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## TOWN NOW AMPLY SUPPLIED WITH PUREST QUALITY OF WATER

THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS GIVE A FAIR IDEA OF  
HOW THE UNDERTAKING WAS CARRIED OUT BY  
THE ENERGETIC VANCOUVER FIRM

The System is Now Complete in Every Detail and the Pressure in the  
Mains is Close to Eighty Pounds to the Square Inch and  
Registered Sixty-Five With Two Lines of Hose

In the past Sidney has had to depend on the V. & S. railway well for its water supply, which of late years has become entirely insufficient for its needs. Recognizing the fact that without an adequate supply of pure water for domestic use the further development of Sidney would be greatly retarded, the Sidney Water and Power Co., Ltd., was formed, and after considerable exploratory work finally decided upon a system of wells, a pumping plant and storage reservoirs.

Fire protection being the primary object of a water supply in a town of the proportions of Sidney, the system was designed on a scale sufficient to fairly meet this requirement, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly being the consulting engineer.

Tenders were accordingly called for and the Canadian Pipe Co., Ltd., though not the lowest bidders, were entrusted with the business of furnishing all material and installing the system complete as follows:—about ten miles of wire wound wood stave pipe, in sizes ranging from two inches in diameter to eight inches in diameter, with fire hydrants, gate valves, corporation cocks, air valves, blowoffs, castings, etc., also two 100,000 gallon patent Redwood tanks for storage were purchased from A. C. Langley & Co. The Canadian Pipe Co., Ltd., having just completed a fine gravity water system for the town of Alberni, B.C., shipped their outfit to Sidney, and field superintendent Mr. Arthur Rochester, soon had his camp established and trenching started. It is the purpose of this pipe company to so organize their work that upon arrival from the factory the pipe goes to its place in the ditch without delay, and this is very desirable with wood pipe.

Barge shipments were very slow in arriving and the laying of the pipe in this case was fully thirty days late in starting.

However, cars of pipe in transit began to come in and were spotted at rollways prepared in advance where two cars could be unloaded at a time, delays and demurrage being thus avoided, also heavy lifting of pipe and damage to same being



Starting the Trench Near the Tanks

eliminated. Upon the arrival of the pipe laying in place proceeded rapidly, and from the pumping station at the wells to the reservoir on Mount Newton, 3,500 feet away, two mains of eight inches in diameter were laid; one to serve as a pumping main to fill the tanks, while the other is a gravity line to supply the distribution system in the town.

For curves or vertical angles, this pipe company manufactures specially milled

4 degree wire wound wood couplings, thus saving the strain on joints. In negotiating 95 degree turns long cast iron bends or sweeps are installed to minimise friction.

The foundation work and erection of the two California Redwood tanks complete was sub-let to the contracting firm of Messrs. Jones and Rant, Ltd., of Victoria, who assembled the material in a businesslike manner, and in record time the finished tanks presented an extremely fine appearance, situated as they are on the side of Mt. Newton, on a gentle slope, surrounded by a grove of young evergreen trees, where the water company has a park of seven acres including a large flowing spring, etc.

Notwithstanding the many delays caused by slow shipments of material, the contractors had the line completed and the water in to town inside the time limit, which, owing to the militia and cadet encampment dates, was much appreciated.

A public demonstration of the fire fighting capacity of the system, which was presided over by Mr. Noble, of the Vancouver Island Underwriters, was given, and very good results were

## THE PRESENT PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE ENLARGED

A Superior School Addition Will Be Built By the Provincial  
Government in the Near Future—Other Improvements  
Will Be Made to Present School Building

The Formal Opening of the Superior School Took Place on August  
25th, With the Required Number of Scholars in Attendance,  
in Berquist's Small Hall on Beacon Avenue.

Last week the Review made the announcement that a superior school would be established in Sidney and that it would be opened on the morning of August 25, with Miss Logan, formerly principal of the Sidney public school, in charge. Promptly at 9 o'clock on Monday morning of this week everything was in readiness for the opening and the teacher was on hand to receive the names of those who wished to attend. Ten scholars, the number required by the government for the establishment of this school, handed in their names and took the seats allotted to them.

The opening result was most gratifying to the trustees, who have left no stone unturned to accomplish this end and they are to be congratulated on the splendid showing made on the opening day.

