

FIRE

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VICTORIA, B. C.

Sept. 7th. 1916

The Reeve and Council,

Municipality of Saanich, B. C.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to bring to your attention the AJAX line of Chemical Fire Engines and have pleasure in handing you herewith the enclosed circular which illustrates and fully describes our machines.

The Type #3 and Type #4 Machines shown on page 5 are the ones recommended for Fire Department use and they are particularly desirable in a Municipality like Saanich which contains a number of widely separated centres of population. On account of their moderate price a machine could well be stationed at each centre such as Keatings, Saanichton, Royal Oak and Sidney and in case of fire would be found extremely useful in putting out or keeping under control the blaze until such time as any larger apparatus the Municipality may possess could be communicated with and brought to the scene of the fire.

Time is everything in fighting fire. A bucket of water in the beginning will put out any blaze and as a gallon of chemical solution is equal to many gallons of water in fighting fire it will be apparent how easily one of these machines, which can be so quickly taken to the spot and which throws a full size stream through a $\frac{3}{4}$ " hose to a height of 80 feet, would save many times its cost at a single conflagration.

In the case of grass fires which often spread to great distances underneath the surface, breaking out on top at various points and starting

new conflagrations, the value of chemical solution over plain water is particularly noticeable. By liberating large volumes of heavy, non-inflammable, carbon dioxide gas as the chemical soaks into the mould it cuts off the supply of oxygen and puts out the fire immediately, even though it is burning underneath the surface where ordinary water is practically useless.

The Type #3 Machine, with equipment, costs \$350.00 and the Type #4 Machine, with equipment, costs \$800.00 delivered to your nearest shipping point freight and duty paid.

Both these machines are equipped with axles and springs and are wide gauge to prevent the possibility of their overturning when going around sharp corners at a rapid rate of speed. This makes it possible to attach the hand-pole to the back of a waggon or automobile if the distance to be covered is so great that it would prove quicker than drawing it by hand.

I would also direct your particular attention to the Free Trial Offer on the back of the circular which applies now to Canada. Under the terms of this offer the Company will ship you any machine, freight and duty prepaid, and you may keep it for **thirty** days to examine and test if you wish. If it is not entirely satisfactory you may return it within the thirty days at the Manufacturers expense and the trial will not have cost you a cent.

The AJAX CHEMICAL FIRE ENGINES are not toys as is evidenced by the list of some of the prominent users given on the back of the circular and I hope to be favoured with a trial order from you for at least one machine at an early date.

Thanking you for your attention, I remain

Yours very truly

Sterling C. Gray Smith.

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HEALTH

2559 Quadra St., Victoria, B.C.,

Dec. 29, 1916.

To the Reeve and Councillors of the
Saanich Municipality.

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Dear Sirs:

I beg to report that the health of the community in 1916 has been good. We had a slight epidemic of scarlet fever in May and have had two cases of typhoid fever in the year. There have been outbreaks of mumps and chicken pox, both of a mild type. The public do not yet seem to see the necessity of carrying out the law, and reporting these cases to the Medical Officer, and I would urge them to do this, for if the officials are not informed of these early cases, it makes it harder to limit the extent of any outbreaks of infectious diseases. I should like to see a sewage scheme undertaken, and all the filthy, badly-made septic tanks done away with. This is a preventive measure of the greatest value, incomparably better than good roads.

The Council must take credit to themselves, through the Reeve, in stimulating the officials of the Jubilee Hospital to rebuild the Tuberculosis Wards, for had it not been for the part the Saanich officials took, in calling attention to the woeful condition, and in offering money, and in drawing the first plans, I feel quite sure nothing would have been done at present.

Saanich Council also took a leading part in stirring up the city and neighboring municipalities, to the necessity of putting into force a good ^{milk} by-law. I have lately investigated the conditions of the Chinese in handling and storing their vegetables and there is need of more supervision of these men and their premises. True this will all benefit the city people more than the rural population, but it is a motto of Saanich to be healthily progressive, and I hope, (not being hopeless myself), that the city people

will bear in mind the unselfish motives of the Saanich Council, both as regards hygienic and other beneficial measures.

With best wishes for 1917, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Alfred W. ...

Saanich Health Officer.