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Board of Trade Meeting

Will Secure Charter for Proposed Short Line between Kootenay Central and Cranbrook—Eight-Tenths of One Per Cent Grade Secured

A large number of members attend meeting and discuss matters of importance to Cranbrook district

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the City Hall on Tuesday night, when a very large representative body of the business men of the city were present.

President H. Darling called the meeting to order at 8.15 when Act.-Sec. S. Coop in the absence of W. Halsall, read the minutes of the last annual aad general meeting, which, on the motion of Messrs. O' Connell and Wilson were adopted as read.

A letter was then read to the meeting from the Hon. W. Ross, minister of lands, re resinous woods; in his correspondence he advised that on or about the 1st of April one of the best experts that could be obtained in the United States on this subject would visit Cranbrook and go into the matter with the business men and others of the city.

A subject arising out of the minutes was the receiving of the report of the committee appointed to further the scheme of obtaining a cut-off from the Kootenay Central Railway to Cranbrook which is considered the central distributing point of the whole of the Kootenays . Mr. Geo. Stevenson, as secretary of the committee, reported as follows:

At a general meeting of the Board of Trade, held in the City Chambers Friday evening, Nov. 28th, a special committee was appointed, with full power to act and to add to their numbers, for the purpose of using every influence with the authorities in an endeavor to assure the construction of a spur or cut-off into Cranbrook from the Kootenay Central Railway. The original committee comprised A. C. Bowness, Geo. F. Stevenson, R. E. Beattie, V. Hyde Baker, J. T. Laidlaw, Dr. J. H. King and N. Hanson. At a subsequent meeting of this committee C. R. Ward, J. P. Fink and P. E. Wilson were asked to join the committee. Mr. Pollen did not care to act but promised the committee every assistance.

One of the first things this committee did was to ask Mr. Pollen to interview the C.P.R. Authorities in Calgary with a view of securing all possible information in order to facilitate the intelligent workings of the Committee.

Later Mr. Pollen reported that he had interviewed the authorities and told them that a connection was urgently desired between the town of Cranbrook and the Kootenay Central Railway.

A reconnaisance survey showed that no engineering difficulties existed to a reasonable grade being obtained in about 15 miles from a point near Wycliffe to the crossing of the railway near Hungerford. Part of the North Star branch would be thus utilised.

The C.P.R. would derive advantages from the industrial expansion of Cranbrook. The expensive shops and railway yards there would be serviceable for the entire Kootenay Central Railway when made accessible. The development of the surrounding country especially of the St. Mary's River in timber, minerals and agricultural land would undoubtedly increase the value of the company's holdings of this kind, besides which any extension of the railway up the valley would be made practicable.

Should it be necessary a strong plea could be put forward for Dominion and Provincial assistance. The public buildings and institutions established in Cranbrook by both governments would only be made effective for the entire district by such a connecting in which would make for enormous economies in the administration of all branches of government.

In addition to the well settled country which the branch line would traverse much land could be brought under settlement by the lifting of reserves and the institution of irrigation systems by gravity or by means of reservoirs to serve them.

No assistance having been given to the Kootenay Central or to any railway outside of the B.C. Southern by the Province, and large grants have been made of provincial lands in East Kootenay for distant railways, where circumstances which might be quoted to strengthen the case.

I explained that a subscription had been taken up by the Board of Trade and a committee appointed to obtain the necessary data.

Mr. Pollen in explaining the circumstances, said: "that he was under the impression that the route would be from near Wycliffe directly to Hungerford. Mr. Pierce remarked that in a former survey a high level crossing of the St. Mary's East of Wycliffe, had been condemned by the government engineers; he considered that an easy route could be got from Porteous or thereabouts, that he had himself been over the country there and thought (so I gathered) that a route so suggested was quite practicable.

The final outcome of the interview made by Mr. Pollen on the 14th Dec. 13, as above, was that they advised him in Calgary that they would like a full statement of the case submitted to them together with a map clearly defining the proposed route. The statement should say whether a separate railway is proposed or it be a branch of the Kootenay Central Railway, whether the Board will obtain charters, subsidies, from one or other governments or both; and generally what is proposed and what the results are likely to be. When they have these particulars they could then take the mattes up with the executive of the Company.

Acting on the advise obtained in Calgary by Mr. Pollen, a sub-committee, after walking over the ground and perusing all the data obtainable, recommended to your committee that Mr. Parker be engaged to go over the ground from or about Porteous to or about Hungerford to ascertain the feasibility of a satisfactory grade being obtained.

Mr. Parker, under date of January 29th, 14, reported as follows:—

Mr. A. C. Bowness, chairman of the
K. C. Ry. Com.
Cranbrook, B.C.
Dear Sir:

Persuant to the instructions of your committee, I have spent some time in the field looking for a possible railway location between Porteous and Hungerford, and beg to submit for your consideration the following report.

"From Porteous, it is possible to follow the draw utilized by the Staples Lumber Co. for four miles on a rising 0.8 per cent grade. Thence easterly and northerly along another draw about five miles to Camp No. 2 on a falling 0.87 per cent grade. Thence northerly to Cherry Creek when the North bank will be followed towards Wood's house; the line crossing the wagon road about one-half mile north of Wood's, tnence northeastesly towards the Kootenay bench falling for three miles on a 0.14 per cent grade. Thence northerly along the Kootenay bench about eight miles to Hungerford on a falling 0.81 per cent grade.

The grades of this route are below one per cent; two high level steel bridges are eliminated over the previous route and the line at no place touches the Indian reserves. The country traversed will be subject to settlement later.

The results of the survey are very satisfactory from an engineering point of view, and warrants the expense of more accurate investigation

Faithfully and sincerely yours,
H. Y. PARKER

On receiving the results of Mr. Parker's labors, the committee at once instructed Mr. Parker to prepare the maps, further his report of January 29th, and secure as much information as possible asked for by the Calgary officials, and report immediately to this committee.

The further particulars respecting the survey work, etc., was reported to the committee by Mr. Parker as follows:

SURVEYS: There are no undesirable engineering features of any nature. The grades, I believe, can be kept below 0.8 per cent. The length of the line will be about 15 miles.

LAND IMMEDIATELY SERVED:—From Porteous to Hungerford, there is an area of about 75,000 arres of

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"Gold and Dross"

Under the above heading the "Toronto Saturday Night" of March 7th, publishes the following statement apparently in answer to an enquirer.

A. B. C., Cranbrook:—Shares at 35 cents or any other price in the Boundary Mining and Exploration Company, of Midway, B.C., are certainly not a good investment. It is said the company has fair property, but the whole thing savors too much of a stock-selling proposition.

This statement has aroused the anger of the "Modern David" as the Toronto Saturday Night" once termhim, and in reply thereto (for he is largely interested in this property) he has issued—

A Challenge

"TORONTO SATURDAY NIGHT"
By A. E. Watts

The above journal on March 7th published a statement regarding the property and status of the Boundary Mining & Exploration Co., Ltd., of Midway, B.C., indicating that their stock is worth nothing, that it has a fair property but the whole thing savors too much of a stock-selling proposition, etc.

The first statement is quite untrue and the second is worse. If "Saturday Night" can prove to the opposite, I, as president and general manager of the company will deliver to *"Saturday Night"* all that I am worth and all that I may possess on the condition that if it fails to make good, the control of "Saturday Night" be delivered to me; the question to be settled by arbitration: and I think "Saturday Night" will be mine if it dares to take up the gauntlet.

The books of the Boundary Mining Co. are always open for the inspection of shareholders. They are now open to any competent Auditor "Saturday Night" appoints to work with one appointed by this company; one condition being that the charges refer to recent times or the past two years, during which I have been president. Prior to that time I am not responsible; but if "Saturday Night" will publish the Company's past history (I am writing for the information of its shareholders), the public *will learn something* about inside manipulation on a small scale, which is simply a reflection of what is going on, on a large scale among the mighty corporations of Canada where by the public is fleeced by the parasites of humanity.

"Saturday Night" in its issue of January 11th, 1913, paid the writer a high compliment in a long editorial amongst other things saying:

"Once in a while an incident occurs to show that there are still heroes born of the order of David, ready to attack the Goliaths of a revised version. There is a very good example in this province today, of a fight just as unequal as the old scriptural bout referred to. The modern David stands forth in the person of Mr. A. E. Watts, president of the Wattsburg Lumber Company, whilst his entrenched and powerful enemy is alleged to be the Canadian Pacific Railway. While David's weapon was a sling Mr. Watts is depending on publicity, etc., etc.,"

Without egotism, the writer accepted the compliment as earned and deserved. Some of the pebbles hit the spot and did useful work for the gooh of the public.

"Saturday Nibht" does much good along the same lines by its fearless criticisms of abuses, thereby winning the support and admiration of thousands of its subscribers. Such a Journal can be a mighty influence for good, in equal proportion it can do harm and some who may suffer thereby are not capable of defending themselves. For instance, in the matter of developing what are honestly believed to be genuine prospects in their initial stages, it is very difficult for small companies to obtain funds and the great resources of the country are consequently, in many cases left undeveloped. The suggestion of stock-jobbing is sufficient to break up small prospecting companies who are honestly struggling to unearth the hidden wealth in which Canada abounds.

