

ASSESSMENT SHOWS A HALF MILLION INCREASE

Values in South Saanich Have Advanced During Past Year

The total assessment of the municipality of South Saanich this year, on lands and improvements, according to the return made by Municipal Clerk Carmichael at the regular fortnightly meeting of the council last evening shows an increase over last year of \$514,974.

Slaughter House Again.

Once again the differences between the municipality and the firm of McFadden & Mould, butchers, relative to the slaughter house which that firm has built on Lot 7, Lake District, came to the fore when Thomas Mould, at the request of the council, appeared to discuss with the council the question at issue.

the plant. Mr. Mould admitted that since the plant had been established there had been about thirty head of cattle slaughtered and that his firm intended to continue slaughtering.

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An account rendered by John Weston for \$152, the amount claimed to be due for work in providing a truck for the engine to run the rock crusher and for other services rendered including the price of an oil engine, \$12, which the council believes should be paid by Mussen, Limited, Vancouver, the firm which contracted to supply the engine.

A letter from Mussen Limited states that that company would be willing to give the engine another trial, the first attempt having proved unsatisfactory. The firm suggested last Wednesday of Saturday, Reserve Quirk explained that on receipt of the letter he had telegraphed to Mussen Limited asking for a trial at some later date.

Can Secure Rock. The B. C. Land and Investment Agency, agents for Mrs. Jane Finlayson, owner of a portion of section 34, Victoria District, writes giving permission to the council to blast and cart away a portion of rock on the property for road purposes.

Road Superintendent James Pim reported the need of clearing and grading of the road between John Sinclair's place and the Flintry Road leading to Cadboro Bay, a distance of 600 to 700 feet, at a cost of \$180 and also repairs to the Cedar Hill road to cost \$50. The work will be done.

The road superintendent also reported making repairs to roads as follows: Ward One, \$15.00; Ward Two, \$296.90; Ward Three, \$48.60; Ward Four, \$46.10; Ward Five, \$58.75; Ward Six, \$1.50. The setting up of the engine and rock crusher called for an expenditure of \$40.

No Further Reduction

Councillor Fenner's motion that the usual rebate should be allowed off taxes paid on or before the 30th day of September, and that a rebate of one-twelfth be allowed off taxes paid between the 30th day of September and the 31st day of October, this year, was rejected with but little comment. Councillor Fenner thought that in many cases a taxpayer might not be able to pay soon enough to secure advantage of the one-sixth reduction and yet be in a position to pay shortly after that time. He felt that such tax payers should get some con-

sideration from the municipality. Councillor Mannix moved a resolution of thanks to William Campbell for his action in erecting a water trough on the South Spanish road for the use of animals. This resolution was unanimously passed and made a matter of record in the minutes of the municipal council.

Councillor Fenner complained of goats belonging to Mr. Blythe running at large on Pointe Avenue. The constable will inform Mr. Blythe that he must keep his animals off the public highway.

DETAILS OF SUICIDE

Circumstances of the Death of A. H. Rennie at Hongkong

Details of the tragic death of A. H. Rennie, the well known Canadian manager of the big flour mills at Junk Bay, at Hongkong, were received yesterday by the Montserrat. The Hongkong Press says: "He was seen about the streets of the city during the morning, appearing to be in good health and spirits, and many people refused to believe the news, which, as it passed through the fact to mouth, to the effect that he had jumped overboard deliberately from his launch."

For some time past it has been apparent that the interests of Victoria were seriously suffering from a scarcity of houses and people coming in had difficulty in getting some place to live. Hence the present proposition. The property, which is known as Rockland Park, is owned by Gray, Hamilton, Donald & Johnson, of Yates street. This firm has a boundless confidence in the future of Victoria, and has been successful in raising capital, and a company has been formed to acquire the Rockland Park property from the owners for the sole purpose of erecting a good class of houses and selling them on very easy terms to bona fide purchasers.

