MR. LUBBE WILL SUBMIT AN OFFER

TO GIVE VICTORIA A FULL WATER SUPPLY

Gave an Outline Wednesday Afternoon of What His Company's Position Was on Question.

The city council and the directors of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company talked water on Wednesday. The upshot of the discussion was the undertaking by Mr. Lubbe, manager of the company, to submit a definite proposition to the civic board. This probably will be along the line of his remarks yesterday. His company, he thought, would be willing to sell water to the city, duly delivered into the latter's mains, at two cents per thousand gallons for the first million, one and a half cents per thousand for the second million, and one cent per thousand for the third million, the whole charge per year not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, providing the city did not use more than fifteen million gallons a day. The city would have to lay the necessary pipes, the company constructing the dam at Goldstream. As regards purchasing the company's whole works, nothing less than $1,271,000 would be accepted.

The meeting was interesting in many ways. It was the first occasion—the first public one, at least—on which the council and the Esquimalt waterworks people met in formal conference. It disclosed the precise position of the waterworks company and placed them on record as to what their terms in dealing with the city would be. The mayor and aldermen asked questions and Mr. Lubbe answered them. There was no expression of opinion as to the merits of the company's offer, by the council, this being reserved until a full consideration of the formal proposition which will be submitted in writing. Mayor Barnard, all the aldermen, and the water commissioner were present on behalf of the corporation. Theo. Lubbe, J. A. Sayward, F. B. Pemberton, A. P. Luxton, K.C., and R. H. Pooley represented the Esquimalt Waterworks Company.

Mayor Barnard opened the conference which throughout was surprisingly harmonious, by explaining how the meeting came about, alluding to the council's offer to purchase the company's works for $600,000.

J. A. Sayward said the company considered the offer of $600,000 absurd and thought the best plan would be for the council and directors to get together and discuss the matter, that is, if the council were serious in their desire to purchase.

Mayor Barnard: "Of course, anything we could do would be conditional upon its endorsement by the ratepayers. Our idea in meeting you was to learn what you would consider in the way of an amount."

Mr. Sayward was under the impression that the aldermen wanted some information that the directors could give on the subject.

Mr. Lubbe remarked that he would like to see the full board present, a wish that was realized in a few minutes as the dilatory members of the board strolled in. The discussion then began in earnest. Ald. Fullerton opened it up widely by inquiring the position of the waterworks company with regard to their agreement with the tramway company. He understood it was contended that it had been broken. He wanted some information on the subject. He wished it distinctly understood that he would not consent to the agreement with the tramway company unless certain clauses were eliminated. Of course if the contention that the agreement between the company and the tramway company was broken were correct it would vary the position of the aldermen somewhat from the stand they had already taken.

Mr. Lubbe: "Clause sixteen is no longer in existence. We can sell water for the generation of electricity for sale or for any other purposes, to whomever we chose." If the council, he said, would appoint an independent lawyer to investigate the documents at the company's office he would sustain this contention. The city barrister, W. J. Taylor, K. C., had gone into the matter at the office and agreed with them that they could sell to anybody, "and Mayor Barnard knows it," added Mr. Lubbe, "that is, if Mayor Barnard was a member of the firm of McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard in 1899."

Ald. Fell: "Does the tramway company admit that clause 16 is broken?"

"If you will come to my office and see the papers, I think, I can convince even you, Ald. Fell," replied Mr. Lubbe.

Ald. Fell: "What I wanted to know was does the tramway company admit it?"

Ald. Fullerton inquired how it was that clause 16 was broken.

Mr. Lubbe explained in effect that the tramway company operated their car and motor service during February and March, 1899, by steam power, which was in violation of clause 16 of the tramway company's waterworks agreement of 1897. On March 22nd he had a meeting at the office of Mr. Goward, with the local manager, the chief engineer and Mr. Sperling. They said that if the Esquimalt Waterworks Company would modify their contract they would run their entire plant by water power. A tentative agreement was adopted by which the sum of $5,000 per year was transferred from the waterworks company's pockets into those of the tramway company. In other words clause 16 was violated in order to force the waterworks company to give the tramway people better terms with the result that more than twenty thousand dollars—five thousand dollars per year—had gone into the pockets of the tramway company.

