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## ANNUAL MEET OF ASSOCIATION

HELD IN AGRICULTURAL HALL  
AT SAANICHTON MONDAY  
DECEMBER 28TH.

The annual meeting of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society took place in the Agricultural hall, Saanichton, on Monday, December 28th, at 2 p.m.

The President, Mr. K. R. Streatfield, was in the chair, and Secretary-Treasurer H. P. Allberry was present in khaki, having secured leave of absence from the military authorities in order to attend to his books, so that they could be handed over to his successor in regular order. Mr. Allberry expects to leave shortly for the Old Country with the 30th Battalion of the second Canadian Overseas contingent.

Promptly on time the chairman called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were adopted as read without a dissenting voice. The financial report for the year was then read and satisfactory explanations made for the deficit existing were accepted by the members. The report was adopted.

The secretary then read a letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture in regard to the postponement of this year's convention of the Agricultural Societies.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up when the Hon. Mr. Ebberts, the speaker of the Provincial House, was unanimously elected patron of the society, while Mr. K. R. Streatfield was re-elected for what is now his fourth term, no opposition being put forward for this office. The members present recognize that Mr. Streatfield takes a deep interest and devotes much time to the affairs of the Society, and they have every confidence in his judgment and ability and so expressed themselves. Mr. Streatfield on resuming the chair which he had vacated while the nomination for the president's office was being made, took occasion to heartily thank the members for the honor done him in re-electing him as their president for another term.

Mr. David Thompson was re-elected vice-president, also by acclamation.

For the office of secretary-treasurer two names were put in nomination, those of Messrs. Chisholm and Holloway, the former being elected by the ballot which took place.

The president then appointed Messrs. Hedley and Tester to act as scrutineers for the election of directors, which resulted as follows: Messrs. W. Dean, E. H. Marotte, F. Turgoose, H. Tanner, W. Mitchell and W. Derrington, as representing South Saanich, while Messrs. J. T. Harrison, Ed. Blackburn, S. Spencer and P. N. Tester were elected to represent North Saanich. Messrs. J. M. Hedley and H. Nicholson were then elected as auditors by the unanimous voice of all present.

After a hearty vote of thanks to last year's board, the meeting adjourned.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Byers wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who were so kind and thoughtful and contributed help and comfort at the time of their recent sad bereavement in the death of their little daughter.

Mrs. McDonald, wife of Constable McDonald, accompanied by her sister, Miss Harriett Rodgers, arrived home in Sidney on Wednesday last, after spending the past month on a visit to her parents at Nanaimo.

## Ballad of the New Year

The bells! Another year is buried deep  
In Time's vast tomb, where centuries have gone;  
And you who read remain to smile or weep,  
To greet the New, and with it, journey on.  
An awesome thing it is to look upon,  
This passing of another measured year  
With all its records mercilessly clear  
Of good and ill, against th' Eternal Day.  
Nor all we feel of doubt, regret or fear  
Can bring about one second's brief delay.

What of the dead year that has passed to-night?  
It knew of things not all can e'er forget,  
For memory will keep the tablets bright.

To eyes that now with smiles or tears are wet,  
Oppression, war, disaster, bloody sweat,  
Unborn to-morrows and dead yesterdays,  
Great debts of love false honor never pays  
And many a happy, memorable day  
Passes into Time. Nor all the world's amaze  
Can bring about one second's brief delay.

What of the New Year that was born to-night?  
Comes it with wealth of happiness for all?  
Shall they who were in darkness see the light,  
And sip the honey who have tasted gall?  
Shall store of plenty happier times recall  
Throughout this fresh, new born, unspoiled year?  
The bells have ceased their chiming now. Give ear!  
New time is passing; minutes flit away.  
Work! Live! remembering neither wealth or fear  
Can bring about one second's brief delay.

### ENVOY.

Prince, give us happiness, our faith renew.  
Give us the strength, the will, to dare and do.  
Give us to live each fleet, unfettered day  
Knowing not all we claim of false or true  
Can bring about one second's brief delay.

## WILL PRESENT "CASTE" JANUARY THIRTEENTH

SALT SPRING ISLAND DRAMATIC CLUB WILL APPEAR IN BER-  
QUIST'S HALL ON THE ABOVE DATE—PLAY WAS  
WELL RECEIVED AT GANGES.

The Salt Spring Island Dramatic Club will present in Berquist's Hall on Wednesday, January 13th, the well known play "Caste," a comedy in three acts.

The club has been in communication for some time with Mr. A. I. Wilson in regard to putting the play on here and have been kind enough to offer their services for expenses only. Mr. Wilson has requested Mr. P. N. Tester and Mr. J. J. White to act with him as a committee to make the preliminary arrangements. The proceeds of the entertainment will be available for local relief purposes, if necessary. Arrangements have been made with Mrs. W. Bowcott to serve refreshments as soon as the play is over for which a reasonable charge will be

made. The committee will be glad to accept the services of any persons wishing to assist, as there will be a social time enjoyed on the conclusion of the play.

The Review congratulates the people of this district on their having the opportunity of seeing the Salt Spring Island Amateur Dramatic Club in that well known three act comedy, "Caste." This play, which was one of Mr. John Hare's leading pieces, was most successfully produced at Ganges recently by the local company, and no doubt many will take advantage of this opportunity of seeing the play. The play as staged at Ganges on December 16th and 17th, was enthusiastically received by a full house, and according to reports received here was a brilliant success.