Another version of the occurrence is, that Mr. Rennie went out on the launch for his usual daily visit to Junk Bay. His "boy" prepared tea on board, but Mr. Rennie declined to partake of any, saying that he was not feeling well. Shortly afterwards he left the cabin, the floor of which is flush with the deck, and stood for a moment at the taffrail. Before the crew could realize what had happened, Mr. Rennie was overboard. One of the crewswains jumped after him and attempted to rescue him. The sea was choppy and swimming would be difficult, especially for a man fully clothed. He did not reach his master in time to save him, but he managed to retrieve the body, which with the assistance of the other members of the crew was got on board. On the return journey the whistle was blown continuously, and this attracted the attention of the officer in charge of the police launch, who went out to meet the Cedar Hill boat. The story from the Chinese. On the Police wharf Dr. Ainslie tried the usual

methods of resuscitation, but without avail. Mr. Rennie's dispatch box, handed over to the police at the same time as the body, appeared to have been in the water.

HOUSES PROJECTED FOR ROCKLAND PARK

A Company Formed to Build Modern Dwellings in Popular Situation

To build fifty or sixty modern houses, mostly of bungalow style of architecture, on 350 lots covering 60 acres, bounded by Edmonton road on the south and Hillside avenue on the north and intersected by Cedar Hill road, the Victoria Land & Investment company has been formed in Victoria with capital of \$150,000. Nature has done more than landscape gardens could do to beautify the grounds overlooking Oak Bay Victoria harbor and portion of the Straits, known as Rockland Park, but to enhance the appearance of the eighty acres of new residences, a fine sweep driveway is to be put in at the entrance from Fernwood road. Granolithic sidewalks and macadam roads will be laid under arrangement with the corporation, water, electric light, telephone and all conveniences sought for modern residences will also be provided.

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HIDDEN CREEK GROUP

M. K. Rodgers Preparing for Active Development of Observatory Inlet Property

Vancouver, May 16.—M. K. Rodgers, the well-known mining man, who developed the famous Nickel Plate mine at Hildesley, Similkameen district for the Daly estate, is about to erect a \$40,000 power plant in connection with the development of the Hidden Creek group he bonded last year and which is located at Goose Bay, Observatory Inlet. Two payments have already been made to the owners, the Hidden Creek Mining company of Vancouver.

The bond is for \$125,000, and the next payment will mature on June 1. So great is the likelihood of the bond being taken up that Mr. Rodgers has

formed a new corporation under the style of the Hidden Creek Copper company, with Thomas Hodgins of Butte as president. The capital is \$2,000,000. Twenty men are engaged at development work on the property, which has an ore body said to be 300 feet wide and carrying high value in copper, besides subsidiary values in gold. The plant will be installed this summer, and will include fifteen air drills. The company will develop its own water power, which can furnish a supply equal to 2,000 miners' inches.

CARDINAL LOGUE

Irish Primate Talks of Home Rule and Other Matters to Montreal Reporters

Montreal, May 16.—Cardinal Logue, the primate of all Ireland, arrived in the city this morning from Niagara Falls, and was given a royal welcome by local Irishmen. His eminence received press representatives almost immediately after his arrival, and chatted on topics pertaining to Ireland. Regarding home rule he said he always was, and always would be a pronounced advocate of Ireland. He said he never believed in the present Liberal party to prosper for Ireland until she obtained home rule. Regarding the attitude of the present Liberal party towards the Irish question, Cardinal Logue said that party had simply got a platonic friendship for home rule. They are doing nothing practical to carry it into effect, and have not even put it on their platform for next election.

The cardinal denied strongly that he had said Australia was on the verge of rebellion, a statement Premier Deakin in the house of representatives at Melbourne yesterday vigorously denounced. "I was never in Australia," said His Eminence, "and I never said a word about it. The whole thing was fabricated by reporters in New York who wanted to make a sensation."

Asked whether Irish emigrants were now preferring to come to Canada instead of the United States, he said they were not. When they emigrated, he said, they preferred to go somewhere where the English flag did not fly. That was why so many went to the United States. Another reason why they did not come to Canada was because Canada has such severe winters, their belief being that in Canada they would have six months' work in summer, and six months' idleness in winter. He expressed his admiration for the President in New York, saying that it was truly a great country. When reminded that Ireland could be dropped into one of the great lakes without making a splash, he exclaimed: "Yes, you bet; without a splash, you bet."

