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REVISION COURT MADE PROGRESS

Heavy Case of G.T.P. and Deceased Ones Still Remain.

NEW REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE SO FAR

Of the 57 appeals entered at the civil court of revision this morning, all but the exception of one were disposed of by the end of yesterday's session. The court adjourned shortly after 5 o'clock to meet again at the call of the chair.

In most of the cases the assessment was sustained and in only three were reductions made. The blanket appeal of the executor of the Thorsch estate, presented at the court by B. O. Oughton, of Fisher & Oughton, was thrown out and the assessment sustained. The most of yesterday afternoon and all of today morning was spent on the matter. Mr. Oughton addressed the court at length taking up the list lot by lot.

The reductions made were as follows:

Lot 31, Block 16, Section 1, from \$1930 to \$1750, J. C. McEwen appearing for the owner. Lots 25 to 30 inclusive, Block 1, Section 1, from \$1540 each to \$1100 each, J. C. McLennan, representing Westernhaver & Co., appeared for Lot 30 and reduction in this case being made, the other assessments are dropped to equalize.

Violet Park, Section 7, from \$1700 to \$9,000, Theo. Collett appearing for the owner.

Remaining Cases.

The following cases remain to be disposed of:

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, blanket appeal on all properties; Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co., blanket appeal on all properties.

Albert & McCaffery, Lots 2, 3 and 4, Waterfront Block F., Section 1, appeal for reduction in valuation.

Akerberg & Thomson, Lot 1, Waterfront Block F., Section 1, appeal for reduction in valuation.

J. M. Peregrine, Lots 15 and 16, Block 15, Section 5, appeal for reduction in valuation.

Of the remaining cases the appeal of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co. are the most important and it will likely take several days to dispose of them as they are very extensive covering large properties all over the city and on the waterfront.

The cases of Albert & McCaffery and Akerberg & Thomson are dependent on the decisions that will be made by the railway cases.

The hearing of the Grand Trunk appeals started yesterday afternoon with the presentation of the case by T. G. Watson, railway tax commissioner.

Mitchell Albert, of Vancouver and A. C. McDougall, of Calgary, members of the contracting firm of Albert, McCaffery, McDougall & McNeill, which is building the provincial government court house here, returned last night on the Prince Rupert. They have been here a week making a general inspection of the work which is progressing to their satisfaction.

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TEACHERS SET OWN SALARIES

No More Individual Applications to the School Board For Increases to Be Made.

The school teachers here will in future set their own salaries. These will be in accordance with a new schedule just drawn up along the line of the Vancouver schedule. It provides for payment according to length of service and the class of work undertaken.

Should any teacher be dissatisfied with her grading or with the salary she is getting she will take the matter up with the local teachers' association who will recommend either that the salary remain as at present or that it be advanced. The recommendation is left with the teaching staff. That prevents any lobbying of trustees and gets rid of the idea that one teacher is preferred over another.

The method was recommended by Principal Campbell and accepted with alacrity by the trustees last night.

The present schedule of salaries had been drawn for two years and its life had expired. The teachers at their meeting had recommended the adoption of the principle in use at Vancouver and this was accepted by the board. It makes very little difference to the salaries as at present, but a few teachers who are getting slightly more than the schedule will not get an advance when the next move up comes.

GARDEN HOSE KEPT A FIRE FROM SPREADING

Mrs. Ferguson Kept Down Blaze at Seal Cove Until Brigade Arrived.

Mrs. Ferguson of Seal Cove, who lives near the school, was a heroine last night at the school board meeting when it was heard that she had plied the garden hose on the incipient blaze at that school building and kept the fire from spreading until the fire brigade arrived.

The fire resulted from a heated chimney which spread to the floor of the building and might have caused the loss of the building had not the lady in question done her bit by keeping it from spreading. As it was the damage was not more than about \$400, which is being repaired today.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SHOWS AN INCREASE

There Were 69 More at School Last Month Than in December.

At the meeting of the school board held last night, the report of Principal Campbell showed that the attendance at the schools last month was 69 higher than for the previous month. This was largely the result of new pupils coming in. Boys predominate in the matter of numbers, for there are 389 boys

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and 365 girls attending the schools.

Mr. Campbell also reported that the playfield was almost ready for use and the board were asked to put in basketball rings, which they immediately authorized.

