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GARIBALDI PARK

The most important announcement of recent years, so far as West Vancouver is concerned, was that made this week by Hon. Dr. Tolmie. We refer, of course, to his statement that the provincial government was prepared to turn over the Garibaldi Park area to the Dominion Parks branch, and in addition would themselves build a road to the park boundary, providing their offer was accepted. Of that there is very little doubt, for a mountain park on the coast is what the Dominion Parks authorities have been endeavoring to secure and consequently there is every expectation that the deal will go through, as it has already the approval of their experts.

Colonel W. W. Foster, Canon Sovereign, ex-Mayor Tisdale, and Reeve Leyland have been working for some time to induce the provincial government to make this transfer, and we have them to thank chiefly for the offer made by Dr. Tolmie.

The consummation of the deal will benefit West Vancouver both directly and indirectly.

In the first place the new road to be constructed to the park boundaries, wherever it is located, will be a continuation of Marine Drive, and all tourist traffic to and from the area will pass through the municipality. That may not appear to be of much importance to those who see nothing in such traffic, but, as we have pointed out before, the tourist is holidaying and in a spending mood, and much profit can and does accrue to those who cater to his needs.

Secondly the Dominion Parks branch have the money and the experts necessary to develop any areas which come under their control, and, once the deal becomes an accomplished fact, would go ahead with the necessary work immediately. This would make it needful for the provincial government to start the construction of the new road at the same time, and that would mean the employment of a large number of men. It is hardly necessary to say that this would help materially in reducing the unemployment which at the present time is the most serious problem confronting us on the Pacific Coast.

This paper has fought consistently and throughout the years for the construction of a bridge across the Lions' Gate, that being in our opinion the main solution of all our troubles. Lately we have stated on what we believe to be the best authority that the time is very close when such a bridge will be started. And, if anything more was necessary to render the construction of such a bridge imperative, it would be the transfer of the Garibaldi Park area to the Dominion Parks branch. The latter body does not spend money on parks which are not going to be used, and no appreciable number of tourists could cross the Inlet under present conditions even with the Second Narrows bridge again in operation.

The above is, as we see it, the indirect advantage West Vancouver may expect to gain from the transfer. We and the residents of the North Shore generally have been struggling along in the darkness for a number of years, and now it would appear that the first ray of light from the brighter future which is awaiting us just round the corner has at last appeared on our horizon.

DOMINION DAY

Next Wednesday Canadians from the Atlantic to the Pacific will celebrate the birthday of Confederation. It is a long cry from those early days when the fathers of our country conceived the idea of a united Canada. Our land then had a number of towns and large tracts of cultivated areas here and there, but it was chiefly a wilderness of forest and plain, of rivers and mountains and lakes. The fathers had, however, the courage and vision of the pioneer stock from which they sprung, and it fell to the lot of their descendants with a like courage to win for Canada her seat in the comity of nations on the battle-scarred fields of France.

This Dominion Day will find us as a nation not as prosperous as we would like to be. Perhaps we have been spoiled by the boom days and years which were ours previous to the Great War. There is much unemployment and a deal of care and worry for all, but we must remember that this is not the first occasion on which hard times have struck our country. There are older men living in our midst who say that in their memory Canada has gone through worse periods of depression. Our forefathers literally carved their farms out of the forest with an axe in one hand and a rifle in the other. They had few pleasures and endured much privation. Life for them was one long round of the hardest work, but they had both vision and courage, and it was through those qualities that they won.

We Canadians need today that same courage and vision of our pioneer forefathers. Granted those qualities, we can win through to prosperity, provided we stand all together and discard that growing feeling of general discontent and suspicion, which, if persisted in, can only result in our falling an easy victim to those enemies who are patiently waiting to take away both our land and nation.

Swimming Club to Give Dance

The West Vancouver Swimming Club is giving a dance next Wednesday, 1st July (Dominion Day) in Hollyburn Pavilion. Dancing 9 to 12 to the music of

Bert Kool's orchestra. There is no better place to spend the holiday than in West Vancouver, and no better place to end the day than at the Swimming Club's dance. Tickets, 50 cents.

EXHIBITION, AUG. 22 TO 29 ADVANCE SALE OF TICKETS

Anyone desiring a trip around the world or its cash equivalent, or to participate in the distribution of three splendid automobiles, and motor cycle which will feature the exhibition advance sale this year, should get in touch with the exhibition authorities, it is stated by J. K. Matheson, General Manager. The exhibition association has been approached from several sources with suggestions for the holding of a mammoth sweepstake, but prefers to continue the advance sale of prizes along similar scales to other years, which have been very satisfactory to the patrons. This year, however, a big step has been taken in the addition as grand prize of the trip around the world or its cash equivalent.

Mr. Matheson stated that the advance sale was now organized, and would close officially on the opening day of the exhibition. Thus it would be necessary for patrons to purchase their tickets before the opening day of the exhibition in order to participate in the prizes.

The dates of the exhibition are August 22 to 29. Those at a distance who desire tickets should send their requests to the exhibition offices, Exhibition grounds Vancouver, with remittance. The cost of the tickets are three for one dollar, which give admission to the general exhibition.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Starting Wednesday, July 1st, the preliminaries in the season's first golf tournament will be held on the West Vancouver Miniature Golf Course. Good prizes will be given in each division including ladies, men, girls and boys. The finals will be held on July 4th starting at 7 p.m. when all who qualify will play off. The following scores or better will be required to enter the finals: Ladies 60, men 50, girls 65, boys 55.

