



NEWSLETTER

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Clubs for retired and semi-retired professional and business persons, former executives and others

~~ARRIVED AT 7:30~~
NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday August 20, 2002**

TIME: 9:30 AM ~~at 2:30 PM~~

LOCATION: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium
and Space Centre - Lower Level

SPEAKER: William T. Lane

TOPIC: B.C. Land - Use

Minutes of July 16, 2002

Attendance: 92 with 3 guests

The meeting opened (after Weitzel declared it to be so) with a collective sigh of relief - the homeless raincoat and it's owner had been reunited!

Pidge McBride advised the meeting that the newest Probud Club was having it's Charter meeting July 17 at (constant reader will have noticed the delay here while secretary tries to find correct spelling of) T~~S~~A~~W~~W~~A~~S~~S~~EN!

Fred Cotton asked our August speaker, **Bill Lane** to give an outline of his talk ("B.C. Land Use") which Bill did before giving way to **Bill Lane** (at the behest of **Tom McCusker**) who outlined the proposed members' tour of the Beatty Street Armouries in November (or later) on a Saturday morning.

Enter **Gordon Thom**, an educator, to introduce Christopher Gaze, Artistic Director of the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival. We learn that Gaze's first stage roll was as a 5 year old in *The Owl and The Pussycat*, that Douglas Campbell was his "Theatrical Father" and that the Bard (Kitsilano not William) was founded in 1989 with a Canada Council Grant of \$16,000 and an attendance of some 6,000 people. By 1991 the Bard was a 2 play season and in 1992 it became an equity production. By 2001 the Bard had a \$2 M budget, 156

performances in 2 theatres before 65,000 people, representing 98% attendance.

We also learn that Richard III is a "monstrously difficult" role for an actor, that the English language is spoken by one in seven, has the largest vocabulary, is crazy ("verbally insane") and that a couple of mundane jokes told by a Shakespearean actor become playlets of humour. We are given numerous examples of Shakespeare's impact on the "patterns and stuff" of everyday English speech e.g. "It's Greek to me", "salad days" refused "to budge an inch", "tongue-tied" "short shrift", "stood on ceremony", "danced attendance", "seen better days", "fool's paradise", "early days", "high time", "lie low" etc.

And finally, we are treated to Henry V (in dark shirt, suit and tie at 10:30 a.m.) giving his famous speech to the English troops at Agincourt (outnumbered 5 to 1 by the French) "and gentlemen in England now a bed shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here, and hold their manhood cheap while any speaks that fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day."

In the question period we find out Bard received some lottery money and small grant from Province and City of Vancouver but 56% of revenue is from box office with rest coming from corporate sponsors and food and liquor sales. Bard is one of the largest professional theatre groups in North America with some 150 - 180 employees in season (Shaw is bigger - Stratford biggest in N.A. with Ashland being largest U.S. Shakespeare company).

Enter Don Farquhar, a physician, to thank our speaker.

Exeunt.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Our July meeting, featuring Christopher Gaze, Artistic Director of Bard On The Beach was followed by an evening performance of Henry V, thereby providing another highlight to our year. Our thanks to Fred Cotton, Tom McCusker and their Committees and especially Bard On The Beach promoter Gordon Thom. Probus often provides the incentive we need to get out and enjoy our exceptional community activities with the added bonus of congenial company.

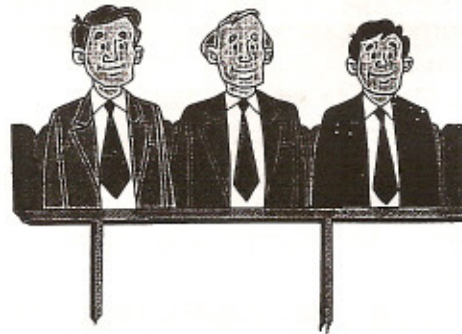
I will miss the August meeting as I travel to the "middle east" to do battle with Winnipeg's mosquitoes! I look forward to reading Denis's minutes to learn of what promised to be an interesting presentation by our own Bill Lane.

Norm Weitzel
President

August Greeters:
Sandy Pinkerton
Kilgour Shives

August Cash Desk:
Bob Weese
Hank Ballou

Member Services:
Don Farquhar



NOTICES:

BOWEN ISLAND

Union Steamships, the Saturday Dance Cruise, the Hotel and cottages - all memories of the 30's and 40's to be relived in October.

