

## Vancouver Island Teachers Convene to Discuss Problems



### To Recommend Hydrant Near Hospital

The fire warden, under Chairman Ald. H. M. Diggon, will recommend to Monday's City Council meeting that a fire hydrant be placed on Richmond Road near Adams in order to give protection to the Veterans' Hospital and new dwellings in the area.

Ald. Diggon said part of the installation costs will be borne by the hospital, on the same basis as Oak Bay pays for boundary hydrants, because the fire department would use it in the event of fire at the hospital.

Also to be recommended by the warden is the cleaning out and parking of the property at the back of the fire hall. They also want to establish controlled parking in the vicinity.

Ald. Diggon said the fire department finds its training program hampered by the trucks and other vehicles constantly parking on the property.

The warden will also recommend that no further permits be issued for woodlots in the city until a definite policy has been set by the City Council as to the area in which they should be allowed.



More than 800 Vancouver Island teachers gathered last night in Empress Hotel ballroom for first annual convention banquet, pictured above, top picture. In lower photo three of them discuss their educational problems. Left to right are: Miss M. A. McCulloch, South Park School; Mrs. E. Davidson, and Miss E. Givnie, both of Sir James Douglas School.

### Soward Outlines "Age of Conflict" To Convention of Island Teachers

An "Age of Conflict" was the term which best described the present era of international political turmoil, said Prof. F. H. Soward, noted Canadian historian from the University of British Columbia, in an address to the Vancouver Island Teachers' convention last night.

People lacked certainty of mind and stability of economic life, he said, and therefore had difficulty in achieving a perspective of the confused contemporary international scene.

### To Launch Coastal Vessel Next May

Now under construction on the Clydebank in Scotland, the first of two Canadian Pacific Railway B.C. Coastal passenger vessels will be launched in May, W. M. Neal, chairman of the C.P.R., who is now in Scotland, announced yesterday.

When completed, the two ships will sail here, and are expected to go into service out of Victoria.

Referring to the inadequacies of postwar reconstruction, Mr. Soward said that reconstruction plans had been largely based on evidence derived from the Great War. The economic forces of the world were upset to a greater extent in the last struggle than people anticipated.

Today, he said, though the United States was producing twice as much as she did in 1919, it was still not enough to meet the world's basic needs.

The old adage "like bringing coal to Newcastle" was now a reality in Britain, declared Mr. Soward, for the country's facilities had become so depleted adequate coal could not be mined.

If the European countries, the speaker went on, were to recover it would be necessary to get Germany back on her feet, whether we liked it or not, because the smaller countries were too dependent on her resources and productive capacity.

Dr. Soward stressed that this graphic treatment of health problems would provide a means whereby children could be screened off according to their physical fitness.

This procedure was now being applied in the Central Vancouver Island Health Unit.

### Firecrackers Cause Burns

Suffering from a badly burned left leg, Johnson Judas, 10, 1175 Colville Road, was taken to the Royal Jubilee Hospital by city police about 1 p.m. yesterday.

The boy told police he received his injury when a package of firecrackers exploded against his leg. He said the crackers were thrown by an 11-year-old boy.

Robert Williams, of the B.C. Telephone Company, brought the boy to the police station when he found him on Johnson Street bridge.

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### Pupils Improve Shining Hours While Teachers at Convention

Most welcome to school children of Greater Victoria yesterday was their suddenly announced holiday caused by teachers of this area attending all-day sessions of the Vancouver Island Teachers' Convention.

Strike or no strike, a majority of the youngsters made the most of the day. Theatre matinees were more heavily attended than usual, many others enjoyed a beautiful splash and swim session at the Crystal Garden. Still others sought recreation in the great outdoors.

Early yesterday afternoon saw busy scenes at the Outer Wharves, where a large number of youthful fishermen sat with bamboo poles, and great patience, landing the odd sock cod.

It is safe to assume a considerable number of parents took advantage of the untroubled holiday, and as a result lawns were mowed, wood was chopped, and gardens were tidied up.

