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WE WISH YOU ONE AND ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH AND SOUTH SAANICH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HELD ON DECEMBER 13

Secretary-Treasurer's Report Showes a Handsome Balance to the Credit of the Society—Officers and Directors Elected for the Year.

The annual meeting of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society was held in the Saanichon hall on Saturday, December 13th, when thirty four members were present. It was remarked that this was the largest attendance in twenty years.

With the Hon. D. M. Ebberts, patron, Mr. Stratfield was again elected president by acclamation. The election of vice-president resulted in Mr. Samuel Spencer being returned. The votes were: Spencer, 16; David Thompson, 14.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, those of the special general meeting and correspondence were read.

The secretary's statement showed a balance of \$564.91 on the right side. This statement was fully explained by Mr. H. P. Allberry. Mr. Stratfield remarked upon the very satisfactory termination of the year's work and attributed the large balance in hand to the secretary's collections in Victoria.

Mr. P. N. Tester advised the nomination of four directors for North Saanich and five for South Saanich. He thought that North Saanich had not been properly represented and that this had caused dissatisfaction. Mr. Stratfield having pointed out the justice of this request, five directors were nominated for North Saanich and five for South Saanich and elected as follows:

North Saanich—J. T. Harrison, H. A. McKillican, P. N. Tester, T. Scholes, and H. Pruvey.

South Saanich—H. E. Tanner, F. Turgoose, D. Thompson, E. H. Marcott and M. Dean.

Auditors—J. J. White and H. F. Halden. The secretary-treasurer, H. P. Allberry, was appointed delegate to the convention of B. C. Agricultural fairs.

The secretary urged the necessity of providing a sinking fund to liquidate the mortgage on the building. The Rev. Mr. Archbold then advocated the formation of a club for the youths of Saanich. This was supported by Mr. S. Spencer, Mr. Halden, Mr. H. E. Tanner and Mr. P. N. Tester, who promised to help the club in any way possible.

Mr. H. E. Tanner proposed that permission for use of the poultry house be given the club and that the expenditure which had been proposed by Mr. Halden for improvement of grounds should be held back till sufficient data had been submitted to the directors.

Mr. Tester proposed that the president, vice-president and secretary consider the advisability of carrying out the secretary's suggestion for calling a bee for ploughing and leveling a field for

cricket or the sports and several improvements to other parts of the grounds.

FLOWER SHOW

Mr. Tester spoke at some length on the claims of Sidney as the place of the proposed show, which would be supported by the merchants of the town, on the 1st of July. This having been discussed at some length the matter was eventually

on the line a few days ago.

Great hopes were held out for another record show next year. According to the statement read, the donations in cash and goods amounted to \$440.65. There were 87 members as against 65 last year. The gate money was \$272.80. Against this the secretary commented on the fact that the society is under the heavy liability of \$210 annually for interest and said that a sinking fund, no matter how small, should be started for the repayment of the mortgage.

The prize money amounted to \$627.50, a larger amount than usual. Entries were \$130 in excess of last year. It was decided to revise the prize list at an early date and the secretary would be

SEWAGE A LIVE TOPIC AT BOARD OF TRADE MEETING ON TUESDAY

Two New Names Are Added to Membership Roll—Formation of a Fire Brigade in Sidney With Other Important Matters Brought Up For Discussion.

Mr. J. B. Kelly, president of the Board of Trade, presided at the meeting held on Tuesday evening last. A large number of the members were present as it had been announced that important business would come up for discussion.

On the meeting being called to order it was moved by Dr. Cummings and seconded by Mr. Julius Brethour that J. J. White be appointed acting secretary

\$1.00. On the motion of Mr. R. G. R. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Julius Brethour, it was decided to pay the advertising account and also the electric light account, if found to be correct. Some little discussion arose over the latter item as the majority of the members present were of the opinion that this account had already been paid in advance for one year. Mr. F. A. Murray, chairman of the committee who handled the subscriptions, has recently been transferred to Victoria, and was unable to be present, and as Secretary Dixon was also absent, information on the points in dispute could not be obtained. It was therefore left with the acting secretary to get the necessary information and pay the account if it has not already been paid.

NEW MEMBERS

New members are being added to the membership roll at almost every meeting and Tuesday evening was no exception. The council recommended for membership the applications of the new member for the Islands, Mr. W. W. Foster, and A. O. Wheeler, A.C., F.R.G.S. Upon motion of Capt. Byers, seconded by A. E. Moore, the report was adopted and these gentlemen admitted without ballot.

Owing to the absence of the regular secretary it was pointed out by the president that it would be necessary to empower some one to sign the cheques in payment of accounts. On motion of Dr. Cummings and S. Spencer it was decided that the president J. B. Kelly, and acting secretary J. J. White be given this power.

THE SEWAGE QUESTION

Under the head of miscellaneous business Dr. Cummings in a brief address brought to the attention of the Board the urgent need of immediate action being taken in regard to an adequate sewage system being installed in Sidney. The speaker stated that the subject was not a new one as it had been under discussion several times before, but circumstances had altered during the past few months, and he was of the opinion that not only a majority of the members of the Board of Trade, but also a majority of the property owners were now convinced that a sewage system was a crying necessity. He accordingly moved that the Board take steps to have an adequate sewage system installed in Sidney at the earliest possible date. The motion was seconded by Capt. L. Adamson.

During the course of the discussion that followed and which was taken part in by a number of the members, it was finally decided to instruct the secretary

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

"And there was in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

left to the discretion of the directors.

Votes of thanks were accorded to those judges who gave their services free on the day of the fair.

A membership campaign was suggested by the secretary. As the government grant was regulated by the number of annual members, and that there is a far better chance for members and directors who live on the peninsula which he would be unable to reach, and that persons who might be unknown to him would be willing to join if asked to do so.

It was decided to allow the employees of the B. C. E. R. the use of the hall as an act of courtesy in acknowledgement of the company's generous subscription towards the Saanichon show, for the purpose of a dance on the 19th December for the benefit of the widow and children of the employee who was killed

glad for any suggestion to facilitate the work in this line.

Special Services on Christmas Day

Church of the Assumption, south-west Saanich:—Midnight Mass. No Mass at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Elizabeth, Sidney:—Midnight Mass. No Mass at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Paul, Fulford Harbor, Salt Spring Island:—Mass at 10 a.m.

To the Children

You are cordially invited by the members of the I. O. G. T. to a party in the Berquist small hall on Monday, December 29th, at 5 o'clock. Will you please send your names to Mrs. Simister Superintendent of Juvenile Work, not later than Saturday, December 27th?

to take over the duties of Secretary Gordon Dixon until the latter has recovered from his illness. The motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting and also the meeting of the council of the board were then read and adopted. As there was no business arising out of the minutes the regular routine work was taken up, and the secretary read a letter from Heaton's Agency asking for information about Sidney. On the motion of Captain Byers, seconded by Mr. J. J. White, the secretary was instructed to answer the enquiry complying with the request.

Accounts were received from the B. C. Electric Co., for installing the lights on Beacon avenue and the two month's meter rent, amounting to \$88.20, and a small account from the Sidney Printing and Publishing Company for advertising,