

B. B. MARR. M.D.
P. O. Box 38

PHONE—MILNER-LANGLEY 26

FORT LANGLEY, B. C., April 23rd, 1924

Dear Judge Howay:-

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. I think I can positively say that we will be able to give a deed for at least one acre of the old Fort site, or if ~~not that~~ not that, a plot twenty-five feet square on the hill facing east, before the 3rd. or 4th. of May.

If we are unable to do this by the date set, I happen to hold some land on the Bluff directly east of the Fort, (this land is held under the S.S.B.) and in the meantime I will arrange with the Soldiers Settlement Board, if possible, to release a plot twenty-five feet square or as much as is required. I will gladly give this land free of charge, but if the old Fort is to be preserved I think it would be better to have the tablet on the same side of the road as the old building.

As regards stones. Cobble stones from four to six inches ~~in~~ in diameter can be obtained within a mile of the site, or boulders may be had by going a mile or two farther.

Yours truly,

B. B. Marr.

ps:- These unsigned letters were from
His Honour F.W. Howay, LL.B., New Westminster, B.C.
Western Representative of the
Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

The originals are filed with the "Howay Papers", UBC Library,
Special Collections, Box 31 Files 1&2. W.L.M. 1990.

New Westminster B.C. 21st April 1924.

Dear Doctor Marr:

In continuation of my earlier letter in reference to Fort Langley I wish to say that I expect to leave for Ottawa about the 7th or 8th May next. The exact date is as yet uncertain and it is possible that I may not get away until about the 10th.

I am pressing to get things lined up so that we could unveil a tablet at Langley this fall, as marking the centenary of the arrival of McMillan's expedition. I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Harkin in which he says: "If it is desired to mark this site this season, a site must be available very shortly. Additional delays will occur in connection with the survey and legal steps required. As you are aware no work can be carried out until the ownership is vested in the Crown. The tablet is ready, but, as yet, no selection of type of monument has been made. When replying please say, if possible, whether material required is available, namely, stones for cairn or boulder. If a fence will be required please advise me also".

Now the situation is this: I want to get that tablet up this fall. The price at which the fort site is held seems to make it very problematical whether it can be obtained. I want therefore to be prepared to put an alternative proposition to the Board when the subject comes up. Will you therefore tell me if any one near the spot of the fort will give say twenty-five feet square on which to put the tablet. And am I right in presuming that without much cost stones suitable for building a cairn, say seven feet square and ten feet high can be obtained in the vicinity? I mean comparatively close by.

I wish you would look out for me some site which we can get as a present. If I am not prepared on this point the whole thing may fall through. May I hope for a prompt answer Both as to site and materials? Time is pressing and something now has to be done or the matter dropped.

Yours very truly,

* The underlines are mine --W.L.M.

New Westminster B.C. 30th August 1924.

Dr. D. B. Marr
Langley Fort B.C.

Dear Dr. Marr:

I am writing to you once more in reference to old Fort Langley. I am being pressed by the administrative officer of our board to make some progress in this matter. I have written to the Post of the Native Sons here urging them to get the title to the old fort arranged but so far without avail. The tablet is all ready; the money is available to begin the work; but the land is not yet obtained.

I feel quite disheartened about the whole thing. If I could arrange to get a piece of land on which to place the tablet I would proceed and let the question of the fort site go. Candidly I doubt whether the money for its purchase can be raised. If it can the fort can be preserved as a separate matter. But something has to be done. The logical time to erect the tablet is this November, which is the centenary of the arrival of the exploratory expedition under James McMillan.

In a letter some months ago you stated that you could probably let us have a piece twenty-five feet square on which to put the tablet and I am much inclined to ask you to get that offer in shape and we can put the tablet there. I do not know just exactly where the piece is and I wish that you would give me some sort of an idea of its location.

If it were thought desirable I could arrange to come up to Langley by the B.C. Electric some day and look at the place you suggest and so get ahead. The other alternative will be, it seems, to let the matter drift and once the time goes by the money will be absorbed by some other site and we will be on the "waiting list" so far as Langley is concerned.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,

New Westminster B.C. 15th September 1984.

J. B. Harkin Esq
Canadian Parks Commissioner
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Harkin:

Fort Langley.