**LIONS' ANNIVERSARY**  
In commemoration of its 25th anniversary, Lions International, represented in Canada and the United States and 17 other nations, will inaugurate "Child Health Week," to be observed between October 25 and November 1, inclusive.

The child health campaign week will be officially opened tomorrow afternoon in Chicago by radio's famed Quiz Kids program, in which details of the Lions' program will be explained. Motto of the drive will be: "Keep the Children of Your Community Healthy."

Officials of the Victoria Lions Club said local plans are now being arranged, and that details will be announced early next week.

**GOING TO SEATTLE**  
Mayor and Mrs. Percy E. George will leave by air tomorrow for Seattle where they will join with members of the Scottish Conserv party and representatives of the city's Scottish societies who are making a good-will visit to the United States city.

**CARS DAMAGED**  
Considerable damage was done to two automobiles when they collided at the intersection of Vancouver and McClure Streets shortly after noon yesterday, city police reported.

According to police a car driven east on McClure Street and turning north on Vancouver Street by Harold E. Ridewood, 442 St. Charles Street, collided with another machine proceeding south on Vancouver Street in charge of Cyril N. Wrigley Grimshaw, Benvenuto Drive.

**CONSERVATIVES INVITED**  
All Progressive Conservatives in Greater Victoria are invited to the reception for Hon. John Bracken, M.P., on Tuesday, October 28, at the Royal Oak Women's Institute Ball, Hamilton.

A chartered bus will leave 728 Fort Street at 8 p.m. and will return at 10 p.m. Persons desiring transportation should inform the secretary at E 5019, not later than 8 p.m. Monday.

**TRADE ATTACHE**  
M. Gerard Dubois, French Trade Attache in Montreal, will be in Victoria on Monday and will welcome interviews with persons interested in the presentation of French products in Canada.

Appointments can be made by asking for him at the Empress Hotel, Monday, between 8 a.m. and 12 a.m.

**MEETINGS CANCELED**  
Women members of the Court of Triumph, A.O.F., have announced the cancellation of their meetings until November 14, at which time they will reconvene.

**Thieves Ransack Home on Hillside**  
Taking the front door key from its hiding place thieves entered a house at 1122 Hillside occupied by Mrs. O. M. McCooly, late on Thursday night, and escaped with about \$5 in ten-cent pieces, according to city police.

Mrs. McCooly told police that her

**Sessions on Japanese Claims Will Open First in Vancouver**

Mr. Justice H. I. Bird of the British Columbia Appeal Court, said yesterday that first sessions will be held in Vancouver, probably during the first week in December, when an official inquiry opens into claims of loss by Japanese evacuated from areas closed to aliens during the war, according to The Canadian Press.

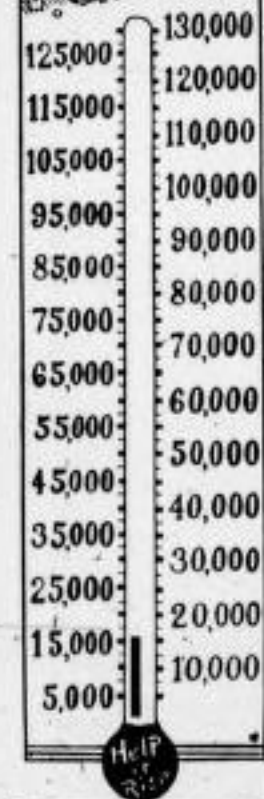
Mr. Justice Bird, recently appointed Federal commissioner under the Inquiries Act, said that John W. G. Hunter, of Victoria, Government counsel, would arrive in British Columbia next month. Japanese claims must be entered by the end of November, but so far few have been received.

It was first believed that sessions would begin in Eastern Canada and conclude in Vancouver.

Approximately 22,000 Japanese were evacuated from British Columbia, and since the end of the war some 2,000 have voluntarily returned to Japan and are not eligible for claims.

The 18,700 evacuees still living in the Dominion include 3,800 in

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