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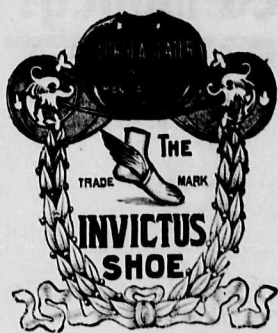
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SASKATCHEWAN ELECTIONS.

Liberals Gain Another Victory in New Provinces.

A special from Vancouver says: Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 14—The first election in Saskatchewan yesterday closes one of the most bitter political campaigns in the history of Canada. Both parties went into the campaign with a determination to win. No effort for success has been spared by either. From the returns available at this date it seems probable that the government will have thirteen seats which will give them a majority of one.

Mr. Haultain and the Provincial Rights party have put up a stiff fight, and as a result the elections have been very close. Hundreds of ballots, however, have been spoiled, so that protests are probable.

Canadian Immigration for 1906.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—W. T. R. Preston, Dominion immigration agent of London, England, who is in that city, says immigration to Canada from Great Britain next year will reach a hundred thousand, and predicted a time when it will reach a quarter of a million annually. Australia, he says, is a serious rival to Canada.

Another Loop.

C. P. R. engineers are now engaged in making the final surveys for a gigantic "loop" in the main line in order to reduce the objectionable heavy grade at Field. The proposed loop will be about twenty miles in length, and will reduce the steep grade on what is known as the "big hill" to a minimum.

Council Doings.

Special meetings were held by the municipal council both Monday and Tuesday evenings. The immediate cause for the specials was to give the Electric Light and Agricultural Hall bylaws the readings required before the preliminary steps for presenting them to the vote of the people, which it is proposed to do at the general election for reeve and councillors. No other business of special importance was transacted at either meeting. A communication was read from the Canadian Westinghouse Co., offering the municipality the sale of an electric light plant. Isaac Heard protested against the condition of a culvert near his place which caused damage to his property. Mayor Stevens, of Kamloops, president of the union of B. C. municipalities, wrote the council, asking for a list, if any, of the grievances this council desired to have brought to the attention of

the union. J. M. Wright was appointed returning officer for the annual election.

The following bills were allowed:

Armstrong Saw Mill, lumber	\$ 21.97
J. McDonald, hardware	1.70
Wood, Cargil Co., mchse	2.00
A. Marshall, road work	5.00
F. Billings, legal services	25.00
Amos Hill, road work	10.00
Armstrong Livery	1.50
T. N. Hayes, powder	1.50
E. Lumsden, road work	4.00
M. McNair	46.25
R. Bourne	12.80
W. Norman	8.00
Geo. Patchett	12.80
A. McQuarrie	16.80
D. McKay	13.60
B. F. Young	30.90
J. Wade	6.00
F. Smith	6.00
J. H. Lindsay	8.00
Geo. Patchett	8.00
D. McKay, Davis creek contract	100.00
I. Heard & Sons, culvert	10.00
W. G. Pringle, road work	1.25

THE BIG STORE

Santa Claus' Headquarters

MY DEAR WOOD, CARGILL CO.—

Doubtless you are surprised and disappointed at not receiving my order for Christmas Goods before this. Well, to tell you the truth I had an idea your prices were too high, so I determined to find out for myself.

I have just returned from an extended trip to London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, New York, Chicago, Boston, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver—and even Vernon and Enderby—and after examining their prices I have come to the conclusion that the "BIG STORE" knocks the spots off everything that I have come across for Quality, and Prices, and I have decided to give you my order, which I want you to rush, as there is very little time left to get things in shape for my dear friends before Christmas. I want

7 1/2 Tons Potatoes	\$20.00 per ton.
2 1/2 Tons Assorted Vegetables at	Lowest Price.
1 1/2 Tons Okanagan Creamery Butter at	35 per lb.
1 Tons Dairy Butter in Tubs at	27 "
1 Tons Eastern Cheese at	20 "
10 Case Eggs at	35 per dozen.
10 " New Laid Armstrong Eggs at	50 "
1 Tons Smyrna Figs at	25 per lb.
1 Tons each Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil & Almond Nuts	

I will take all you have of those beautiful Mediterranean Layer Valentia and Sultana raisins and currants.

I guess you'd better put in two tons of Assorted Candies, as all my dear children like candy.

Send all the Dolls and Toys you can spare because your prices are away down low.

I wish I could find out where you get those beautiful Ladies' Collars and Ties.

And I will have to have two dozen Choice Silk Cashmere Blouses that I see you have.

I must have a couple of dozen of those Up-to-Date Ladies' Kid Oxford Shoes at \$2.75, and three dozen Natty Patent Leather ones at \$2.50.