Investing in mining stock is a gamble, more or less, but investors do not mind the frequent losses made provided the cash is used in honest endeavors to develope the properties for which the money is subscribed, but in many instances the opposite is the case and promotors find that mining the public, is far easier than pounding rock and an easy way to dodge work and live in luxury. The general public know very little of the mode of operations except that they often part with their cash and that is the last they hear of it.

Recently, I have had my first experience of the inner workings and methods adopted by some of the promoting fraternity, some of whom had been extremely generous in the allotment of shares to themselves and rather niggardly in rendering services or anything else in return. The story will be a long one and I hope interesting. At any rate, it will do for a moral and a warning. The names of the Operators will not be disclosed until near the end of the story.

Some time since I was approached by an agent of a Company, then consisting of about 500 small shareholders, a million dollar company, in debt, but possessing valuable free hold land and some leases or licences etc.

TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

Opened for Pre-emption

Surveyed Tracts of Choice Agricultural Land in East Kootenay—Entries can be Made May First

A complete description of where these lands are located—near Cranbrook, Fort Steele and Fernie

VICTORIA, B. C.—Hon. Wm. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, has announced that many tracts of logged-off lands available for agriculture will be opened on May 1st in East Kootenay some in the Cranbrook land recording division, some in the Fernie division. They will be opened at the offices of the Cranbrook and Fernie Government Agents on May 1st at 9 a.m. The tracts are all surveyed, some being divided into 40 acre lots, others into 160 acre blocks.

The districts in which the greater portion of the lots lie are well supplied with transportation facilities; *both railroads and highways* and markets are in close proximity. The lots in the Cranbrook District are in the vicinity if several railways and good roads are found in the district. The Crowsnest Pass branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which leaves the main line at Medicine Hat and runs by way of Fernie, Cranbrook, Nelson, and the Kootenay Lakes to meet the main line again at Revelstoke, has a branch running from Cranbrook through Marysville to Kimberley, where the North Star and Sullivan mines are located, this branch passing through some of the lots. The Kootenay Central Railway, which also traverses some of the lots, is being built to connect the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Golden with the Crowsnest Pass branch, its right of was following the valley of the Kootenay. *The Great Northern Railway*, which crosses the International Boundary from the United States at Gateway, continues to the coal-mines at Fernie and Michel, is also close to some of the groups of lots.

The East Kootenay district has many areas of evenly sloping lands between the rivers and mountains, and it has attracted considerable attention. In the Cranbrook District the Kootenay Valley varies from ten to twenty miles in width from rim to rim, with areas of flat bottom land in places from which benches rise in series to merge with the foot hills. Mountain streams intersect the bench lands, draining down to the Kootenay. St. Mary's River, on which a large group of the lots being opened to pre-emption is situated, is one of the larger tributaries of the Kootenay in this District. It rises *in the Selkirks about forty miles* west of Cranbrook, and flows east in to the Kootenay at Fort Steele, having a total length of about fifty miles and a drainage-area of about 1,250 miles. Until it reaches about five miles west of Cranbrook, the the stream winds among the mountains of the range and foot-hills and thence to its confluence with the Kootenay. The adjacent country, in general, is a series of rolling benches, excepting at its mouth, where on St. Mary's Prairie there are several thousand acres of low land. Mark Creek flows into St. Mary's River at Marysville, where a large smelter is located, and there is a population of about 800 people. Power is derived from this creek to drive an air compressor and generator for the Sullivan Mine. Wycliffe, at the junction of Perry Creek and St. Mary's River, is another centre of population, a large sawmill, stores, and hotel being located there. There are about twenty-five lumber manufactories in the district.

Cranbrook has a population of over 4,000 people. It has good educational *advantages*. The public buildings include the Provincial and Dominion Government Buildings, municipal building, six churches, two opera-houses, banks, hospital, nine hotels, Masonic, Odd Fellows, Pythian, and Y. M. C. A. buildings. The city is the commercial centre of the district, its financial and material development being aided by the tributary lumbering and mining industries. It has two newspapers, job-printing plants, sash and door factories, brickyards, foundry, laundries, well appointed and stocked stores, electric light, telephone, water and sewerage systems—all the requirements of a bustling, growing city. Cranbrook is also a divisional point of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and large engine and car repair-shops are located there. Roads radiate in all directions, and the Kootenay Valley *is traversed by a main wagon road* from Golden to Cranbrook.

Until recently the development of the timber resources—which still are very rich—occupied attention to the exclusion of agricultural pursuits in this part of the Province, and farms have not been sufficiently developed to reach their maximum of productiliy demonstrated that the ordinarily demonstrated that the ardinary field crops, grains, vegetables, and fruits of the best quality can be grown. The Hamilton Bros. and F. H. Worthington have good orchards at Cranbrook. The clearing of the land has given a stimulus to agriculture, and as loggers have removed the timber-crop there has been a demand for the logged-over lands. The timber licences, which automatically come under reserve as the licences lapse, were accordingly surveyed and *subdivided*, and are being now opened to pre-emptors.

LANDS NEAR CRANBROOK

The group nearest Cranbrook are subdivisions of former timber licences on the south of St. Mary's River, the nearest of the lots to Cranbrook being not more than three miles from that city. They reach to St. Mary's River. The Cranbrook-Kimberley branch railroad runs through some of the lots, and the Government wagon road between Cranbrook, Perry Creek, and Marysville also extend through the group. The greater portion lies between Joseph Creek and Perry Creek, a group of eight lying east from the former, reaching to within half a mile of St. Mary's River. The land has been logged off and surveyed into blocks ranging in extent from 40 to 160 acres. The large timber has all been cut, from twenty to thirty stumps being left to the acre. Clearing will consist of the removal of these stumps and a few scattering small pine, fir, and tamarack trees. There is not much underbrush on the majority, and on others clumps of small pine and fir underbrush. Surveyors who subdivided the lots estimate that clearing will not exceed $75 an acre. Land in the vicinity produces excellent crops without irrigation. It is likely, however, that if water were utilized better results could be secured. It is difficult to get water on the majority of them, although there are creeks and springs on a few. The greater portion are on bench land and rolling country reaching from 100 feet above the river bottom. Those to the east of Josephs Creek are on bench land and rolliag country above the creek. The land rises with a slope of about 10 degrees from a wagon-road which skirts the east side of the tract, following the course of Josephs Creek to a bench Most of it is fairly level but hard to irrigate. It would be possible, though at some expense, to pump water fram Josephs Creek. The *soil throughout this group of lots is* generally sandy loam, with gravelly soil in places. Josephs Creek is a small stream which supplies water to the Municipality of Cranbrook. Perry Creek is one of the oldest placer creeks in British Columbia, having produced many millions of dollars in gold-dust. Flumes and pipe-lines were constructed about a year ago preparatory to working the old diggings at the Falls; and on another part of the creek systematic prospecting methods are being carried on.

NORTH OF ST. MARY'S RIVER

Northward from five miles northwest of the group south of St. Marys River is another block of lots on the east of the Cranbrook-Kimberley Railroad. These lots, subdivisions of former timber licences which have been logged off, lie to the north-east of Marysville, at the junction of Mark Creek and St. Mary's River. Luke Creek, which joins St. Mary's River opposite Perry Creek, runs through the centre of this group, and logging-railroads are found on some of the lots which could easily be converted into wagon-roads. The land, in general, is rolling, although there is a good extent practically level located in a kind of flat valley. The north-west part is a level, plain-like country. The tract is about 3,300 feet above sea-level. The soil here is

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Agricultural Assn.

Special Prizes for the coming Fall Fair

If our readers will scan these columns carefully, they will find pub*lished from time to time, a list of* special prizes to be competed for at the Fall Fair.

STEELE, BRIGGS' SPECIAL PRIZE, A.

To the exhibitor obtaining the most points in prizes at the Cranbrook District Agricultural Association's Fall Fair, from the products of Steele, Briggs' Field and Garden seeds, $6.00 cash.

1 point for each prize for a single variety.

3 points for each prize in a collection.

In case of a tie, preference will be given to first prizes.

STEELE, BRIGGS' SPECIAL PRIZE, B

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Names to be given if possible; always state when and where fonnd.

Specials given by the Association for horses in harness'—

1.—$15.00 to the best team on the field owned by any merchant or business-man, and worked in the city, as a delivery team.

2.—$15.00 for the best single horse or mare on the field owned by any merchant or business-man and worked in the city as a delivery horse.

Will Fence Post-Office Grounds

The government has completed all arrangements for fencing the post office grounds.

Instructions have been forwarded to the janitor, Mr. S. Fyles, to have a concrete foundation, 30 inches wide and six inches thick put in at once.

A car of *granite is now enroute* from Calgary to Cranbroak, also the iron fence, which is to be placed on top of the granite.

The J. McDiarmid Company, of Calgary, has the contract for constructing the fence.

The roof of the building is to be strengthened, and several changes made, owing to the unusual amount of snow which collects on the roof during the winter months.

Commissioners Meet

The Police Commisioners of Cranbrook city held a meeting on Monday afternoon, there were present Mayor Taylor, and Commissioners Dezall and Hickenbotham.

Minutes of last meeting were read, and on motion, adopted.

C. A. Dow, chief of police, tendered his resignation, to take effect April 1st. His resignation was accepted.

The position of Chief of Police being vacant, a number of applications were read, and Percy Adams was appointed as Chief of Police, the appointment to take effect April the 1st, his salary to be $125 per month.

