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DECIDE ON SIZE OF VICTORIA WEST SCHOOL

New Building With Six Rooms
With Upper Story Un-
finished

(From Thursday's Daily)

At the meeting of the school board yesterday evening Architect Ridgway Wilson was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the new school building at Victoria West in accordance with the plan of arrangement originally submitted to the board. This calls for six rooms double, leaving the upper storey unfinished. It is the intention of the board later on to have an assembly hall upstairs.

There were present at the meeting Chairman Jay, Secretary Eaton and Messrs. Jenkins, Lewis, Riddle, Bishop and McEwen. Mr. Margets, janitor of the high school, wrote tendering his resignation, and the letter was received and laid on the table. The resignation of Mr. Palmer of the South Park school, who has gone to Fernie, was accepted. Bills amounting to \$104.44 were approved and ordered paid.

At this point Secretary Eaton drew the attention of the board to the action of the city treasurer in stopping the amount of the revenue tax out of the salaries of certain teachers without the consent of the board. While disclaiming all intention of imputing improper conduct to the city treasurer, he thought that such action constituted an infringement of the rights of the board and might make a bad precedent. He stated that he had asked the city treasurer by what authority he had taken this action, and had been shown by way of reply a letter on the subject from the deputy city attorney general to the mayor, a copy of which he laid before the board. The letter reads as follows:

Attorney-General's office, Victoria, B. C., July 18, 1907.

A. J. Morley, Esq., Mayor, Victoria, B. C.

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It appeared to be the general opinion that such action constituted an infringement of the board's right to sole control over the appropriations, the chairman remarking: "I think that with all due respect to the attorney-general, I am not prepared to give an opinion on the revenue act without considering the school board act." It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the chairman, who will make a protest in the proper quarters in order to prevent a dangerous precedent being established. A discussion ensued as to the proper amount of accommodation to be provided in the new Victoria West school house.

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In the discussion which followed, the pros and cons of various possible arrangements of the rooms were gone into with the assistance of the architect who pointed out the effect they would have on construction. The question of using silica brick also came up, but it was pointed out that it would cost \$4 a thousand more and that it might be wiser to let someone else experiment with it. It was decided to use the best red brick.

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The board then went to executive session to decide on a number of applications for vacancies on the staff. At the close, the following appointments were announced: Miss Taylor, David J. Thomas, E. R. Patterson, Miss Marchant, Miss Kate Pottinger, Miss Sophie Hiscocks and Miss Emily Taylor.

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ISLANDS ASSOCIATION'S EXHIBITION NEXT MONTH

Everything is Being Done to Make
the Event an Unqualified Success—Sporting Events.

The twelfth annual exhibition of the Islands Agricultural and Fruit Growers' association which embraces the Islands of Salt Spring, Pender, Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Saturna, Nanaimo and Prevost, will be held on Saturday, September 21, at Ganges harbor. The association has made arrangements to have a large number of visitors from Victoria and the islands. The association will arrange a special run for the numerous carriages which will embrace cattle or all description, poultry, grain and vegetables. A

good prize list has been arranged by the directors for the occasion. Hon. James Dunsinville, lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, is the patron of the Islands Agricultural and Fruit Growers' association. The president is H. W. Bullock, Ganges, and the other officers and directors are as follows: Vice-President, T. D. Mansell, Ganges; secretary, W. M. Mount, Ganges; treasurer, C. W. Cundell, Ganges; directors—T. Akerman, J. A. Harrison, W. McFadden, S. Percival, A. Ruckie, J. T. Collins, J. B. Lund, James Eford, James Maxwell, James Wilson, T. Lee, G. E. Ackerman, W. Grimmer, W. S. Ritchie, F. Scott, N. W. Wilson and Rev. E. F. Wilson.

A programme of sports will be arranged. There will be horse jumping, gymkhana race and a motor boat race among other good events. The special prize list for 1907 includes many valuable prizes offered by members of the firms of leading Victorian merchants.

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NOTED ENGINEER EMPLOYED

R. C. S. Davidson of London, Eng., to Report On Montreal Harbor

Montreal, July 30.—Before embarking on any further harbor developments, the Montreal Harbor Commissioners have decided to employ R. C. S. Davidson, of London, England, the famous English harbor engineer, in a capacity to study the port and its requirements during the present season of navigation.

