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EDITORIAL

During the last fortnight your Editor has been making a personal research on influenza, and after having been kept in bed by it more or less continually during that time, can say definitely, that he is against it. The modern cure is penicillin - a mould - which is probably better than usnea -- a moss -- used in America many years ago, but 'flu is still 'flu and the fact that this issue is out on the dead-line is due to the kindness of many people, all of whom have sent in news and generally rallied round and that despite the fact that the Spotlight telephone was out of action for four days. Many thanks everybody.

There seems to be some sort of muddle which has arisen between the Telephone Company and the Fire Brigade. From the Fire Brigade point of view: they're a voluntary organization, and when a fire call comes through, they have to drop whatever they're doing and go without delay to their appointed posts; the houses are scattered and made of wood, a minute's delay may make a difference between getting to a fire before it is uncontrollable or after. As soon as an alarm is handed in, they want one of the operators at the Exchange to phone up each member of the fire brigade. Now the opinion of the Company as such -- not necessarily of the local staff, who are a good crowd, most helpful & co-operative -- is roughly this: the Company has Branches in many places and it must have one rule throughout for everybody -- obviously it couldn't call each individual member of a fire brigade in a big place -- and it can't put a girl solely on the job of calling the fire brigade when she may be needed for doing something more urgent; also there's the question of responsibility, supposing it allowed the staff to do the calling, an operator made a mess of it & somebody sued, what then? Both sides have put their case with such clarity, that your Editor must draw the argument to its logical conclusion; What happens if the



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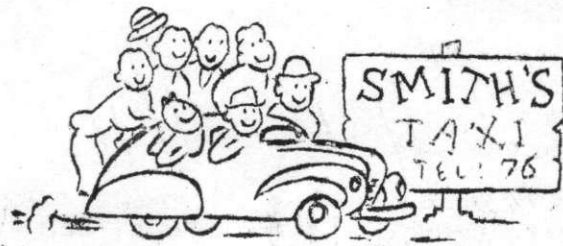
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exchange itself catches fire with such speed that the only way for the operators to save it is for them all immediately to phone the Fire Brigade members themselves? (if they let one outsider do the phoning he can only use one line at a time and that would be too slow). Do the operators disobey Company rules or do they let the Exchange burn down? If they would let the Exchange burn down wouldn't the Shareholders think a change of Directors would be needed? And if they wouldn't let the Company property burn down why should they let anybody else's? On the other hand, an operator's job is not beer & skittles. People don't telephone one at a time, there are rush hours when everybody telephones at the same time; nor do emergencies always come singly. Many may arise simultaneously from one cause, and there are periods when all the operators are so busy they don't know which way to turn. Maybe the power's off and they have to crank by hand: to ask anybody to phone a list of people at such a time is expecting too much. If it is unreasonable for the Fire Brigade to say the operator shall help: it is equally unreasonable for the Company to say they shall not. And along those lines perhaps some compromise may be found, but in any case the Fire Brigade should be independent of the Telephone Company.

We regret to report on Jan. 19th. the death of "Nona"

FRANCES NONA CROFTON
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"FOR SHE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW."

The Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the local Staff of the Telephone Company, sponsored a luncheon and Reception to say Goodbye to Miss Irene Aitkens on her retirement. The members of the Committee and sub-committee were: Messrs C.W.Dawson (President of the Chamber of Commerce), D.L.Goodman, J.Barker, Mrs Wells, Mrs Faire and Miss J.Overand. The decorations were very well done by Mrs.Mitchell & Mrs.Springford.

A luncheon for 16 was held at the Ganges Inn. Both food and service were good. Miss Walker & Miss Wharburton presented Miss Aitkens with a silver tray on behalf of the Victoria Staff of the Telephone Co.

The Reception (150 to 175 people) was held at Harbour House which had very kindly lent its rooms for the purpose. The food was provided by members of the community. Mr Gavin Mouat presented Miss Aitkens with a wristwatch and purse from the Community and a Scroll of Friendship from the Telephone Company Staff. There was also a small present for Miss Aitkens' mother. 24 Jan. 51.

Miss Irene Aitkens says that she is deeply touched by the kindness of those who gave her the lunch and the reception, the wristwatch and the purse, and that she is very grateful. The contents of the purse have already been invested in Government Bonds as a nest egg.

POLITICS.