Ald. Fullerton: "Your contention is that we don't need to deal with the tramway company?"

Mr. Lubbe: "Of course not. There is no use in dealing with a tenant, and the tramway company are our tenants. You should deal with the owners." Further, Mr. Lubbe said that the waterworks company were only under obligation to supply the B. C. Electric Company with fifteen million gallons of water a day.

Ald. Fullerton: "You haven't sold water to anyone else, have you?"

Mr. Lubbe: "No, we couldn't find a customer. We have one in sight now, however."

In reply to questions from the Mayor and aldermen, Mr. Lubbe then explained the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's proposition. He said that for waterworks purposes the city would require a 30-inch steel main from Goldstream to the city. This would cost $296,400. The maximum capacity of this main would be eleven and a quarter million gallons per day, sufficient to supply a population of fifty thousand people with one hundred imperial gallons, which permitted of a variation of draught of two and a quarter to one.

The proper scheme, he opined to utilize the waters of Goldstream for power, light and waterworks purposes, would be to lay a 42-inch main with a capacity of twenty-five million gallons per day, to the estuary of Millstream above Parsons Bridge. Thence a 30-inch steel main should connect, to convey the water from the 42-inch main to the city. At the estuary of Millstream a 42-inch branch could be laid to sea level, where a power house could be constructed, installed with hydraulic and electrical machinery. Then there could be a transmission line five miles in length to connect with the city lighting station on Store street. The cost of the 42 and 30-inch main to the city would be about $381,600. The power installation for delivering the current to the city at the lighting station would be something less than $100,000; adding $10,000 for contingencies. The total cost would be $491,600.

Mayor Barnard and Ald. Stewart asked Mr. Lubbe what was his best proposition for supplying water for waterworks purposes.

Mr. Lubbe did a little lightning mental calculating, and gave his answer. He said the waterworks company would construct a dam at the power house and deliver water into the city's main at two cents per thousand gallons, for the first million, one and a half cents for the second million and one cent for the third million, but in no case would the charges exceed twenty thousand dollars per annum, providing not more than fifteen million gallons a day were used. This was, he said, equivalent to a charge of $1,400 per annum for 1,000,000 gallons a day.

Further, Mr. Lubbe said the most profitable plan for the city would be to take the water for lighting and waterworks purposes. As far as waterworks purposes alone were concerned, the city did not need to go to Goldstream. In the Highland district there was plenty of water. He supposed if the Esquimalt Waterworks Company went there the city would want to go to.

Ald. Hanna: "If the city was to utilize Elk lake, what waters could it get from the west?"

Mr. Lubbe: "You can't mix the two, Ald. Hanna. I can see the aldermen must be disappointed in Mr. Adams' report when he speaks of Smith's Hill in connection with Goldstream." Such a scheme, Mr. Lubbe contended, would be impracticable. But the city could get 6,000,000 gallons of good water a day by a system of Thetis, Long and Elk lakes.

Ald. Stewart: "Have you fixed the price of your entire works?"

Mr. Lubbe: "Any figure would have to be endorsed by three-quarters of the shareholders. I think an offer of about a million and a quarter dollars would be accepted—nothing less. But it is not necessary for the city to undertake anything of the kind."

Ald. Fullerton: "You would rather sell us the water than the whole plant?"

Mr. Lubbe: "Yes."

To the Mayor, Mr. Lubbe said the total cost to the city in the event of it buying water from the waterworks company would not exceed $20,000 a year.

Commissioner Raymur: "How about the hydrants Isn't there a clause in your charter which requires that where you connect with a hydrant a charge of $4 a month is imposed?"

