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The Municipal Elections

Reeve—J. B. Leyland.

Councillors—G. D. Elgar, L. Garthorne.

School Trustees—E. S. Gamage, A. Harvey Smith, Mrs. M. V. Masterman.

Police Commissioner—Captain C. J. Archer (by acclamation).

The above is the result of the municipal elections, which took place last Saturday. While a larger number of candidates were nominated for reeve and council than usual, there was very little excitement to be witnessed on the street due probably to the intense cold spell, and comparatively few were present in the evening to watch the ballots being counted and to hear the results.

Voting for Reeve

In the contest for reeve J. B. Leyland obtained 421 votes in the first count as against 299 for Robert Fiddes and 182 for W. J. Dent. The latter's seconds produced for Leyland 41 votes giving him a total of 462 and victory. R. Fiddes' total was increased by 45 making 344 votes in all. A feature of the contest was the large number of plumpers in W. J. Dent's votes.

Voting for Councillors

The voting for councillors resulted as follows on the first count: W. Blair, 157; G. Davis, 103; G. D. Elgar, 245; L. Garthorne, 161; W. McQuaker, 72; V. Nightingale, 105; P. Wait, 38. The distribution of Wait's seconds gave Blair 4, Davies 3, Elgar 11, Garthorne 5, McQuaker 3, and Nightingale 4 votes, the totals for each candidate then being, Blair 161, Davies 106, Elgar 256, Garthorne 166, McQuaker 75, and Nightingale 109.

The seconds on the 75 votes of W. McQuaker, the next lowest candidate, were distributed next among the candidates, making the totals as follows for the third count: Blair 173, Davies 107, Elgar 276, Garthorne 179, Nightingale 121.

Miss Davies' votes were examined for seconds on the fourth count, with the following result in the standing of the candidates: Blair 191, Elgar 313, Garthorne 185, and Nightingale 149. At this point Elgar was declared elected, the quota being 294.

At the fifth count when the seconds in Nightingale's votes were distributed Blair's total was raised by 28, making him 219, while the addition of 36 to Garthorne gave him the election with 221 votes.

Voting for School Trustees

At the first count E. S. Gamage polled 296 votes, Mrs. M. V. Masterman 208, T. E. W. Russell 127, and A. Harvey Smith 235. The quota being only 217, both Gamage and Smith were declared elected.

For the second count the surpluses of 79 and 18 of the votes polled for Gamage and Smith respectively over the quota of 217 were examined for seconds, when Mrs. Masterman took 34, giving her a total of 242 and election to the school board. Russell's total was raised to 172 by the addition of 45 votes.

There were a large number of spoilt ballots and also considerable plumping. This shows that very many voters did not understand the P.R. system of voting, and the presence of a further number who refused to use it. Doubtless the new council will take these facts into consideration in the event of their considering the abolition of the system.

The Lions' Gate Bridge

In this speed-mad age of ours the future of a town or district depends primarily on its transportation facilities. It matters little how many advantages or attractions a place may have, it can never attain to that full measure of growth to which such advantages entitle it unless its transportation facilities are adequate.

West Vancouver has been handicapped in this way, as we all know, ever since its incorporation. True, we have at last a first-class arterial highway running from end to end of the municipality, which with the completion in the near future of the new bridge over the Capilano will help very materially in making us nearer to Greater Vancouver. So far so good, and even now the sales of property last fall in the Western end of the district show very clearly just what a good roadway on Marine Drive means to us.

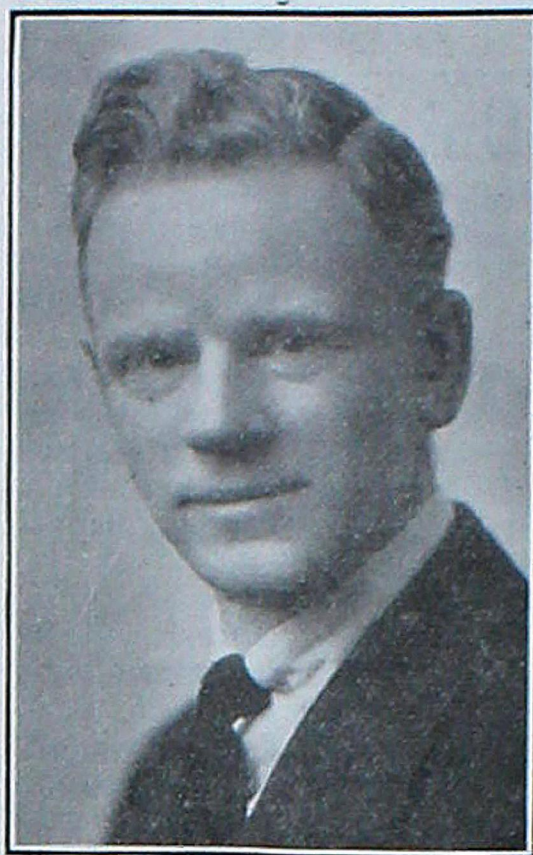
But the main crux of our transportation problem, a bridge across the First Narrows, still remains unsolved.

Without it West Vancouver will grow steadily and consistently because of its natural advantages of climate and situation, especially with a motor ferry running across Howe Sound from Horseshoe Bay.