BASEBALL

Now that the exams are all over the struggle for supremacy in the North Shore Baseball League will be resumed. At present West Vancouver is holding the top position having lost only the first game. The local boys will open the second half of the schedule on Monday night when they journey to Mahon Park to play Lynnmour. On Thursday there will be an exhibition game at Ambleside Park when it is hoped to bring in one of the senior teams from the league.

Following is the schedule of the remaining games, the first mentioned team being the home team:

June 29—Lynnmour vs. West Vancouver.

July 2—Lynnmour vs. Native Sons.

July 6—Native Sons vs. West Vancouver.

July 9—West Vancouver vs. Lynnmour.

July 13—Native Sons vs. Lynnmour.

July 16—West Vancouver vs. Native Sons.

July 20—Lynnmour vs. West Vancouver.

B. C. conifer seed shipments in 1930 were 7,500 lbs. greater than in 1929.



ROBERT J. CROMIE TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT

Robert J. Cromie, editor of the Vancouver Sun, will speak here tonight at 8:15 o'clock in the Orange Hall, his subject being "Strange Sights in Foreign Lands." The lecture will be free and there will be no collection.

ROBERT J. CROMIE

Editor and owner of The Vancouver Sun is a self-made man of outstanding character and is widely known in the public life of this continent. He is intensely Canadian and has a grasp of world-wide economics gained through extensive travel and creative thinking. While not an orator, his speaking is as direct and dynamic as his editorials. He has the happy faculty of presenting his thoughts in an unusually interesting and enlightening manner, he has a forceful character and a pleasing personality. Mr. Cromie was born in 1887 at Scotstown, Que., of English and Irish parents. He came to Vancouver in 1909, and is the father of five children. His home and all his interests are centered in British Columbia.

In his efforts to advance Canadian overseas trade and the interests of British Columbia, Mr. Cromie recently completed a world tour, when he made a study of conditions and comparisons in other lands with Canada. These he vividly portrays in his inimitable manner to his audience.

CHORAL SOCIETY PICNIC

Final arrangements for the Choral Society picnic have been completed and if the weather-man is kind, a very pleasant day is anticipated at Whytecliff Park on Saturday the 27th.

Buses leave Ambleside at 2:30 prompt and will be distinctly marked, so that picnickers may hail them en route. Fares for the return trip on the buses will be adults 35 cents, children 10 cents.

Coffee, tea, milk, sugar and ice cream will be provided free by the Society, so that it will only be necessary for the participants to bring cups, utensils, etc., with their picnic baskets.

A good program of sports has been arranged for adults and children, and it is intended that community singing around a huge beach fire, will conclude the day. Any who have musical instruments (other than pianos or radios) are invited to bring same along.

COMING EVENTS

16th July—Garden Party by Legion W. A. with the assistance of other West Vancouver organizations on Mrs. Hampson's grounds, 20th and Fulton, in aid of the Miss Silk Fund.

Wednesday afternoon, July 8th—Bridge by Duncan Lawson Chapter, I.O.D.E. in beautiful garden of Mrs. B. R. Harrison, 26th and Kings.

TAXES

Ratepayers are reminded that, in order to save penalty imposed by the Municipal Act, taxes must be paid at the Municipal Hall not later than 5 p.m. next Tuesday, 30th June. An advertisement relative to this appears in this issue.

FERRY SERVICE FOR DOMINION DAY

There will be a half-hourly ferry service on Dominion Day. The first boat will leave Ambleside dock at 6 a.m., and the last at 11:30 p.m. The first ferry from the Vancouver dock will start at 6:30 a.m. The last boat from the city will leave at 12 midnight. Buses will meet all boats.

GO TO HORSESHOE BAY

Pleasure seekers and holiday-makers can be assured of having an enjoyable time at the resort at Horseshoe Bay, which is now open for the season. Howard Rodgers, who has been in the boat and amusement business in Horseshoe Bay since 1914 is now in charge of the whole resort, and has had a number of improvements made for the enjoyment of patrons. The dining and tea rooms have been re-decorated and here a dance is given every Saturday evening to music provided by a first-class orchestra.

There is good fishing now at Horseshoe Bay. A large number of boats and canoes are available at the resort either for rowing or fishing, also fishing tackle, all at reasonable rates. Mr. Rodgers has in addition a full line of out-board motors.

The picnic grounds are ready, the beach has been cleaned up, and the bathing is good both for grown-ups and children, for whom a special shallow bathing pool has been constructed.

Next Tuesday evening there will be a special dance at the dance hall. Make up a party and come!

BRIDGE FIRM SEEKS LOAN OF \$200,000

Application for a loan of \$200,000 to assist in replacing the missing span of the Second Narrows bridge will be made to the Vancouver Harbor Board by the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co., it is announced.

The bridge company directors have made representations to Ottawa and have been advised that formal application for the loan should be made through the port authority.

A conference between bridge officials and harbor board commissioners was held on Tuesday and sympathetic consideration was promised by the latter.