Mr. Lubbe: "That's nothing to do with it. We are now talking of the city east of the harbor and arm. Certainly we wouldn't charge for the hydrants."

Mayor Barnard: "How would your scheme affect Victoria West? Would it be included in the arangement?"

Mr. Lubbe replied that Victoria West could only be included under two propositions. One was that the city would give an option to buy the whole works at a cost of $1,271,000 for as many years as it liked. If extended beyond five years the ultimate purchase price would be increased by three per cent. The other plan was to capitalize the present net revenue from Victoria West at four per cent.

Mayor Barnard remarked that the people of Victoria West were in a rather unfavorable condition. Their rates were higher than in the city, while they would be called upon to contribute to the cost of laying the mains and so forth.

Mr. Lubbe: "You can equalize all this by raising the rates in the city."

Continuing, Mr. Lubbe said the water rates in Victoria were lower than in Seattle, Ontario and many other places. They were unusually low.

Ultimately Mr. Lubee agreed to submit a definite proposition to the city council, and after some further discussion an adjournment was taken.

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AMONG THE ISLANDS.

Pleasant Day Spent on Board the City of Nanaimo by Excursionists.

The excursion by the steamer City of Nanaimo Wednesday afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by the large party which took advantage of the trip. The proceeds were in aid of the children's ward of the Royal Jubilee hospital, it being under the auspices of the ladies' societies of that institution.

On account of the weather being too rough for the lifting of the fish traps at Sooke it was decided to alter the course and instead of proceeding to that point the trip was made among the islands of the southeast coast of Vancouver island. San Juan island was touched and the lifting of the purse nets at Prospect pass was witnessed.

The trip then continued past Henry island to the entrance to Roche harbor, where more salmon catching was witnessed; then back to Mosquito pass and across to Sidney island, through the Miner's channel, around Sidney spit and back to Victoria, reaching Victoria at 6 o'clock.

Among those who made the trip were Mrs. J. D. Pemberton and party, Mrs. W. Munsie, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Worsfold, Mrs. Templeman, Misses Dupont, Miss Hallam, Rev. J. O. Foster, Miss Erskine, Madame de Herge, Miss Webling, Miss Bullen, Mr. Challoner, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. and Miss Leverson, Mr. and the Misses Galletly, Mr. Molyneux, Mr. Lawson and party, Chief Justice and Mrs. Gordon Hunter, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. Bell and party, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Frank Hanington, Mr. and Mrs. Trotter-Johnson, Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Hulton-Harrup, Mrs. Moberley, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Swinerton and party, Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, and party; J. O. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Pooley and party, Mr. Mara and party, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes and party, James Douglas and party, J. P. Babcock, Mrs. Rocke Robertson and party, Mrs. Tatlow and party, Mr. and Mrs. Machin, Miss Dunsmuir and party, Mrs. Joquelin and party, Mrs. A. W. Jones and party, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hamfield, Capt. and Mrs. Bunbury, Mr. and Mrs. Phillipps-Wolley, Major and Mrs. Bland, Capt. Geary, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mrs. McNaughton Jones, Mme. Tausch de Kerpezdron, Mrs. Carmichael and party, Mr. Bridgman, Geo. Kirk, Richard Sturdy, Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Potts and party, Mr. Justice Irving and party, Rev. C. E. Russell, of Ottawa; T. Waters, Hon. J. S. Helmcken, Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Miss McTavish.

The arrangements on board the steamer were excellent. The refreshments and dining room was under the charge of Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. Machin and Mrs. Hasell, assisted by the Daughters of Pity, namely, Miss Dorothy Sehl, Miss Bryden, Miss Gladys Green, Miss Potts, Miss Mary Fraser, Miss Beanlands, Miss Becker, Miss Williams, Miss Heyland, and the following friends: Miss McKay, Miss Tatlow and Miss Toban.

