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To the Sec Saanich Municipality

Dear Sir,

We think you will understand our position better, from the enclosed statement, than the rambling remarks I made to the health officer yesterday.

Our cow is due to be fresh in June so you will understand she is not worth much to us now.

What we are most in need of just now is coal, whole wheat flour, Beans, and Soap.

The two little ones boots let in the water, but suppose you cannot help in this way.

We are very careful and never waste a crumb.

Yours respectfully

B.M. Hogarth

My husband was employed on the Railway.

Having worked up from junior clerk to station foreman he was engaged for three years in that capacity by the Cape Government Railway Co, South Africa. With the promise of being station master at the end of that time, while there he had the offer of a position in Australia where he would probably have done well, but he stayed with the C.G.R. Then the war commenced, and the duties were greatly increased, even to 24 hours at times, and being called up after perhaps one hour in bed, too exhausted to sleep.

Three months before his contract expired, he burst a blood vessel in his head which caused complete paralysis of the entire right side, and he laid at the point of death for several weeks. The Dr said "I am very sorry for you Mrs Hogarth from now on your husband will be an invalid, and will need a lot of care", and time has proved that he was right.

He was unable to work for three years, and ever since that time his earnings has averaged not more than £20 a month. I have always kept strict account of income and expenditures until quite recently.

Being no longer fit for railway work, he has tried all kinds, mostly a few hours daily, always persevering to the breaking down point, he stayed at the last place much longer than he should, when leaving the office at the end of Sep, he lay by the river side for two hours, when found and brought home, he was in bed for a week, and has not worked since.

Six years ago he had a second stroke less severe than the first, which paralyzed the entire left side, he was ill all the summer, and one Dr Dr G. H. Manchester of New Westminster, now over seas, said he would never be able to work again, he has surprised many, and I am sure it is due to the good life he has lived all his life, he is really not able to work for wages, but is very persevering.

Our only boy died in South Africa.

We are grieved to see in the eldest girl, many symptoms of her fathers weakness, although in appearance stout and strong, next girl has a nervous temperament, and the youngest, now

Three years and nine months, was born with no palate, and her right arm paralysed. She underwent a terrible operation which improved her mouth a great deal, but she still has a cleft palate, and it is painful to hear the little darling trying to talk. I asked the Dr what could have caused this, and he said, "my candid opinion is that it is due to Mr Hogarth's state of health". So all these things I trace back to the South African war.

In Oct 1915 and again in Dec, I partially lost the use of my entire right side, was on my bed for three weeks and very poorly for all winter, the Dr said there was no doubt I had two very slight strokes. I think it was entirely due to anxiety and overwork. I have quite recovered, except that I tire sooner, and no one thinks that in 3 months he will be 49 and I 46

We owe \$29 for cow food, ^{Rent} insurance etc
 We want to devise some plan whereby we can earn our own living, and get the land around our house ploughed

We have never received City help before, unless it was 6 years ago when my husband had 2nd stroke when a lady got us \$5⁰⁰ worth of grocery. I think she got it from the City

Yours respectfully
 J. M. Hogarth