We are planning a lunch at Blue Eyed Marys restaurant on Bowen in October. A walking tour of the Union properties is planned. See the Island as it is today and have a glorious meal at a top flight restaurant. Details to follow.

It is with regret that we announce the passing of George Campbell on July 17, 2002. Our condolences to the family. A donation will be made in his name by Probus to his charity.

THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR!!!

Here are some actual Classified Ads...

- Illiterate? Write today for free help.
 - Auto Repair Service. Free Pickup and delivery. Try us once and you'll never go anywhere again.
 - Dog for Sale: eats anything and is fond of children.
 - Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.
 - Stock up and Save. Limit: One.
 - Semi-annual after Christmas sale.
 - Now is the chance to get your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home.
 - Vacation Special: Have your home exterminated. Get rid of Aunts. Zap does the job in 24 hours.
 - Toaster: A gift that every member of the family appreciates. Automatically burns toast.
 - Used Cars: why go elsewhere to be cheated. Come here first.
 - Wanted: hair cutter. Excellent growth potential.
 - Wanted: man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
 - We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your home.
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William T. Lane

- Born, raised and educated in Vancouver-B.A.('44), B.Com ('47) and LL.B. ('48) from U.B.C.
- Called to the Bar of B.C. in 1948
- Married to Elizabeth A. Lane C.M. - 2 children
- Recipient of the 2001 Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch) Community Service Award
- Practiced law with Alex Manson from 1948-1956 and with Alexander, Holburn, Beaudin and Lang from 1984 to 1995 during which he was commissioned by ALCAN to work with a New York Town Planning firm to draw Zoning Bylaws for the proposed new town of Kitimat
- Public Practice: Staff Solicitor for City of Richmond 1956 - 1973 and Local Crown Prosecutor who dealt with aircraft high jacking, piracy in North Arm of Fraser plus numerous other incidents

Public Administrative Appointments:

- Founding chair of the Agricultural Land Commission (1973-75)
 - First Commission of Regional Developments for G.V.R.D. (1975-84)
 - Part-time lecturer in Planning Law 2nd Administration for graduate students at U.B.C. for 23 years.
 - Headed up studies on the feasibility of local government on Salt Spring Island for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs of B.C.
 - Led a federal Government research team in Ottawa to examine the impact of national government activities on the municipalities of Canada.
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- Attended in 1995 a conference (35 invitees) on Ditchley Park near Oxford on the invitation of a British foundation to report on the problems of management of large cities in the developed world.
- Served as Canadian municipal representative on the International Joint Commission sub-committee on problems arising out of the territorial isolation of Point Roberts; Meetings in Washington D.C., Ottawa, Vancouver, Seattle and Point Roberts.
- Traveled to Mexico City at the request of their national government to brief officials on BC's regional government system.
- Advised, with two others, the Government of the Yukon on questions arising out of the planned devolution of Federal powers to the Territory.
- Published "A Half Century of BC's Land-Use Wars" BC Historical News

Volunteer Public Service

- As part of it's Postwar reconstruction program The Federal Government sponsored a nation-wide organization called the Community Planning Association of Canada. It was to encourage efficient land use in the post-war boom. WTL was elected Chairman of the Vancouver Branch and later head of the Provincial Division.
- Served on the Provincial Government Committee to set up Regional Parks in B.C. - these eventually became part of the Regional District Systems.
- Served as Vice-Chairman of the Vancouver Public Library Board and was President of the Friends of the Vancouver City Archives. Serves today on the Library Trust.
- Served as Chairman of the Archaeological Society of B.C. and as Vancouver Branch Chair of the Archaeological Institute of America.
- Currently serves on one of the G.V.R.D.'s Zoning Boards of Variance, and serves on the G.V.R.D.'s Regional Parks Forum to coordinate park use.
- Currently serves on University of British Columbia Vice-president's Advisory Committee for Campus Development, to advise on land-use planning for the future of the University.

UBC Alumni Association Activities

- Member of Committees for numerous reunions including the "all faculties" 50th anniversary reunion of Classes of 1948,

Affiliations

- Honorary Member of the Planning Institute of BC; Member of Lambda Alpha Honorary Land Economics Society; Former C.O. and immediate past Hon. Lt. Col. British Columbia Regiment (DCO) RCAC; Chaired the commanding Officers' Committee and Regimental Trust until 1998; currently Chair, B.C. Regiment (DCO) (RCAC) Museum Society; Founding member and twice President of BC Municipal Law Subsection.