J. S. Byron, the shore steward of the company, also rendered valuable assistance.

On the return to Victoria Mr. Babcock was accorded a vote of thanks. Capt. Griffin, of the steamer, also was given thanks for his courtesy and ability displayed on the trip.

The proceeds of the excursion brought the funds to within about $50 of the sum required to complete the ward. A voluntary subscription amongst the gentlemen present supplied this remaining amount. The ladies therefore have the pleasure of announcing that, together with the funds already in hand, the requisite sum of $4,900 for the building of the ward is now complete.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

The annual picnic of the Home Sunday school of Salt Spring was held at Allan's lake on Tuesday. The day was hot, which marred the speed of the sprinters. There were about 100 people present. After lunch there were some interesting and exciting contests, chief among them being the "gander hunt" in the lake. Rev. E. Y. Wilson deserves credit for the excellent programme of sports and other attractions which he prepared. The following is a complete list of the winners:

100 yards, boys under 14—1, T. Harvey; 2, H. Mansell.

100 yards, boys under 10—1, B. Cartwright; 2, C. Martin.

Three-legged race—1, Lee and Rogers; 2, C. Martin and E. Martin; 3, Mansell and Harvey.

100 yards, girls—D. Rogers.

100 yards, boys under 16—A. Williams.

Gander hunt—1, G. Halley; 2, H. O. Allen.

Hop, step and jump, men—1, A. Trage; 2, W. Williams.

Sack race, boys—1, H. Mansell; 2, A. Williams.

Hop, step and jump, boys—1, A. Williams; 2, H. Mansell.

Hop, step and jump, boys under 12—1, E. Lee; 2, H. Hilburn.

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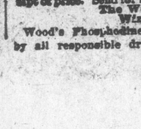

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HOLIDAYS WILL NOT BE EXTENDED

CITY TRUSTEES TAKE NO ACTION IN MATTER

New Teacher Appointed to the Staff of the South Park School—The Monthly Meeting.

A motion introduced by Trustee Dr. Hall asking for an extension of the summer holidays was defeated at a meeting of the school trustees held on Wednesday. A teacher was appointed to fill the vacancy on the teaching staff of the South Ward school, and there was considerable discussion on repairs to the schools. These were the three principal matters occupying the attention of the meeting.

The superintendent of education wrote approving of the board's action in removing the unwise restrictions with respect to the teachers' salaries. Received and filed.

Several applications for positions on the teaching staff of the South Ward school were laid on the table.

The finance committee reported accounts amounting in the aggregate to $283.92. Adopted.

The chairman called attention to the number of requests that have been made asking for an extension of the holidays. All were aware that the board had asked the department of education for a rearrangement of the holidays, so that they would begin later and end later. He thought in view of the warm weather the board might see fit to do something in this direction.

Trustee Dr. Hall endorsed the suggestion of the chairman. There was considerable sickness among the children, and the board would be acting in the interests of the young folk in extending the holidays. The warm weather did not begin here until July. Regarding the winter holidays, he considered two weeks too long for a place that boasted of the mild weather Victoria has. If weather conditions were different the winter holiday term, as it is, might be all right. He moved that the educational department be requested to extend the present holidays for one week, the schools to open on Monday, 21st.

The motion received no seconder and therefore fell through.

Architect Keith reported with respect to different repairs and improvements to the city schools. The contract for reshingling a portion of the roof of the Victoria West school had been let to W. J. Bolden for $39.

Trustee Lewis pointed out that certain requirements for the Kingston street school might not be provided by Monday. If the work is not done before Monday evening it would be necessary to close the school.

The report was received and filed and the architect will be asked to urge the completion of the work on the Kingston street school as soon as possible.

Trustee Lewis reported that he had an interview with Architect Keith, and was informed by the latter that the different improvements at the schools were being carried out in a satisfactory manner. He read a copy of a report which the architect received from the building inspector. The report mentioned the following repairs:

Victoria West—Room No. 2, from the south, the floor in front of the desk and in the lobby needs repairs. Room 3, door must be made to open out. Room 4, floor in lobby needs repairs. Room 5, floor in lobby needs repairs. Conductor out of place.