It looks as if at last some real progress is to be made in the acquisition of the site of this old fort. You will believe me when I say that I have left no stone unturned to get this matter pressed along. The enclosed letter from Dr. Marr of Langley Fort, who has from the beginning taken an active interest in obtaining this site seems satisfactory. You will note that he assures me that by the 30th of this month he will get the deed to the acre which is to be handed over to our Board. That is all we want. It includes the one remaining building. You will remember that at your own suggestion the offer was made that if this site including this old building were transferred to our Board you would undertake to put the building in order repair and fix it up and make it into a something creditable and permanent. As I pointed out to you it is much in need of repairs. Once we get the deed and get the tablet up, steps will have to be taken at once to preserve the existing building. I pointed out to you some time ago that it was much in need of this work being done without delay.

I will let you know as soon as the deed comes to hand, or as soon as I hear further.

Yours very truly,

New Westminster B.C. 10th September 1924.

J. B. Harkin Esq.
Canadian Parks Commissioner
Ottawa

Dear Mr. Harkin: Fort Langley.

I wrote to you yesterday enclosing a letter from Dr. Marr of Langley Fort who has been active in getting this matter pressed along, stating that a deed would be in hand before 20th inst. I am to-day in receipt of a letter from the Havis Estate, the owners of the property, which I enclose herewith. From it you will see that the money has been raised and that the only delay in furnishing the deed arises from the necessity for a survey.

It thus seems that at last and after many trials and much tribulation we are in line to proceed. I am replying to Mr. G.M.L. Johnson the writer of the letter on behalf of the Havis Estate in answer to his request for name of grantee, to say that the deed will be to "His Majesty King George the Fifth in right of His Dominion of Canada".

As soon as I receive the deed I will forward the same to you. In the meantime, I take it, that you will be in a position to instruct the engineer before he leaves for this vicinity.

In your instructions to the engineer I wish you would request him to look into the repairs of the building at once. It is as you know over eighty years old and is, as I have pointed out, much in need of repairs. It is the only sample of Hudson's Bay fort construction in lower British Columbia. As I have said one end where it touches the ground is rotting badly and must have attention; the roof and walls will also need fixing; the groundswill need cleaning up; but the people of Langley have put up \$1,500.00 on the understanding that we will preserve and maintain the building. Hence I trust that as soon as the title is in the Crown you will give instructions, not only for the erection of the tablet but also for the work of preserving this relic of a by-gone age.

I will write you in a few days regarding the type of monument required.

Yours very truly,

New Westminster B.C. 17th September 1924

J. B. Markin Esq
Canadian Parks Commissioner
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Markin : Fort Langley

I had a telephone call from Dr. Marr last night saying that the surveyors would be at work at Fort Langley to-day and inviting me to be there when the lines were being run so as to see exactly where the boundary of the acre which is being donated to our Board and which contains the remaining building of Fort Langley would run. I accordingly went up to Langley this afternoon and have just returned. While there I of course took the opportunity of examining the building more at length.

In the year that has elapsed since our Board undertook to preserve and maintain the building if it were given to us it has deteriorated considerably. The walls on two sides at least for a distance of at least two feet from the ground have rotted and the building is getting out of plumb. The roof, too, in places is not rain-proof. I suppose it will need at once a cement foundation; but this is not a big thing; and it will need the walls replaced where the rotten pieces are. Those pieces are of hem stuff about six or eight inches thick, and of course should be replaced by the same kind of material so as to keep it true to its original construction. And of course the doors and windows must be replaced.

I mention these things because the people there have raised the money (\$1,500.00) for the purchase of the three acres, of which they make us a present of one acre on the strength of our promise to put the building in repair and maintain it. And I wish to urge that instructions be given to the engineer who is coming out to examine and attend to the saving of this building at once. From what I saw I think no delay should occur in having the work commenced as it would be a shame if after the people have raised the money we should delay and as a result the benefit of their expenditure be lost. May I therefore urge upon you that the engineer be instructed to give the building at Fort Langley his very earliest attention. We can build our monuments at any time but we cannot re-erect this old building, which is the only one of its kind on where in the lower mainland. I am writing at once because the matter seems most urgent to me.

Yours very truly,

New Westminster B.C. 22nd September 1924.

J. B. Harkin Esq.
Canadian Parks Commissioner
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Harkin : U. 325- 10 -7 (Fort Langley).

