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BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Occasion Marked by the Freeing of Congregation From Local Debt

COMMITTEES REPORT

The annual meeting of the Baptist Church, held last evening in the church parlors, was of more than passing moment for the occasion marked the freeing of the congregation from the burden of debt.

The proceedings opened with the singing of a hymn after which grace was pronounced and the sixty or so persons present sat down to a splendid supper provided by the Ladies' Aid.

Various Reports

The clerk's report, submitted by Miss A. Dawson, showed that 13 new members had joined the congregation during the past year.

The treasurer's report, presented by A. L. Box and duly certified by auditors, showed church finances to be in a very healthy condition.

Mrs. S. Hamblin read the report for the Ladies' Aid. Financially 1923 was highly satisfactory in this branch of church work and, with 23 members on the roll, high hopes were entertained for the future.

Miss Irene Morrison reported for "Helping Hands" class and Miss Nessie Smithson for "Busy Bees."

P. H. Linzey, as superintendent, reported for the Sunday school and Rev. J. J. Smithson for the Boys' Club.

Debt Papers Burned

A general statement of church finance showed that income from all organizations totalled \$2297, leaving a balance on hand of \$434.33 after all disbursements had been made.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 3,000 feet per acre east of that range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is \$5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land \$2.50 per acre.

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the ranges administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners.



8434.33 after all disbursements had been made.

At the conclusion of the financial reports, papers relating to old debt were burned. Among those assisting in erasing the last trace of liability were Mrs. S. Dawson, oldest member of the church; H. M. Daggett, charter member; P. H. Linzey, Sid Hamblin and Mrs. G. W. Johnstone.

During the evening presentations were made to Mrs. G. W. Johnstone, retiring president of the Ladies' Aid, and William Vaughan Davies, church organist.

Election of officers followed after which Rev. Smithson gave an address on future policy. Joseph Gay rendered a solo which was well received and the singing of the hymn "Bless'd be the Tie that Binds" brought the meeting to a close.

The Baptist Church officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows:

Pastor—Rev. James J. Smithson.

Board of deacons—P. H. Linzey, A. L. Box, J. Harvey and Miss S. Dawson.

Treasurer—A. L. Box.

Financial secretary—Sid Hamblin.

Sunday school superintendent—P. H. Linzey.

Finance committee—Miss S. Dawson, P. H. Linzey, A. L. Box, S. Hamblin.

Church clerk—Miss S. Dawson.

Organists—W. Vaughan Davies and A. L. Box.

Lookout committee—Mrs. S. Hamblin, Mrs. J. Thurber and P. H. Linzey.

TELKWA

Heavy snow falls have recently helped to make the roads very much better for those hauling ties. Also the weather has been much milder lately.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Union Church, held at the home of Mrs. H. H. Phillips on Tuesday last, Mrs. T. M. Ovens was elected president to fill the place of Mrs. P. Spouse who has gone to the coast.

Mrs. Martinson, who has been a patient in the Telkwa nursing home, returned to her home in Houston on Tuesday.

Frank Dobie, employed at Dome Mountain, had the misfortune to break his leg on Sunday while working at the hoist.

Mrs. Green of Tyee Lake entertained the St. Stephen's W.A. on Tuesday last. Those who attended enjoyed the sleigh ride out and back, and expressed the wish that there were more members living in the country.

Preparations are being made to hold a Burns' Concert on January 25, and it is being looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

Although there is a good deal of snow on the ground, birds are flying around as if nothing affected them.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Skeena Land District, Recording District of Coast, and situated on Zayas Island, a post planted about four chains north of Jacinto Point on Zayas Island, thence following the sinuosities of the shore line at high water mark around the island and returning to point of commencement, and containing 3,000 acres, more or less.

GEORGE KERR, Name of Applicant.

HOMES K. FREEMAN, Agent.

GIVES HISTORY OF HOME BANK

Frenzied Finance in Which Speculators are Said to Have Benefited

VANCOUVER, Jan. 11. — Declaring that for the past fifteen years the Home Bank of Canada had subsisted by means of fraud and that the government inspection of banks is a farce, The Hook, Vancouver's weekly paper, is publishing a complete expose of the Home Bank's history since its inception, from the pen of E. R. C. Clarkson, the interim liquidator.

According to Mr. Clarkson the books of the concern reveal that as far back as 1908 the bank made large advances against Chicago and Milwaukee railway bonds which failed to pay interest and rapidly depreciated in value until they were worth only about twenty per cent of their par value. Instead of writing off the depreciation the bank continued to show these securities at their full value, and credited the interest on the balance sheet as if fully paid. Ultimately the bank advanced \$720,000 to A. C. Frost & Co., purporting to be on the security of B.C. timber limits, the Frost firm in turn paying \$312,000 back to the bank for the purchase of the depreciated securities at full value. Advances to the firm of A. C. Frost & Co., large loans to Sir Henry Pellatt and the Pellatt companies are dealt with in detail. Sir Henry, it is said, secured \$118,000 on notes to carry out a real estate speculation, giving \$325,000 for the property which he turned over to one of his companies for \$1,205,000, receiving \$600,000 in stock, a mortgage of \$200,000 on the property and \$400,000 in notes which he discounted.