Include four pairs each of Boys' and Girls' Slippers and don't forget a gross for my dear little Babies.

I cannot afford to ignore the men, although I haven't much use for them. So send only two dozen of those Yellow Slippers. And you had better put in two dozen suits of CAMPBELL'S CLOTHING.

I guess you'd better make up a couple of crates of Dinner and Tea Sets, also two crates of Vases, Fancy Flower Pots, and Decorated Chinaware.

Now my dear friends, I haven't time to order any more now. Don't be surprised if I duplicate the order and I assure you I will send in my order early next year. Send bill to Pike's Peak.

Nicolas Santa.

Xmas Presents!

The Largest and Best Assortment to Choose from in Town.

Call and pick out what you want and we will keep them for you.

A FEW SPECIALTIES. French Limoges, Hand Painted China, English Glassware, Hammered Brass (Indian Work) Japanese Inlaid Ware, Albums, Purses, Chatlaines, Music Cases, Secretaries, etc. in fine Leather, Cut Glass, Silverware, Enamelware Pins, Belt Buckles, etc. and a host of other Beautiful Gifts.

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The Advance is published in the interests of the town and district in which it exists and cordially solicits the patronage of the public.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

That Ontario fruit growers are becoming alarmed at the serious opposition to their market through the production of B. C. fruit, and especially that of the Okanagan, is becoming well known. No inhabitant of the province, however, who is acquainted with the facts, will agree with the reports so frequently sent out that the B. C. fruit is inferior in quality to that of Ontario. Time was when possibly there existed some grounds for this contention, but as the fruit industry has been developed the high quality of our fruit has become generally known and conceded. The following extract from an article in the St. Catharines Daily Standard on the visit of Alderman Pay, of that city, to the province, is interesting as showing the extent to which the Ontario growers are becoming interested in the opposition from B. C. We can not agree with the reflection cast on our fruit, as in points of size, coloring and freedom from blemish Okanagan easily surpasses Ontario, while in flavor we now at least equal their fruit:

"While the sale of Ontario fruit is very lively, Mr. Pay lays great stress upon the fact that competition from British Columbia is very great. Not that the fruit from this province cannot compare favorably with that from the coast. Such is not the case. For the Ontario fruit the west proves an excellent market, but the market must be well and faithfully looked after to produce the abundant results desirable. So far as flavor is concerned, the Ontario apple is far superior to the British Columbia fruit of a similar nature. The Okanagan Valley of the province of the coast is the prime fruit producing district.

The apples grown there are shipped to Winnipeg in large quantities, and from there sent broadcast over the whole of the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. They are of a particularly large nature, and their color is brilliant and has a very pleasing appearance. The sale is ready, and the fruit brings from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per box. The prices obtained for the locally grown fruit is from \$1.50 to \$1.85. The discrepancy in the price is due purely to the size and color. Throughout the whole west the fact that Ontario fruit is more juicy and of a richer and more pleasing taste is conceded by all who know ought of fruit, but the commission men agree that the British Columbia fruit, having the better appearance to persons unacquainted with the different tastes, is the more eagerly bought, and hence the better prices are obtained. From specimens of the Spy, the Baldwin, the King, the Russett, the Greening and the Ben Davis brought back by Pay, the truths of the statement are brought to an absolute certainty. The coast fruit is all that is said of it. It is still inferior to the Ontario product, but Mr. Pay is authority for the statement that color and size count for considerable more than quality, and the coarseness of the fruit from British Columbia is seldom taken into consideration. One good point of the shipment of apples from the Okanagan Valley is the uniformity in packing. There the shipments are not made by the individual. The fruit is privately packed and forwarded to a co-operative company, similar in working and method to the cold storage company of this city, and is there packed and graded by disinterested parties, and sorted in piles of grades Nos. 1 and 2.

From this method there can be little cause for complaint as to irregular packing. None other than 40 lb boxes are used for packing, while the fruit from Ontario is packed in barrels in most cases. The boxes, Mr. Pay considers, are superior, and are the most desirable, although he would by no means be in favor of eliminating the latter entirely from use."

We give space this week to a second communication from W. S. Burnett on the question of the high school.

Mr. Burnett, while he does not come out in open opposition to the establishment of a high school, is not from the drift of his remarks altogether favorable to the establishment of this means of higher education at Armstrong. In this respect we believe that he is not lending his support to one of the most important projects that could be brought to the attention of the parents of the rising generation. As expressed at the meeting recently held a very large majority of the school trustees of the municipality recognize the value of high school privileges.

The cost of the school if established along the lines proposed is so nearly insignificant to the individual ratepayers that it appears almost unreasonable to our mind that a voice of opposition should have been raised.

