. The members, of which there were a large number present were unanimous in their decision when the subject was brought up for discussion, and decided that the annual event would be held this year, the same as last, in the dining room of the Sidney Hotel.

The committee appointed was the same as the one that provided the entertainment last year and gave such general satisfaction, owing to the perfect arrangements made and carried out with such brilliant success. On the recommendation of the committee, which consists of Messrs. G. A. Cochran, H. A. McKillican and A. Harvey, Mr. P. N. Tester was also appointed a member of this body, on motion of J. J. White and R. G. R. McKenzie.

It was also decided that this year the price of tickets to the banquet would be raised to \$3.00 instead of \$2.00, as was formerly charged.

After the minutes of the previous meeting, along with those of a meeting of the Council of the Board, were read and adopted, President Kelly informed the members that acting under instructions previously received he had purchased a tapeline in a leather roller case and presented it to Mr. Moorehouse, the night watchman, at the Canadian Southern Lumber Company's mills, as a slight token of appreciation of the services he had rendered the town during the past three months in attending to the lights that have been installed on Beacon Avenue.

A communication was received from Miss M. E. Logan, secretary-treasurer of the Sidney Public Reading room, thanking the Board for their kindness in making a contribution to this public institution a short time ago. The letter was received and filed.

Several other communications were also received from parties residing at different points asking for information in regard to Sidney and the North Saanich Peninsula. Acting Secretary White was instructed to answer the letters and if possible supply the information asked for.

The B. C. Electric Company also sent an explanatory letter in regard to the amount charged by them for lighting the main street. It being quite satisfactory the account will be paid.

The business transacted at the meeting of the Council of the Board and the recommendations made by them were then brought up for discussion.

On motion of Capt. Byers, seconded by R. G. R. McKenzie, it was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Council requesting the government to appoint a magistrate in Sidney. Very little discussion took place on the subject.

Moved by R. G. R. McKenzie, seconded

by Capt. Byers, that the government be asked to appoint an assessor in Sidney. This petition was also recommended by the council and accordingly passed without a dissenting vote.

The Council also recommended that Messrs J. H. Williams, F. J. Bittancourt, Edwin Blackburn and A. Duffus be admitted as members of the Board. On motion of F. North, seconded by G. A. Cochran, these gentlemen were admitted without ballot.

A committee consisting of the members of the Council was requested to go over the minutes of the past year's meetings and bring forward any amendments made to the by-laws at any of the recent sessions.

WISH TO TEST SEED ON BRITISH COLUMBIA SOIL

The Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, Sends Out Request For Applications

Mr. S. Spencer, manager of the Sidney Experimental Farm, this week received the following letter from the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, and requests its publication in the columns of the Review in order that farmers and living on this part of Vancouver Island may take advantage of the offer made therein:

Dear Sir, — We have a limited amount of seed of Early Malcolm Sweet Corn and Alacrity Tomato for distribution to experimenters. I am writing to ask you if you would be good enough to send me the names and addresses of a number of men in your district who you think would co-operate with us in testing this seed.

During the past season we have received a large number of favorable

DANCE IN AID OF FIRE BRIGADE RECEIVES SANCTION OF BOARD

Committee Appointed Several Weeks Ago Make Final Arrangements for Big Event—Friday, February 6th Is the Date Selected—Will You be There?

Although the matter of a proper fire fighting apparatus has been practically a dead issue in Sidney for the past several months, in fact, ever since the committee appointed at the public meeting held quite a while back, made their canvas of the town and failed to interest the property owners as enthusiastically as they at the time hoped to be able to do in regard to the supplying of the necessary funds.

This matter was revised a few weeks ago at the regular meeting of the Board of Trade, and this energetic body decided that the matter should not be allowed to drop, and accordingly appointed a strong committee, consisting of President J. B. Kelly, Captain Byers, P. N. Tester, A. L. Wilson, S. A. Kelly, G. A. Cochran, and A. E. Moore, to take the matter up and devise some means of raising enough funds, in addition to the amount already promised, to buy at least five hundred feet of good hose and the necessary reels.

This committee immediately got down to work and during the past two or three weeks have held several meetings and discussed the advisability of giving some kind of entertainment in order to raise the amount. After considerable discussion it was finally sifted down to one of two things, a ball at Resthaven or a dance in Berquist's hall.