He will make a report later as to the condition of the harbor and the results from the present plan and what further expenditures are necessary. Davidson has a wide reputation as a harbor engineer.

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BANK CLEARINGS ARE LARGEST ON RECORD

They Were Over Five Millions
for July—Comparative
Figures

The total bank clearings for the month of July, according to the returns of the Victoria Clearing house amounted to \$5,208,212. This is by long odds the heaviest amount for the month of July in the history of the city.

Over the corresponding month of 1906, the increase is \$1,359,255. The returns for the past six years for the month of July are as follows:

1907, \$5,208,212.

1906, \$3,848,957.

1905, \$3,114,596.

1904, \$2,950,272.

1903, \$2,570,335.

1902, \$2,372,850.

Montreal Customs.

Montreal, July 30.—The customs collections for the port of Montreal again shows record-breaking proportions, and if the pace of the present month is carried out to the end of the month, the month's collections will be the biggest in the fiscal history of the port. Already the month has surpassed the same period of last year by the large sum of \$355,000, and there remains six working days, including today, the increase should reach a very high figure, perhaps half a million. There has been no particular reason for this increase. The imports have shown a steady increase in all departments, showing that there is a sure growth of the commerce of Montreal, and, naturally, of the Dominion at large. The imports carried by ships from the old country have shared in the general increase. A continuous and extensive collection for the first four months of the fiscal year would indicate that the total collections for the port for the first six months will amount to \$12,000,000.

ESQUIMALT TRUSTEES ARE IN A QUANDARY

Cannot Erect New Building For
Amount Voted by Rate-
payers

The adjourned annual meeting of the Esquimalt school district was held at the Lamson street school Monday evening, July 22.

The principal business was to consider the advisability of increasing the school accommodation. Two propositions were laid before the ratepayers: one for the addition of another storey to the existing building, and the other for the erection of a new building. This would contain two classrooms and hall, with stairs to lower hall. The present building is constructed with the view of adding another storey. The estimate for this proposition was \$4,000, including furniture, desks, etc.

The other proposition was for a separate wooden building of one class room to be erected in the grounds and to cost \$1,500 complete.

After considerable discussion it was decided to erect the wooden building, and the sum of \$1,500 was included in the estimates for that purpose.

It was also decided to vote the sum of \$150 in addition to that voted last year for the purpose of fencing the school grounds, consisting of three acres.

The janitor's salary was also discussed, and finally increased to \$50 per month.

Provision was also made for the salary of an additional teacher, when the new class room is built.

Since the close of the meeting the school trustees have made enquiries of the cost of such wooden buildings as authorized by the ratepayers, and they find they cannot erect a suitable one for the amount voted. They are, therefore, undecided what to do as the school act requires a requisition, signed by a majority of the ratepayers, in order to call another public meeting for the purpose of voting additional funds.

CANADIAN EXHIBIT

North Dakota State Fair Visitors Impressed With the West's Richness

Grand Forks, N. D., July 30.—The exhibit of the Canadian government at the great North Dakota state fair is by far the most excellent display of the kind ever placed in this state by the Canadian government.

The display takes up a large corner in the agricultural building, and is most artistically arranged. It is demanding the attention of the thousands of visitors to the fair, which is by far the best state fair or fair of any kind ever held in North Dakota.

Mr. Pilling, the local agent of the Canadian government, is in charge, and is explaining the resources of the great Canadian Northwest. The display shows the astonishing variety of crops the Canadian Northwest can produce, and is regarded as evidence that the thousands of Americans who are leaving for our country are going into a land rich in promise.

OYSTER CULTURE IS PROGRESSING WELL

Beds on West Coast of Vancouver Island Now Promise Excellent Results.

Vancouver, B. C., July 31.—From time to time considerable interest has been taken in the British Columbia oyster beds, and a great deal of money has been expended on them. Mr. W. E. Norris, secretary and part owner of the beds controlled by the Pacific Oyster & Trading Company, in an interview, says:

"Our beds on the west coast of Vancouver Island, situated in Pilepoint Inlet, an arm of Barkley Sound, are very promising. These are natural

beds, and the government has planted oysters there from time to time, but have not furnished us with any special reports. However, we are satisfied that the bivalves grow excellently in these waters, but do not fatten as well as we would like to have them. Formerly we used to test the waters by putting oysters in them, but this we found to be unsatisfactory and the more effective way is to try several localities by planting a few bushels in each and in two or three months we can tell if we have good fastening ground."