With it our district would fairly leap forward and our population increase ten fold in a few years.

Briefly the situation as regards the Lions' Gate bridge is that the Dominion Government is willing to allow a bridge

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J. B. Leyland
Elected Reeve for 1930.

BETTER POSTAL FACILITIES REFUSED

The district superintendent of postal services has written the council that Ottawa cannot give West Vancouver improved postal facilities, because the expenditures for the fiscal year have been exceeded.



E. S. Gamage
Chairman of the Board of School Trustees for 1930.

SCHOOL BOARD HOLD FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the board of school trustees was held last night at Inglewood School. E. S. Gamage was chosen chairman for 1930, and the following committees were appointed, the first named in each case being chairman:

Finance: A. Harvey Smith, J. Edington, Mrs. Masterman.

Management: Mrs. Selwood, J. Edington, Mrs. Masterman.

Building: J. Edington, A. Harvey Smith.

Grounds: Mrs. Masterman, Mrs. Selwood.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER WEST VAN NEWS

Those desiring to phone me will kindly note that from this date on my phone number will be West 363 instead of West 412L.

F. Francis Lovegrove,
Editor.

New Council Hold First Meeting

The new council held their first statutory meeting yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m., all the members being present to be sworn in. Owing, however, to Ex-Councillor W. M. Blair asking for a recount, L. Garthorne will not be sworn in until after the recount has been held, this, it is understood, being scheduled to take place on 31st instant.

Reeve Leyland addressed the council as follows:

In welcoming you to this statutory Council meeting, I wish to offer you my personal congratulations, and to express satisfaction that you have the utmost confidence and respect of the citizens of West Vancouver. Each of you are long-time residents, and have had considerable experience in the Municipal or business life of our community, and it is indeed an honor to be chosen by the electorate to preside over this Council during the year 1930. May I add a word of thanks to the retiring Reeve and Councillors by saying that the appreciation of the citizens is due you for the conscientious efforts and personal sacrifices that you have made on behalf of the Municipality.

It is our duty to face many important problems during the year, and I would respectfully suggest the following policy as a basis for your immediate consideration.

1.—Finance

To thoroughly analyze the financial situation of the Municipality as to its existing commitments, with special reference to Bank overdraft, Marine Drive and Capilano Bridge. The utmost economy must be used in all departmental expenditures, and estimates of revenues should be conservative, and monies spent for essentials only, until such time as the anticipated revenues are reasonably assured. In this policy of economy, there is no intention of prejudicing future developments, but rather an endeavor to improve our financial status before twelve months have elapsed.

2.—Board of Works

That the Council urge completion of Marine Drive, and Capilano Bridge as soon as possible, in order that this avenue of traffic be opened at an early date, for the benefit of local business interests, and the travelling public.

I also suggest that the Council take cognisance of the proposed auto-ferry service between Horseshoe Bay and Gibson's Landing, and that, with other North Shore Municipalities, the Government be urged to assume ownership of the entire Marine Drive, should amendments to the Highway Act, which have been proposed by Provincial authorities, be carried into effect.

3.—Water

That the efforts of previous Councils to supply adequate service to residents living on the upper levels be continued, that the recommendations of the Metropolitan Water Board be requested, and that a by-law be submitted at an early date, to also include that section of the

Municipality between D.L. 558, and D.L. 811.

4.—Transportation

The efficiency of the Municipal service as to maintenance and equipment must be given strict attention, as also the subject of fares and methods of collection. It is imperative that special consideration be given to the provision of adequate transportation for the permanent residents and large number of summer visitors in the westerly portion of the Municipality.

5.

It is recommended that a Parks Board or committee be formed for a special survey of beaches, with a view to their gradual development, and also more adequate provision for an athletic area, where sport may be encouraged, this development to be on a limited scale, allowing future councils to complete the survey unit by unit, as conditions permit.

6.

The Town Planning Commission should be requested to submit any proposed amendments to the existing town planning by-law, and if approved by the Council, legal effect should be given immediately. I would also suggest a revision of the building by-law, and the advisability of appointing a Building Inspector, whose work would be co-ordinated with other Municipal duties.

7.

I would ask that the Council decide that a plebiscite be submitted this year to the electorate on the subject of proportional representation.

8.

Other matters to receive early attention of the Council should be light rates, administration costs, and improvements as to fire protection, and garbage disposal.

In conclusion, may I ask for the good-will and co-operation among members of the Council, to the end that, as business directors, we may help to solve local problems to the benefit of the Municipality, and so earn the confidence of the ratepayers that has been so generously placed in us. By this attitude alone, can we express our unbounded faith in the splendid future of West Vancouver, and assist in fulfilling its rightful destiny as the most desirable residential area of Greater Vancouver.

The following first named Councillors will be Chairmen of the several departments, and I would ask that at an early date, they call their committees into conference to discuss departmental policy.

Finance—Councillors W. M. Jackman and David Morgan.

Water, Light & Health—Councillor David Morgan and whole Council.

Transportation & Parks—Councillor G. D. Elgar and whole Council.

Board of Works and Fire—Councillor L. Garthorne.

Publicity—Reeve and whole Council.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. LEYLAND,
Reeve.