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We've personally got a lot of use for any community that pulls itself up by its own hard work. But action involves risk, and what may be right in one community may be wrong in another. Now Galiano has its own Light and Power Co and its own Park - the Bluffs. And, as was reported in our last issue, they are using some of the money gained from the sale of the timber in the park for the development of the power line. None of this was Government controlled.

On Salt Spring Island something of the same kind was tried but the Park is Government controlled and the results were vastly different. Now Salt Spring has Baynes Peak on Mount Maxwell from which you look down the Fulford valley across to the many islands studding the Gulf. It's a marvelous view. But what was wanted was a road to get up there. So the Chamber of Commerce wrote to the Department: What about it? And the Department wrote back: This is a Class C Park, not our job; you've got a Park Board. So the Park Board got hold of Jack Brooks & W.H. Bradley and sold them timber in an out-of-the-way place which would not spoil the looks of the Park. This was to be selectively logged in return for a road up to Baynes Peak which had to be completed first. Brooks and Bradley made a good job of it, but the road still needs ditching and graveling in places to protect it.

Then the Park Board had a look at the timber on Mount Bruce, thinking this came under their jurisdiction, and argued: Nobody can get up to Mount Bruce, let's sell the timber on that and use part of the money to put a railing and a chalet with water on Mount Maxwell; etc; & invest some in the North Salt Spring Water District, using the interest to look after the new road. The timber was then put up to public tender and the highest bid was accepted. Then higher authority stepped in. Their view was that Mount Bruce was not

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under the jurisdiction of the Park Board anyway; that the fulfillment of the contract for the selling of the timber would leave the mountain bare; that investing the money in the waterworks was contrary to their policy because any money gained should go back to the Park.

We may add in passing that both the Park Board & the Ministry officials were acting in good faith & in the best interests of the community as each side saw it. The people on the Park Board at various times were C.Allan Cartwright, Norman W.Wilson, John Rogers, W.I.McAfee, B.L.Krebbes, and latterly Fred C.E.Ford, H.May & J.B.Acland; and the Minister of Lands is E.T.Kenney. All well known and honest people.

The Park Board had kept in touch with the Department and the fact that there afterwards turned out to be a difference of opinion as to what actually happened at the meetings between the Park Board & G.Oldham, an official in the Parks & Recreations Division, should not be allowed to obscure the real issue.

And both sides got rather peeved. On 15 June 1951 the Department took the Mount Bruce contract out of the hands of the Park Board. On 24 August 1951, the Park Board wrote to say that if the Department would make the Park a Class A Park (i.e. would look after it) they could run it. The Department wrote back and said they weren't prepared to take any recommendations from this Board. Their point of view was that the Park Board was appointed to preserve natural beauty which the selling of timber would destroy; and now they were selling the timber, and that was that. And on 30th September 1951 they wrote, "TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THIS NOTICE MAY CONCERN . TAKE Notice that of this date the Mount Maxwell Park Board is hereby dissolved and the appointment of each member to the said Board is hereby cancelled. And further take notice that hereafter, subject to any subsequent order to the contrary, all Provincial Parks on Salt Spring Island British Columbia will be administered by the Parks Division of the Department of Lands and Forests. Dated at Victoria this 30th September 1951.

(signed) E.T.Kenney, Minister of Lands & Forests.

Now if the Department sells the timber, they may get perhaps \$130,000 - which goes, not to the development of the Gulf Islands, nor to the Parks Division, but (as is usual) into the general funds. The question is: What is the Department going to do? Is it going to draw up a programme of development? Or is it going to let the parks fall back in to their former limbo? If this latter, may not the inhabitants of Salt Spring in the future look on with envy as they see their friends on Galiano improving their Park by their own efforts, busily pushing their power line ever onwards past the new school up to the post office in the valley?

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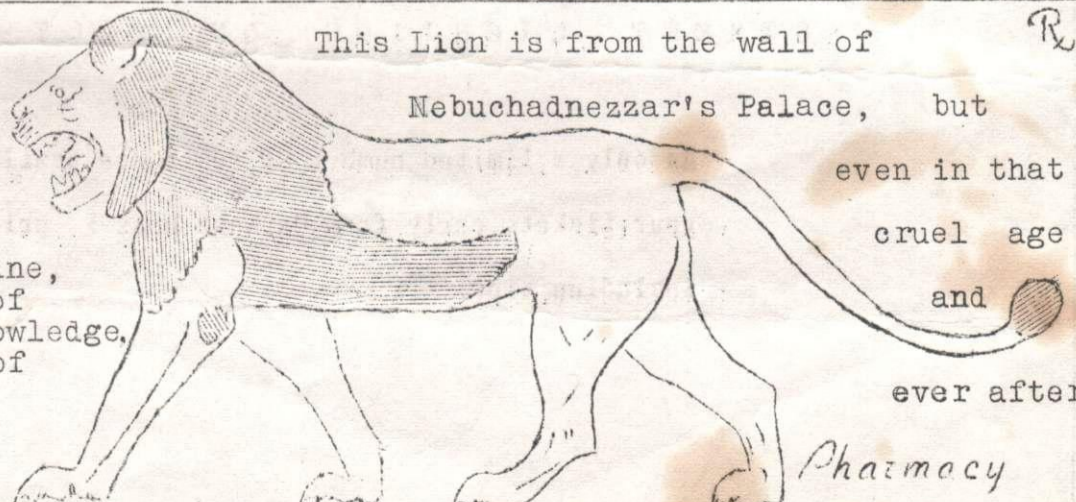
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THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME.

