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THE RECORD

The regular monthly meeting took place on Friday, October 12th in the Town Hall with an attendance of 34. The President, John Windebank, was in the chair. The minutes of the September 14th meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported payment of fees by nine new members. Reporting on School Affairs, Mr. Spriggs noted that the steel for the new school is now on hand and that the excavation work is nearly finished. The settlement of the tax question is awaiting the issuing of the tax roll. Mr. Ritchie stated that there would be skating rinks on Morgan Road playground and College Green but that the hoped-for Skating Club would have to be postponed. Mr. Smythe informed the meeting that the Courcil are giving further study to recommended changes in the By-laws. Schedule and titles of this winter's moving pictures have been sent out, the shows being at 10.00 a.m. every second Saturday from October 20 to April 19. Mr. Windebank asked for more volunteers to transport the projection equipment. A letter of appreciation from Mrs. Owens was read. In reply to a question from the floor, the Chairman said that so far, no work had been started by the Government on a Tarmac strip on the Metropolitan Boulevard at Morgan Road. The business meeting then adjourned to hear a talk by Professor Bland on Town Planning in Baie d'Urfe. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Poe, Ware and Cochrane.

Ruth Tait, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING

World conditions being as they are, we are all vitally interested in our Civil Defence Programme, and are glad to see that the city is doing some definite planning under the able guidance of Brigadier Gauvreau.

We all realize that the Lakeshore can play an important part in this plan and we have been fortunate in obtaining Brigadier Gauvreau's assistant, Major Geo. Balcer to come and speak to us on Friday, November 9th, on the topic "Civil Defence"

TOWN PLANNING

Following the business session at the October meeting, Prof. Bland gave an interesting talk on Town Planning. For the benefit of those who missed his talk last year, the s speaker explained briefly the historical development of this area and the limitations, the position of the boulevard, railways etc. impose upon any attempt to plan our town.

The difficulties of trying to draft a set of by-laws to cover all eventualities or rather to make them "citizen proof" were cited and amusing examples given to show to what lengths citizens will go to defeat the intent of the by-laws and how impossible it is to stop them. The speaker said that our by-laws have proven to be somewhat illogical in respect to the erection of garages. A sewage disposal problem has come up in connection with a proposed housing development and to avoid the prohibitive expense of a town sewage system the possibility of increasing the size of building lots is being explored. There

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is some doubt surrounding that section of the by-law exempting 80 foot lots from certain restrictions. It has been questioned whether the legal interpretation would be as intended. Professor Bland explained these problems and said that the Building Committee of the Town Council is studying the problem areas in the present by-laws and expect to suggest amendments to correct the situation.

Harry Smythe

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

At the October meeting of the Central Board, the school tax rate for 1951-52 was set at $12\frac{1}{2}$ mills, an increase of 25% over last year's figure. Since the new budget must now include the annual interest and repayment charges for the bond issue, the Board had expected that a rate of about 14 mills would be necessary. However, there has been such a considerable increase in the total of assessed property values that a rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ mills proved to be sufficient to cover expenses.

Next year (1952-53) a further increase in the rate will probably be necessary due to the additional teachers and maintenance staff required and the added cost of operating the new building.

The new rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ mills will be applied equally to all areas under control of the Central Board. However, since the school is now owned by Baie d'Urfe-Senneville and since we are technically responsible for the Bond issue. our tax bills will show the bond charges and general expense as two separate items which will total up to $12\frac{1}{2}$ mills. Other areas will receive tax bills made out in the ordinary way for $12\frac{1}{2}$ mills.

The total school budget for the 1951-52 season will amount to \$100,000. This includes salary increases for all teachers and also \$20,500 for bond finance charges. Except for a few special provisions, our teachers are now receiving the same rates of pay as the teachers in Montreal. A breakdown of the new budget will appear in the next number of News and Views.

Grade 4, which started this Fall with 47 children, now has grown to 52. On the recommendation of the headmaster, the Board has decided in spite of the situation in the old building, to split this grade into two classes. The lunch room in the upper corridor will be fitted up as a classroom and a new teacher engaged as soon as possible.

Mr. Ployart of the Department of Education has just completed his regular inspection of the school. He has stated to the Board that our overall standard of teaching is very satisfactory and that, in particular, the school discipline and the general attitude and relationship of pupils and teachers is exceptionally good. This reflects much credit on our headmaster and his staff, especially in view of our crowded situation.

Good progress is being made on the new building. Excavation is almost finished and concrete foundations and basement walls are now in various stages of completion. Many minor difficulties of material and design crop up from time to time as is only to be expected on a job of this size.

The problem of arranging the building programme so that construction of the new building and modernization of the old building can be carried through as one continuous operation, without any interference with school work next Fall, is now being studied.

W. Spriggs, Chairman, Baie d'Urfe-Senneville School Commissioners.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Highlights gleaned from the first annual meeting of the Horticultural Society held on Friday, October 19th included word that the society had been admitted to the Quebec Horticultural Federation and received a grant of \$50 from the Federation on account of 1950 activities, membership now stands at 112 compared to 99 in 1950 and the course of lectures given last winter on horticulture and landscaping had been attended by 46 members who had found them very helpful. The flower and vegetable show

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held in August was the largest to date. It was not found possible to collect sufficient donations for the prizes this year a a proportion of expense was due to purchasing of prizes.

The report of the nominating committee, of which W.B. Proudfoot was chairman, was presented by C.G. Coulter and the following officers and directors were elected by the meeting:

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CHILDREN'S HORTICULTURAL FEATURE

Sixty children attended a talk on the potting and forcing of bulbs which was sponsored by the Horticultural Society on Saturday, October 27th. Mr. Gar Zandbergen of Macdonal College gave the instructions and at the end of the meeting each child was presented with a pot and four daffodil bulbs so that they might grow the bulbs at home and present them at a children's show to be held around Easter. This creative bit of planning for the initiation of the younger members of the community into the joys of growing things was enthusiastically received.

AROUND OUR TOWN

Newcomers to Sunny Acres, Baie d'Urfe, include: Mr. and Mrs. George Lothian and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. DesRosiers, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Windisch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. H. Costigan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wells.

Progress has been made on the Sunny Acres road so that it now presents no hazards to local residents or their friends. The days when it was called Mundy Acres are now past, to no one's regret. Gardens in the area are now showing the result of many hours of toil and the next season should show marked improvement in the general effect.

New daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gosselin and Mr. and Mrs. Rooney of Lakeview Road, and sons to Mr. and Mrs. Hale of Lakeview and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parker of Sunny Acres.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Lakeview Rd., and Mr. and Mrs. Amyes of Morgan Road.

Our thanks are due to Reg. Vidler once more, this time for the work of going through all copies of News and Views and extracting the material for the history of Association activities and achievements which we attach. This has been a time-consuming job, but was, we are sure, a labour of love which should be of interest and value to members.

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