A resolution was passed calling the attention of the Chief of Police to numerous complaints that have been made regarding the stealing of chickens, and instructing the Chief to take all possible steps to arrest the perpetrators.

Commission adjourned.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church are giving a two-act play, entitled, "An Afternoon Tea in Friendly Village, 1862". The play is a farce-comedy and is replete with witty sayings and fun provoking situations. About twenty of the ladies of the church are participating, and will be costumed according to the styles prevailing in 1862.

Trek to West has commenced

WINNIPEG, March 9.—The weekly homeseekers' excursion from eastern Canada started this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when four carloads of "down east" farmers arrived at the Canadian Pacific depot from Toronto. This marks the beginning of what might be called the legitimate "trek" into western Canada from all quarters of the world, and the excursions will run till the last Thursday in October

Eastern homeseekers come from every point in eastern Canada. They are gathered up at central points, such as Toronto and Montreal, and sent West by the carload. Last year no less than 15,000 came to the west from all parts of Canada, and the Canadian Pacific Railway officials expect to exceed this record this year.

The women's Institute

Madame Grohe, the Dressmaker appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Victoria, is expected in Cranbrook on March 30th or April 6th, for the purpose of holding classes in the City for the benefit of the members of the local Womens' Institute. Members kindly take note of this.

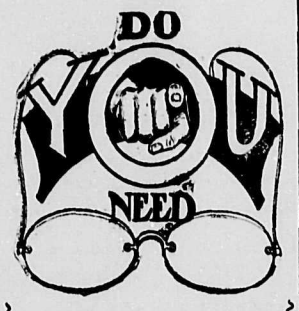
Nelson, March 9th—On Saturday afternoon Madame Grohe's classes in dressmaking, drafting, cutting, and fitting, which she has conducted for members of the Nelson and District Womens' institute, came to a close. The closing exercises included a review of the two week's work, followed by questions, and Madame Grohe stated that all that had taken the classes had obtained a good grasp of the work.

After the close of the session the following resolution was placed before the meeting and unanimously adopted' "To W. E. Scott, superintendent of institutes, Victoria, B.C.: We, the undersigned, wish to express our thanks and appreciation of the services rendered us by Madame Grohe sent out by you to teach the foundations of dressmaking, drafting cutting and fiting. She has given complete satisfaction and is most *thorough and painstaking* in her work. Our classes have derived great benefit from the lessons given us and we hope at some future time to continue the advanced class work.'

To Encourage Sale of home-raised Poultry

With the object of encouraging the sale of British Columbia poultry stock owned and raised by members of the British Columbia Poultry Association, that organization has issued a directory of breeders in the province, among whom are many in Kootenay and Boundary.

"Practically every breed is listed herein and the association believes that the stock of the province is as good as, and in many instances superior to, imported stock or eggs, costing oftentimes triple the price paid for local fowl or eggs. It trusts that those persons desirous of securing thoroughly reliable stock or eggs, whether for utility or fancy purposes, will patronize, if possible, breeders of the province," says the directory.



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Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday night; there being present Mayor Taylor, and Aldermen Leask, Campbell, Genest and Hickenbotham.

The records of the last regular and subsequent adjourned meetings were read and on motion of Aldermen Leask and Campbell, adopted as read

A communication from the Provincial Secretary, announcing the appointment of Messrs. Dezall and Hickenbotham as police commissioners, and the appointment of Messrs. Caslake and Cameron as licence commissioners, was read.

James A. Arnold has been appointed police magistrate for the City of Cranbrook, stipendiary magistrate, and judge of the small debts court.

A communication from W. J. McDonald, of Victoria, regarding tuberculosis tests for cows, was read, and on motion of Aldermen Leask and Campbell, received and filed.

A communication from Maurice Quain, regarding a ditch through his property, saying that it was a menace to the health of the community, was read and filed.

A letter from the Kootenay Telephone Lines, Ltd., re the arranging of poles on certain streets was read, and referred to the Board of Works, with power to act.

A grant of $600 was given in aid of the Cranbrook Brass Band, the said amount to be pa d monthly at the rate of $50 per month.

The finance committee presented their monthly report, and recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $4,052.83. On motion the accounts were ordered to be paid.

A communication from F. Deane, representing a financial company, of Toledo, Ohio, was received and filed.

After some discussion regarding the condition of back lanes and alleys, and the appointing of a city scavenger, the matter was referred to the health and relief to the Health and Relief Committee, with power to act.

Dr. J. M. H. Bell, city medical officer, presented his yearly report, which was as follows:

To the Mayor and Council,
City of Crznbrook,
Dear Sirs:

I wish to thank you for the courtesy you have extended to Dr. Bayfield during my absenre.

Today I despatched my annual report of the health of our city to the provincial government, the gist of the report being as follows:

Diphtheria; 1 case
Scarlet Fever; 1 case ...
Typhoid Fever; 1 case.
Tuberculosis; 3 cases
Measles; 13 cases
Meningitis; 1 case
Diarhea. diseases of infants 14 cases.

It has been a particularlyy healthy year, lately there has been some whooping cough and chicken.pox.

Dr. J. H. M. Bell,
City Medical Officer.

It was moved by Alderman Leask seconded by Alderman Genest, that the city engineer be re-engaged. After considerable discussion, in which improvement in the water and sewer system played a prominent topic, the motion was put, the mayor declaring that it was lost.

Alderman Leask suggested that a committee should be appointed to enquire into conditions regarding the electric lighting system, to see if it could be purchased by the city, and if so, at what price. A committee of three, consisting of Aldermen Campbell, Leask and Hickenbotham, was appointed.

James A. Arnold, city treasurer, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and on motion, City Clerk Roberts was appointed City Treasurer, without salary.

Council adjourned.

Cranbrook, B. C.
7th Mar. 0014

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Cranbrook,

Gentlemen:

I have pleasure in submitting report of work carried out by the City Engineer's Department during the past month.

Public works:

Building Permits:—Since January 1st, building permits have been issued amounting ta $6,900.00. During the same period of last year Permits were only issued for $250.00.

Cement Sidewalks:—The sidewalk in Lewis St. along the side of the Oddfellows Hall has been affected by the action of the frost scaling the top off. The Contractors have agreed to make this good as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Telephone Co.—The Telephone Co. have applied for lines for planting poles in the following Avenues and Streets.

Hanson Avenue—From Lewis St. to Kains Street on the East Side.

Armstrong Avenue—From Lewis St to Kains Street on the East Side.

Norbury Avenue—From Baker St. to Kains Street on the East side.

Kains Street—From Fenwick Ave. to Burwell Avenue on the North side.

Fenwick Avenue—From 220 feet North of Edward Street to Kains Street on the East Side.

For Sale Rents & Wants

FOUND—Gold Locket with picture of little girl inside. Owner can have same by applying at this office and paying for this advert.

Twenty-five second-hand Sewing Machines for Sale on monthly payments, some of them cabinets. All overhauled and in good condition. From $5.00 up. Singer Store, phone 157. 4-tf.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, two Brunswick Balke Pool Tables, almost new, with all accessories complete. These tables can be bought for $10.00 cash, and balance at $10.00 per month without interest. Apply R. P. Johnson, Box 703 or phone 366. 7-4

LOST—On or about the last week in January, a Gold Watch, having a white dial with blue markings, fancy back and plain black fob attached, finder will be suitably rewarded on returning same to the Prospector Office 7

FOR SALE—1 Cyprus Incubator, 144 egg; 1 Peerless Incubator, 144 egg; can be seen at the Cranbrook Exchange.

EXCHANGE—Will exchange surrey for single buggy with tongue. Apply at Prospector Office. 7

FOR SALE—One pair of Chaps and Bridle, Spurs, and Bearing rein.—These will all go cheap for Cash. Apply Prospector Office. ... 10

FOR SALE—Silver Grey Dorkings, 11 pullets and 1 hen. $2.00 each. Box 320, Cranbrook, B.C.

SALE—Thoroughbred R.C. Brown Leghorn Eggs for sale, frnm excellent stock, sittings of 13 eggs $2.00 Apply Box 458, Cranbrook, B.C.

SITUATION wanted as domestic nelp or housekeeper—Address M.P., Care of Mr. S. G. Clark, Wycliffe,

FRENCH & GERMAN LESSONS-gentleman who has resided abroad and is thoroughly conversant with the above languages, desires a few private pupils. Preparation for exams, etc. For particulars apply to Box 137, Cranbrook.

Local News

See me about that picture which you are about to have framed. 80 samples of mouldings to choose from —KILBY FRAMES PICTURES.

Don't forget the date, March 20th, "Afternoon Tea in Friendly Village, 1862".

RIFLE ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of members will be held at the City Hall Monday, March 16th, at 8 p.m. Several matters will be discussed appertaining to annual Government Grant. All members requested to be preeent.

Don't forget—The play: "An AfternoonTea in Friendly Village,1862". The date: Friday evening, March 20, The place: Auditorium. Lots of fun.

At present there are no poles on the sides of the streets specified above.

Water Works:

Services and Meters—One meter has been installed.

Freeze Ups—Up to the 1st March 43 services have been thawed out at a cost of $193 averaging $4.50 each and 9 hydrants have been thawed out at a cost of $39.25 averaging $4.36 each. The total cost for the same perioh last year was $1298.71.