Your editor is no fortune teller, but we've heard the following and we pass it all on for what it is worth. The Gulf Islands (CPR) boat is to be the Princess Elaine which is a faster boat than the Mary, and it will call (summarizing a cross-contradictory set of rumours) definitely at Port Washington & Ganges, possibly at Galiano & Mayne, and definitely not at Hope Bay, Saturna & South Pender. There is to be a feeder service operating out from Ganges. Up to now all this is rumour. Our correspondent interviewed some CPR officials and they "laid low & said nuffin" except that their head office was at Montreal and not at Vancouver. So this is all rumour, but there is no harm in guessing. The Elaine is a larger boat (40 feet longer we're told) and maybe that if it does make the run it couldn't get in to Hope Bay, Saturna & South Pender; and if with the aid of a good feeder service and a fast boat the chaps who live round those points could get themselves & their goods to and from Vancouver in about a quarter the time it takes now, wouldn't they in fact be better off? The "possibly" rumours in regard to Galiano & Mayne may have arisen from the present state of Mayne wharf; the tenders are apparently in for its repair, but no work has begun yet.

Now this rumour is absolutely authentic because we heard it from our spaniel, who heard it from a terrier who lives up the road who got it from a police dog who happened to be visiting the island. At dances and so on certain naughty people, hiding their bottles underneath the table, partake of alcoholic beverages in public places, which is against the law; and some have even gone so far as to put the bottles on the table. Now it might be an exceedingly smart thing to do to see that the space under the table was clear in public places, and that one's coffee cup didn't smell strongly of rye. "For all we know," said the spaniel, looking at us with innocent brown eyes, "the police may be contemplating a pretty strict check-up."

Santa Claus is coming to the White Elephant on Salt Spring, we're told - the dates are given in the Classified ads. This is Kitty's Christmas Tree Fund. It was a great success with the kids last year.

At the Canadian Scottish Ball (see last issue) we're told that Ronald Marrs (the boy who danced so very well last year) and the other trained dancers will be over again for the dance on Salt Spring this year.

GALIANO. The Rod & Gun Club is trying to get the Bluffs made into a game preserve. They now have a 200 yard range with a shelter & are holding a

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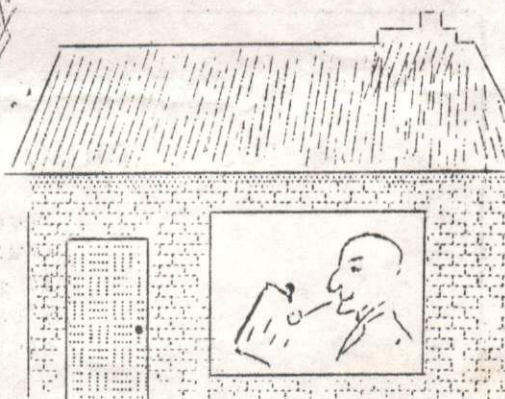
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Turkey Shoot on 9 December - all members of the Rod & Gun Club of Salt Spring cordially invited. The storm knocked out the power and telephones from time to time (on Salt Spring too) and of course chaps had to go out in the wind and rain to fix them. Branches blew off & trees fell - we're told that a small one fell across Don New's cabin at Rip Point and another hit the corner of his woodshed, for example - it was that kind of weather.

GANGES PTA. Mrs Laurie Moudt was in the Chair. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$243.94. It was decided to give the children the usual Christmas treat, and Mrs Goodman will be the convener for the Boxing Day Dance. J. B. Foubister gave a talk on the new High School course "effective living" and the PTA is going to buy a set of the text books for its members to read. There will be no meeting in December. Tea was served by Mrs Donkersley & Mrs Trelford.

HOSPITAL, DOCTORS, AMBULANCES, ETC. We got a letter from W. W. Hippisley who wanted to say how grateful he was for the kind and efficient treatment he received from Dr. Ankenman & the Lady Minto Hospital Staff during his recent stay in hospital; and we got a telephone message passing on remarks of somewhat similar tenor, and also expressing gratitude to the Ambulance Service & to G. Fyvie who was driving the ambulance, from Mr. Dane of the Cy Peck who had an accident to his hand. So far so good, but unfortunately we have to report a less pleasant side than that of men grateful for kindness & work well done. The fire truck and the ambulance stand with their gas tanks full, ready to come at a moment's notice to the help of any citizen in need, and sometimes on their errands of mercy the machines have stopped - no gas! - even though the tanks had been checked as being full the night before. And the inference, we are told, is that somebody is stealing the gas by syphoning it out of the tanks!

