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McMORDIE HAS GAINED POINT

School Board Decides to Pay for
Hoist Tower After Advice
From Contractors.

Contractor S. P. McMordie won his point in regard to the payment for the building of his hoist tower at the new Hays Cove school when the amount was ordered paid along with the rest of the estimates by the school board last evening. The difficulty arose in connection with the definition of a hoist. By the contract with the school board Col. McMordie is required to pay the cost of a hoist but in his interpretation the hoist did not include the scaffold tower. Certain members of the school board did not take this view so the item was not ordered paid.

Finally last night after letters had been read from the Northern Construction Co., Vancouver; McDougall, Traynor & McNeill, Calgary, and A. C. McDougall, all of whom stated that the tower could not be called a hoist and that the work should pay for it, Trustee Shaw was won over and he stated that he was now convinced Col. McMordie was right in his claim. The amount involved is about \$400.

The estimate for the month was also passed. It amounted to \$24,284.27. The request of Contractor Basso-Bert, who is doing the masonry, that 20 per cent of the value of the work he has done be paid, was also passed. This amounts to \$4,760 and Mr. Basso-Bert is now held up, waiting for work to be completed on the general building.

J. W. Potter, architect, is to inspect the King Edward School with a view to putting devices on the doors so that they would easily open in case of fire. The janitors of the schools are to be instructed to keep all fire escape stairways clear of snow in the winter. The stairs in the King Edward School are also to be repaired.

JAPANESE MARRIED AFTER DEATH BY BUDDHIST PRIESTS

ATAMI, Japan, Dec. 9.—A marriage ceremony has just been performed here over the ashes of two bodies in the belief that a single young man and an unmarried woman who committed suicide would have a happy married life in the next world.

The couple committed shinju, or double suicide, for love, by throwing themselves into the sea from the cliffs. Both bodies were later recovered and cremated with the Buddhist ceremonies. The ashes were then brought to the home of the girl's father and he performed a marriage ceremony over them.

According to the Buddhist faith marriage contracted in this world will carry over to the next.

WEDS MOTHER-IN-LAW AND THEN ARRESTED

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Dec. 10.—Walter Thornton, a Paducah cooper, married his mother-in-law on Thanksgiving Day, and the honeymoon lasted four days. They were arrested on a charge of violating the Kentucky statute which says "that a man shall not marry the mother of his wife."

Thornton married Miss May Hale five years ago. Recently Thornton obtained a divorce on the ground of infidelity and he and his young daughter continued to live at the home of the mother-in-law, Mrs. Effie Hale. Thornton is thirty-two and his bride forty-two. Arraigned before County Judge Lang they pleaded that the bride was no longer Thornton's mother-in-law after he obtained his divorce. Judge Lang said there might be something in that and took the case under advisement.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF FAIR ASSOCIATION

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advertising point of view. It was the best sort of advertising they could get. There was not, however, enough competition. He was surprised the merchants did not take this opportunity of placing their wares before the public. In Vancouver a charge of \$100 a front foot was made for space, but here they got it free.

E. V. Ling corroborated what his business partner had said. In all the exhibitions he had attended elsewhere merchants had exhibited their wares. Even if there was no direct profit they should make some sacrifices. There was a lot of money spent at the fair here and they should make a big thing of it. He criticized the upstairs arrangements and said the exhibit of the local schools was not good, this in marked contrast to the excellent native exhibit.

Sat on Exhibits.

R. H. Shockley told of the difficulties of exhibitors. Drawings had been placed on a table and apparently they had been sat on and thrown in a heap. Exhibitors

would not take part if treated in that way.

J. Jabour urged that better attention should be paid to women's fancy work and larger prizes be given in that line.

S. M. Newton urged the value of outside publicity and said he thought we were inclined to lose sight of the main object of the association. The exhibition should not be localized too much. District associations had recently been formed in many places and these tended to draw interest away from here. In spite of this he thought this might be made the big event of the year. Now it was too much a local affair. By enlisting the co-operation of outside points it could be made a greater success than ever before.

President George Bryant explained that this running an exhibition was a big job and there was a lot of work to it. He hoped that with the experience of the past they would do better in the future. He thought it might be a good thing to send someone to the interior to work up interest there.

Secretary Hunter explained some of the difficulties they had been confronted with. Belated exhibitors had been one cause of trouble and had caused confusion. All the directors were busy men but on the whole he thought they had done good work.

W. E. Thompson, a member of last year's board, said he realized the amount of work there was. He advised having attendants to show people round. He appreciated the help the ladies had given in their department and moved a resolution of thanks to them.

Concessions on Hill.

Martin O'Reilly said some were better adapted than others for the work. This past year they had made an effort to pay the bills. All were agreed it would be better to have the concessions on the hill. He agreed that it would pay the merchants to exhibit. He had done so once with good financial results. He believed in advertising of all kinds. Most of the credit this year was due to George Bryant, George Munro and George Tite.

H. F. Pullen mentioned the constructive criticisms that had been made but said he would like to speak appreciatively of the work done by the directors. He mentioned that some people had remarked that it could not be expected outsiders would take an interest in the exhibition if local people did not trouble to do so. He moved a vote of thanks to the retiring directors which was carried.

George Bryant thanked the meeting on behalf of the board after which the officers were elected and the meeting adjourned.



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