It is not costing so much this season for thawing out, as our equipment is in better shape than last year, and having a more efficient boiler for handling the work. ...

Sewerage:

Maintenance—The Disposal Works have been maintained in an efficient manner. The Filter Trays have been cleaned off twice during the month.

Plumbing and Sewer Connections—Six Permits have been issued since 1st January for this work. No Permits were issued during the same period last year.

F. O'Hara,
City Engineer.

C. P. R.'s New Line

According to the Lethbridge Herald the Canadian Pacific railway will this year complete the line between Weyburn, Sask. and Lethbridge, which it has had under Construction and which, when in operation, will give that company a second line across the prairie provinces and British Columbia between Winnipeg and Kootenay Landing. Discussing the account the Herald says:

The Lethbridge-Weyburn line is to be finished this year. Good news!

Of course, it has often been stated before that such would be the case, but the Montreal Despatch settles it. Vice President Bury and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in conference have arrived at that decision ...and Southern Albertans may be sure it is correct.

The statement also that the work of double tracking through the mountains to Calgary would not be prosecuted until the Kettle Valley Line from Hope to Midway in British Columbia is completed, confirms the exclusive announcement made in the Herald last summer. This means an all-rail route to the coast through Lethbridge and the Crow's Nest Pass, which will settle any doubts about the future of the city.

The Canadian Pacific railway has been guilty of delaying construction operations in Southern Alberta in the past, but the present announcement makes reparation, and we can forgive them freely.

And Lethbridge is not the only only place that will benefit. So will all the British Columbia towns along the Crow and Nelson, Grand Forks, Penticton and other places in West Kootenay and the Boundary and further west.

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That Alcoholism is a disease is now recognised by Science. No man in his senses brings disgrace and ruin on himself and family through choice.

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Sold by druggists and dealers everywhere at 50c a box—6 for $2.50, or sent direct. Write for sample, free if you mention this paper.

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How's this for progress

A Carload of Hogs arrived on Wednesday for the Cranbrook Meat Market.

A Carload of Beef Steers arrived on Friday for the Cranbrook Meat Market.

About three.hundred pounds of Poultry arrived on Saturday for the Cranbrook Meat Market.

Duties of City Engineer

The duties of the City Engineer shall be as follows'—

1. He shall have power to suspend, dismiss and reinstate any officer, servant or employee of his department, and from time to time to prescribe their respective duties in lieu of or in addition to any duties prescribed by any statute or by-law; and subject to the terms and conditions of their respective contracts, he shall also have control of all Corporation contractors working under his directions

2. He shall make a report to the Board of Works from time to time, upon all such worvs and services as may have been petitioned for as local improvements pursdant to any bylaw of the City of Cranbrook in that behalf; and also report upon such other works, services, improvements and repairs as he may from time to time consider desirable in order to imurove the appearaoce of the City, and to promote the health, safety, and convenieoce of the inhabitants thereof.

3. To make a report to the Council as soon after the close of each year as possible, stating:

(a) The various works of construction carried out or in progress under his supervision during the past year, together with the amount expended upon such work.

(b) The cost in detail of the maintenance and repair of the Corporation works and buildings under his control, and of the sewers, streets, water systems and sidewalks.

(c) The cost of office expenses and the management of his department.

(d) The improvements and repairs which, in his opinion, should be undertaken by the Corporation during the next succeeding year.

(e) Such other matters connected with his department as he may consider of interest or importance.

4. To take such measures as he may consider necessary to keep a complete system of levels and bench marks in and for the City, with a view to a general plan of Sewerage, and to the establishment of the boundaries and levels of all the streets, sewers, private drains, buildings and other works.

5. To furnish to the Board of Works all plans and specifications required in connection with the roads, streets, lanes, bridges, buildings, sewers, drains, culverts and other Corporation works, under the control of the said Board of Works; and to furnish all levels and make all surveys in connection with the same; also, when instructed, to inspect and report upon all plans and specifications required by any other committee for any works under the control of any such committee, and to be responsible to the Committee having charge of same for the due performance of all such works; to carry out all engineering and construction works undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by the Corporation, except such as may be entrusted to some other person.

6. To keep a vigilant supervision over the sewers and other public works in the City, and to report concerning the condition of the same to the proper committee. ...

7. To appoint such foremen and inspectors, and employ such laborers as in his opinion may be necessary to efficiently carry out any work under his control; and all such inspectors, foremen and laborers shall be paid such wages as shall be determined upon by him, subject to the approval of the proper committee in that behalf, and shall be subject to suspension or dismissal at any time by him without being entitled to any notice of or compensation for such suspension or dismissal. Nothing herein contained shall be held to have the effect of giving power to the City Engineer to increase the salaries or the wages of officers of his department appointed by him without the concurrence and approval of the proper committee, and he shall not have such power.

8. To examine or cause examination to be made into all complaints of defective sidewalks, paving, flagging, draining, or other Corporation works, and to take such measures as may be necessary to secure the conservation and cleaning of the streets and their maintenance against encroachment.

9. To sign all permits which may be granted by the Council or by the Committee on Works, for opening streets, sidewalks, or other public places; for locating and erecting telegraph, telephone, electric light and other poles, and for laying down telegraph, telephone, and electric light wires, or water pipes or private drains, or for any other purpose whatever; and to see that all such work is performed to his entire satisfaction.

10. To cause a monthly return to be made to him of all workmen employed and materials used during the month, and of the amount, cost and description of the work done.

11. On tne completion of all work under his control to forthwith report the same to the Committee in charge thereof, and to state the balance (if any) due to or by the contractor on account thereof.

12. To examine and certify all bills against the Corporation for material and labor and contract work under his control.

13. To report from time to time to the Council, or to any Committee thereof, as the case may require, any obstruction he may meet with in the course of his duties, and any matter on which he may require advise or instruction.

14. To furnish the City Solicitor forthwith upon his request with all documents and information required by him in connection with Corporation matters.

15. To take charge and supervision of the cleaning of all streets and of any Corporation work which may be from time to time placed under his control.

16. To make all necessary arrangements for removing all decayed or decaying animal or vegetable matter from the streets, and for the temporary deposit and subsequent removal of house dirt, garbage, etc.

17. To keep a vigilant supervision over all the streets, lanes and byways within the City upon which any animal, dirt, manure, garbage, filth, refuse or other matter or thing may be found, and at once cause the same to be removed.

18. Generally, he shall give due and proper attention to all the usual business appertaining to the City's Engineering Department of the City of Cranbrook.

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Avoid the rush and engage a private box or large dining table for Sunday Evening

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J. McLACHLUN, C.R.
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Visiting Brothers Cordially Welcomed

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A. F. & A. M.
Regular meetings on the third Thursday of every month.
Visiting brethren welcome.
H. Hichenbotham, W.M.
J. Lee Cranston, Sec.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

No. 125, R. A. M.
Regular meetings:—2nd Tuesday in each month at eight o'clock.
Sojourning Companions are cordially invited.
Ex. Comp.—A. C. Shankland, E.
Cranbrook, B.C.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Cranbrook, B.C.
Crescent Lodge, No. 33
Meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Fraternity Hall.
G. Donahue, C. C.
F. M. Christian, K of R. & S.
E. A. Hill, M. F.
Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.

I.O.O.F., KEY CITY LODGE

No. 43
Meets every Monday night at Eew Fraternity Hall.
Sojourning Oddfellows cordially invited.
J. Turnley, N. G. — W. M. Harris, Sec'y

PRIDE OF CRANBROOK

Circle No. 153
Companions of the Forest
Meets in Carmen's Hall, First and Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m., sharp.
Mrs. A. M. Laurie, C. C
Mrs. A. E. Shaw, Sec.
Visiting Companions cordially welcome. 36tf

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No. 1049
Meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m., in Royal Black Knights' Hall on Baker Street.
M. Exler, Dictator
R. S. Garrett, Sec'y

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

Meets in Royal Black Knights Hall Baker Street
Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. sharp.
Mrs. L. Hayward, rec. sec.
W. B. MacFarlane, chief ranger
Visiting brethren made welcome.

The Cranbrook Poultry and Pet Stock Association

President—C. R. Sheppard
Meets regularly on the First Friday evening of each month.
Information on Poultry matters supplied.
Address the Secretary—A. B. Smith P.O. Box 852, Cranbrook, B.C.

Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1871

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday in Royal Black Knights of Ireland Hall at 8 p.m. sharp. Visitors Welcome.
R. S. Garrett, W. M.
W. Dunstan, Rec. Sec.

CRANBROOK-FERNIE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Pres.—A. B. Smith
Sec.—Albert H. Webb,
Address—Box 605, Cranbrook, B. C.
Meetings are held Second Saturday in each month at 2 p.m. in the Old Gymnasium.

Women's Institute

Meets in the Carmens' Hall 1st Tuesday afternoon in every month at 3 p.m. The fancy work classes meets on 2nd Friday evening in the same place at 8 p. m.
Mrs. E. H. Leaman, President
Mrs. J. Shaw, Sec-Treas.
P. O. Box 442.
All ladies cordially invited.