Mr. Burnett's principal objection appears to lie in the fancy that the formation of a high school here is to benefit the town of Armstrong only, and that the surrounding districts are to be called upon for an unjust proportion of the cost. This we believe will not appeal to any fair-minded citizen as being the case. Granting that a high school would add in a marked degree to the importance and dignity of Armstrong as a town. It is a universally recognized fact that the standing and prestige of our towns affects in a corresponding degree the value of the farm lands from which it derives its support.

As to the comparative benefits to be derived directly by the town and surrounding districts in proportion to their share of the cost, we do not consider the matter should be considered in that light. The benefits to be derived from a high school should be regarded from a view of the municipality as a whole and not from any narrow or sectional standpoint. Yet if any please to look at the matter from that viewpoint it ought to be easily seen that Armstrong school district receives no more, or indeed not as much, proportionate direct benefit than the other five districts proposed to be included in the union. Armstrong district will, according to the assessment, bear one-fourth the proposed cost. Of the eleven pupils now taking high school work four are from this district, while of the twenty-two in the municipality prepared for entrance this district will furnish four. Mr. Burnett's contention that the high school pupils resident in the districts immediately surrounding Armstrong could as easily and economically attend a high school elsewhere will hardly bear the light of reason. We venture that Mr. Burnett would soon realize the difference in cost between paying board and tuition at, say Vernon, and boarding his children at home, even though he had to provide a horse for their conveyance to and fro.

Re consolidated schools, which Mr. Burnett holds up as the ideal, provided it has high school equipment. Consolidated schools in a country where population is sufficiently dense and all conditions are favorable have proven successful, but for this district as yet we fear the suggestion is in advance of the times. Let us not deprive the present rising generation of the education that is their due by calmly waiting for the consolidated school system to come into vogue.

Mr. Burnett's other expedient of having high school work done in all the public schools is subject to many and varied objections, and the fact that it has never been adopted is sufficient evidence of the impracticability of such a scheme.

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Prop.

Supplement to Armstrong Advance

Friday, December 15, 1905.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Methodist Church Holds Successful Services.

The anniversary services last Sunday and Monday proved among the most successful functions yet held in connection with the Methodist church here.

Sunday's services consisted of sermons both morning and evening by Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, of Revelstoke. Mr. Sutherland was here about a year ago, so was not a total stranger to an Armstrong audience, though perhaps the greater portion of the audience listened to the speaker for the first time. The sermons were especially interesting and instructive, the speaker having an eloquent delivery, and the text of his discourses containing many thoughtful points for the consideration of his hearers. The first sermon of the day was on the subject of "What We as Christians Need Most," and was listened to by an audience that taxed the seating capacity of the church to its fullest extent. In the evening the church failed to accommodate the immense crowd that gathered to the service, and those who were fortunate enough to be present enjoyed another address none the less instructive than that of the morning service.

Monday evening was occupied with the social feature of the yearly service, and the evening was most pleasantly spent by the large crowd present.

The first number on the literary program arranged for the evening was a duet by Mrs. W. Harry and Rev. A. N. Miller, which was most heartily enjoyed, since both parties enjoy a flattering reputation in the musical line among the congrega-

tion of the church.

No Armstrong entertainment would now be complete without the appearance on the platform of Johnny Asson, and he was brought on in the second number in a solo. In addition to the piano accompaniment Mrs. G. Moberly accompanied with the violin, which made the number of special interest, and the hearty encore accorded told the appreciation of the audience of the rendition of the number.

Rev. Sutherland next entertained the audience with a brief but most interesting address, after which Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wright, of Vernon, sang a duet. Though this was the first appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Wright before an Armstrong audience it is safe to state that they will be gladly welcomed in a similar capacity on any future occasion. Despite continued applause, Mr. Wright's modesty disallowed of their response to a hearty encore.

"An Address to an Egyptian Mummy" by Mrs. A. N. Miller was the next number and was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience. Rev. Sutherland impersonated the imaginary mummy and proved himself a veritable Mr. Candle in the quiet manner in which he endured such a lashing lecture from the tongue of a woman.

The rendition of the solo, "The Rivulet," by Mrs. Geo. Bell, of Enderby, established for that lady a flattering reputation as a soloist. Mrs. Bell has a beautiful voice, which by careful culture has given her exceptional abilities as a singer. In response to a hearty and prolonged encore she rendered in an equally acceptable manner the "Holy City."

Rev. Campbell was called upon for a few remarks and responded in a brief but acceptable address.

The Armstrong choir next rendered one of their popular glees, which received a well merited encore. The choir was composed of Mrs. W. Harry, Mrs. Violet Dickie, the Misses Nellie Francis, Maud Murray and Sarah Matheson and Messrs. Asson, Fraser, D. Wright and Elmer Harry.