At first the ball at the Hydropathic seemed a source of solution, and Dr. W. Gordon Cumming, manager of the institution was accordingly invited to meet the committee and discuss the matter. This meeting accordingly took place and after discussing the matter from all points of view, it was found that it would be necessary to charge at least seven dollars a couple, if the brigade were to benefit anything thereby. The proposition was, therefore, left in abeyance for a day or two and at the next meeting it was decided that the price was too high for the majority of the people around Sidney and they came to the conclusion that a dance given in Berquist's hall would meet with the approval and

support of the citizens, and that if the project was endorsed by the Board of Trade, and a fee of \$2.00 for gentlemen and \$1.00 for ladies, there would be a larger fund to turn over to the fire commissioners than if the higher priced project were undertaken.

Mr. P. N. Tester, speaking for the committee, laid this matter very clearly before the members of the Board on Tuesday evening, and supported as he was by Dr. Cummings, who in a brief address stated that the object first and last was to create a fund sufficiently large for the purpose proposed, and he had no hesitation in seconding Mr. Tester's motion that the Board of Trade endorse the proposition and lend it their support. The motion was put and carried.

The date selected for the entertainment by the committee was the first Friday in February, as this is about the only date that will not conflict with other entertainments.

It is the intention to issue invitations very shortly and the event will be well advertised in the daily papers of Victoria as well as the Sidney Review, and there is very little doubt but that the citizens will readily respond to this worthy object. "A fire brigade in Sidney is a necessity, not a luxury."

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the British Columbia Stockbreeders' Association will be held in the Empress Hotel, Victoria, on January 29th and 30th, 1914.

A strong programme is being prepared and interesting sessions are assured.

—Smoke More cigars. To be had at the Sidney hotel.

CONSERVATIVES OF DISTRICT WILL REORGANIZE SATURDAY

Election of Officers For the Ensuing Year Will Also Take Place at This Meeting Which Will Be Held in Berquist's Hall To-morrow Evening at Eight O'clock.

A reorganization of the Conservative forces in the North Saanich district will take place to-morrow evening, January 17, in Berquist's large hall at 8 o'clock. This meeting has been authorized by the executive of the British Columbia Conservative Association and is for the purpose of consolidating the two Conservative Associations now in existence

in this district, and all members of either associations are requested to be present and sign the new roll that will be opened for that purpose. After the formal organization work has been gone through the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place and a great deal depends on the choice of the members in the executive elected.

SIDNEY SOCIAL CLUB WILL GIVE VARIED PROGRAMME

"Nanka's Leap Year Venture" a Commedietta Will be Staged by the Committee.

The committee appointed to take charge of the entertainment to be given by the Sidney Social club have been very busy during the past two weeks, and as a result of their efforts the members of this popular organization will be given a rare treat when they meet next Thursday evening, January 22nd, in Berquist's hall.

The early part of the evening will be devoted to a short play entitled "Nanka's Leap Year Venture," put on by several of the members of the club. It is of the comedy variety and intermingled with mirth provoking situations. After the play the usual dainty supper will be provided by the ladies, and from then till the close of the evening dancing will be indulged in.

If the weather conditions are favorable it is very likely that a large number will be present from James Island and other outside points, as the social evenings of this club are being recognized by a great many as a very pleasant place to spend an evening.

reports from experimenters, particularly from those in more northern districts, and it is our wish to test these seed more extensively throughout the country during the coming season.

Yours very truly,
Arthur J. Logsdä, L.B.S.A.
Assistant in Plant Breeding

Any person wishing to have some of the above seed, if they will send a notification of their desire to Mr. S. Spencer, manager of the Sidney Experimental Farm, the same will receive his immediate attention.

While presiding over a church conference a speaker began a tirade against the universities and education, expressing thankfulness that he had never been corrupted by contact with a college. After proceeding for a few moments the bishop interrupted with the question: "Do I understand that Mr. X— is thankful for his ignorance?" "Well, yes," was the answer, "you can put it that way if you like." "Well, all I have to say," said the prelate, in a sweet and musical voice, "all I have to say is that Mr. X— has much to be thankful for."

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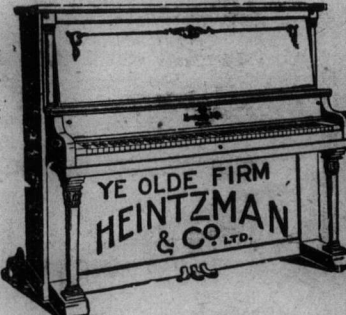
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