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TIMBER SALE X 159

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands not later than noon on the 7th day of March, 1914, for the purchase of Licence X 159, to cut 380,000 feet of Douglas Fir and Tamarack, an a portion of Lot 7799, Kootenay District, near Cranbrook.
One year will be allowed for the removal of the timber.
Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or of District Forester, Cranbrook.

MADAM LAVAL'S
Cotton Root Compound Tablets
A RELIABLE REGULATOR
These Pills are compounded with the greatest care from the most reliable remedies known to science; such as are being used with much success by the most celebrated physicians known.
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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that a reserve, the notice of which appeared in the B.C. Gazette on the 27th of December, 1907, is cancelled in so far as it relates to land covered by expired Timber Licence No. 43070 for the purpose of issuing Pre-emption Records covering a portion of same in favor of Messrs. Jesse P. Abbott and Delbert Van Abbott. The remainder will be open to entry by *pre-emption on Friday, the first day* of May, 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon; all applications to be made at the office of the Government Agent, Cranbrook.
R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Lands Department,
Victoria, B.C.
28th January, 1914.
5-3 mths.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve established by notice published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 27th day of December, 1907, is cancelled in so far as it relates to Timber Licences Nos. 31481, 33411, 34221, 30358, 36502, 26737, 41344, 31201, 31330, 34406, 32711, 21907, 37993, 37922, 37994, 33460, 33459, 26926, 28183, 22661, 34273, 43176, 32022, 31180, 31184, 31185, 37580, 24432, 23116, 28182, 39353, 34310 and 11347. That said lands have been surveyed as Lots 2698, 2699, 2700, 2701, 2702, 2703, 2704, 2705 2706, 2707, 2708, 2709, 2710, 8281a, 8278, 8279, 8281, 8283, 10331, 10351, 10352, 10353, 10354, 10356, 10357, 10358, 10359, 10360, 10361, 10362, 10364, 10365, 10366, 10367, 10369, 11488, 11489, 11490, 11491, 11492, 11493, 11494, 11495, 11496, 11497, 11498, 11499, 11500, 11501, 11502, 11503, 11504, 11505, 11506, 11507, 11508, 11509, 11510, 11511, 11511a, 11512, 11513, 11528, 11529, 11530, 11531, 11532, 11533, 11534, 11535, 11536, 11537, 11538, 11539, 11540, 11541, 11542, 11543, 11544, 11545, 11546, 11547, 11548, 11549, 11550, 11552, 11553, 11554, 11555, 11556, 11557, 11558, 11559, 11560, 11561, 11562, 11573, 11574, 11575, 11576, 11577, 11578, 11579, 11580, 11581, 11582, 11583, 11584, 11585, 11586, 11587, 11588, 11589, 11590, 51594, 11595, 11596, 11597, 11598, 11599, 11603, 11604, 11605, 11606, 11607, 11608, 11609, 11610, 11611, 11612, 11613, 11614, 11615, 11616, 11617, 11619, 11620, 11621, 11622, 11623, 11624, 11625, 11781, 11785, 11786, 11787, 11788, 11789, 11790, 11791, 11792, 11793, 11794, 11795, 11796, 11797, 01798, 11799, 11800, 11801, 11802 and 11803, Kootenay District, and will be opened to entry by pre-emption on the 1st day of May, 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. No Pre-emption Record will be issued to include more than one surveyed lot, and all applications must be made at the office of the Government Agent, Cranbrook.
R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Lands Department,
Victoria, B.C.
28th January, 1914.
5-3 mths.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve established by notice published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 27th day of December 1907, is cancelled in so far as it relates to Timber Licences Nos. 41426, 9082 and 4481, and that said lands having been surveyed as Lots 11514, 11515, 11518, 11519, 11520, 11521, 11526, 11685 and 11689, Kootenay District, 11681, 11681a, 11682, 11683, 11684, 11685 and 11789, Kootenay Dictrict, will be opened to entry by pre-emption on the 1st day of May, 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. No. pre-emption record will be issued to include more than one surveyed lot, and all applications must be made at the office of the Government Agent, Fernie
R. A. RENWICK
Deputy Minister of Lands
Lands Department,
Victoria, B.C.
28th January, 1914.
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SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

Coal mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North west Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.
Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.
In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.
Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.
The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.
The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre
For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.
W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—30690. Jan. 3rd-tf.

COAL and PETROLEUM NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, with in Sixty days from the date hereof, I intend to apply to the Minister of Lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands in South East Kootenay, B.C.
Commencing at a post planted at the South East corner of Lot 7845, being the North East corner: thence South about 50 chains, West about 50 chains, North about 50 chains, and East about 50 chains to point of commencement, containing 250 acres, more or less.
Located this 6th day of February, 1914.
GEO. W. SYNDER, Locator
JAS. FISHER, Agent

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Commencing at a post planted at the South West corner of Lot 7285, being the South East corner: thence North 40 chains, West about 8 chains South 40 chains, and East about 8 chains to point of commencement.
Located this 9th day of February, 1914.
CHARLES L. PUGH, Locator
JAS. FISHER, Agent

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Commencing at a post planted at the North West corner of Lot 7133, being the South West corner: thence North about 20 chains, East about 60 chains, North about 60 chains, East about 20 chains, South 80 chains and West 80 chains to point of commencement.
Located this 10th day of February, 1914.
OLIVER J. STEWART, Locator
JAS. FISHER, Agent

COAL and PETROLEUM NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, with in Sixty days from the date hereof, I intend to apply to the Minister of Lands for a Licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands in South East Kootenay, B.C.
Commencing at a post planted at the South East corner of Lot 7281, being the South West corner: thence North 80 chains, East 80 chains,, South 80 chains, West 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.
Located this 6th day of February, 1914.
WALTER J. NICHOLLS, Locator
JAS. FISHER, Agent

Dr. de Van's Female Pills
A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Refuse all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at $5 a box, or three for $10. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF the Companies Act (R.S.B.C. 1911, Chap. 39 and Amendments thereof).
AND IN THE MATTER OF the Davis Brothers Electric Company, Limited, in Liquidation.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company carrying on business as dealers in Electric supplies at Cranbrook, British Columbia, has gone into voluntary liquidation pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act and that James A. Arnold of Cranbrook, B.C. Accountant, has been duly appointed Liquidator.
The Creditors are notified to meet at the office of the undereigned Solicitors in the City of Cranbrook, on the 25th day of March, A.D., 1914, at Three (3) o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a statement of the affairs of the Company and for the purpose of determining whether an application shall be made to the Court for the appointment of any person as Liquidator in place of or jointly with the Liquidator appointed by the Company, or for the appointment of a committee of inspection, and for the giving of any directions which may be necessary in connection therewith.
All persons or Companies claiming to be entitled to rank as Creditors must file their claims with the undersigned on or before the 31st day of May, A.D., 1914, after whirh date the Liquidator will proceed to distribute the assets thereof having regard to those claims only of which he shall then have received notice and he will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or Company of whose claim he has not then received notice.
J. A. ARNOLD, Liquidator
by his Solicitors,
Messrs. Harvey, McCarter, Macdonald & Nisbet, Cranbrook, B.C.
Cranbrook, B.C., March 11th, 1911.

COAL AND PETROLEUM NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over the following lands situate in the District of Southeast Kootenay British Columbia, in Lot 4593:
Commencing at a post planted at or near the Southeast corner of Lot 8589, and being the Southeast corner post of JOSEPH S. DANNER'S claim, thence North 80 chains; thence West 80 chains; thence South 80 chains; thence East 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres, and being the same land heretofore surveyed as Lot 8589.
Located this 8th day of February, 1914.
JOSEPH S. DANNER, locator
Eathen W. Butts, Agent
Wm. H. Brown, witness.

COAL AND PETROLEUM NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over the following lands situate in the District of Southeast Kootenay British Columbia, in Lot 4593:
Commencing at a post planted at or near the Northwest corner of Lot 8590, and being the Northeast corner post of M. WAYNE TWITCHELL'S claim, thence South a distance of approximately 35.98 chains to the North line of Lot 8589, thence West along the North line of Lot 8589 a distance of approximately 80 chains to the East line of Lot 11953, thence North along the East line of Lots 11953 and 11954 a distance of approximately 35.98 chains to the South line of Lot 7286, thence East along the South line of Lots 7286 and 7287 a distance of approximately 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing approximately 287.84 acres, and being the same land heretofore surveyed as Lot 8590.
Located this 13th day of February, 1914.
M. WAYNE TWITCHELL, locator
Eathern W. Butts, Agent.
Wm. H. Brown, Witness

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Commencing at a post planted at or near the Northwest corner of Lot 8585, and being the Northwest corner post of WALTER J. ABBS' claim, thence South to the Northwest corner of Lot 8586 a distance approximating 35.98 chains; thence East along the North line of Lot 8586 to the West line of Lot 8591 a distance approximating 80 chains; thence North along the West line of Lot 8591 to the South line of Lot 8592 a distance approximating 35.98 chains; thence West along the South line of Lots 8592 and 7287 a distance approximating 80 chainl to the place of commencement, containing approximately 287.8 acres, and being the same land heretofore surveyed as Lot 8585.
Located this 13th day of February, 1914.
WALTER J. ABBS, locator
Eathern W. Butts, Agent.
Wm. H. Brown, Witness.

