

THE RETAIL MARKET.

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a result of an understanding entered into between all the managers of the creameries in this province, butter has been advanced to 35 cents a pound. It is the first time that the price of creamery butter has advanced since the establishment of the new Victoria creamery, and for this reason it is of special interest. Another important feature of the week's business has been the introduction of green flies into the market. H. Ross & Company have imported the first shipment of these, and have them for a ready market. During the week Chilliwack shippers have been to Victoria, the first of the season's peaches, which are retailing at 4 to 5 cents a pound. A quantity of peaches have also appeared, and the fruit market has thus been refreshed, peaches and pears are rapidly appearing, and merchants advise peaches required for preserving after he secured very soon for in a quantity they cannot be obtained. Some peaches are being offered for sale, but have not become sufficiently plentiful to be quoted at prices moderate. Hay and grain market is little. Old oats are considered a drug in the market with a number of dealers. There has been little of the new old so far. Farmers in anticipation of high prices later on are on to their surplus supplies. Corn reported plentiful and in good condition.
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REGULAR MEETING OF MANAGEMENT

WEEKLY SESSIONS TO BE HELD IN FUTURE

Large Budget of Communications Dealt With at Meeting of Exhibition Committee Held Last Night.

The regular weekly meeting of the British Columbia Agriculture Association was held last evening, when the principle business to come up for discussion was a proposal of the Albion Iron Works to erect a building on the grounds. Mr. Collier, of the Albion, was present with the plans of the proposed structure, and after the consideration of the usual batch of communications this matter was brought up by the secretary introducing Mr. Collier, who explained his mission. The building would be in dimensions about 70 by 30 feet, and judging by the plans would be built, be exceedingly attractive. To build the structure would cost in the neighborhood of \$750. The Albion association to contribute the sum of \$750 towards the building. After this year it would revert to the association. Owing, however, to the state of affairs in the province, it was very dubious about expending that sum, and finally a motion, in substance as follows, was moved and passed:

That Mr. Westbrook be notified of the unfortunate circumstances which were in the way of the association accepting his offer; be requested to carry out his original intention, which was the erection of a temporary structure for the Albion exhibition, and on payment of \$200 furnish power for light, and house the present plant in their building; also to be notified that the association would be pleased if he would adhere to his decision to house the plant.

The chair of the meeting was the president, H. D. Helmecken, M. P., vice-president, H. D. Helmecken, M. P., and among those present were Messrs. Cameron and Perrin, and Messrs. C. Baker, Price, Ferguson, Dalby, Crompton, Boyd, Major Mutter and G. H. Hadwen, of Duncan; Levan, Morley and Norris. Beaumont Boggs presided the meeting by reading a brief communication from J. B. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, who stated that John Turner, of Calgary, Duncan Anderson and Andrew Elliott, of Ontario, had been appointed as judges for sheep, horses, cattle and swine. It was received and handed to the committee on judges. J. M. Paisley wrote saying that he would be glad to assist Mr. Paisley in judging the district exhibits providing the judging did not commence until Wednesday, the 3rd, as it would be impossible for him to arrive before that time. This was also referred to the committee on judges.

A letter was received from the Industrial school in regard to the school exhibits. The school would like to be on hand for the event as the day would be a holiday, and for this reason it would be hard to arrive at even an approximate number of children likely to attend. Trustee Huggett suggested that the principals of the schools stimulate an interest in the occasion. After some further discussion it was agreed to leave the communication to the hands of a committee composed of Trustee Brown and the superintendent.

A letter from Percy R. Brown, which was merely a notice of the annual meeting of the evening's proceedings. The writer extended the drill master of ill-treatment to his boy, and advised an investigation. Trustee Belyea moved that the letter be received and filed. He took exception to the spirit of the communication, and under the circumstances strongly opposed an inquiry being held. Trustees Drury and Brown thought that Mr. Brown was perfectly justified in asking for an inquiry, as according to the allegations he made against the drill master it was only fair to both parties that this course be pursued; but together with the chairman and superintendent favored that the inquiry should be held with the absence of the pupils, as their presence might only tend to create a feeling of disrespect in them towards their teacher in the future. The investigation was therefore fixed for tomorrow afternoon at seven o'clock. The medical health officer reported that at the end of last month there were two cases of diphtheria, eight of scarlet fever and four of typhoid. The monthly school report showed a total attendance of 2,564 pupils; an average of 2,049 and a percentage, according to the enrollment, of 87.7. Superintendent Eaton recommended that the schools be regularly washed out, and that an officer be appointed to enforce the regulations, particularly in respect to the compulsory law. The recommendations were approved, but no action was taken.

NEWLY APPOINTED SCHOOL TEACHERS

THREE SELECTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Children Invited to Participate in the Reception to Be Tendered the Duke and Duchess of York.

New teachers to fill the vacancies created through a number of resignations were appointed by the board of school trustees in regular session last night, this with nothing but what came under the heading of routine being all that came up for consideration. Communications were received from Miss Ethel La Page and David Tait, members of the teaching staff, tendering their resignations, which were accepted. Two applications for increase of salary were read, one from Miss McGregor and the other from Miss McKenzie. On motion of Trustee Brown, the communications were received and the applicants will be informed that under the present rule of the board all increases of merit begin with the commencement of the new year. Two other applications from members of the teaching staff were read from A. E. Fraser and Miss Margaret Johnson, looking to the position of teacher in the Fourth division of the South Park school. Both were laid on the table. Messrs. Lee & Fraser asked for a share of the insurance on the new High school building, and their communication was likewise tabled. Wm. Moresby, secretary of the reception committee, preparing for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, extended an invitation to the school children to attend the reception, and requested that a reply be given by the 15th inst. indicating the approximate number of the boys and girls likely to be on hand for the occasion. Trustee Brown felt as if the board had been very much ignored in the matter, and he thought that more discretion might have been exercised by the reception committee, for the letter was the first notice they had as to what was to be expected of them. If it was desired that the children were to sing the time left for preparing them in the work was very short.

Trustee Drury, as a member of the reception committee, however, assured the board that the school children had been discussed, and it was evidently an oversight that the board had not previously been consulted. The children, he felt, should be given the opportunity that more was expected of them simply attending the reception. They should be taught to sing a number of patriotic airs, such as "God Save the King," "The Maple Leaf Forever," etc. This had been considered by the reception committee.

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TRANSFERS GRANTED

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CHURCH FEES

Temperance hall was the scene of great activity yesterday afternoon and evening, the annual sale of work of the Ladies' Aid of the First Congregational church being in progress. A large number of articles were offered for sale in the room, while the stock-in-trade consisted of an assortment of useful and handsome articles of the most captivating character. The fair commenced early in the afternoon and continued until after 9 o'clock. From 6 to 8 supper was served. During the evening a very enjoyable program was rendered, consisting of instrumental music by Misses Roach and Worthington; vocal solos, Miss Ure, Miss Westcott and Miss Matthews; and mandolin solos, E. Talbot. The attendance was large, business good, and the event in every way successful.

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