

FINANCING OF NURSES' HOME

Hospital Board to Hold Conference at an early Date With Representatives of Societies.

The hospital board, at its monthly meeting last night, instructed the secretary to call a conference of representatives of various societies in the city at an early date to discuss the procedure of raising funds for the proposed nurses' home.

President D. G. Stewart brought the matter of the home forward for the approval of the board. He reported on the meeting last week with Miss Helen Randal, inspector of training schools for B. C. and gave a review of the financial situation. The sum of \$2,100 was already on hand, \$5,000 might be expected as share of liquor profits this fall and it was his opinion that the remaining \$8,000 required for the \$15,000 building proposed might be raised either through public collection or the floating of bonds, he favored the former method.

D. C. McRae thought the bond proposition the best one and pointed to the example of the Presbyterian Church where success had attended such an effort.

Mrs. Darton said that Architect Jeffers had stated a tile building as a first unit might be built for \$7,000.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. McRae felt that it might not be necessary to have separate rooms for each nurse. If such was the case, 25 rooms would be needed. The matter of the Bullock-Webster concert was brought up and it was decided to leave it over until after the conference on the nurses' home question.

TENDERS RECEIVED AMBULANCE SERVICE

Three Firms Tender on Caring For and Driving City Machines—99 Taxi Offer Favored.

The offer of 99 Taxi Co. to take charge of the hospital ambulance service was recommended by the ambulance committee last night to the hospital board for acceptance. The report was referred back to the committee to ascertain if the contracting firm will not undertake the responsibility of making collections.

The three offers submitted to the board for the ambulance service were as follows:

99 Taxi, Fred Miggins, Mgr., \$4 a trip, care and housing of machine free.

Royal Taxi, E. J. Large, Mgr., care and storage of car and supplying of gas and oil, \$12 a month; trips, \$3 each.

Kaen Garage, Ross & Long—etc., \$15 per month; driving, \$3 a trip.

The matter of insuring the ambulance, supplying equipment and arranging authority for making calls was also left in the hands of the committee.

PREPARING FOR LABOR DAY CELEBRATION BY T. AND L. COUNCIL

Planning the program for the Labor Day celebration took up a good deal of the time of the Trades and Labor Council regular meeting last night. President S. D. Macdonald was in the chair and there was a fair attendance of delegates. Reports submitted showed that the public had given a very ready response to the appeal for prize money donations. The program of the day will be out tomorrow night.

CARPENTERS' UNION STAND IS ENDORSED

Trades and Labor Council Supports Subsidiary Union in Combating Reduction in Wages.

The Trades and Labor Council, at its regular meeting last night, endorsed the stand of the Carpenters' Union against any attempt at reduction of wages. It was also reported that the local union was being supported by the Carpenters' Unions of Vancouver and Victoria.

BRINGING UP FATHER



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TWO PREVIOUS SOCKEYE RUNS SKEENA RIVER

Dr. Gilbert in Official Report Tells of Need of Conservation.

In the report of the minister of fisheries for British Columbia, Dr. C. H. Gilbert speaks of the sockeye runs up the Skeena for the years 1920 and 1921.

Dr. Gilbert shows that the Skeena River sockeye run of 1920 agreed with that of Rivers Inlet in being derived in part from a good brood-year and in part from a very poor brood-year. The five-year fish of 1920 belonged to the brood of 1915, which produced a pack of 116,553 cases; while the four-year component of the 1920 run was derived from the brood-year of only a 60,923-case run. The result was clearly reflected in the character of the run, which was well below the average in size, giving a pack of only 90,869 cases. The run consisted largely of five-year fish, showing that the run of 1916 contributed very little to its number. Like the Rivers Inlet and the Naas River colonies of sockeye, the Skeena is dependent more on its five than its four-year members, and thus approximates a five year cycle. The average percentage of the five-year group in the eight years from 1912 to 1919 is 60 per cent and the highest attained in any year was 75 per cent. But in 1920 the five year group comprised 82 per cent of the one-year-in-lake type, and must be attributed to their favorable brood year, in conjunction with the very favorable brood-year for the four-year fish. As already noted, an entirely similar condition in Rivers Inlet produced in 1920 a still larger representation of the five-year group, 95 per cent of the run.

Poor Brood Year.

The salient features of the sockeye run in the Skeena in 1921, Dr. Gilbert states, are best brought out by a comparison with the run of 1920. The latter was produced by the good brood year 1915 and the poor one of 1916. The result was a run of medium size, over four-fifths of which were progeny of 1915. The run of 1921 had as antecedent two extremely poor brood-years, the worst, with a single exception, that has hitherto occurred on the Skeena. The result of this portentous combination was, in 1921, a still lower level of production than the Skeena has previously attained. The pack of only 41,000 in 1921 registered a further decline of 35 per cent., compared with the extremely meagre yields of the two brood-years that produced it.