I am in receipt of your letter of 13th inst. regarding the above site. Since it was written I have sent you information showing that at last things have begun to move; and that the site has been paid for; the acre to be given to us surveyed; and I am expecting the deed of conveyance almost any day.

I have omitted in earlier correspondence to take up the question of the type of monument required; but when I was in Langley last week I discussed the matter with Dr. Marr, who is the person who has been instrumental in getting the money raised to the extent of himself becoming personally responsible for some \$400.00 in order that we might get the deed, as a result of my constant pressure. He, and every one else that I spoke to, favored a cairn; especially as all the stones and gravel required can be got right on the acre which is being given to us, for it is a first-class gravel bank. A cairn on that spot will stand against the sky line and be visible to all persons coming on the Canadian Northern (or rather, National,) Railway for a mile or more, I should think.

This visit to Langley brings to mind a matter in regard to your instructions about incurring expense before communicating with you and obtaining authority. Situated as I am here and at such a distance I think the rule should be a little more liberal in my case. In the particular instance in question, as also in the case of the Nootka monument when Mr. Forde wired to me to meet him in Vancouver; in both instances I was fortunate enough to be able to attend at both places at very small expense. But some time it may be that I can not meet the person or go to the place without some expense. Now I am willing to give my time; but naturally I do not wish to be out of pocket to any great extent; and yet to wait until I could communicate with you and get permission would mean that the time would be passed before I could get the authority. Why, can not some arrangement be made that in these small things involving matters under, say, five dollars I should use my own discretion. I think you know me well enough to know that I will not incur any undue expense or make any unnecessary trips. In the first place I have not the time to spare. Please let me have your ideas on this point.

Yours very truly,

B. B. MARR, M.D.

P. O. Box 38

PHONE—MILNER-LANGLEY 26

FORT LANGLEY, B. C., September 27th., 1964.

His Honor Judge F. W. Howay,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C..

Dear Sir:-

Re. FORT at LANGLEY


I am glad to at last be able to send you the Conveyance to the acre comprising the Fort site, which I now beg to enclose herewith ^{in duplicate}. I regret that it is not quite complete, the signature of one of the directors being still lacking. This director is a marine engineer and is away at present, but will be back soon. We are given to understand that the Registrar will accept the Conveyance with the two signatures and retain it until the other director is home and able to sign it. I trust this will be satisfactory to you meantime.

We are calling for tenders for the immediate demolition of the old dwelling on the property and trust that you will now be able to proceed with your plans for the erection of the memorial tablet and the restoration of the fort building, as well as the other work you contemplate doing on the grounds.

Awaiting your kind acknowledgement and instructions as to anything further you may wish us to do in this matter,

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,


Chairman FORT PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE (of Langley)

New Westminster B.C. 30th September 1924.

J. E. Harkin Esq.
Canadian Parks Commissioner
Ottawa .

Dear Mr. Harkin:

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith in duplicate Deed of Conveyance from the Mavis Estate Ltd to The Crown , together with a sketch plan showing the one acre conveyed to the Crown and the other two acres which are going to the Municipality. I also enclose a letter from Br. Marr of Langley Fort stating that the Deed requires the signature of another of the directors, but that he is away at present ;hence the document is sent on so that no delays may occur.

I would suggest that after you have made due entry of this conveyance it be returned to me and I will arrange to have it signed by the other director and returned to you or otherwise disposed of as you may desire.

I may add that I was present when the survey was being made and the westerly line of the acre which is conveyed to the Crown lies some twenty feet (or nearly so,) beyond the wall of the remaining building, so that it is well within our property.

Now that we have the Deed and the people of the District have done their share it is "up to us" to go ahead and carry out our side of the arrangement. I have written you already on this score and I hope that the instructions I requested to be given have been given to the engineer, so that the people here may see some visible move on our part.

Yours very truly,

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New Westminster B.C. 30th September 1924.

B. B. Marr M.D.
Langley Fort B.C.

Dear Doctor:

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt yesterday of the Deed of Conveyance of the acre in duplicate from the Mavis Estate to the Crown. I am today forwarding it to Ottawa together with your letter.

After my return from Langley Fort I wrote at once to Ottawa stating that the acre was then being surveyed and that they might expect a Deed to follow in a few days. I then urged Mr. Harkin to issue instructions to the engineer to begin the repairs of the building without delay; I pointed out some of the principal things that required doing; and I urged strongly as I could that the people having done their part it was "up to us" to show that we were in earnest and get some repairs done so that the building might not fall down and be lost.