Rock Bay school—Side steps need repair, also the front fence needs attention.

Spring Ridge—Front steps, second from south, need repairs, also front door, third from the south.

North Ward school—Repair plaster on stairs. Chairs in assembly hall must be fixed to the floor.

Hillside school—Repairs to the steps on the east side. Bottom step must be renewed. Platform must have more posts under it.

South Ward school—Chairs in the assembly hall must be fastened to the floor.

Girls' Central—Treads on stair must be renewed.

Gymnasium—Front and rear steps must be renewed. This absolutely necessary. The window in small room on south is blowing in. Side door broken and sashes generally need attention.

Trustee Jay complained that this report was not addressed to the board, and sent to the board early in the term.

Trustee Lewis considered that the building inspector ought to report on the repairs direct to the board. He wished to have the report taken up seriatum.

Trustee Mowat thought it strange that the board should employ a competent man whose duties are to look over the schools and who did not report on matters of importance which the building inspector pointed out.

Trustee Jay moved that the communication be referred to the buildings and grounds committee for report after a conference with the architect.

Chairman Boggs drew attention to the fact that if the report was adopted it admitted the responsibility of the board in a visit of a panicky condition occurring at the assembly rooms at the North and South Ward schools. The fire by-laws required the chairs to be fastened together so that they could be made fast to the floor.

Secretary Eaton thought it unwise to close the rooms even in the face of the responsibility, as the danger under the circumstances was not as great as it would be in the case of a gathering at night.

Trustee Jay's motion was finally put and carried, and it was agreed to leave the matter referring to the closing of the assembly rooms to the chairman to arrange with the building inspector if possible for the rooms to be kept open until the question can be settled.

Trustee Jay reported that he did not think the board justified in making any reduction in the rent for the use of the Spring Ridge hall. The report was adopted, and the account was ordered paid.

Trustee Lewis took objection to certain items in the financial report. There was considerable discussion on this point, when Trustee Jay drew attention to the fact that the items were not certified to, and therefore were not before the meeting. The discussion was then temporarily dropped.

Applications for positions to fill the vacancy in South Park school were next read and balloted on. The choice of the meeting fell on G. H. Gossip, M. A., whose salary was fixed at $720 per annum. Mr. Gossip is a graduate of an Edinburgh school, and holds a whole book of references from the principals of some of the biggest educational institutions in Scotland.

Trustee Lewis again brought up the question of accounts, and after a further discussion on this subject the meeting adjourned.

LEFT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Louis W. Hill and Party Departed After a Delightful Day Spent in Victoria.

L. W. Hill and party left Wednesdya by the steamer Whatcom for Seattle. They will proceed from there to Portland. Mr. Hill appeared to be highly delighted with his stay in Victoria, which was made one of pleasure. He spent the greater part of the day in his automobile, taking in the points of interest about the city. So enraptured was he with the scenery and the weather conditions that although the Whatcom was due to leave at 9 o'clock, Mr. Hill forgot all about that and did not return to the Oak Bay hotel for dinner until long after 8 o'clock.

A report to the effect that Mr. Hill had held a conference with C. P. R. officials on the present trip was denied by him last night. He said that the only C. P. R. official he met in Victoria was Capt. Troup, who had assisted him in getting his autos cleared through the custom house.

He had gone to Vancouver to inspect the property which the company owned there, and no conference was held with C. P. R. officials. The trip to Victoria was one largely of pleasure.

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PICNIC AT GORGE.

Annual Outing of Knights of Pythias Held Tuesday—Interesting Sports.