Now comes another surprise to a great many of the residents of Sidney, and it goes far to show how hard the trustee board of North Saanich, has worked during the past two or three months, and the Review would like to be among the first to extend congratulations on the fulfilment of their undertaking. During the course of the negotiations with the educational department for a superior school in Sidney, the board did not lose sight of the fact that there was no proper place in Sidney in which to conduct this school when established, and brought this fact to the attention of the department, with the suggestion that a wing be built for the purpose to the present public school.

In a letter received on August 22nd, by Mr. Alexander McDonald, secretary of the North Saanich school board, Mr.

engineer is also instructed, if water is available, to provide a septic tank, with water flushed closets, and any other improvements that the trustees may deem necessary.

The lighting system of the whole school will be modernized, and in all probability electricity will be installed, making the Sidney public and Superior school one of the most up-to-date in the province.

Sidney is very fortunate in having this higher educational system, established under such favorable conditions, within her borders, and no longer will there be any necessity of sending our advanced pupils to the larger cities to fit them for Normal school or the various colleges in the province. In fact it will not be very long until we are receiving boys and girls from all parts of the surrounding district and particularly the islands to the east and north of the town, who will make this their home during the school term, and will be better for it. The large towns are not altogether the best places in the world for country boys and girls who have as much leisure time on their hands as those attending school have.

The work taken up in the Superior school covers a large range of subjects, including Latin, French, geometry, algebra, arithmetic, literature, grammar and drawing, and under the able tuition of Miss Logan, the scholars should make rapid progress.

In an interview with Miss Logan, the Review was informed that the following had already registered and were in attendance: Kathleen Robertson, Annie Bowman, Maggie Anderson, Margaret Bowman, Vivian Brethour, Reginald Hicks, Margaret Simister and Laura Newman. Two other pupils have signified their intention of attending and will in all probability hand in their names on the first of the week.

In addition to this class, Miss Logan also teaches the senior fourth of the public school. This class is not very large at present, the following four being the only members: Marie McKillican, Pattie Simister, Gladys Fairclough, and John McLean. Next term it is expected it will be much larger as there are quite a number now in the junior fourth that will pass at the next examinations.

In Miss Hall's room in the public school there are at present thirty scholars on the roll, eight in the second reader and twenty-two in the third reader, making at least four classes for this teacher to handle, as each reader is divided into two classes.

Miss Glen is in charge of the little tots and handles the primary classes up to the second reader. There are thirty-seven entered here, a very large number of scholars for one teacher to handle and do the little folks justice.

These figures will be considerably augmented when all the scholars that formerly attended put in an appearance, which most of them are expected to do on the

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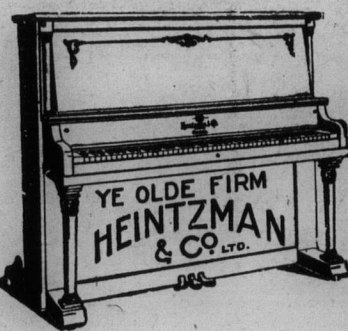
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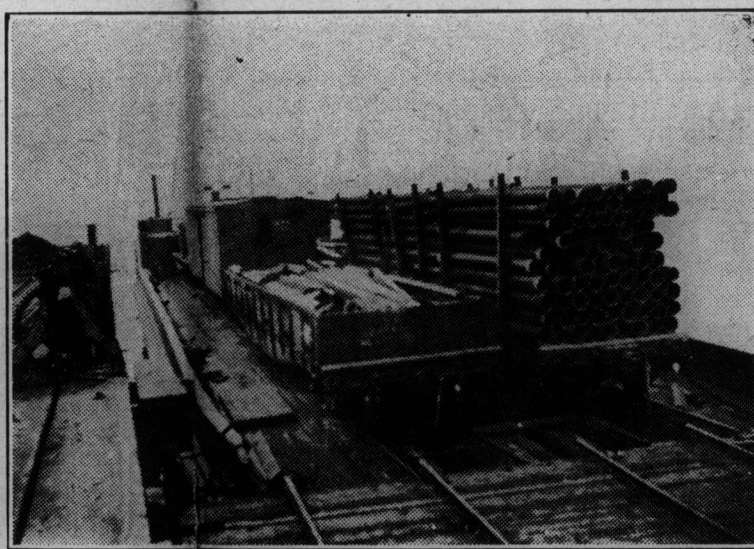


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Unloading the Pipe From the Car.

apparatus may mean the saving of many buildings, while a hose team capable of competing for, and perhaps winning, the Canadian Pipe Championship Cup of the Island would be a source of no small publicity to the town.

Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, makes the announcement that the department has asked the Public Works engineer to proceed at once with the erection of an additional room to the Sidney public school building, and the