In forwarding the deed today I am repeating those requests and reasons. I hope for early action.

Jm [I want to thank you for the great interest that you have taken in this matter; but for you it would have fallen flat; it was just the usual old thing of "every body's business being nobody's business". Just as soon as I can find a spare moment I will take up with the Native Sons the question of ways and means to get together the remainder of that purchase money.

Yours very truly,

New Westminster BC. 23th October 1924.

J.B. Harkin Esq.
Canadian Parks Commissioner
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Harkin: Fort Langley

I received in due course your letter returning the deed of conveyance of the acre to the Crown in right of the Dominion. I at once went to Vancouver and got the documents signed by the other director. To-day I made application for registration of the title in name of the Crown Federal. When that has been completed I will forward t the certificate of title to you.

I was pleased to have a visit a few days ago from Mr. Wardle, your engineer, who was out here looking over the ground and making arrangements for the erection of the cairns at Langley and elsewhere and for the repairs etc. upon Fort Langley. Mr. Roberts, the man who is to take charge of the actual work at Langley called on me later and we arranged to visit the site yesterday in company with the members of the municipal council and the committee who have had the work in hand at Langley. Our object was to fix upon a site for the tablet. After much discussion and canvassing of the question the members of the Council and the Committee were strong for placing the tablet on the highest part of the three acres. (You know from earlier correspondence that the people of Langley were buying three acres-- deeding one acre with the fort on it to the Crown Federal and the other two acres to the Municipality of Langley for a Park). I told them that if the engineer approved of the selection and they would convey to the Crown the twenty-five feet square so situate that there would be access to it from the road or street adjoining the property I would be prepared to recommend that the tablet be placed on that spot instead of on our acre. The engineer approves of the spot; for, as he points out, it is visible from the village, from the travelled road, from the railway whether you are travelling east or west.

You will understand that we shall have title to the 25feet square on which the tablet will stand, and it will be a more imposing and outstanding position than if we had put it on our acre, which is quite a bit lower, probably 14 or more feet. On the new spot it will stand out against the skyline and be visible from every side, which it would not be if placed on our acre. It can make no difference to us that I can see whether we put it on the one or the other as long as we have title to the land on which it stands. The Reeve and Councillors

who were present assured me that they would have the place surveyed and put the matter through at the next council meeting. I, of course, said that no public money could be spent until the 25 feet were transferred to the Crown. This they will do when they hold their next council meeting, which I understand will be on 8th November.

I hope I have made the position plain. And I shall be obliged if on receipt of this you will send me a wire saying that the engineer may go ahead and build the cairn where the people want it provided the municipality has passed a resolution to deed to the Crown the 25 feet square on which it is to stand.

You will understand that it is the intention to use the two acres, and for that matter I suppose the three acres as a Park. Though the two acres are vested in the municipality the money has been raised, save as to \$500.00, by public subscription. The moving motive was, as I have perhaps, explained to you before, that the owners of the land would not sell the one acre on which the fort building stands; they would not sell less than three acres; so to get the fort for us the people had to buy the other two acres, for which they had no use, but which they are now going to make into a Park in connection with the Fort. The twenty-five feet square which the council are to give us for the monument site will thus be in a public park. I mention this as it seems to me that less formality would be required under those circumstances than if we were getting something out of private property.

Please wire me, if you approve, along the line above indicated.

Yours very truly,

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HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD OF CANADA

New Westminster B.C. 5th January 1925.

B. B. Marr M.D.
 Langley Fort B.C.

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Dear Dr. Marr:

I am in receipt of a letter from our executive officer in which he states that he assumes that it will be necessary to appoint a part time caretaker to keep supervision over the old building and the memorial erected and who will also be called upon to carry out minor repairs which may be required from time to time; and suggesting that if I am of the same opinion I furnish him with the name of a suitable incumbent.

Handwritten initials

It just struck me that for the first few years there should not be any repairs wanted nor any great demand upon a person's time; and as I understood that you and Mr. Young had become responsible on a note for the balance due the Mavis Estate; it might be one means of aiding in recouping you, in the event of any deficiency. Hence I had thought that I might mention Mr. Young's name, if he would act. There is but little in it; usually I believe about \$25.00 a year, but there can be nothing much to do, so far as I can see-- at present at any rate. Before you speak of the matter to any one let me know what you think of the suggestion.