A recitation ably rendered by Miss Marshall was followed by a solo by Mrs. J. H. Wright, after which Mrs. G. Moberly rendered, with her well-known ability, a violin solo, also responding to an enthusiastic encore.

Another solo by Mrs. Bell brought the literary program to a close.

Miss McDonald presided at the piano in accomplished manner during the evening.

Refreshments were next served and all present furnished with an abundance of the good things provided by the ladies of the church.

Great credit must be given to the committee in charge for the very successful carrying out of this the thirteenth anniversary services of the church. The committee in charge of the refreshment feature of the entertainment were the Mesdames C. H. Hardy, T. Ball, E. Wilson, S. Reid and L. Main, and to them perhaps belongs special credit for the successful manner in which the gathering was cared for in this respect.

From a financial point of view we are informed that the services were satisfactory to those directly interested and that a considerable amount was raised for the application on the church debt.



Local and General

Items of General Interest.

The deer shooting season closes today.

Mr. Crankshaw and daughter left Monday for their home at Chilliwack.

T. H. Wilson left Monday for Kamloops, where he expects to secure a homestead.

A Christmas tree entertainment has been arranged by the Sunday schools. See further notice in another column.

R. R. Burns left Saturday for the coast and the dispensing department of the Armstrong pharmacy has been under the direction of Dr. Vankleek during the week.

Rev. J. Fernie, who has spent the past few months here, has been assigned to a church at Cascade, but owing to the illness of R. Bourne, has been detained from taking charge of his new post.

We regret to state that R. Bourne's condition is such as to necessitate another operation—the third one he has been obliged to undergo. He leaves to-day for Vancouver to enter the hospital.

O. McPherson was obliged to turn his hand to nursing for several days the past week. All his children and Mrs. Harris, his housekeeper, were ailing at the same time, though we are glad to state he brought them all to health again.

J. R. Smith, of Glenemma, was down Friday. Mr. Smith is one of a number of people up Salmon river valley, who until lately have seldom or never been to Armstrong, but as the town grows and the fact becomes known that our merchants do quite as well by them as those of any neighboring town, they are gradually getting into the habit of doing their business here, this being the logical business center of the district.

The weather at present is typical of an Okanagan winter, except that there have been of late rather an unusual number of foggy days. The mercury ranges from 20 to 40 above, there is no wind and the weather to one accustomed to more severe winter weather is strikingly pleasant. An occasional light fall of snow with subsequent thaws keep the roads in good condition for light sleighing, although those with heavy teaming to do are asking for a foot more of snow.

The annual balls under the auspices of the various fraternal societies have come to be regarded by the dancing public among the most popular social functions of each succeeding winter. Those who have been looking forward to these events are promised no disappointment for this season. Invitations are now out for the Foresters' ball on New Year's night, while the Oddfellows have chosen January 19 as their date. It is understood that both the Masonic and L. O. L. orders contemplate holding similar events a little later in the season.

The calendar season is on and some attractive designs are being distributed by our business men. The Wood, Cargill Co. have one of the most unique to come to our notice. The sketch represents a bad entanglement of a thrifty farmer and family with an obstinate mule on a railway in front of an approaching train. It is significantly labelled "A bad fix on the S. & O. Ry." The liberal scattering of the many varieties of farm produce becomingly represents the productiveness of the district. Joe McDonald is giving a neat calendar in which is shown "Too much of a good thing," the significance being in the representation of an overheated room by one of his furnaces. As representative of the bustling productiveness he possesses in going after business the calendar of W. J. Armstrong is a most fitting get up, as well as an ornamental one for the house.

B. Francis drove to Mara yesterday.

A. V. Rolins, representing Clarke & Stuart, was here Wednesday.

A drama staged by home talent is among the proposed coming events.

Sleighting is good for light rigs but more snow is needed for heavy teaming.

Miss Pearl Murray has taken a position in Walter Wolfenden's stationery store.

Harry Sibble, representing the Socialist party of British Columbia, was here the last of the week.

J. H. Warren has recently completed a course in piano tuning, and soon after the opening of the new year expects to start out in this profession.

The Kelowna Clarion has changed its name to the Kelowna Courier. Bro. Rose is steadily showing improvements in his new purchase.

Herman Ehmke came down from Enderby the last of the week and spent a few days with his parents, the saw mill at that place having shut down for the season.

Last Friday night's dance was none the less successful than the previous ones of the season. Forty couples were present, and "merrily went the dance" to the music of Mrs. Strathearn and Geo. Davis.