Discussing this feature, Dr. Gilbert states: "If the salmon runs were enemy forces that we were desirous of annihilating, no more certain method could be devised than destroying them

thus in detail. The detachment appearing each year operate wholly independently of those that immediately precede and follow. If we succeed in destroying only one or two annual detachments in a five-year cycle, the results become cumulative and the eventual destruction of the run is assured.

Safety Factor.

"It cannot too often be urged that a rational policy of conservation must prescribe a large annual safety factor. We must continue each year to provide for the escape of larger numbers of spawning fish than are necessary to ensure adequate production during seasons in which conditions are favorable. A rationally controlled stream will show its spawning-grounds each year seemingly overpopulated. This is nature's method of preventing serious depletion during the not infrequent years when conditions are unfavorable for successful propagation and growth, and there is no other safe method. Failure to observe this obvious precaution must be held responsible in no small measure for the certain depletion with which all our salmon-streams are threatened.

"The appearance of occasional good years in the course of a declining run is customary and to be expected. They should not serve in any degree to allay our apprehensions. Poor years also, it is true, have occurred during the most prosperous periods of productivity in our streams. But in a declining salmon run the poor years become more numerous, they infallibly in the long run produce their kind, and they fall to lower levels. The average production for a series of years can always be depended on to tell the tale.

Measure of Control.

"With these facts in mind, no one can doubt the serious condition we are fast realizing on the Skeena and it may be just to remark, on all the great salmon-rivers of the Province.

"The measures adopted in 1908 for the preservation of salmon-fisheries for the Province were of much promise. By preventing the incursion of new canneries in districts already fully developed, and by limiting the amount and character of the gear that should be used in each fishing district, a measure of control was assumed which would, if adequately administered, ensure the preservation of the salmon run. This method is incontestably the best that has ever been devised for the purpose. Opposed to it stands the alternative method of unrestricted competition, the results of which are now so alarmingly manifest in the waters of Alaska. But restrictions in numbers of canneries and in amount of fishing-gear obviously will not suffice to protect a stream unless the restrictions are adequate in amount.

"It is impossible to know in advance the utmost extent of the drafts that can safely be made on the run of any stream. Canner restrictions and adequate boat-rating must always be considered tentative measures. The situation is one that calls for solicited inspection and constant watchfulness. Regulations should be subject to annual revision on the part of responsible officials closely in touch with conditions as they develop."

Thomas Loudon, assistant superintendent engineer of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, returned to Vancouver last night after having spent a few days in the city in connection with the docking of the coastwise steamer Canadian Farmer.

WISTARIA WANTS TO SEND CAR OF CATTLE

Fair Board Receives Letter From George Larsen, Secretary of Livestock Association.

George Larsen, secretary of the Livestock Association, Wistaria, has written to the Fair Board expressing the desire of his association to send a car of cattle as an exhibit in the forthcoming exhibition. An answer is being sent setting out the conditions under which the exhibit may be handled.

SMITH ISLAND WILL HAVE EXHIBIT FOR PRINCE RUPERT FAIR

A letter has been received by the Exhibition Association from Mrs. Theo. Eydulfson, of Osland, announcing the intention of the Smith Island Farmers' Institute to send a district exhibit to the fall fair. This will be the first exhibit that Smith Island has ever sent to the local exhibition. Arrangements are being made to provide for it.

QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR TUNNEL FOR KETCHIKAN WATER

Will Also Supply Electric Power for City and for Possible Manufactures.

KETCHIKAN, Aug. 23.—The huge tunnel, 8 feet by 6 1/2 feet now under construction by the Citizens' Light, Power and Water company, which is to run from the power house to Fawn Lake and from there to Big Lake with a branch tunnel to Granite basin, will increase three or four times the water supply for the city of Ketchikan.

The tunnel runs through solid rock that has been blasted inch by inch. Starting at the power house, 84 feet above sea level, it runs in a nearly straight line 2500 feet with a gradual slope upward of 30 feet. There it turns and extends upward for 230 feet at an angle of about 50 degrees to Fawn Lake, connecting with a horizontal tunnel 930 feet long—305 feet above sea level—which enters the bottom of Fawn Lake.

Two-thirds Complete. An aerial line has been built 1500 feet long to carry powder and tools. A blacksmith shop is kept busy sharpening the drill steel used by the large machine drills. It has an oil forge for heating the irills and a compressed air sharpener that does the work of ten men.

Working seven days a week since last January with a crew of from eleven to fourteen men, about two-thirds of the tunnel to Fawn Lake has been completed. The company expects to have the tunnel built to Fawn Lake by next Christmas. The entire project—which is being so completed until a year from next Christmas. Expert engineers state that it will serve not only this generation but many succeeding generations.

Faith in City.

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