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## DRILL OPENS A HEAVY FLOW OF GOOD WATER

Word reached town on Thursday morning that the well boring machine employed by the Canadian Explosives, Limited, on James Island, the site selected for the new powder factory, had struck a magnificent vein of pure water at a depth of about eighteen feet. The report states that about one hundred gallons a minute is the flow recorded at the new well. The striking of this pure water supply will mean much to the company as they will be able to proceed with their undertaking at a much more rapid pace, as the former supply was very limited.

### BREAK CAMP ON SUNDAY

Cadets & Boy Scouts Depart After Spending a Week in Camp Here

The cadets and boy scouts have come and gone. Sunday morning bright and early everything was astir at the camp as the order had gone forth to prepare for immediate departure. The boys were almost as excited as they were on their arrival, and the anticipation of once more being home was the incentive to a good deal of hurrying here and there, yet not a boy disobeyed the orders of his officers. Everything went quietly and smoothly under the able command of Lieut.-Col. Leckie, and at 10.30 the line of march to the Sidney dock was taken up, and headed by the Seaforth Highlanders cadet bugle band, the boys marched from the camp grounds to Beacon Avenue and down this main thoroughfare to the dock.

The big C.P.R. steamer, the Princess Royal, was tied up there in waiting, and without the slightest hitch the whole procession, of somewhere about seven hundred, marched aboard and scattered over the decks. In a remarkable short time the whistle blew to cast off, and the steamer slowly backed out from the wharf to make the turn around the buoy, on her way to Vancouver. The boys cheered lustily as the water began to widen between them and the shore, and perhaps they were just as glad that they were going home as they were upon their arrival in camp a week ago.

The boys certainly enjoyed themselves while in camp here. Of course the mornings were given over to regular drill of these organizations, and perhaps it came a little heavy on some of the smaller boys, but the afternoons and evenings more than made up for the hard work they had gone through earlier in the day. There was plenty of noise around the camp every evening. Here a baseball game, there a lacrosse game and over yonder a football crowd trying to see how much noise they could make with their strong young lungs, as each and every one of them not only wanted to play the game, but were using all their vocal power in telling the referee what he should do.

During the entire week the usual course of drills was gone through and on Thursday morning to vary the proceeding a little a sham fight took place, when the 4th Battalion, composed of the Central School and Esquimalt cadets, defended a position against an attack carried out by the Seaforth, University School and High School cadets, with the rest acting in support. The attacking force advanced from the wharf, through the houses and streets of the town, and from Beacon Avenue many spectators watched the progress of the fight. The defending force was commanded by Captain R. V. Harvey, while the attack was in charge of Lieutenant

Mulcahey. Lieutenant Brown, of the 72nd, Lieutenant Collison, of the 88th Fusiliers, and Captain Dowling were the battalion commanders, and the manoeuvres were planned and umpired by the camp commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel Leckie, the commanding officer of the Seaforth Highlanders, of Vancouver.

The cadets were just falling in at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon when Sir Richard McBride and Sir Donald Mann drove up to the camp. The whole brigade took up its position on the parade ground, and as the Premier and his party appeared conducted by Colonel Leckie, the general salute was given. Sir Richard inspected each battalion, and then a march past took place. The marching of all the cadets, especially of those unattached to school corps, made a very great impression on Sir Richard, and the parade was carried out with smartness.

#### PREMIER'S ADDRESS

The cadets were then formed into a hollow square and Sir Richard addressed them. He had, he said, no idea before he came out of either the extent of the camp or the nature of the training that they were receiving there. He was very much pleased and impressed with what he had seen. The people of British Columbia were taking a keen interest in the cadet movement and were ready to back it up and help it forward in every way possible. It was the duty of everyone, not only to assist in expanding the industries and material progress of this magnificent country, but also to fit themselves to take their part in its defence. He complimented Colonel Leckie on the evidence he had seen that day of the efficiency of the cadet training and on the work of the camp.

Colonel Leckie, in replying, thanked the Premier for his visit, made at a time when his presence could be ill spared from Victoria, and then called for three cheers for Sir Richard, which were given with vim. On the Premier's invitation, the cadets gave another rousing three cheers for the king, and the visitors left for Victoria.

Friday afternoon the camp was devoted to sports of all kinds, and on Sunday morning the cadets broke camp, after a week which Colonel Leckie described as a success in every way. The colonel could not say enough for the keenness of the cadets, which made it a matter of the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to him to be commandant of such a camp.

#### Helping Dad to Hold His Job

Winnipeg, July 27.—During a heavy electrical storm yesterday afternoon, Sidney Miles, alias Jewell; Hans Polson, alias Petersen; and Fred C. Hawkins, serving five, seven and twenty years respectively, escaped from the Stony Mountain Penitentiary. Miles and Polson are still at large, but Hawkins experienced only half an hour of freedom, being captured within half a mile of the reserve.

The convicts were repairing the roof of Col. Ponsford's house on the prison reserve when the escape was made.

Every guard that can be spared is scouring the country, while Col. Ponsford, accompanied by his two daughters, has joined in the search in automobiles. Even Col. Ponsford's 15-year-old son has saddled his pony and joined in the endeavour to locate the jail breakers.