Friends of Conductor Larry Doran, formerly of this branch, will be pleased to learn that he is now improving from his serious illness and it is thought he will soon be up and around again. He is in Vancouver.

McPherson & Holtby have completed the addition to the office of the Okanagan Flour Mills Co. The new extension is a marked improvement to the business headquarters of this institution, as well as another creditable job for the contractors.

P. Johnson, after spending some weeks visiting his sister, Mrs. A. N. Ratledge, left yesterday on his return trip to his home at Dawson, Yukon. Mr. Johnson is extensively interested in mining; having a claim on the Bonanza creek, which he is engaged in working with considerable profit.

The new school regulations, to come into force in the province with the new year, do not seem to be meeting with the universal sanction of patrons and trustees of the province. The people of Ruskin, on the Fraser river, have protested in public meeting against the provisions of the new act.

Leonard Norris, government agent, was up from Vernon Monday and inspected the work on the Bennett creek ditch, toward which the government has expended the sum of \$500. Mr. Norris was pleased to find that a good job had been made of the work done on the creek, and it is hoped that much of the difficulty encountered through the overflow of the creek will in future be averted.

During the next few days many letters, postcards and parcels will be mailed to Great Britain and Ireland. Persons addressing mail matter to the old country should keep these facts in mind: Letter rate is 2 cents for every half ounce, postcard rate is 2 cents, and parcels must be sent subject to parcel post rates, 16 cents for the first pound and 12 cents for every additional pound up to 11, the limit, and further, all parcels must bear a customs declaration procurable on application at the postoffice. Attention to these details will save a lot of disappointments to friends in the old country, for mail matter improperly stamped goes to the dead letter office. Letters and parcels can be weighed at the postoffice.

Father Derval announces holy mass in the I. O. F. hall next Sunday.

R. Tilton and Tommy Winters left Saturday on a horseback trip to Princeton, in the Similkameen.

Henry Bilhorn left Wednesday for a visit at his old home at Racine, Wis. It has been about ten years since last he saw the old fireside.

Somewhere in history we read of the streets of Jerusalem being swept clean. We might mildly suggest that some of our business men would be serving their Lord—and their friends—by applying this principle to their snowy walks.

The annual meeting of the Armstrong & Spallumcheen agricultural society is called for Tuesday, December 19. This is a meeting in which every member of the society, or indeed every citizen ought to manifest a deep interest, and it is to be hoped that the I. O. F. hall will be well filled on the above date.

J. Simington and W. J. Burrell returned on Saturday from a week's deer hunt in the vicinity of J. N. Byer's ranch on Shuswap river. Mr. Burrell was taken ill while away, and this combined with the warm weather which took the snow off, rendered the hunt not very successful, and only two deer were secured.

H. P. Lee, the Vernon and Enderby real estate agent, last week consummated a large deal in the sale of the Whelan property near Kelowna. The ranch consists of 3,300 acres and the price paid is \$50,000, the purchaser being W. H. Cross, of Winnipeg. The property will be subdivided and sold in 20 and 100 acre blocks.

Fraternal Society Officers.

ODDFELLOWS.

Cornation Lodge No. 48, I.O.O.F., at its annual meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. J. Smith, N. G.; H. Hawkins, V. G.; G. Moberly, R. S.; A. E. Morgan, F. S.; C. J. Becker, Treas.

BLACK PRECEPTORY.

The annual election of officers occurred at last Thursday night's meeting of the Okanagan Black Preceptory with the following results:

W. T. Holtby, W. P.; F. N. Daniels, D. P.; C. Resoman, Chap.; E. Bennett, Registrar; M. Levar, Treas.; J. Hassard, Por.; J. Hamill, Tyler; J. Hunter and C. Daniels, Lecturers; H. Ehmke and H. Hanson, Censors; C. Godwin, Chairman Committee.

ORANGEMEN.

The annual meeting of Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 1807 L. O. L., occurred Saturday night. The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

A. Schubert, W. M. W. T. Holtby, Deputy. F. N. Daniels, R. S. T. W. Marshall, F. S. Jas. Leverington, Treas. R. Howell, Chaplain. John Hunter, M. C.

Besides the election of officers much business in connection with the affairs of the lodge was gone through with and we are advised that the local lodge enters the new year under very favorable conditions.

Donald Graham on High School.

Donald Graham was among the visitors to the city in connection with St. Andrew's banquet. Mr. Graham states that the project of providing a high school at Armstrong by the co-operation of the rural sections seems to meet with general approval, and will probably be arranged. The consolidated school idea, which was also broached, is not so feasible, as it would involve undue expenditures on the part of the rural communities. Within a radius of eight miles, however, there are some six school districts, which might be expected to furnish pupils for the prospective high school. — Vernon News

Details That Get Business

Cranberries in stock at Shary's. W. Wolfenden has a fine stock of Christmas cards.