A booklet entitled "British Columbia extends an Invitation to Industry" issued by the Department of Trade and Industry, Victoria, B.C., E.G. Rowbottom, Deputy Minister, Hon.Leslie H.Eyres

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the arms of the U broke loose and not only became a danger to small craft during bad weather but also caused the float to tilt slightly. Two of the float's anchors are attached to the loose logs. This will all be repaired shortly, but it may be quite a tricky job because other anchorage will be needed and the bottom is too rocky for driving piles easily. The old float will be fastened to the new wharf.

FERRY: AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

The Cy Peck is now running two extra trips a day, and this quite often entails running in the dark or in foggy weather. The Chamber of Commerce has therefore written to the Marine Department asking, in the interest of public safety, that a bell and light be put at each of the following points; Fulford Wharf, the small Island between Piers Island & Knapp Island, Swartz Bay Wharf.

POSTAL SERVICE.

There's a good deal of grouching on Vancouver Island about the Postal Service, but taking it by & large, we haven't much to complain of round here. True, we'd like a Friday delivery, and later we'd like an airmail to Vancouver also we'd like the Beaver Point - Ganges, and Fulford - Ganges mail speeded up -- some of it seems to go to Victoria for sorting -- but the Post Office is already trying to do something about all this. Our local Staff is doing a good job: they understand the problems, they understand for example that delivering mail on this island knocks any car to pieces (tenders are out to see how much the Friday mail would cost) but it is not always easy to make higher authorities see our point of view. As we see it and taking a pessimistic view, our chances of getting what we want are: Beaver Point 4 to 1, Friday post even odds, airmail about 1 in a hundred.

ROADS.

Most of the work this fortnight has been keeping the roads open and repairing the damage after the storm. Culverts have been put in where the streams threatened to wash the actual road away -- Starks Road for example -- but the storm held up repair work quite a bit. In any case what is done now is merely a palliative, what we want is a bulldozer in the spring so that we can really get the roads cleaned up. The North End Road which was very bad is now being fixed.

Lost: Dodge Hubcap & white plastic wheelrim, this time between Ganges and Fulford. Dr. Ankenman - 79

Is there an idle pestle & mortar on the Island for sale, rent, loan or gift to the Pottery Guild? 58W

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Dr. William Touhey and Dr. J. Vance (Dentists) will be in Ganges working professionally from January 16th to 23rd inclusive at the B.C. Land Survey Office. Until they arrive appointments can be made at the office of Dr. Ankenman Phone 79 and Dr. Boyes Phone 84.

After their arrival appointments can be made directly with Dr. Touhey and Dr. Vance.

Meals and parties catered for at HARBOUR HOUSE	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> I saw it in the SPOTLIGHT </div>
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C. of E. VESTRY MEETING.

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We regret to report the deaths of Mr. Gerald Bland Young, Mrs. Hannah Nichols, Mrs. Alice Maude Jackson, Mr. Richard James Cornish, all of whom were well known and well liked in this community.

FRIENDS ABROAD.

Mr & Mrs A.T. Best have left for the States. Mr Best is going to Miami and from there to Yucatan in Mexico to get flamingoes for Miami and New York. He has our sympathy. There are more biting mosquitoes to the square inch in Yucatan than in any other place we know.

POLICE NEWS.

Dog licences and business licences are now got from the Tax Assessor, Mr Brown, and not from the police.

Anybody wanting his motor licence mailed to him -- for example if he gets his from Victoria -- must enclose 8 cents to cover the cost of postage. If he doesn't, he'll get it mailed back 8 cents C.O.D. which totals somewhere in the region of 14 or 16 cents. So it's cheaper to enclose the 8 cents originally. We wonder who took the trouble to figure that one out!

ATHLETICS.

At first this is a bit muddling because there's the Pro-Rec at Fulford and the Athletic Club at Ganges and the two aren't connected. However, anybody is welcome at either, so this doesn't matter much. The programme is; Fulford Community Hall, Saturdays 10 - 12, children's class; Wednesdays 8 p.m. age 14 and up, gym, high bar rings, callisthenics, square dancing etc; Mahon Hall Badminton, Friday 6 - 8 p.m. children; Saturday 8 - 10 p.m. teenagers; Watson's Photo Store, Boxing for boys 14 - 16, 7.30 - 10 p.m. Tuesday evenings.



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