LORD'S DAY ACT NOT ACTED UPON

Letter From Dr. C. H. Huestis Filed by Police Commissioners Last Night.

The enforcement of the Lord's Day Act in this city was brought up before the police commission last night in a letter from Dr. C. H. Huestis, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, but the matter received short shrift at the hands of that body. The letter was in the form of an enquiry asking if anything had been done following Dr. Huestis' visit here about a year ago.

Commissioner Macdonald said he did not wish to see the Lord's day desecrated, but at the same time he did not want to see outside organizations such as this "butting into" the city's business. He felt that if such legislation as was suggested was needed it could be taken up by the board from time to time as was necessary. If the citizens requested that the act be put into effect then he would support it.

The city clerk intimated that the act could not be put into force unless the police commission requested it.

Mayor Rochester stated that there was much to be said in favor of the act, also there was a good deal to be said against it. If it was put into force practically every business in the city would have to close on Sunday. It did not seem an opportune time to act on it.

On motion of Commissioner Macdonald, seconded by Commissioner Shoreley, the letter was ordered filed.

ON MAKING OF A NEWSPAPER

Rotary Club Hears Some of Difficulties Encountered by Editors.

"There must be an outlet for the ill humor on the public," said H. F. Pullen in a talk on newspaper making at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday afternoon. The mayor and council are always fair game and so are the members of Parliament or the Legislature. There are others also at whom it is always right and fair to grumble and in the list may be found the local newspapers. They do a public service if only in providing something for the people to grumble at.

"Public service should be the first aim of the newspaperman," continued the speaker. "The best public service the newspaper can give is to give the news of the day. It is the aim of every good newspaperman to give all the news that is worth while. It looks like an easy matter, to give the news, but there are difficulties. Telegraphic news is not so bad, for all that is necessary is to put the telegrams into printable shape, write heads and see that the grammatical construction is all right. With local news, however, it is different. It is sometimes impossible to tell exactly the truth about a tea or a concert or a wedding. Life is much too short to attempt to criticize for instance the singing of a young lady of local fame."

Facts Injurious.

Sometimes it was very difficult to publish such news as that coming from the police court. Every man convicted there had a mother or sister or daughter who would suffer as a result of the publication of the fact that the man was a criminal, yet in the public interest the facts had to be given to the world through the medium of the newspaper. It was almost the only deterrent to crime as the imposition of a fine had little effect on the man who was making big profits from his criminal actions.

Besides giving public service it was the province of a newspaper to make a living for the publisher. While this was often a slim one, there had to be a margin of profit else they could not continue to give service to the public.

Desirable Reforms.

The third purpose of the average newspaper was to influence public opinion in order to aid in bringing about desirable reforms. The newspaper was found in line with almost every good cause and by means of featuring and suggestion could forward them. This was sometimes spoken of as "moulding public opinion" although the expression is not a happy one. Sometimes newspapers were used to serve personal ends but happily such cases were few. Occasionally they were used to forward the political aspirations of the proprietor, but as a rule the average newspaper considered the public interest.

It was not an unusual thing



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Three Departments.

A newspaper was roughly speaking divided into three departments, business, editorial and typographical. In the business department was the circulation section and the advertising section. Much depended on the circulation manager whether the newspaper reached the people or not.

In the advertising section of the newspaper there was always trouble over what should be considered to be advertising and what news. Advance notice of all events were in a general way looked on as advertising and should be paid for whereas after the event was past it became news and an account of it was published without cost. It was difficult to make people see that and it was difficult to make them understand that the cause they represented was not any more worthy of free advertising than a dozen other causes which had to pay for their advertising.

Opinions of Editor.

In the editorial department of a newspaper there was, in addition to the section devoted to happenings, another devoted to opinions. People like to read the opinions of the editor on various topics and this was the reason they had an editorial column in which the opinions of the editor were expressed. This was of course the department which was likely to cause controversy. On a large newspaper a great deal of attention was given to the leaders and one or more men gave their whole time to it. On a small paper, on the other hand, the leaders were written either after the day's work was finished and the editor was tired or else in the rush of the morning and people were dropping into the office to see him on other matters. The wonder was not that the editorials were so bad but that they were so good.

The opinion was expressed by the speaker that on the whole the average newspaper tried to serve the public in the best way it could.

At the school board meeting last night Miss Minus was given a month's sick leave and her place will be filled by Superintendent Campbell.

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