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Commencing at a post planted at or near the Northeast corner of Lot 8588, and being the Northeast corner post of WALTER J. ABBS' claim; thence South along the East line of Lot 8588 a distance of approximately 73.32 chains to the North line of Lot 7841, thence West along the North line of Lots 7841 and 7844 a distance of approximately 80 chains to the East line of Lot 11949, thence North along the East line of Lots 11949 and 11950 a distance of approximately 73.32 chains to the South line of Lot 8589, thence East along the South line of Lot 8589 to the place of commencement, containing approximately 586.52 acres, and being the same land heretofore surveyed as Lot 8588.
Located this 8th day of February, 1914.
WALTER J. ABBS, locator
Eathern W. Butts, Agent
Wm. H. Brown, witness.

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Commencing at a post planted at or near the Northwest corner of Lot 3587, and being the Northwest corner post of Samuel P. Wilson's claim, thence South a distance of approximately 73.32 chains to the north line of Lot 7841, thence East along the North line of Lot 7841 a distance of approximately 61.92 chains to the Northeast corner of Lot 7841, thence South along the East line of Lot 7841 a distance of approximately 6.68 chains to the Northwest corner of lot 7845, thence east along the north line of Lot 7845 a distance of approximately 18.07 chains, thence north a distance of approximately 80 chains, thence West a distance of approximately 80 chains; containing approximately 598.61 acres, and being the same land heretofore surveyed as lot 8587.
Located this 8th day of February 1914.
SAMUEL P. WILSON, locator
Eathen W. Butts Agent
Wm. H. Brown, Witness. II.4t

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Located this 8th day of February, 1914.
WALTER J. ABBS, locator
Eathern W. Butts, Agent
Wm. H. Brown, witness.

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Commencing at a post planted at or near 7.73 chains North of the Southwest cosner of Lot 7850, and being the Southeast corner post of F. Charles Bassett's claim, thence a distance of approximately 80 chains North along the West line of Lots 7850 and 7851 a distance of approximately 80 chains to the South boundary line of Lot8724, thence West along the South line of Lot 8724 a distance of approximately 14.20 chain to the East boundary line of Lot 7849, thence South along the East boundary line of Lots 7849 and 7846 a distance of apuroximately 80 chains to a point directly West of the place of beginning, thence East approximately 14.20 chains to the point of commencement, containing approximately 113.6 acres.
Located this 10th day of February, 1914.
F. CHARLES BASSETT, locator
Eathen W. Butts, Agent
Wm. H. Brown, Witness.

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Commencing at a post planted at or near the Southwett corner of lot 8586 and being the Southwest corner post of George Wykes' claim; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains thence South 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres, and being the same land heretofore surveyed as Lot 8586.
Located this 8th day of February, 1914.
GEORGE WYKES, locator
Eathen W. Butts, Agent.
Wm. H. Brown, Witness

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Located this 10th day of February, 1914.
WALTER J. ABBS, locator
Eathern W. Butts, Agent
Wm. H. Brown, witness.

Young Men's Club

A large and enthusiastic class has been in attendance at the Gymnasium throughout the week in preparation for the big Gymnastic Competition and Exhibition to be given in the Gymnasium Friday evening. There is very keen rivalry between a number of the best athletes of the Club, and the competition promises to be a hard fought contest throughout. The races and sports are between two teams of seven men each, and are very evenly matched. The other events are undergoing careful preparation. From every standpoint Friday evening should be of great pleasure and profit to all who attend
The public are invited.

Two Basketball games were played in the Gymnasium last Monday evening. The first game, between two junior teams, and resulting in a win for the Giants over the Athletics in a hard fought game.

The second game between the Thistles and Commercials was a battle royal right up to the end of the game. In the first half the Thistles played the more aggressive game and at half-time led by a good margin. But in the second half the Commercials came on the floor with a new spirit, driving the Thistles back to a defensive game. At the call of time it looked like anybody's game, but the big margin gained in the first half saved the Thistles from probable defeat. The score

Thistles, 22 points.
Commercials, 18 points.

These teams will play the last of the series of three games next Monday night at eight o'clock sharp.

Several of the boys are rounding into shape for track work throughout the summer. There has been a very definite increase in the number of members who take advantage of the swimming pool this past week, the milder weather is most suggestive of a good "dip".

Next week should see a good start made in getting the tennis court, lawn bowling court and athletic field in good shape for out-of-door games and sports.

On behalf of the boys now getting into shape we challenge the Y. M. C. A., or any other organization or group of athletes to a road race of two miles, or a relay race for the same distance, and a series of races in the "Gym" next Tuesday evening.

Come on boys and get into the game, take this up quick!

Some of the members have clubbed together and purchased a new Victor gramophone for the Club. The management is delighted with this splendid spirit, and we hereby express our appreciation by a hearty vote of thanks. This fine instrument will be put to worv this week.

We look for a big crowd at the Gymnastic Competition Friday night, be sure to be one of them.

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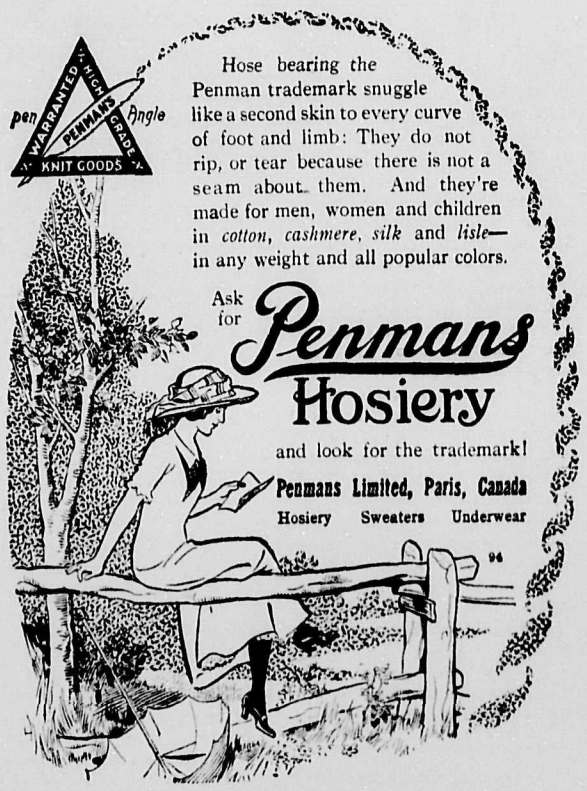

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good and deep as a rule, although some parts are somewhat gravelly. There are several good lots, some specially adapted for dairy-farming. *The timber has been cut, only the* stumps, about twenty to the acre, left by the loggers remaining to be removed. In the opinion of surveyors a number of lots in this tract would *make good apple-growing country if* water could be used. Levels would have to be run from Mark or Cherry Creek.

A mile north of this group is another block of lots. Lots 11589 and and 11590 of this group are about a mile and a half east of Kimberley, where the North Star and Sullivan mines are located. Like the other group, this consists of logged-off timber licences, the stumps and small scattered timber only remaining. Clay soil and swamps are found on much of this area, the swamps being not difficult to drain. Part of the tract can be irrigated.

Some of the settlers on lands north of St. Mary's River in the Cranbrook District are growing good crops and vegetables without water. West of St. Mary's Indian Reserve are several farms where profitable farming is being carried on without irrigation.

LOTS NEAR FORT STEELE

About three or four miles south from Fort Steele three lots have been subdivided on logged-off lands and included among those to be thrown o*pen for pre-emption on* May 1st.They can be recorded at the office of the Government Agent at Cranbrook. These lots are on rolling bench land the eastern part with hillsides slop*ing towards the Kootenay* river. The soil is sandy loam to gravelly, with gravel subsoil. All the large timber has been cut, only the stumps, scarcely more than twenty to the acre, and scattered small pine and fir remaining.

NORTH-WEST FROM WALDO

North-west from Waldo Station, on the Great Northern Railroad, which crosses the International Boundary at Gateway to connect with the coal mines at Fernie and Michel by way of the Kootenay Valley, and on the west side of the Kootenay River, is a group of forty-two lots which have been subdivided for pre-emption on logged-off timber licences. The large timber has been taken off and the lots surveyed into tracts ranging in size from 40 acres upward.

Much of this group, which is in the Cranbrook Land Recording Division and must be recorded at the office of the Government Agent at Cranbrook, covers a park-like country, level over some extent and slightly rolling in other places. Some portions are broken. The northern part, comprising Lots 2706 to 2710, was examined by G. H. Prince of the Forest Branch who reported that the greater portion of this land is nearly level, with gravelly knolls showing in several places. A steep gravelly bank, from 200 to 300 feet high and in same places very stony, extends, along the bank of the Kootenay River. About 40 acres in all would be comprised by these gravelly knolls, and these places, together with the stony section of the river-bank, are not fitted for agriculture. The remainder could be profitably utilized as agricultural land, but, with the exception of some of the blocks, would require irrigation. The altitude is between 2,500 and 3,100 feet. The slope is eastward in its general direction. On a number of the lots the soil is a fair loamy clay, in general in this section it is a deep gravelly clay. There is much black and rich soil in places.