I wish you would get in touch with the Reeve, after election, I suppose, (or perhaps, before) and remind him of his promise to let me have a deed of twenty-five feet square where the tablet stands. The secretary has written me asking me to get that part of the matter arranged. I had expected to hear from the Reeve before this date. When he spoke to me he said that it would all be fixed up at the next Council meeting, the land surveyed and the description or deed sent me, but nothing has come.

In regard to the unveiling I think it is time it was thought of, even though it may not come off till next May. I therefore enclose you a letter from Denys Nelson with a scheme of a pageant. Look it over and talk it over with the interested parties and let me have an idea of what you would like and whether you think anything so elaborate as he has planned is possible. If undertaken it must be made a success.

With the season's greetings and best wishes to yourself and Mrs Marr and family,

Yours very truly,

B. B. MARR, M.D.

D. Box 38

FORT LANGLEY, B. C. 5th. February, 1925.

His Honour F. W. Howay, L.L.B.,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C..

Dear Judge Howay:-

I am very sorry to be so long in answering your letter. I had taken up the matter of the unveiling ceremony with Mr. D. E. MacKenzie, of New Westminster, suggesting to him that the New Westminster May Day Fete be held at Fort Langley this year and the May Queen crowned here instead of in Queen's Park. Mr. MacKenzie was quite in favor of this arrangement and thought that those who convey the children to the fete in their cars would probably be quite pleased to come to Langley. He also believed the May Day Committee would be disposed to charter the "Skeena", the Fraser River boat, to bring the remainder of the children and their parents. He could, however, make no definite statement until he had talked the matter over with his committee - and I was awaiting his reply before answering your letter. This is not to hand yet, however.

We thought that with the assistance of yourself, the Native Sons, the May Day Committee of New Westminster, our local Fort Preservation Committee and the Langley Municipal Council we should be able to make up and carry out quite a creditable programme. I really think, however, that the Growning of the May Queen and the unveiling ceremony will take up all the time available and that Mr. Nelson's suggestion of a pageant had better not be acted upon.

As regards the Deed to the monument site, on enquiry at the municipal office I find that the delay was caused by the municipal engineer's having mislaid the plan. New ones will be made at once, so that the Convergence may be completed.

E. B. MARR, M.D.

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FORT LANGLEY, B. C., 5th. February, 1925.

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His Honour F. W. Howay, J.L.B..

I have spoken to Mr. Young regarding the caretakership and he has consented to take this and turn the fee in towards the upkeep of the grounds.

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Nothing has been done so far by the Native Sons towards fulfilling their promise to donate the \$500 we were short in our grounds purchasing fund. I have seen their president several times, but Mr. Young and I are beginning to believe that we will probably have to assume the responsibility for the note we gave the Bank.

Again thanking you for your kind interest and trusting that the suggestions made in this letter will meet with your approval,

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature: E. B. Marr]
Chairman FORT PRESERVATION FUND
(OF LANGLEY).

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New Westminster B.C. 18th February 1925.

B. B. Marr Esq. M.D.
Langley Fort B.C.

Dear Dr. Marr:

I am in receipt of your letter in regard to Fort Langley, which I have sent on to our administrative officer in Ottawa. I thank you for your assistance; and may I ask you to keep the matter of the title to the 25 feet on which the cairn stands pressed forward so that I may send the deed on to Ottawa in due course.

Handwritten initials

I am sorry to learn that the Native Sons have not made good their undertaking to provide \$500.00 for the purchase. In the meantime you can put me down for \$25.00. I am not in a shape just now to pay it, but I will try to do so within the next month or so. Percy Bole told me one day that he thought his mother would give \$25.00 or thereabouts to help the thing along. The money can be got if only the Native Sons would go after it in earnest. At any rate they could by dances, etc. raise a good part of it if some one would press them. I'll see what can be done.

The administrative officer wants a number of pictures of the fort. I sent him a recent photograph. You have up there a picture postcard made by Mr. Cooksley. You sent me one in a recent letter. Can you get me two or three of them and send me a memo of the expense. If there are any other old pictures anywhere around I would like to know about them.

There is a man up there who has prepared a re-production of the fort according to Jason's memory. Has it been photographed, and, if so, where can I obtain a copy? Please let me know.