FOR BRAVERY

Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal to Be Presented to John Erskine

Vancouver, May 16.—The Royal Humane Society's bronze medal awarded to John Erskine for conspicuous bravery displayed in saving a young lady's life last winter has arrived in the city. It was presented to J. South, local representative of the society. With the medal came a handsome bound and illuminated parchment certificate, signed by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, honorary president of the society.

Mr. South will make arrangements shortly for a public presentation of the medal and certificate to the brave young man who earned it. Mr. Erskine, who is a well known member of the Bank of Commerce staff, was the hero of a plucky rescue of a young lady and her escort, who broke through the ice last winter while skating on the pond formed in the deep excavation for the new reservoir in Stanley park. The ice at that time was in just such a condition that despite the willing but almost useless assistance of a number of spectators he had to perform his heroic deed. It was an hour's struggle in the icy waters with his insensate burden before he could land.

To Address Carpenters

Vancouver, May 16.—General President W. D. Huber, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and District Organizer Gray, are in the city. President Huber will address the carpenters of the vicinity at a mass-meeting to be held in the auditorium of the labor hall on Monday, May 18.

Enderby Fruit Lands.

In a few years the hill and bench lands about Enderby are going to be set out in fruit, and will produce prolific crops. At the present time Charles Nelson, Thomas Bradbury, Fred Foulds, Philip Fret and James Ellison are setting out 400 trees on bench land which they have taken up on the bill above William Ellison's prize orchard. They have much to contend with owing to the lack of a wagon road, it costing them \$6 a 1,000 feet to have lumber hauled from Enderby, a distance of two miles. They believe this obstacle will soon be overcome, as they have received word from Superintendent of Roads Hamilton Lang that he will favorably act upon their petition. There are many parcels of land close to Enderby that would make the best fruit land which are yet open to settlement by ambitious people.—Walker's Weekly.

SURVEY PARTY OFF FOR BABINE COUNTRY

J. H. Brownlee Has Left For North—Others to Go Shortly

J. H. Brownlee, provincial surveyor, left for the Babine country several days ago. He was accompanied by a comparatively large party, and will spend the summer in exploring, making official demarcation of crown lands, and compiling information which will enable the local authorities to give intending immigrants an accurate idea of that section of British Columbia.

It is expected by those who have been through that district that it contains large stretches of valley which would make admirable locations for farms, and the pursuit of agriculture on a large scale. Little, however, is known of the region beyond what is furnished by those who have made casual investigations. Hence the government has despatched Mr. Brownlee with instructions to put in several months' work surveying and observing so that he may be in a position to submit a report so complete that the officials of the Bureau of Information may be able to direct prospective immigrants to the district assured that they have given them all the details necessary for their guidance.

H. Fry, of Chemainus, another provincial surveyor, and a number of other parties will leave as soon as practical for interior points. It is the intention, according to the provincial surveyor, to prosecute the work in the Nechaco country, in the neighborhood of the Skeena river, and in other sections, which, though comparatively unknown, are believed to possess splendid possibilities from an agricultural standpoint.

Although there has been some delay on the part of the surveyors in getting away, owing to the lateness of the spring and the consequent scarcity of fodder, they expect to make up for lost time when reaching the field. A concentrated effort, it is understood, will be made by all surveyors in the employ of the provincial administration to cover as much ground and obtain as full reports as possible in the period at their disposal. This endeavor is the result of the fact that the government is anxious to prepare for a rush of immigrants. Though the influx from the Old Country was heavier last year, as a result of the arrangement entered into between the author and the Salvation Army, it is expected to increase to a greater extent in the near future. Hence it is the desire that there shall be no part of British Columbia not familiar to those to whom enquiries will naturally be directed.

Vancouver Lady's Fatal Fall

Vancouver, May 16.—Mrs. R. Williams, who is very stout and large, tripped and fell heavily on the pavement on Westminster avenue, at noon today. She died while being taken to the hospital. There was a large bruise on her forehead, probably caused by the fall.

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