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT INSTITUTE

The tea, Christmas tree and concert which is being arranged by the Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity, will be held at the Institute, Horth's Cross Road, on Wednesday, January 6th, and not on January 9th, as advertised before.

The charges of admission, including all, will be as follows: Ladies, 25c; gentlemen, 50c; children (who do not belong to the Sunday schools of Holy Trinity and Deep Cove) 10c. Will the ladies kindly bring cakes or contribute towards the tea.

The tea will be given at 6 p.m., and will be followed by the Christmas tree, the presents of which will be distributed by Santa Claus.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m., and the following ladies and gentlemen have very kindly promised to help in the programme:

1. Christmas Carol—Holy Trinity Choir.  
2. Song—"She is Far From the

Land," Mr. Douglas Horth.  
3. Song—"Serenade," (Massent,) Mrs. Swan.  
4. Recitation—"The Bishop and the Caterpillar," Miss Lowndes.  
5. Song—"Phyllis is My Only Joy," Mr. Parks.  
6. Violin Solo—"Barcarolle," (Offenbach) Mrs. Camville Layard.  
7. Song—"May Day," (Walthen,) Miss Eva Hart.  
8. Song—"I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby," (Clay) Mr. Douglas Horth.  
9. Song—"O Sole Mio," Mrs. Swan.  
10. Violin Solo—"Hungarian Dance (Brahms), Mrs. Camville Layard.  
11. Song—"My Cherubie," (Robert Batten,) Miss Eva Hart.  
12. Recitation—"The Groom's Story," (Conan Doyle,) Miss Lowndes.  
13. Song—"Sally in Our Alley," Mrs. Parks.  
"God Save the King."

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

A FEATURE OF THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME WAS THE ACTING  
OF A NUMBER OF LITTLE GIRLS AS RAG DOLLS  
—OTHER INTERESTING FEATURES.

The St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Sunday School Christmas entertainment was held on December 24th. At 5 p.m., the children and teachers sat down to what the boys called a "comfortable meal" in the commodious basement of the church. When all were fully satisfied a series of games was enjoyed and in which many of the older folks joined with much heartiness.

Promptly at 7.30 the doors of the main building were opened and the children streamed into a beautifully decorated temple, the raised platform presenting the appearance of a drawing room seen through an arched window, which was beautifully draped in tri-color, the same being the plan of the decoration in the body of the church. The programme was intended to convey the idea of a magazine. The "picture corner" was taken from the Canadian Pictorial. Miss Annie Bowman, the mother, and her sister Nellie, the child, asking God in her nightly prayer to send Daddy safe home from the war.

The "editor's page" was supplied by a carefully rendered address of welcome by Mrs. J. McNaught. Then the "children's page" was a scream of delight, with their quaint sayings, laughable antics and merry faces.

Perhaps the most artistic number on the programme was the motion picture expressing the thought and sentiment of that beautiful hymn, "Lead Kindly Light." Miss McLeod sang the hymn with keen insight, while the Misses McKillican, Anderson and Logan, who were dressed in long flowing white robes and silver wreaths in their hair, went through each motion with a precision that would have done credit to his Majesty's crack regiment.

The "patriotic page" was supplied by a patriotic flag drill, giving the Canadian ensign the premier place. Misses Anderson, Bowman, Robertson and McKillican deserve credit for the fine work in this drill.

The "funny page" was a rag doll drill that puzzled not a few to know whether they were really rag dolls or children. No funnier skit has been seen in Sidney.

Finally, Mrs. Ruggles' Christmas party, with Miss Maggie Bowman as Mrs. Ruggles, with her extremely

large family, was a continuous roar of laughter. Miss Bowman was really magnificent in her part and deserved every bit of praise she got.

The evening's entertainment closed on the approach of Santa Claus in the person of Mr. Spencer, who had remembered all the children in a bounteous way. The entertainment was free and was immensely enjoyed by all present.

### CHILD DIES SUDDENLY.

Great sympathy has been expressed this week by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Byers in their sudden and unexpected bereavement in the death of their little eleven months' old daughter. The child was apparently as well as usual when it was put to bed on Saturday night, and on Sunday morning its mother was overcome with grief on going to the cot and finding that the spirit of her loved one had gone to the Great Beyond during the night.

Medical assistance was hastily summoned and the doctor stated that the child had died from convulsions, no doubt brought on by the cutting of its teeth.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the parents' residence on Fourth street to Holy Trinity cemetery at Patricia Bay, Rev. T. C. Des Barres conducting the beautiful English Church burial service both at the house and the graveside. The funeral arrangements were conducted by the Sands Funeral Furnishing Co., of Victoria.

### THE FLAG ONCE MORE.

To the Editor, Sidney Review.  
Sir,—I note what you have to say in your issue of last week and I have no doubt that what your correspondent said with regard to the "Ensign" is correct, as his authority is the Victoria Yacht Club. But I said nothing about the "Ensign." What I wrote about was the "Union Flag," and my authority is the Admiralty, Whitehall, London, England, and I back them as to their knowing something about a purely naval flag.

Yours truly,  
EX. R. N.

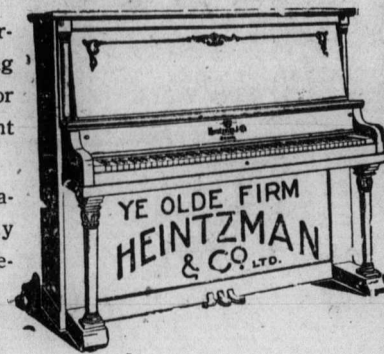


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