The officer, too, is anxious to know when the unveiling will take place. Have you anything further from Mr. Mackenzie. Personally I have great doubts of such a scheme as you suggest being carried through successfully. I am afraid that some people would be loud in their cries that they were being put to expense to go so far away for May day. However we shall see. I think that it will be best to figure on an old-fashioned picnic, like that which they had at Langley a year or so ago, on the anniversary of the municipality. Can't some of the women's organizations be got interested and the schools and the children?

Yours very truly,



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

COUNTY COURT.

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New Westminster B.C. 3rd May 1925.

J. B. Harkin Esq.
Canadian Parks Commissioner
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Harkin: * Fort Langley.

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I have the pleasure of informing you that yesterday we unveiled the cairn and tablet at Fort Langley in the presence of an enormous gathering, estimated by some as high as 5,000 people. The day was made a regular gala day. The Langley people put on a pageant showing the arrival of James McMillan in 1884; the coming of Governor Simpson in 1828; and the arrival of the first miners in 1858. These went off very well, especially the visit of Simpson who was accompanied by the piper, according to the historical fact.

I will send you the newspaper accounts of the day and the speeches. The speakers were: myself, Professor Sage of the University of British Columbia, Mr. John Forsyth the Provincial Archivist, Mr. CC French, the Fur Trade Manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, Mr. D.A. McKelvie, the Historian of the Native Sons of British Columbia, and Mr. A.D. Paterson, the Member for the district in the Legislative Assembly, and, of course, the Reeve of the Municipality of Langley, Mr. D.W. Poppy. Though the list is formidable I was the only one who spoke at any great length; but I have had enough experience in such things to "sense" my audience.

I enclose a clipping from to-day's Province, which is but a mere outline. I will send the others as they appear. I also enclose a clipping from the Vancouver Sun, striving to stir up greater interest in history.

I also enclose a half a dozen copies of the official programme, containing a very short sketch of Langley by myself, a cut of the cairn and tablet, and a cut of the old fort when it was in its glory. I had a photographer there and will obtain copies of anything he took that will be of permanent value to us in our work.

I may add that the deed of the 25 feet square on which the cairn stands has been duly registered and I will bring the certificate of title with me when I come to the meeting.

Yours very truly,

B. B. MARR, M.D.
P. O. Box 38

FORT LANGLEY, B.C. March 2nd., 1927.

His Honour Judge F. W. Howay,
New Westminster, B. C..

Dear Judge Howay:-

I have received your favour of 25th. ult., with enclosures as stated.

I think Mr. Roberts must have misunderstood you, as I believe it was not your opinion that the doors and windows should remain as they are, but that, since all the work desired could not be done with the money available at the time Mr. Roberts was here, you thought it best to put in the upper floor and repair the building first and leave the changing of doors and windows for a future date. I and our committee are still strongly of opinion that this latter work should be done, for, as you know, with the large windows and doors, the building does not really have the appearance of a fort.

With regard to suggested work on the grounds, we perhaps can do a little in that direction ourselves, but whatever assistance your Board may decide to give will be very welcome. Perhaps you are acquainted with someone skilled in landscape work who would be patriotic enough to come up here and lay out a scheme for us, donating the work as a contribution towards the Fort preservation.

The erection of sign-boards, as suggested by Mr. Roberts, is a good idea.

We had a public meeting the other day and elected a new and larger Fort Preservation Committee (nine altogether) and, after the lull following the big effort of 1925, we hope to take a more active interest in the Fort henceforth. The meeting decided that a hedge be planted around the grounds - and a temporary barbed wire fence is being erected as a protection until the hedge has grown. We also contemplate building a camp kitchen on the grounds for the use of visitors.

At our meeting it was pointed out that the year of erection is not given on the cairn and we should be glad to know whether we may have this chiseled on the base.

The following is extract from the report sent by Mr. Young, the Fort custodian, to Mr. Harkin in December last.

" Re. Fort building: Doors and windows, positions of which
" were changed after use of building as fort was discontinued,
" should be changed back to original positions. Estimated cost,
" including labour and necessary materials, is \$220.00.
" New floor should be laid. Estimated cost of this work, in-
" cluding material, is \$127.00.
" \$50 to \$100 could be spent advantageously in improving
" grounds, the most essential improvement at present being the
" planting of shade trees.