"At the present time we believe that we have struck the right spot, but it will cost a lot of money to transport the oysters. We will have to pay at least \$20,000 to remove them. We have recently added to the strength of the management some Americans who are conversant with all the details of the propagation of the Olympia oyster, and with their assistance we are looking for splendid results."

Improvements on Oro Denoro.

Grand Forks, July 31.—The management of the Oro-Denoro mine in Summit Camp are making some extensive improvements at the mine; among other important works is the building of a two thousand foot railway from the mine to the ore crusher. This tramway will cost over \$15,000 to build, and the work of construction is well advanced. The foreman has been in Grand Forks for the past few days and has been offering to pay \$4.00 wages per day for the men working on the railway, but even at this high wage he was unable to secure any men.

Better Roads Are Needed.

Grand Forks, July 31.—The settlers along the North Fork of the Kettle river, and also the mine owners, are complaining of the condition of the roads. They say that the roads are in a public meeting held last week resolutions were passed calling upon the government to expend more money on the roads. It was also decided to hold a public meeting held last week resolutions were passed calling upon the government to expend more money on the roads. It was also decided to hold a public meeting held last week resolutions were passed calling upon the government to expend more money on the roads.

APPOINTED ACTING REEVE OF OAK BAY

W. Henderson Will Officiate In
Mr. Oliver's Absence—Tax
on Tally-Hos

At the special meeting of the Oak Bay council held Wednesday at the office of J. S. Floyd, the clerk of the municipality, W. Henderson, J.P., was appointed acting reeve during the absence of Reeve Oliver, who will be away from the city on a vacation for the next couple of months.

It was decided to take steps to collect a rate of one cent on all motor cars, and to have the rate collected by the municipality and the collector was instructed to start by-law licensing all such vehicles. The new by-law will be given its first reading at the regular meeting of council next Monday.

The members of the council claim that the other proposition was for a separate wooden building of one class room to be erected in the grounds and to cost \$1,500 complete.

The council adopted the plan of drainage of the land behind the Willows hotel as submitted by the engineer. It was also decided to vote the sum of \$150 in addition to that voted last year for the purpose of fencing the school grounds, consisting of three acres.

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B. C. Copper Company, Ltd.

By B. Jacobs.

On 18th inst. the directors of the British Columbia Copper Company, Ltd., having several mines and a large smelter in the Boundary district of this province, declared the first dividend to be paid by this company, the amount being quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, plus an extra dividend of 15 cents. There are 503,000 shares issued, so the total is \$201,250.

The reaching of the dividend-paying stage by this company, after eleven years of steady and progressive effort is a matter for earnest congratulation, not only to the directors and officials largely responsible for the substantial success achieved, and to the shareholders who will benefit by this dividend, but also to the Boundary district and the town of Greenwood, which the growth and prosperity of which the operations of the B. C. Copper Company have contributed considerably.

The British Columbia Copper Company, which has its head office in New York, is working six mines in the Boundary district, four being in British Columbia, and two in Washington State of Washington. The principal mine is the Mother Lode, situated in Greenwood, and distant about three miles from Greenwood. Prospecting work was commenced in this property in 1892, and the first dividend was paid in the summer of 1896, with Frederic Keffer, M. E., in charge. Developments were so extensive that in 1902 the company organized the Boundary district. The history of the Mother Lode from that time to the present is one of creditable achievement and substantial progress. What progress has been made in part is due to the fact that to date the total output of ore from this mine alone is approximately 900,000 tons, and that it may be expected to reach within six weeks from now an aggregate of 1,000,000 tons, the producing capacity of the mine now being in excess of 1,000 tons a day.

Who all through the development from a prospect to a big mine has remained unchanged, may well be gratified at such a result, the outcome of whose work under his personal direction. The yearly production of ore is shown by the following figures:

Year.	Tons of Ore produced.
1900	5,340
1901	99,304
1902	141,326
1903	138,079
1904	174,298
1905	174,567
1906	202,000
1907 (approximate to date)	222,000

Total production 960,544