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Left on the Ferries

Many articles are left on the ferries. Some are claimed, but Manager Edwards has a small museum at the Ferry Building of articles left on the boats by their owners and never called for. The list includes cuff links and small jewellery, eye glasses, hand bags and purses, vanity cases, gloves of all kinds and sizes, packs, umbrellas in their heyday and those that have seen better days, coats, sweaters, hats and belts, satchels, two fishing rods, and last, but not least, a recent arrival in the shape of a fine brown silk dress. It is expected that the latter will probably be claimed, as were two purses in the past, one containing \$30 and the other about \$12.

THE NEWS was informed that unclaimed purses usually contain a couple of coppers and a street car ticket.

It is quite evident that those who use our ferries are honest and there is more than a suspicion that some of them are absent-minded. Meanwhile, if the collection goes on increasing, it would appear that it might be necessary to build an addition to the Ferry Building, unless we wish to put Manager Edwards in the same position as the Irish gentleman in "Pigs Is Pigs."

Local Liberal

Association to Meet

The Liberal Association of West Vancouver will hold their annual meeting next Wednesday night, 20th October, at 8 o'clock, in the New Ambleside Hall, at Fourteenth and Marine.

Capilano Watershed Not Affected by Sale

A dispatch from Victoria dated October 8 states that the sale of an area of about seven acres of land in the Capilano watershed to the Capilano Timber Company has been authorized by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands. The transfer of this area will not affect the watershed in any way except to improve it, Mr. Pattullo stated. The land contains no green timber, but is covered with burned trees, which should be removed to lower the fire hazard. The timber company will be able to use this wood in its operations, incidentally clearing the land and aiding new growth, the minister explained.

The area which is being sold lies on the border of the green watershed timber and near the Capilano Company's operations.

Ferries Fares to Be Reduced

At a special meeting of the Council last Wednesday it was decided to reduce the fares on the ferry and to give, starting at a future date of which notice will be given later, books of 25 tickets for \$2. Councillors Leyland and Davies voted against this.

West Van. Board of Trade Organize

The organizing meeting of the West Vancouver Board of Trade, held in the New Ambleside Hall on Friday night, was a very successful one, and the fact of so many West Vancouver business men being present augurs very well for the future of that organization.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. H. May, and adopted. Mr. W. Dickinson, president of the North Vancouver Board of Trade and a West Vancouver resident, gave an interesting address on the aims and objects of Boards of Trade. He said that he thought the business men of West Vancouver were acting very wisely in establishing such an organization in the district and that he personally and the North Vancouver Board of Trade as a body would be very happy at any time to co-operate with that in West Vancouver.

The address of Mr. A. G. McFeat, the secretary of the North Vancouver Board of Trade, was also much appreciated by those present. He dealt with the organization, functions and activities of Boards of Trade, referring from time to time to the Board of Trade Act, passed in 1911, to illustrate his points.

Mr. John Lawson made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. George Hay, and carried unanimously, that a Board of Trade be formed in West Vancouver and that the necessary preliminaries be followed. On a motion of Mr. F. Tite, seconded by Mr. H. C. Osborne, and carried unanimously, Mr. H. May was elected secretary. Mr. George Hay and Colonel Savory moved and seconded a motion that received the endorsement of the meeting to the effect that an organizing committee of three members be appointed. Another motion, that the organization be known as the West Vancouver Board of Trade, passed unanimously, and after some discussion the annual membership fee was set at \$3.

The meeting then took up the question of the personnel of the organizing committee. It was felt that it would be in the best interests of West Vancouver that a representative be appointed for each section of the district. With this end in view, Mr. John Lawson was chosen as the Hollyburn representative, Mr. Ken Robinson to represent Dundarave, while Mr. Albert A. Ridley, of Caulfeild, was chosen as the representative of the western portion of the municipality.

Mr. A. G. McFeat advised the meeting that in order to obtain the necessary charter from the Dominion Government a form of application would have to be sent down to Ottawa, signed under seal by at least thirty members. Fifty-seven signed their names to the application, which has been forwarded to the Dominion authorities, and when the charter has been received a permanent chairman will be appointed.

Following a unanimous vote of thanks tendered to Messrs. W.

Grouse Season Opens

By order-in-council the government has ordered the opening of the North Vancouver district to grouse shooting on Friday, October 15th, the season continuing until October 30th. The new regulation excludes the game reserve around Grouse Mountain, but allows shooting in other parts of the North Shore where grouse have been protected recently to increase their numbers.

Open season for ducks is also declared on October 15th, but will extend to January 31st, 1927.