COMMUNICATIONS. The fact that there has been no CPR boat for about a week has been much more badly felt on the other islands than it has on Salt Spring which has the Cy Peck. Fortunately some-

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SALT SPRING. GIRL GUIDES. 17 Nov. A stall was held at Mouat Bros Ltd in aid of the general funds - we hear that there is a big Guides "do" coming off shortly - which was convened by Mrs E. Reynolds helped by Isabel Lemon, Patricia Wells, Diane Carlin, & Arlene Reynolds, and brought in \$17. The pin guessing competition (which was run by Joan MacDonald & Shireley Silvester) was won by Bob Aitken.

SALT SPRING. VESUVIUS BAY CIRCLE OF THE W.A. (C of E) Annual Meeting. Miss C.T. Motherwell is President. This was very largely an explanation of the accounts and a description of the work done - most of which has already been reported in the Spotlight. However a notice board for Services has been put up outside St Nicholas' Room; and the balance of the accounts was \$61.18. There were 13 members present.

SALT SPRING. NATIONAL FILM BOARD. The projectionists for this were Tom Toynbee & Ben Coels, and the show was attended by about 60 people. The movies were the trooping of the Colours on the King's Birthday by the Welsh Guards, the reclaiming of Walcheren in Holland from the sea, the oysterman (which went into the life of an oyster -- in spite of the atom bomb there still seem to be advantages in being human!), the new Toronto subway, cadet training and an Indian school at Port Simpson.

SALT SPRING. LIQUOR STORE. We understand that a letter has been received from G. MacGugan, Chairman of the Liquor Commission, saying that he considers that the opening of a Liquor Store on Salt Spring Island at present is not justified...

CHRISTMAS BAZAR (C of E) 29 Nov SALT SPRING, sponsored by the Senior & Evening branches of the W.A. (When you are getting older, say round 9 or 10, you may see things differently from other people.) Mrs Holmes received the guests; and the stalls were taken care of as follows: Needlework, Mrs Norton, Mrs Bennett; Home Cooking Mrs Hele, Mrs Eagles; White Elephant & Parcels stalls Mrs E. Adams, Mrs Kingsbury, Mrs Bannister, Mrs Sharpe. (There is a birthday table in the Hall and the birthday cake on it is a chocolate cake.) Mrs V.C. Best assisted by Miss Aitkens poured tea at a lace covered table. (There are brightly coloured candles round the cake, and they are lit.) Mrs Harold Price assisted by Mrs A.R. Price convened the tea; Mrs Palmer & Mrs Carter helped. There was a childrens party of 14 guests. (There are coloured paper caps and balloons on the table and everybody is having a good time because it is Bobby Taylor's birthday party.) And your editor hopes he has given an accurate description

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SALT SPRING, BEAVER POINT. The old Beaver Point School House is now being used for Church Services -- C of E on the 2nd Sunday of each month and U.C. on the 4th Sunday of each month. In the building there is now a stove, a pulpit, a gas lamp and seats with backs.

BEER. Owing to the strike, the licensed premises at Harbour House have no beer and are temporarily closed; those at the Fulford Inn, however, are open and have enough to last until 1st December at least.

SALT SPRING. A big herring fleet has been at Fulford for about a week.

SALT SPRING, GUILD OF SUNSHINE. Mrs F.H. Newnham President. Five dollars was given to the Institute for the Blind and ten to the Dental Clinic. A committee was formed of Mrs E. Adams, Mrs J. Catto, Mrs W. Norton, and Mrs F. Sharpe to deal with the buying and sending of local Christmas Cheer Parcels. Mrs F. Sharpe and Mrs D. Sinclair were the hostesses. There will be no meeting during December.

THE TRAIL RANGERS, (a U.C. games and study group somewhat analogous to the Scouts) has now 19 members on Salt Spring.

PERSONAL. Mrs J.G.G. Bompas expects to go to Wolseley in Saskatchewan, leaving Ganges on 1st December, to attend the Diamond Wedding of her parents. Miss Janet Bompas, who is in her third year training, is coming to Ganges on holiday during December and will stay with her father.

MORE RUMOURS. This story goes that the wharves at Galiano and Mayne are not large enough for the Princess Elaine, and that application is being made to the Dominion Government to have them made larger. This is only a rumour. With any luck we should get the facts by the next issue.

ROADS. The pot-holes in the Ganges-Central road are being filled.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF HEALTH & BEAUTY, which has a small branch in Ganges, is now known all over the world not only as the leading physical education movement for women, but also as a great social movement. It was founded in England (London) 21 years ago, and has since spread all over the Commonwealth. It came to Canada in 1934, The membership has passed the 200,000 mark with a further 50,000 in Australia. The founder's daughter, Prunella Stack, took the League to South Africa this year, & within 5 months of opening there were 900 in Cape Town. The League has been performing regularly on television since 1936, & Diana Kropinski was one of the teachers taking part in this first television show. The League is now constituted as a non-profit making association with unlimited membership. As the Salt Spring branch is so small & informal, the membership fee is voluntary, but 75 people have already paid the \$1 fee for their badge. The League is organizing the Canadian Scottish Ball on the 7th.

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