### THEY SUGGEST SUBSCRIPTION

Committee Holds Meeting to Discuss Financing of the Fire Brigade

The committee of citizens elected at the recent public meeting for the purpose of managing the Sidney Volunteer Fire Brigade, when formed, having gone very carefully into the matter, offer the following suggestion:—

1. That the people of Sidney purchase, for the protection of their homes and places of business from fire, one thousand feet of hose, and two hose reels, or carts, with necessary equipment.
2. The price of the equipment will be \$1,100.00.
3. That a subscription list be opened and copies be distributed among the business men.
4. That all subscriptions be acknowledged in the press, the list being printed each week.
5. That all persons wishing to become active members in the Brigade, sign the roll, at the printing office of the Sidney and Islands Review.

In making these suggestions the Committee is of the opinion that as there is now an adequate water supply and pressure, with sufficient hydrants for fire fighting purposes, the time has arrived when the people of Sidney should take the matter into their own hands and do their utmost to safeguard their homes and belongings, for, while we have been fortunate in the past, and have had no losses from fire, the danger is always present, and, given the right condition, of dryness and wind, a very small blaze, without some means to control it, would sweep Sidney out of existence in a very short space of time.

### PROPOSE TO PURCHASE DR. CUMMINGS' RESIDENCE

The Automobile Association of Victoria are now in Business Communication with the Owner

Our townspeople will be pleased to hear that the Victoria Automobile Association are considering the purchase of Dr. Cummings' house and three acres of land to used as a country club for its members. The following is a copy of a circular sent out by the president to all members:—

"Dear Sir:—Your Club House Committee has decided to recommend the purchase of the Dr. Cummings' house above Sidney to be used as a Country Club for members of the Victoria Auto-

mobile Association. The property consists of a well built house of fourteen rooms, large verandah, electric lighted throughout, plenty of water, etc., and three acres of ground. The ground has a frontage of 204.7 feet on Third Street and about 225 feet of water frontage and an average depth of about 670 feet. The grounds are laid out very prettily with flowers and shrubs and tennis courts. There are over thirty young chestnut, elm, and maple trees, which are now going on their fourth year. Your committee considered that this was an opportunity that not often presents itself to purchase a place virtually ready made. The place can be occupied immediately a deal is made. The price is \$15,000.00.

### CONSERVATIVES HOLD REUNION AT GANGES

Vancouver Conservatives Turned Out in Force to Listen to Addresses

The Conservative Picnic at Ganges last week was a notable affair in its way, rendered additionally interesting by the presence there of Mr. J. D. Hazen. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries was responsible for a fighting speech. He was in excellent vein, and dealt with some of the outstanding features of the Conservative regime at Ottawa in a very lucid fashion. His tribute to the British Columbia members was, we believe, well earned. It was, too, an indication of the government's sympathetic attitude towards British Columbia and its needs. Another excellent speech was made by Sir Richard McBride, who confined his remarks largely to the question of defence, and the necessity for this phase of our progress growing in proportion to the advances we are making along other lines of material endeavour. The picnic was largely attended and was easily one of the most successful events of its kind ever held in the Province.

### LOCAL POUND FOR SIDNEY

Board of Trade Discuss This and Several Other Questions of Interest

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trade, held on Tuesday evening last, the question of stock running at large on the streets was discussed, and it was decided to ask the government to enforce a pound by-law in Sidney.

The Committee, appointed to look into the subject of street lighting reported that the feeling was generally in favor of the idea and that there would be sufficient funds forthcoming.

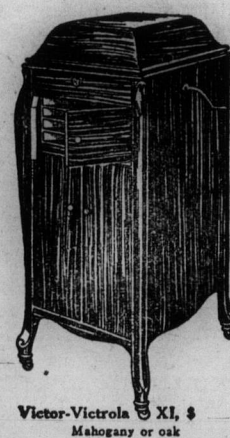
Strong objections were raised as to the train and mail service, and Mr. Van Sant and the postal authorities are to be approached in the matter.

It was decided to ask the B.C. Electric Ry. Co., to change the name of the station at the head of Beacon avenue from Mt. Newton station to Beacon avenue station.

A committee was formed to look into the matter of oiling Beacon avenue from 5th street to the hotel and another Committee appointed to draft a strong letter to the B.C. Electric Ry. with regard to running their line into Sidney.

#### Mail Distribution.

Owing to change in the running of the trains on the V. & S. there is a corresponding change in the delivery of the mail at the post office. The morning mail now comes in an hour later than formerly and is not ready for delivery until about 11 o'clock. The outgoing mail is also changed to an earlier hour as the train now leaves at 3.30 instead of 5 o'clock.

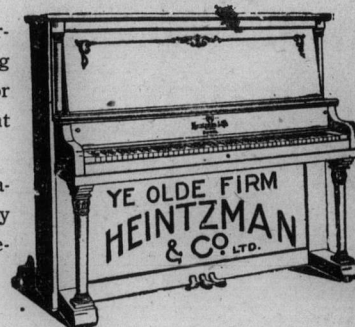


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