Christmas cakes of every description at Shary's.

Get into our \$12 to \$15 suits while going at \$7.00. Armitage & McLeod.

See our big shirt for working men, at \$1.00. Armitage and McLeod.

Shary's have the nicest assortment of Christmas toys in town. And they are all filled with candy.

Special price on Slater's invictus shoes, \$4.00. See the assortment. Armitage & McLeod.

Merry Xmas to all boys and girls! Buy your toys from us and get double use of your money.

A. SHARY.

Blacksmithing of all kinds at lowest prices. Wallace's old shop. F. Clayton

Puff paste, and all kinds of English pastry. See samples at Shary's restaurant.

Something warm for \$1.00 to \$1.50 per suit in underwear, both winners at sight. Armitage & McLeod.

The late Larkin estate lots, now owned by Marshall Lucas, are now on the market—see Pelly & Pelly, agents for them.

Horseshoeing a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed.

F. Clayton

Our toys are all filled with the finest candies. After the candy is gone the toys may be preserved for the amusement of the little folks.

A. SHARY.

Pelly & Pelly are selling the late Larkin estate lots, now owned by Marshall Lucas—the most desirable lots in town.

Get in line; they are all coming this way for hardware and stoves. Which way? Why, to W. J. Armstrong's!

By leaving your order at Shary's you may get anything you want in the line of Christmas pastry—even exactly what you would have if you were spending Christmas at home in the Old Country.

I am now prepared to do all kinds of blacksmith work. Bring your sleighs to me. Horseshoeing a specialty.

F. Clayton.

A. Shary has completed arrangements whereby they are able to supply on short notice all kinds of fancy pastry from one of the best bakers in the Interior. A specialty of the finest English pastry.

Gowan's Kent genuine cut glass, Standard silverware are the very best Christmas goods in town; call and see; it will pay you. The goods are up-to-date and the prices are right at W. J. Armstrong's.

Christmas Entertainment.

The Christmas tree under the auspices of the Sunday schools, will be held in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd. The program will be rendered by the children. A treat will be provided for the children present. Gifts may be placed on the tree for any children by any desiring to do so. The tree will not be open for presents for any except children. The entertainment will be free to the children, adults will be charged 25 cents.

COMMITTEE.

Armstrong & Spallumcheen Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the above society will be held at the I. O. F. hall on Tuesday the 19th Dec., at 2:00 o'clock, p. m.

JOHN B. BIRD, Sec'y.

Wanted.

Teams for logging for half price of logs. Logs are piled close to road. Two trips a day per team. E. WINKLER, Knob Hill.

Copies of the Armstrong booklet for sending to your friends may be secured free at this office.

Armstrong Hardware

TIN AND

Plumbing Works.

Common Sense Business

Buy your Hardware at a Hardware Store. It will pay you. I give all my time to the Hardware business and what belongs to it. No one can know three or four trades or businesses. I make better Tinware than you can buy at any General Store in B. C. I have the tools to do it with. There are lots of people trying to start new industries in Armstrong or talking of doing so, but what is the good of doing so, when the general run of the public will go to one of the so-called general stores for all their goods in every line? My advice is to get your Dry Goods at a Dry Goods Store, your Groceries at a Grocery Store, your Drugs at a Drug Store, and get your Hardware and Tinware at a HARDWARE STORE.

By doing so you will make your town one of the best to deal in. Everyone will then have an up-to-date stock to choose from.

Special Notice

No more tools whatsoever will be loaned from my work shop to anyone. I have been compelled to make this rule, as some think that once they have tools outside the store they belong to them.

W. J. Armstrong.

ROBES and BLANKETS

Cold weather is coming. You will need something in Horse BLANKETS and ROES CALL AND SEE MY NEW STOCK.

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Horseshoeing our Specialty.

Pipe & Pipe Fittings & all kinds of Plumbing. Agents for Celebrated Chatham Incubators.

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Railway Time Table

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Arrives from North daily except Sunday 9:25 a. m.
Arrives from South daily except Sunday 3:25 p. m.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Reeve—A. Schubert.
Clerk and assessor—L. W. Patton.
Treasurer and collector—J. M. Wright.
Councillors—Geo. Murray, Chas. Crozier, W. S. Burnett, E. J. Offerhaus.

Churches

METHODIST CHURCH.

Divine Service will be held every Sunday as follows: Armstrong, 11 a.m.; Knob Hill, 3 p.m.; Enderby, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.—Rev. A. N. Miller, Pastor.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services in S. Andrew's, Enderby, at 11 a.m.; Zion Church, Armstrong, at 7:30 p.m. every Sunday.—Rev. D. Campbell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. James' Church, Sunday, Dec. 17, Morning Prayer 11:00. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.—F. V. Venables, Vicar.

