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RAINFALL IN MAY BELOW AVERAGE

In Vancouver and generally throughout British Columbia precipitation during May was below average, according to Monthly reports of Dominion Meteorologist E. B. Shearman and the Dominion Waterpower and Reclamation Service. Runoff conditions in the principal rivers of the province, says the latter report, increased because of the usual May temperatures, which ranged about 1.1 degrees above average in Vancouver.

The deficiency from the average of precipitation for the first five months of the year has now reached 9.6 inches, Mr. Shearman reports, which means that Vancouver has had about less than half as much rain and snow as usual. Twenty-three additional hours of bright sunshine were recorded in Vancouver during the month, as compared with the average. The total hours for the month were 249, as compared with average of 226. The mean temperature was 55.4 degrees, while the humidity remained moderate at 76. Only 1.25 inches of rain fell, as compared with the 2.73 inches average. The precipitation since January 1 totals 15.22 inches.

The highest temperature of the month was 75 degrees on May 23 and the lowest 40 degrees. According to the Dominion Waterpower and Reclamation Service, the runoff at Capilano Creek, which attained 94 per cent. of average, was the highest reported by any station. The average discharge was 1030 second feet.

The station on the Upper Kootenay River basin at Wardiner reported a flow 76 per cent. of average, with a monthly discharge of 11,800 second feet, as compared with the fifteen-year mean of 15,500 second feet.

The North Thompson River station showed a flow 61 per cent. of average with a monthly discharge of 16,500 feet as compared with mean of 27,200 feet.

CREWS OF WARSHIPS TO FIGURE IN GALA WITH CITY NATATORS

Sponsored by the Seamen's Institute a gala in which men off H.M.S. Colombo and the U.S.S. Mississippi and members of the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club will participate is to be held during the visit of the battleships to Vancouver harbor week after next. Water polo, diving competitions and swimming races will be included on the programme. The water polo battle is expected to prove the feature event and the Vancouver squad will probably have its hands full when it tackles the visiting seamen. Trophies are being donated and the contests are expected to draw the best talent in the city and vicinity.

The committee working for the reinstatement of former Judge Helen G. MacGill, relieved of her Juvenile Court duties some time ago, is issuing 1000 letters in an effort to obtain more signatures for its petition to the Provincial Government for her reinstatement.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING ON MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on Monday next at 8 p. m. in the Legion Rooms, Ferry Building.

Members are asked to make a note of this specially and to attend.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Permission to use the Pauline Johnson school for examinations of the Royal Academy of Music, Saturday, was granted at a meeting of the school board last night.

A letter from J. W. Gibson, Victoria, advising that the government grant for school ground improvements has been discontinued this year, was read at the meeting. The board decided to write to the government thanking it for help in the past and expressing hopes that the grant would be continued in the future.

The secretary was instructed to send thanks to the Canadian Club for pictures of Captain Vancouver which were placed in the four West Vancouver schools.

OPPOSE UNIFIED SYSTEM OF HEALTH CONTROL ON GROUND OF COST

Although agreeing that adoption of a unified system of health control on the North Shore would probably produce better results in health inspection, it is thought the cost would show a considerable increase, compared with the existing system. The joint committee of three North Shore municipalities appointed some weeks ago to discuss the matter, decided Wednesday evening, against making a change at present.

In reaching this decision, the committee has taken into consideration "The excellent facilities already provided and available for the combating of disease in this community."

Lack of definite information regarding the success or otherwise of health units in this province, was another factor in prompting the committee to adopt the recommendation that no change be made at present.

CAR WRECKED BUT DRIVER ESCAPED

Careening down the steep Lonsdale avenue grade at a fast clip in a light delivery car that was out of control due to a broken rear axle, Joseph L. Hughes, 1240 Esquimalt avenue, escaped injury at 5.40 p. m. Wednesday, by steering the car into an electric light standard between Third and Second streets. The car was almost wrecked and the light standard damaged.

LEGION TO HOLD SMOKER

The West Vancouver branch of the Canadian Legion is giving a smoker in Dundarave Hall next Thursday, 20th June, starting at 8 p. m. A good musical program of a varied nature has been arranged, and those who come are assured of a good time. Admission free. Everybody welcome.



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West Vancouver Choral Society
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CHORAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

A well attended meeting of the Choral Society was held last week and the report of the officers for the past season presented to the members.

Mr. B. R. Harrison, the president, gave a resume of the year's activities which showed that the Society efficiently filled its sphere of activity in the community.

The concert held on December 11th in the Hollyburn Theatre filled the house to its capacity and received extremely favorable reports from the press of Vancouver. It was found necessary to postpone the work billed for the second concert — "The Tales of Old Japan" — until next season but a "Festival" program was put on for two nights at the end of May which met with the approval of its audiences.