E. B. MARR. M.D.
P. O. Box 38

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His Honour Judge F. W. Howay.

" I think it particularly desirable that the work first
" mentioned above should be done, in order that the build-
" ing may regain entirely its original appearance. With
" this done and new floor laid, if possible, attention could
" in future be concentrated on improving grounds."

If there is any further information that you would like to have
and which I am in a position to give you, I shall be very glad to
write you again on hearing from you.

Thanking you,
I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

E. B. Marr
Chairman FORT PRESERVATION COMM.

P. S.: I am returning you herewith Mr. Harkin's letter and
enclosure.

E. B. M.

Murrayville News Items :-

(By Advance District Correspondent)

Mr. J. Windebank of the Boys Parliament will address the young peoples Society in the United church on Friday (tomorrow) evening when he will speak on the 'young peoples' viewpoint on peace and war. Mr. Windebank will be accompanied by Mr. Wilfrid Lockley who will also speak. The meeting will commence at 8 p.m. and a cordial invitation is given to all adults and young people to be present.

The Womens Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion will hold their next whist drive in the Memorial hall on Monday March 26th at 8 p.m. This will be the last whist drive this season and it is expected that all members will endeavour to make it a success. The regular business meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, March 28th at 2.30 when tea will be served by Mrs. P. Y. Porter and Mrs. Wm. McDonald.

Evelyn Lewis, Hazel Harper, Florence Elmore, Muriel Hewitt, Elizabeth, Winchester.

EASTER SERVICE AT KENSINGTON PRAIRIE

On Sunday afternoon at 2.30 the Easter service will be held in the Kensington Prairie Community hall. The children will take part in this service in singing and recitation under the direction of Mrs. R. Keery who will also be the special soloist. The old Easter hymns will be sung and Pastor I. Bennett will tell the story of the first Easter morning.

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SOUTH OTTER

Mrs. Anderline's brother, his wife and two sons of California were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anderline for a few days.

Mr. O. Comeau and Mr. Jim Stuart of Vancouver were guests of Mrs. Mooney on Saturday.

Miss Mary Lund of Fleetwood visited old time friends in South Otter over the week end.

Mr. Andrew MacFarlane has returned to Colony Farm after spending a few days with his father here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vybrial and son of Vancouver were guests of Mrs. Vybrials brother, Mr. Joe Ceech and Mrs. Ceech on Sunday.

Mr. Ralph Wright was a business visitor in Vancouver on Monday.

Mrs. H. O. Williams has received word that her niece, Miss Ruth Hopkins who was very ill in the Vancouver General Hospital is making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

Mr. Elmer Mellon of Vancouver was a guest at the home of Mrs. Knutt on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arendse and sons visited friends in Lynden on Sunday.

Mr. Reynolds of Bellingham visited several friends here on Sunday.

Mr. George Johnston of Lynden was the guest of Mr. Lewis Roloff on Sunday.

A very pleasant evening was had by a number of young people of South Otter who attended the dance held at Fleetwood on Wednesday evening. Mr. Leroy Olsen kindly offering his truck as transportation. Among these present were Miss Jean Munro, Miss Connie Munro, Miss Pauline MacPherson, Mrs. J. Ceech, Mr. Alex Munro, Mr. George Mooney and Mr. Peter MacPherson.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Another Sunday of glorious sunshine. The eleventh for this year. The beautiful spring has come to us again, bringing cheer and hope. At West Langley our Sunday school, Bible class and services were larger than usual. Some with us again who have not been before. We all enjoyed the splendid Sunday school lesson. 'Jesus responding to faith'. At the service which followed, Pastor J. Bennett continued the study of the 'Duty of the cleansed Leper'. Some of us learned things we did not know before. For the time being hard times and depression were forgotten and the thoughts lifted to higher things. All entered into the spirit of the service. When Paul said 'For sake not the assembling of yourselves together' he knew the volume of what he said. Between the fellowship of the saints and listening in there is no comparison. They are as far apart as the poles.

Sunday afternoon at Glen Valley was a great pleasure. After being away for a whole month we joined all our young people present with a glad welcome smile for us. About singing, yes, everyone seemed to have their own favourite hymn, and wanted it sung, we made the best choice we could and all seemed satisfied. The younger friends enjoyed the object lesson on the cup.

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