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ATMSTRONG, B. C.

Fraternal Societies.

L. O. L. No. 1807, meets in the I. O. F. Lodge Room, the second Saturday evening of each month at 8 p.m. Visiting brethren cordially invited. F. N. DANIELS, A. SCHUBERT, Secretary. W. M.

OKANAGAN Black Preceptory. Meets in the Foresters' Hall, Armstrong, on the Thursday, on or before the full moon, at 8 p.m. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. T. HOLTBY, J. HAMILL, Preceptor Registrar.

CORONATION Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday evening in the Odd Fellows' Hall, over Wood, Cargill & Co's. Store, at 8 o'clock. Sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. H. G. WYATT, N. G. W. J. SMITH, V. G. B. FRANCIS, Rec. Sec.

COURT ARMSTRONG, No. 3420, I. O. F. Meetings at their hall last Saturday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. H. Hawkins, R. S.

ARMSTRONG Circle, No. 372, HOME CIRCLE. Order of Canadian Home Circles, meets in the I. O. F. hall, at Monday in each month, F. N. DANIELS, Leader. Mrs. FRASER, Secretary.

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All kinds of farm implements wagons, buggies, etc. SLEIGHS NOW IN STOCK...

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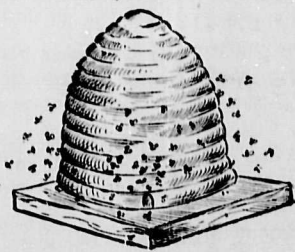
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A Treat for the Children — Until Xmas:

One box Japanese Oranges and 2 lbs. Royal Mixed Candy for \$1

There are only a limited number of oranges, so come early.

Muscatel Raisins 20c lb.
Fresh Peanuts, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Almonds and Filberts.
Dates 2 lb 25c. Figs 15c.
Currants and Raisins 2 pkts. 25c.
Pound box mixed peel 30c.
Shelled Almonds and Walnuts.
Icing Sugar, Coconut, Chocolate.
Ten per Cent Discount for Cash.



A Merry Xmas to our Patrons

Suitable Gifts for the Ladies ...

In Handkerchiefs:
Lace and Embroidery trimmed, 12, 15, 20, 25c.
Embroidered Linen 50c
Silk 10 and 15c
Ladies' Fancy Collars and Ties:
Ladies' Collars from 25c to \$1.50.
Silk Ties, white and black, 35c
Lace Ties 65c
Crompton Corsets, in white and gray \$1.75. Tape Girdles.
Ladies' Black Sateen Underskirts
With flounce and ruffles at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.25.
Ladies' Tams, all shades. Cloud's Fascinators and Shawls.
Cape Shawls, Honeycomb Shawls.

The Leading General Supply Store of Armstrong.

THE HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION. Mr. Burnett Presents His Views on the Matter Again.

To Editor Armstrong ADVANCE.
Dear Sir:

I ask space in the ADVANCE to reply to Mr. J. M. Wright's comments on the high school question, and particularly in the matter of starting a one-horse high school and saddling the cost largely on the rural community, who would derive comparatively little benefit from it. Mr. Wright says it will perhaps surprise me to know that the Armstrong school district will pay one quarter of the assessment of the whole six districts, leaving three-quarters to be contributed by the other five. It does not surprise me at all to know that, but I also know that the number of pupils attending the Armstrong school is a hundred and thirty-two, each and every one of whom, if they desire to avail themselves of a high school education, stand to benefit by a high school being located at Armstrong, while the number of pupils attending all the five rural schools will probably be from sixty to seventy, none of whom stand to benefit very much from it being located there, for reasons that I stated in a previous letter. Mr. Wright or anyone else can see at a glance that the rural districts are being invited to contribute three-fourths of the cost of a high school, while the whole five county schools could muster up about half, or less than half, of the number of pupils who could attend, even though they all determined to have a high school education. Mr. Wright may still think there is not much saddling about that, but I imagine if the rural community permit a burden like that to be imposed on them, they will feel like kicking themselves all the rest of their lives, and the time will surely come when they will "buck" in order to get it off, and it may not be very easily done.

In reply to what Mr. Wright has to say about the consolidated

school, I contend that they would not be distinctly different schools as he claims, but would be one from kindergarten to finish, and with facilities provided for all to get there, the want of which is the great objection to the present antiquated high school system; a system that should not be given a foot hold here, for the reason that it is almost sure to put the day farther off when we are to get a better.