Alfred Cummings, B.C.L.S., who *made surveys in this tract, describes* the lots comprised in the group south from those examined by Mr. Prince *as a park-like country, slightly rol*ling in the southern half, with a general slope to the north. The northern part is rather broken and rolling. Some of the lots—11510,11511, *and 11513—front on the* Kootenay River, rolling bench land rising in tiers from the river. The large timber has been cut. A few scattered large and small fir and pine remain. *On the southern half are clumps of* underbrush. The vegetation consists of wild peavine, grass, wild roses, and Oregon grape. The soil, suitable for agriculture is a sandy loam of good quality and depth on the southerly lots, with gravel cropping out on some of the ridges of the northern portion. The land in general is above irrigation elevation. There are signs that water could be secured by digging moderately deep wells.

This district is semi-dry and in ordinary seasons crops suffer from drought in July and August. With the use of dry-farming methods for the preservation of moisture during these months, crops may be grown with success every year, as the rainfall is sufficient during other seasons. There is a seepage belt which crosses the northern end of this group of lot and a small slough in the northern part.

The coldest temperature in winter in this part is about 25 degrees. In summer the temperature goes above 95 degrees in the shade. The growing season would be from the last of May to the middle of September. Usually one or more heavy frosts occur in July. The rainfall is light, and irrigation or utilization of dry-farming methods is generally necessary to profitable agriculture. Irrigation plants are under construction in this neighborhood, and some are in operation near Waldo. In some seasons the rainfall is ample and irrigation is not necessary. There is little rain in July or August. The snow lies on the ground three months, sometimes four, at a depth of from 14 inches to 2 feet. For irrigation purposes a gravity flow could be secured from Gold Creek, about ten miles distant. There is a small lake north of Lot 2710. South of this lot is a well which contains water to within 3 or 4 feet from the surface, and evidently in the wet season is covered by a shallow lake. There is also a shallow lake in Lot 11493. Under good conditions all kinds of vegetables could be grown, and possibly some of the more hardy fruits. At Waldo there is an experimental farm. Vegetables under irrigation seem to be doing fairly well. Lot 323, which adjoins this tract, this tract, has been cut into blocks for sale. This lot reaches eastward to the Baynes Lake Settlement where there is a good farming population.

A wagon road follows the Kootenay Valley. This road, which runs throughout the valley, connects from Waldo with this tract by way of a bridge across the Kootenay River about half-way between Waldo and Krag stations, on the Great Northern Railroad. Waldo is a lumbering and industrial centre, two large mills —one operated by the Ross-Saskatoon Lumber Company and another by the Baker Lumber Company— being located there.

EAST OF KOOTENAY CENTRAL RAILWAY

Lots 11573, 11583, 11785, and 11787 are situated a number of miles north-westward of the Kootenay River and east of the Kootenay Central *Railway, now being constructed in* valley, the right-of-way crossing through Lot 11573 from the south-west corner of Lot 11785. This tract is generally level ground, but the *soil is gravelly.* A small gravel bench extends through the centre, generally trending north and south. The soil is gravelly to sandy throughout this block of lots. There are some open patches of prairie-like country free from timber or brush; on the remainder there is a fair growth of yellow pine. No water is available.

Lots 11788 to 11795 have been subdivided for pre-emption on an expired timber licence about three miles west and north of the group above referred to. Skookumchuck Creek, a tributary of the Kootenay River, crosses through the northern part of the tract, being joined by a small creek at the north-west corner, where the main creek is in a canyon. Skookumchuck Creek has a minimum discharge of probably 60 or 70 cubic feet per second. In June and July a maximum discharge of 1,100 or 1,500 cubic feet per second is probable. None of the water is used for irrigation, but considerable is appropriated, and will eventually water various areas in its vicinity. Several logging-roads run through the tract. A pack-trail extends from one following to the south of Skookumchuck Creek. A small lake lies in the northern part of Lot 11792, and Cedar Creek, which runs north-easterly across the south-east of Lot 11731 and north-west of Lot 10792, sinks about the centre of Lot 11793. There are sloughs on the north-east and norterrn line of this lot. At the south-westerly corner of the tract rock bluffs are found, with level bench and plateau lands in the centre and broken country on the eastern side. Some fairly good land is found on some of the lots. The soil is gravelly. The large timber has been logged off, only fir and tamarack of prop size remaining.

About a mile west of these lots nine others have been subdivided on former timber limits. The easterly tract, comprising Lots 11781, 11802, and 11803, is level bench and side-hill, with a northerly slope at the north end, hilly in the centre and southern end. The soil is sandy loam, with gravel subsoil, but is devoid of water. The large timber has been cut, small tamarack, cedar and *pine remaining.* The tract west of these lots, including six lots, is another logged-off area. A sheltered narrow draw extends up the middle, with side-hills reaching to the boun*daries, east and west. There is* some level land at the mouth of the draw in Lot 11798, from where the draw runs southward through the hills for several miles, and bench land with *jack-pine brush to the north.* In the draw the soil is good dark-red loam with no rocks, and gravelly on the sidehills and higher land. There is no water. The large timber has all *been logged;* small tamarack and cedar in places.

LANDS IN FERNIE DISTRICT

The bulk of the lots in the Fernie Land Recording District, for which application must be made at the office of the Government Agent at Fernie, where they will be opened to entry by pre-emption on May 1st at 9 a.m., are on logged-off timber limits south of the Elk River, east of the Kootenay River, and east from Dorr. There is also a lot on Sparwood Ridge near Sparwood. Lots 11682 to 11685 are located about a mile and a quarter south of the Elk River and about two miles east of the Kootenay River. The tract has been logged. It consists of rolling park-like country. There is no under brush. The vegetation is wild peavine, grass, and wild strawberry plants. The soil is sandy loam of considerable depth, a little stony in parts.

EAST FROM DORR

The lots east from Dorr to the south, nearly two miles from the tract above referred to, are subdivisions of a logged-off timber licence. Only a few scattered small fir and pine trees remain. There is no underbrush. Along the central part of the southern boundary a fine flat extends. The remainder of the area is rolling. Four ridges run north and south across the group. The soil is a sandy loam free from stones on the flat, and sandy logm with a few stones on the remainder of the area. It is above possible irrigation, being about 300 feet above the Kootenay River. It seems quite probable, though, that water could be obtained by sinking moderately deep wells in the valleys.

The land is part of a rolling bench about 250 to 300 feet above the Kootenay River. The climate is semi-dry, and as the elevation is high for irrigation it is likely that dry-farming methods would have to be employed in all but wet years. The climatic conditions in general are similar to those in the Cranbrook vicinity. It is understood that owners of land situated near the tract contemplate putting on water, and if this is done it will likely serve the land on this bench.

RIVER-FLAT NEAR SPARWOOD

The lot near Sparwood, 11687, is on the west side of Elk River, a flat at bottom of the slopes reaching *down to the River from Sparwood* Ridge. This flat is part of a logged-off timber licence, the balance of which, rising to a broken ridge, has been placed in reserve to allow of re*afforestation. The soil on the river*-flat is alluvial deposit with gravel subsoil.

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land which is about three thousand feet in elevation. One half of this area is free from rock, while the other one-half contains some waste land though covered with timber. It is safe to say that there is 50,000 acres of land suitable for mixed farming and in many places the growing of fruit.

SOIL AND MOISTURE:—The soil is a light sandy loam, containing a small percentage of gravel. The subsoil is clay and gravel. During the year the rainfall will be in the neighborhood of 15 inches, while the snow will average about one foot. Wells sunk to a depth of 20 feet give potable water. Should the country need irrigation, water can be brought in from the upper St. Mary's River.

CLIMATE: The winters are short; snow appearing about the first of January, while breaking has been done in March. The summers are warm and well adapted to the maturing of crops. Stock patthres on this area throughout the winter.

CROPS: On that portion of the area that has been cropped failures are unknown. From five to seven tons per acre of potatoes have been harvested on ground that has only been disced. Three cuttings of Rye have been made in one season, while fall wheat does well.

TIMBER: The merchantable lumber has been estimated by a competent cruiser at 120,000,000 feet in addition to which there are over 1,000,000 ties and a very large quantity of mine timber. About sixty million of the timber will go to Wycliffe to be manufactured while the balance will go to Wardner or be sawn on the ground

MINERALS: Immediately to the West are the famous North Star and Sullivan mines. The Purcell Range in which these mines are located extends to the North and for its entire length is rich in mineral which will undoubtedly be taken out and find its way over the short cut to the smelters.

CRANBROOK: With a population of 4,000, is the capital city of East Kootenay. Here we find invested in banking buildings $70,000. The Dominion Government has another $70,000 and the B.C. Government has invested $25.000 in public buildings; while the City of Cranbrook has invested in like institutions over $100,000. The Canadian Pacific Railway has expended about $700,000 on its divisional facilities. Manufacturing and wholesale companies have $1,250,000 working in the City. These figures total over $1,500,000.

In addition there are seven hotels and a large and well equipped hospital. During the fiscal year ending in March, 1913, Cranbrook as a port of entry returned to the Government over $98.000. When the proposed railway cut-off connection is completed all of the above mentioned will be available to the settlers of the Kootenay Valley, and will afford for years, advantages to this newly opened country which it would otherwise not enjoy.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

H. Y. PARKER

On February 17th, the committee appointed a sub-committee to visit Calgary and lay before the authorities the completed plans with all the information asked for. This sub-committee consisted of Messrs. Fink, Parker, and Pollen, who reported to the committee on March 7th that their instructions had been followed and that the proposed route and the report was enquired into very minutely in respect to the grades and other features of this and other routes.The authorities seems very well satisfied with the thoroughness with which the information was presented. The only adverse comment was that the route paralells the K.C.R. for about 10 miles on the northern end. Mr. Parker was able to explain conclusively the necessity for this, and the reasons for the locations as shewn.