On Tuesday afternoon the first annual picnic of Victoria lodge, No. 17, and Far West lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, was held at the Gorge and proved a splendid success. Members and their friends began to arrive at the grounds early in the afternoon, and when the first event was called the course, which was roped off, was crowded. Every race brought forward a large number of entries and all were exceedingly well contested. After the sports a party of the picnickers adjourned to the bathing tent and enjoyed a dip in the cool waters of the Arm. In the evening they took possession of Mrs. Marshall's large hall, where dancing took place from 9 o'clock until a late hour. The committee in charge of the general arrangements comprised the following: J. M. Hughes, 1, Lancaster, Dr. Humber, Ed. Hotnett, J. McCulloch and D. Merryfield.

Following are those who supervised the programme of sports: Wesley Harper, S. Monteith, S. L. Redgrave, I. Lancaster and J. Hughes.

A list of the winners of the various events follows:

Boys' race, between 5 and 9 years—1st, A. Redgrave; 2nd, W. James; 3rd, H. McNeil.

Girls' race, 5 to 9—1st, D. Harper; 2nd, V. Davis; 3rd, S. Williams.

Boys' race, 9 to 12—1st, E. Lewis; 2nd, F. Redgrave; 3rd, B. Simpson.

Girls' race, 9 to 12—1st, M. Davis; 2nd, G. Henry; 3rd, G. Clark.

Three-legged race—1st, H. Hughes and E. Ratton; 2nd, F. Simpson and J. Lewis.

Boys' race, 12 to 15—1st, E. Ratton; 2nd, H. Hughes; 3rd, G. Walker.

Girls' race, 12 to 15—1st, E. Smith; 2nd, L. Cameron; 3rd, G. Herny.

Wheelbarrow race—1st, M. Lewis and D. Atheiston; 2nd, F. Redgrave and H. Hughes.

Sack race—1st, H. Hughes; 2nd, F. Redgrave; 3rd, E. Ratton.

Tug-of-war, between girls and boys—Won by the girls.

Jockey race—1st, Hughes and James; 2nd, Wilkinson and Simpson.

Boys under 12—1st, J. Jones; 2nd, F. Landy.

Girls under 12—1st, V. Manson; 2nd, May Dolleny; 3rd, Hazel Anderson.

Ladies' race—1st, L. Cameron; 2nd, E. Smith. (Prizes kindly presented by Bro. J. Berryman.)

Girls' three-legged race—1st, A. Watson and V. Davis; 2nd, L. Cameron and R. Smith.

DRIVEN NORTHWARD.

Russian Forces Encountered Japanese and Were Compelled to Retreat.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—Gen. Linevitch, in a telegram to the Emperor, dated August 8th, reports that the Russian forces operating to the eastward of the Mandarin road advanced August 5th towards a defile near the village of Chagon, 24 miles south of Taulu. The Japanese assumed the offensive and turned both flanks, compelling the Russians to retreat to the northward. The Japanese followed in pursuit and again encountered part of the Russian force, which had halted in the Nadoulin gorge, but after a hot fusilade they returned to the southward.

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THE CITY MARKETS.

There have been a number of slight changes in the markets during the past week. The principal alterations are in connection with fruit, local apples of the early varieties, including Duchess, Yellow Transparent and Early Alexander, having made their appearance. They are retailing at about $1.50 per box. Then plums and prunes are being placed on the market in large quantities, and are selling at $1 and 90 cents per crate respectively. Peaches will not be available for seven or eight days, according to local wholesalers. From what can be learned several consignments are about to be shipped from Oregon and California points. All staple articles remain steady. Appended are the complete quotations:

Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	1.75
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	6.75
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.75
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	6.75
Okanagan, per sack	1.75
Okanagan, per bbl.	6.75
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.75
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	6.75
Excelsior, per sack	1.75
Excelsior, per bbl.	6.75
Oak Lake, per sack	1.75
Oak Lake, per bbl.	6.75
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	6.75
Hudson's Bay, per sack	1.75
Enderby, per sack	1.75
Enderby, per bbl.	6.75
Pastry Flours—	
Snowflake, per sack	1.50
Snowflake, per bbl.	5.75
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack.	1.40
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	5.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.40
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	5.50
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.40
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	5.50
Three Star, per sack	1.65
Three Star, per bbl.	6.50
Coal Oil—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.50
Eocene	1.80
Sugar—	
B. C. Granulated, per 100 lbs.	6.40
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	40.00
Oats, per ton	28.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	45
Rolled Oats (B. & K.)	5
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	17.00
Straw, per bale	75
Corn	33.00
Middlings, per ton	27.00
Bran, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Vegetables—	
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	5
Green Peas, per lb.	4
Cabbage, per lb.	5
Island Potatoes, 100 lbs.	1.75
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	5
Rhubarb, per lb.	5
Turnips, per lb.	1½
Beans (spring), per lb.	30
Cucumbers (Cal.), per two	25
Asparagus (local), per lb.	12½
Beans (spring), per lb.	20
Cucumbers (Cal.), per two	25
Watercress, per lb.	25
Asparagus (local), per lb.	12½
Fish—	
Salmon, per lb.	12½@ 15
Salmon, spring (smoked)	15
Haddies, per lb.	10
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	10
Bloaters, per lb.	5
Rock Cod	10
Bass	5
Shrimps, per lb.	40
Herring, per lb.	8
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	35
Butter (Delta Creamery)	30
Best Dairy	25@ 28
Butter (Cowichan Creamery)	35
Butter (Victoria Creamery)	35
Cheese (Canadian)	20
Lard, per lb.	12½@ 15
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	18@ 20
Bacon (American), per lb.	25@ 27
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	20
Shoulders, per lb.	12½
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	15
Beef, per lb.	10@ 18
Pork, per lb.	11@ 15
Mutton, per lb.	12½@ 18
Lamb, hindquarter	1.25@ 1.75
Lamb, forequarter	1.00@ 1.50
Fruit—	
Cocoanuts, each	10
Apples (local), per box	1.00@ 1.50
Oranges (navel), per doz.	25@ 50
Oranges (Tangerine), per doz.	10
Peaches, per box	1.25
New Jordan Almonds (shelled), per lb.	60
Valencia Almonds (shelled), per lb.	50
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	12@ 15
Sultana Raisins, per lb.	15
Gooseberries	10
Watermelons, each	35
Valencia Oranges, per doz.	25@ 40
Pineapples, each	40@ 50
Poultry—	
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	20@ 25
Ducks, per lb.	20
Geese, per lb.	20
Turkey (Island), per lb.	20
Turkey (Eastern), per lb.	22@ 25

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Island Potatoes, per lb.	$ 1¼
Onions (Californian), per lb.	1½@ 2¼
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	1.00
Cucumbers, per doz. (hot house)	50
Tomatoes (hot house), per lb.	10
Bananas, per bunch	3.00
Lemons	5.00@ 6.00
Oranges (Valencia)	4.75
Dry Figs, per lb.	6½@ 7½
Walnuts, per lb.	15
Grape Fruit, per box	3.75
Plums (California), per crate	1.15
Peaches, per box	1.15
Loganberries, per lb.	10
Watermelons, each	35@ 45
Cherries (preserving), per lb.	10
Butter (creamery), per lb.	35
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	30
Chickens, per lb.	12½
Ducks, per lb.	12½
Hay, per ton	16.00
Oats, per ton	27.00
Peas (field), per ton	45.00
Barley, per ton	28.00
Beef, per lb.	6
Mutton, per lb.	11
Pork, per lb.	11

THE SCHOOL VACATION.

Additional Week Given All Institutions East of Coast Range.

The announcement was made by the department of education Wednesday that the school vacation for all British Columbia districts east of the coast range had been extended from the 14th to the 21st inst. This applies to the schools from and including that of Hope. The schools of Vancouver Island and the lower Mainland will open on the original date, the 14th inst., it being considered that the weather is not sufficiently warm to warrant an extension.

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