Further revelations in regard to the causes of the bank's failure are promised. The Hook says that the banks are of little use in Western Canada for development work, as their function is to collect deposits for loaning Eastern Canada, New York, and foreign countries, and that the public is entitled to the fullest guarantee that they are safe repositories for savings.

The Man in the Moon SAYS:

A STABLE government has nothing to do, with stalling.

ONE thing about gathering treasure in heaven, it is all tax free.

THERE is a marked difference between sorrow for one's sins and sorrow for oneself.

WHEN the Christmas presents are paid for it will be found that many of the vices renounced in the new year resolutions will be resumed.

WHY rob people on the street when it is so easy to float an oil company?

MAN is not the only animal in regard to the future of which there is doubt. Think what wonderful furs are made from rabbit skin and how easily a domestic cat is transformed into any one of the valuable fur bearing animals.

BAD weather keeps people at home here on Sundays but when there is a dance on it is pleasant to know that the weather outside is severe.

ONE good thing about holidays is that they keep the masses from becoming inordinately rich.

THERE was a time when girls refused to sacrifice comfort for style and refused to eat chocolates because they injured their health, but that was so long ago none of us remember it.

TERRACE NOTES

Various organizations have resumed their meetings after the holiday season.

The Ladies' Guild of the Presbyterian Church held a well attended meeting on Wednesday at

MILLIONS and Movies

THROUGH the medium of slender strips of celluloid an actor appears simultaneously on thousands of screens in as many different towns. On the same evening, he entertains great armies of film fans who eagerly pay their money to see his performance.

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The Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church met at the home of Mrs. Marsh. Work for the Spring sale was commenced and the final report of the Christmas Bazaar was given. The sales made in Pacific brought the total up to \$180.

The Farmers' Institute held a meeting on Tuesday evening, strongly reminiscent of their old time character. The accounts were placed in the hands of an auditor and another meeting is called in two weeks.

The Progress Club held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening. The officers elected for the following year are: Pres. T. J. Kirkpatrick, Vice-Pres. Mrs. Geo. Dover, Sec.-Treas. O. T. Sundal.

Several snow storms very welcome to the loggers have occurred during the past few days. A little frosty weather and operations would soon be in full swing. Meanwhile the general population is enjoying the calm, mild weather which is a pleasant change after the high cold winds of last week.

Mrs. A. Y. Wilson of Remo was in town on Thursday.

Mrs. Bishop is spending a few days in Hazelton.

AMERICANS TO STUDY GEOGRAPHY

BONN, Jan. 11. — An Ibero-American institute of exploration has been established at the university here by Professor Quelle. Professor Sapper has also established a South American institute at Wuerzburg. These two institutes will deal especially with the geography and political economy of South America.

When you buy advertising you buy CIRCULATION, and see that you get it.

WATER NOTICE. (Division and Use).

TAKE NOTICE that W. E. Collison, Indian Agent, whose address is Prince Rupert, B.C., will apply for a licence to take and use 50,000 gallons a day of water out of small unnamed lake on Metlakatla portion of Tsimshean Indian Reserve No. 2, which flows westerly and drains into Duncan Bay, about one and a half mile north of observatory point. The water will be diverted from the lake at a point about 1 1/4 mile northeast of Metlakatla Indian Village, and will be used for domestic purpose upon the land described as Metlakatla Townsite, Tsimshean Indian Reserve No. 2. This notice was posted on the ground on the 30th day of November, 1923. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B.C. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is December 1st, 1923. W. E. COLLISON, Applicant. Indian Agent, Agent.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land

In Range 4, Skeena Land District, Recording District of Coast.

Take Notice that Charles S. Murphy, of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation Engineer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the most southeasterly point on Channel Island, near the mouth of Gardner Canal; thence following the sinuosities of the shore line at high water mark around the island, returning to point of commencement, and containing seven hundred acres, more or less.

CHARLES S. MURPHY, Name of Applicant.

J. SAM JOHNSON, Agent.

Dated November 27th, 1923.

IN PROBATE. IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Magnus O. Berg, late of the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, deceased.

ALL persons having claims against the Estate of Magnus O. Berg, of the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, who died at the city of Prince Rupert, Province aforesaid, on the 12th day of September, A.D. 1923, are required to send same duly verified to the undersigned solicitors for the executor of the deceased on or before the 8th day of February, 1924, after which date the said estate will be distributed among those entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the executor shall then have had notice, and the executor will not be liable for the said estate or any part thereof to any person of whose claim the executor shall not then have received notice.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 7th day of January, 1924.

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