At the close of the interview they were informed that it would be best if there were some sort of official communication pass between them as coming from the Board of Trade in reference to the matter.

At a later date the committee were advised that they could not build under the old B.C. Southern Charter or the K.C. Charter but that a special charter would have to be obtained.

If the Board of Trade at tonight's meeting pass the following resolu*tion, drafted up by the committee* and enter the same on the minutes, which when signed by the president of the Board and its secretary, will supplement the plans and reports *that have been forwarded in it will* greatly assist in furthering the scheme.

The resolution reads as follows:—

"Whereas the matter of a cut-off or *"spur of the K. C. Ry. into Cran*"brook is tnought desirable by this "Board, and whereas in general "meeting of November 29th, 13 ,the "Board appointed a Special Com*"mittee to work out ways and the* "means of obtaining the assurance "that a branch or spur of said "railway would be built.

"AND WHEREAS this Special "committse have secured valuable "information, also had a reconnois"sance survey made by a civil engineer,

"AND WHEREAS this information "shows conclusively that a feasible "route can be obtained on very rea"sonable grades and that a road "can be constructed at a moderate "cost,

"BE IT, therefore, resolved, that "this Board in meeting, approve of "a resolution properly drafted, set"ting forth the matter as outlined "by Mr. Dennis in his letter, Feb"ruary 27th, 1914, and signed by "the president and secretary. Fur"ther that this resolution embody "the Board's willingness to secure, "if necessary, a charter, and if pos"sible subsidies, from one or both "Governments and that on the as"surance from the Railway Co., "that this line will be constructed "that the Board will turn over to "them the charter and any subsi"dies obtained."

In reference to this scheme and the getting of the new charter as is embodied in the Resolution, the Hon. R. F. Green and the Hon. T. D. Caven have both been communicated with but replies from neither to date have been received.

Messrs. Bowness and P. Wilson moved that the committee's report be accepted—carried.

It was then moved by Mr. P. Wilson and seconded by C. R. Ward that the Resolution as presented and suggested by the special committee in their report be passed and that the necessary signatures be attached to a copy—carried unanimously; the meeting being much impressed with the sound business policy advocated in its contents, together with the value it will eventually be to the committee in furthering their work in obtaining the cut-off desired.

In speaking to the minutes Mr. J. Ryan said: "that the committee on pre-emptied lands had had petitions circulated throughout the district and that they had been signed by thousands of interested parties; but that the government had somewhat anticipgted them in their request in granting to the people of this district the wants of the petitions not received.

Mr. Geo. Stepenson advised the meeting that he had taken up the matter of freights to Cranbrook and he had all the assurance necessary that the same would be revised, and that in all probability Cranbrook would then have the same rates as Fernie which would further the belief in concrete form of the future of Cranbrook as a distributing centre.

Upon the officers retiring at this stage of the meeting Mr. Stevenson moved that a vote of thanks be made to them for the services they had rendered during the past year. Mr. Wilron seconded with the proviso that Mr. Stevenson's name be coupled to the officers as the efficient work he had executed on behalf of the K. C. cut-off was deserving of such recognition—carried.

Mr. H. Darling, the retiring president, reviewed the work of the Board for the past year.

Mr. Darling moved that Mr. A. C. Bowness was elected by acclamation. of the Board for the next year, Nominations were declared closed and Mr Bownesz was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Bowness in reply said: "That he realized that there was a considerable amount of work to be done by the Board which was vital to the interests of Cranbrook, and that I am always ready to assist in the work to that end."

Mr. J. M. Christie, being elected to the vice-presidency by acclamation, replied: that "I'll do my best."

Mr. J. P. Fink, on the nomination of C. R. Ward, was elected unanimously as Secretary.

The executive elected were as follows: Messrs. C. R. Ward, W. A. Nesbit, P. E. Wilson, Geo. Stevenson, T. B. O'Connell, I. Manning, H. Darling, and J. Campbell.

Various committees were elected to see that the work during the year was carried out efficiently, the chairman of each committee to be a member of the executive with power to add one or two members to assist him in the work undertaken as he saw fit.

The committees appointed were:—

Legislation and Civic—W.A.Nesbit.

Finance and Membership—T. B. O'Connell

Education and Publicity—H. Darling.

Roads—I. Manning

Entertainment—P. E. Willon

Retail Merchants—J. Campbell

Natural Resources—C. R. Ward, who asked to be relieved of the *chairmanship in favor of* Mr. Ryan.

The financial statement was then presented which was found to carry over a surplus of $50.46. Messrs. Wilson and Ward moved that the financial statement as presented by the retiring council be accepted—carried.

Mr. I. Manning moved that the *committee appointed to that section* draft up a resolution re the establishing of an Dominion experimental farm in Cranbrook and that the same be forwarded to the Hon. R. F. *Green at Ottawa—carried.*

Mr. R. E. Beattie moved and Mr. J. Ryan seconded that it

"BE RESOLVED that we, the "Board of Trade of the City of "Cranbrook, consider it detrimen"tal to the best interests of the "City that the City Council have "decided to dispense with the ser"vices of the City Engineer; it is false economy, and we, as the busi"ness men of the City consider it "imperative that the City's utili"ties and Public Works should be "supervised by a competent and re"sponsible official. It will do the "City an incalculable amount of "harm when it becomes generally "known to outsiders that we are "too poor to keep our responsible "officials. Prospective settlers will "give us the go by as they will naturally conclude that the City and "district is in a decrepid state, "they will go where prospects look "brighter. Be It therefore resolved "that we, the Board of Trade ask "the Council reconsider this matter and re-instate Mr. O'Hara as the "City Engineer, and that a copy "of this resolution be forwarded to "the City Council at an early date. —carried unanimously. Several of the members spoke to the motion in regards to the inadvisability of the Council taking the step it has in this matter.

Mr. H. Y. Parker in rising said: "that he was much impressed with the enthusiasm of the meeting as well as the business way they approached a subject brought to their attention: because of this he would like to bring to their notice a matter of which very little was at present known. In his preliminary remarks he showed how the City of Ithaca sustained a typhoid epihemic, losiog over 300 lives, because of a poluted water shed. Then Mr. Parker pointed out the fact that shacks are being built near the reservoir and the stream of water which is our supply, and that at this time of the year any accumulated refuses which had been thrown out on the frozen ground is liable to find its way into the drinking water of the City. That the danger of polution does exist and that the matter will grow greater instead of less.

To relieve the situation, the speaker pointed out the fact that the land in the water shed is at present under Government reserve, and he feels confident that the required area can be purchased at a very nominal figure, if the government does not upon proper representation grant to the City this area free of all cost. Mr. Parker felt that this project is worthy of the consideration of the Board of Trade, and offered to assist a committee in any way should one be appointed to look into the matter.

At this point the speaker read from the "Prospector" of last week where in they referred to the Post Office fire and said that he could not let this statement pass unchallenged.

The comment said "Cranbrook is fortunate in having a first class fire *department, and a water supply that* is ample for fire protection." Respecting the first part I have only this to say: "We have a very efficient fire department, and it is very fortunate for us that we have." as the statement respecting the ample water supply is incorrect. We have not a sufficient water supply as I will show you. A year ago in January the pressure was at the down town hydrants betweeo 60 and 65 lbs. Water in passing from a hydrant through 100 feet of 2½ inch hose reduces the pressure ten pounds, and if the fire was in the middle of a block there will be a pressure of about 30 lbs. to fight it with. This pointed out the fact that in the case of a fire obtaining any headway before the department arrived that brigade would have very little use of being there. He further stated that if three hydrants in the business section were to be opened at once a good bucket brigade at each could pack away all the water. Mr. Parker pointed out the fact that this condition could be overcome by the expenditure of about $11.000, by connecting a ten inch main to the second main which has been laid part way to the City.

"Furnishing the City with Parks and Cement Sidewalks is in my estimation secondary to obtaining a good and sufficient water supply."

President A. C. Bowness then reviewed in brief form as the hour was getting late, the water situation, saying "that he was very familiar with the conditions as they exist today, and that while he was Mayor of the City last year, the water problem was the one that had caused the Council more anxiety than any other or all together. The trouble was that the present system was all laid *in wooden pipes which in his o*sidered them of no use; they were considered them of no use; they were continually leaking and causing endless trouble. During the last year he had *held office, there had been 163* leaks that had had to be repaired on the main line, that is between the City limits and the reservoir. If the capital could have been raised he would *be strongly in favor of* laying the whole system with iron pipes.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Darling and Ryan that the committee on civic matters look into the protection of the source of our water supply, etc., and work in conjunction with the City Council—carried,

A motion was made that the best thanks of the Board should be given to the City council for the use of the City Hall in which to hold their meetiogs.

Mr. I. Manning brought to the attention of the Board the disgraceful condition of the Chinese buildings in front of the station and wanted to know if something could not be done to have them removed.

Messrs. Ward and Ryan were appointed to look into the possibility of erecting a building near the station for the purpose of fitting it up and using same for an exhibition hall for our natural resources.

Meeting Adjourned.

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