The Proposed Addition To Municipal Hall

For sometime past the staff at the Municipal Hall has been working under considerable difficulty, owing to lack of space in the building. To-day many important papers have to be stored at considerable risk through this cause. It is, therefore, pleasing to know that the Council at their special meeting last Wednesday decided to set aside a sum of money for extensions and improvements to the building. The engineer has already submitted plans for the work and an estimate will be obtained as to the cost. If there is any margin left, the money will be expended on improvements in the surrounding grounds.

Additional Street Lighting

The council has decided to install additional lights at the following points:

Eleventh and King's, Thirteenth and Duchess, Thirteenth and Fulton, Fourteenth and P. G. E. tracks, Seventeenth and Inglewood, Fifteenth and Fulton, Fifteenth and King's, on Fulton between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, Twenty-first and Bellevue, at the bend west of Twenty-second at Marine Drive, Sixteenth and Marine, Twelfth and Argyle, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth on Marine Drive, near Catholic Church, on Marine Drive between Bridges Six and Seven, on Marine Drive one block east of Piccadilly, Radcliffe and Marine Drive, and at the west end of Radcliffe.

Capilano Bridge

The Engineer's Department has been instructed to make a survey of the new location and approaches of the Capilano Marine Drive Bridge, which have been proposed by the Provincial Government.

Dickinson and A. G. McFeat for the valuable assistance they had given and their kindness in being present, the meeting adjourned at the call of the secretary.

New Ferry Schedule and Lower Fares

An announcement has just been made of revised ferry passenger fares from and including 1st December. Books of 25 tickets will be issued at a charge of \$2, these tickets being unlimited as to time of use.

This works out at exactly 8 cents per ride and the individual tickets can be used by anyone. There is no reduction for return tickets. A straight rate of 15 cents each way will be charged for individual tickets. Children's tickets remain the same.

A new schedule of times of arrival and departure of boats is being worked out, with the object of making the Ferry service more useful and convenient to our residents. But what ever new schedule is arranged will not meet with unanimous approval, as it is absolutely impossible to please everybody.

After all, the point to work for is the greatest good for the greatest number. We believe that the Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Councillor Watt, has achieved that end by changing the schedule and in the new rate of fares which he has so ably initiated. We would like to have reported that this decision met with the unanimous approval of the Council, but from the records it is seen that Councillors Leyland and Davies opposed the reduction in fares. We have not as yet been able to get in touch with either of these Councillors to ascertain their exact views on the matter. Meantime, however, we most heartily congratulate the Transportation Committee and the Council upon their action in making these changes.

One Encouraging Outlook on the P.G.E.

The P. G. E. Railway has for many years been the white elephant of British Columbia. It has been scathingly criticized from every conceivable angle, and all kinds of reorganization schemes tried or suggested. During the past few weeks there have been so many conflicting reports from Victoria and elsewhere, such as its absorption by the C. N. Railway, offers to buy it by British and American syndicates, and its completion by the Provincial Government at a cost of more millions, that the long-suffering reader is bewildered by it all.

It is more encouraging, therefore, to hear more definite news of the present condition of the railway. This is contained in the report made by T. G. Kirkpatrick, general manager of the line, in Vancouver on Friday. In this report he showed that the decrease in the deficit for the year ending June 30 amounted to \$37,832, the total deficit being \$274,971, compared with \$312,803 for the previous year.

Besides giving these and other figures of comparison, Mr. Kirkpatrick made a vigorous defence of the railway and gave a cheering view of its prospects. Having in mind the many years of growing debt, the ordinary reader may come to the usual conclusion that these prospects "depend upon circumstances."

But Mr. Kirkpatrick, nevertheless, made a very interesting and suggestive remark when he said that people are apt to forget that the present completed portion of the line is a colonization road, "and it cannot be made to pay until at least a portion of its resources tributary to it are developed."

Mr. Kirkpatrick contended, further, that if the P. G. E. Railway was credited with at least a part of the taxes, timber dues, royalties, licences and the other levies which the province receives from the operation of the railway, it would be found that its entire deficit would be wiped out.

This is one way of looking at the problem. And it is probably true that had it not been for the advent of the railway there would not now be so many industries of various kinds in the districts it serves. Nor would there be so many homemakers.

Mayor Taylor to Open Office here

Mayor L. D. Taylor intends to take time by the forelock and begin his campaign for the mayoralty of Vancouver City next Monday, October 21st.

Besides his other offices on the south side of the inlet, Mayor Taylor will open quarters in North Vancouver and West Vancouver for the benefit of Vancouver city ratepayers residing on the North Shore.

Fire at the Great Northern Cannery

A fire broke out 3 a.m. Monday morning in one of the houses of the Great Northern Cannery. The alarm was turned in rather late and by the time the Fire Brigade arrived they were unable to do anything to save the house. They were, however, successful in their efforts to prevent the fire from spreading.