While the Society did not continue its habit of winning the shield at the Festival this year, the remarks of the adjudicator were so complimentary that the narrow margin separating the winners lost its significance.

The Society also assisted in a concert held in the Orpheum Theatre in December in aid of the "Province" Santa Claus Fund.

The election of officers for next season then took place with the following result:—

President—Mr. W. B. Thomas.
Vice President—Mr. P. C. Chapman.

Treasurer—Mr. T. Cutler.
Secretary—Mrs. R. Howieson.
Librarian—Mr. H. G. Mason.
Conductor—Mr. James Morgan.
Accompanist—Miss Margaret McIntyre.

Executive—Mesdames, H. Leggatt, Colin McLean and J. T. Watt.

Messrs. A. J. Addy, G. T. Clarke, G. Gray, J. H. Smith, and J. Haydn Young.

The meeting was then thrown open to the members' friends and the floor was cleared for dancing. Several solos were also given which proved that all the talent in the Society had not yet been included in their public programs.

After refreshments had been served the meeting dispersed with a feeling of optimism for next year's activities.

A Community Hall is Needed

We commend to the special notice of our readers a letter written by John Nyland which appears in this issue. In it Mr. Nyland urges that some action be taken to construct a community hall and outlines a suggested method whereby such a hall could be constructed.

This matter has been brought forward several times but so far as we know no concrete proposal has hitherto been submitted.

As everybody knows, a number of social affairs during the past few years put on by organizations for worthy objects have failed to receive adequate support simply because of the lack of proper accommodation. Since the closing of old Ambleside Hall, West Vancouver has needed a building large enough for big meetings. There is the Inglewood School auditorium, it is true, but that is reserved necessarily for school purposes, and by virtue of its position on the upper levels is too inconveniently situated to ever be used as a place in which to hold public gatherings.

West Vancouver wants a community hall and wants it badly. The matter is now put squarely up to every citizen. Your duty is to see that you help in every way to further this very desirable object. A community hall is a business, social and civic necessity. Whatever may be the excuse or petty differences of opinion that some citizens may entertain about the community hall project, one thing is certain, West Vancouver is facing a supreme test. There is nothing hidden, nothing secret and no personal gain aimed at by the different proposals that have been made to start this hall. The proposal is clean and above board. The desire is only for better community service and convenience.

To put over such a proposal needs team work BUT IT CAN BE PUT OVER.

In the final analysis a district like West Vancouver is simply one big family, of which the units are households instead of individuals. What benefits the family benefits all. When any project for the good of the family is undertaken, all the members are under obligation to co-operate in carrying it through. The majority of the units constituting West Vancouver community have long recognized the need of a community centre where their associations could meet and where their social events and general meetings could take place in comfort.

If you are interested in this latest proposal for a community hall get in touch with Mr. Nyland and have a meeting called to start the ball rolling.

The Floral Exhibition Next Week

A week tomorrow, that is Saturday, June 22nd, West Vancouver's Sixth Annual Floral Festival arranged and conducted by the Horticultural Association will be held in Dundarave Hall. Doors will be open at 2 p. m., but Reeve Vinson will do the official honors at 3.30. The officers of the Association extend to you a personal invitation to be present.

The hall will contain a wealth of bloom and color well worth seeing.

The affair promises to be the best ever staged by the Association, which is saying a good deal. The prizes are now on exhibition in the window of Gemmill's Drug Store at Ambleside.

A great deal of credit is due the Horticultural Association for the work they do every year in staging these exhibitions. They entail a tremendous volume of work on the officers and members of the Association in making up the list of the various classes of exhibits, the actual arranging of the exhibits, and the hundred and one things that have to be attended to in order to make a successful show. West Vancouver is known throughout Greater Vancouver for its flowers. It has won championships in Vancouver against all comers. For this the whole and the sole credit must go to the Association, who by their energy and enthusiasm have inculcated among our residents a love for floral culture and a desire to take advantage to the full of the wonderful advantages of the soil and climate of West Vancouver. All this has been of incalculable value in bringing new residents to our district.

There are very few who are not attracted by beautiful flowers, and naturally, people wish to live in a place where beautiful flowers can be grown. Floral culture is not an expensive pleasure, and the Association has succeeded in making the great majority of our residents take a keen interest in their gardens. Be these large or small, the interest in them is just as strong, and many spend most of their spare time in the summer evenings tending their flowers and take a real pride in the success they attain.

Send your flowers to Dundarave Hall next Friday evening and become a competitor. If you do not do so, at least come in person and help the Association in the good work they are doing. You will find it well worth while, for you will see there a display of flowers unequalled anywhere on the Lower Mainland.