Remember I don't say that the consolidated school is the best in my estimation, what I would prefer would be to see every public school permitted to do the work now done by the high school, as is being done so satisfactory in Armstrong at the present time, and is thus a practical exemplification of the method, and next I would choose the consolidated school, with the present high school system nowhere. I would like to say a good deal more, but will refrain myself, as I presume I have trespassed sufficiently on your space already.

Yours truly
W. S. BURNETT.

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and note how few parts it has, how perfectly simple it is, how easy it turns, how perfectly it is kept clean, and how strong and durable it is, you will at once decide it is the separator for you. No separator ever made such rapid strides in popularity as the Empire. The reason is that it satisfies every purchaser. I ask the privilege of showing it to you.



J. W. Christian,
Buttermaker at Creamery.

Advertisers, have you anything to offer to the people of this district? The ADVANCE is your only means of reaching the people.

News of the District From Our Correspondents.

Glenemma.

A contract has been given to John Bell, of Falkland, to obtain and drive to Salmon Arm all the logs he can procure, consequently the settlers of Glenemma and Falkland are putting logs on the banks of the river at \$2.50 per thousand.

A bright young lady came to the valley recently and will be found at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilson.

Geo. Wilson recently shot a great grand father blue grouse, which tipped the scales at 4 lbs.

Jimmy Morgan killed a fine doe on Sunday last, thus making two deer for Jimmy this season.

W. Smith has recently completed the erection of a fine house, and has moved his family into the same. It is a well lighted, warm and durable two-story building.

John Smith has also erected a fine two story house, and has greatly improved the appearance of his place by grading a road from his house to the main road.

J. Smith and son Harry have each secured a fine deer. Mr. Gilles and Shaw also previously shot one each.

W. Hoath is with us again. We are all glad to see your bright face once more, Billy.

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If so, it will pay you to see me.
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Only fourteen months ago the former Vogel College of Vancouver was purchased by Messrs. Sprott and Shaw, of Toronto. Since taking over the old institution, the new owners have completely changed its nature by adding to its courses of study such subjects as are calculated to lay sound foundations for good Commercial, Shorthand or Telegraphy courses. It is needless then to say that the Sprott-Shaw Business University, 336 Hastings St., W., Vancouver, has more than doubled its attendance in the past year, and it is the desire of the principal, R. J. Sprott, B.A., to announce that it is his intention to make a number of other additions, which will put the school on a par with the best Eastern institutions. Watch this paper for further particulars.

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Only half a mile from Armstrong. 10 acres under cultivation balance good bottom land easily cleared. Good frame house, stable and other buildings. With the land will be sold one team, three cows, one steer, one brood sow, 3 dozen chickens, and full equipment farm machinery. Price \$5000.
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The smoothest shaves, the neatest haircuts and the cleanest shampoos.

Shave 15c. Haircut 25c.
A. N. RATLEDGE, Proprietor.

Armstrong Markets

The following prices are being paid for produce by the Armstrong Farmers' Exchange:

Potatoes, per ton	\$14.00
Carrots, "	12.00
Parsnips, "	25.00
Beets, "	16.00
Turnips, "	10.00
Cabbage, "	20.00
Hay, "	12.50
Apples, per 40 lb.	1.25-1.35
Pears, "	1.75
Plums, per 20 lb.	.75
Celery, per 50 lb.	3.00
Poultry, per doz.	6.00
Eggs, "	.40
Butter, per lb.	.30

Leading Business Firms.

The Advance commends the following business firms of Armstrong to the people of the surrounding district. Their announcements may be seen in our advertising column:

Armstrong, W. J., Hardware and Plumbing
Armitage, A. E., Gents furnishing
Burns, R. R., Druggist
Blanchard, A., Dressmaker
Bird, J. M., Contractor and Builder
Christian, J. W., Cream separators
Christian, C. L., Harness and Saddlery
Daniels, F. N., Incubators and Plumbing
Daykin, C. T., General Merchant
Fisher & Sage, Real Estate
Farnels, B., Implements
Henzie, Chas., Blacksmith
Hamill, John, General Merchant
Hawkins Bros., Butchers
Lapworth, A. J., Painter
Moberly, G., Carpenter
McPherson & Holtby, Furniture and Undertaking
McDonald, J., Hardware
Murray, Geo., Meat Market
Okanagan Flour Mill, Flour, etc.
Paul, J. M., Tailor
Ratledge, A. N., Barber
Shaw, J., Baker and Confectionery
Simington, J., Contractor and Builder
Wood, Cargill Co., General merchants
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If you want to acquaint your friends in the east or in the states with the Okanagan valley, send them the ADVANCE for a year. At the end of that time they will have become pretty well acquainted with the country you live in.

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