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Aldermen Hold Meeting

Engineer's Report on Sewerage Construction Received—Other Matters of Moment

A meeting of the City Council was held on Monday afternoon in the Council Chamber. There were present, Mayor Hunt, and Aldermen Taylor, Bowness, Campbell, Johnson and Jackson.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read, and on motion of Aldermen Campbell and Taylor adopted as read.

Permission was granted to Messrs. Bridges and Davis to address the council.

Mr. Davis, representing the Cranbrook Trading Company, presented a petition for permission to cross Van Horne street opposite the freight sheds, with a track to the companys warehouse.

On motion of Aldermen Bowness and Taylor that permission be granted to the extent of the legal power of the Council to the Cranbrook Trading Company, or the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to construct a spur track from the right of way of the C.P.R. Railway accoss Van Horne street to the warehouse of the Cranbrook Trading Company, the city to be released from all claims for damages however arising from respect to the same and that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company be notified.

Messrs. Gurd and McKowan of the school board, being present permission was granted them to address the council.

Mr. Gurd said that the school board had considered the matter of providing a manual school building in connection with the present public school and estimated that the same would cost in the neighborhood of $6,500, and asked that the board submit a by-law to the people for confirmation of same. That the estimated cost of completing the present school building would be about $7,000 which might be raised at the same time.

It was moved by Aldermen Jackson and Johnson that Alderman Jackson and City Clerk Roberts be appointed a committee to consider the best means to obtain the necessary means for the erection of a manual school building also the necessary parphenalia.

The finance committee then presented their regular monthly report and recommended that accounts to the amount of $11,453.03 be paid.

Moved by Aldermen Campbell and Bowness, that the accounts as presented by the finance committee be paid.—Carried.

Alderman Jackson wanted to know who was to be responsible for the care of hydrants during the present winter and the keeping of the same in condition for use. He said also, that the fire chief wanted this matter settled.

It was moved by Aldermen Jackson and Johnson that the chief of the fire department be notified that he would be held responsible for the condition of hydrants.

Mr. Mackie, representing the John Galt Engineering Co., presented their monthly report as to the progress of the construction of the sewerage system.

Moved by Aldermen Bowness and Campbell, that the report of the John Galt Company and the clerk of works be accepted.—Carried.

Applications were received from G. Russell, J. Hener, J. B. Morris, Wm. McCreedy, Walter Walsh, W. Galliman, and W. Snowden, for the position of caretaker of the city hall.

Moved by Aldermen Jack and Taylor, that W. Snowden be appointed as janitor of the city hall at a salary of $40.00.

The council is of the opinion that the pound and tax by-law be enforced.

Moved by Aldermen Campbell and Bowness, that the assessor complete the assessment roll on or before 30th of December, 1911.

It was moved that the Mayor and Aldermen Jackson and Bowness be appointed a court of revision on the voting list.

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Postal Revenue of Cranbrook

Statement showing the gross postal revenue of the city of Cranbrook, and the amount of money orders issued and paid and the commission thereon, the value of postal notes paid and the compensation, salary and allowances paid to the postmaster.

Gross postal revenue, $12,259.64.

Number of money orders issued, 11,826.

Total amount of money orders issued, $206,609.35.

Total commission received from the public, $1,517.16.

Number of money orders paid, 3,180.

Total amount of money orders paid, $54,065.82.

Total amount of postal votes paid, $2,616.03.

Compensation paid to postmaster on money order business, $504.84.

Compensation paid to postmaster on saving bank business, $62.28.

Compensation paid to postmaster on postal notes business, $4.59.

Postmaster's salary, $3,503.00.

Forward allowance, $214.00.

Allowance towards rent, fuel and light, $214.00.

The only offices in British Columbia that exceeds Cranbrook in revenue are:—

Kamloops, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, Vancouver and Victoria.

Results of the Piano Contest

We here give the number of votes obtained during the 10 days competition by the several competitors who entered the race and wish to congratulate Mrs. Patrick upon being the successful winner.

Mrs. Patrick	42,000
Miss M. Hickenbotham	28,000
Mrs. Carter	15,000
Miss Macdonald	12,000
Miss Van Slyke	9,000
Miss Moran	7,000

By this competition "The Prospector" has added over one hundred paid up subscribers to its growing list.

Judge Wilson's resignation

It is reported that Judge P. Wilson will, on February 1st, resign as judge of the County Court of Kootenay, and that his resignation has been sent in to the minister of justice at Ottawa.

It is also said that Geo. H. Thompson of Cranbrook, will be appointed to the position.

Judge Wilson, as County Court Judge, has filled the position with great credit, and to the satisfaction of the public. If Mr. Thompson should accept the position, there is no doubt but that he will be acceptable to the legal profession and the public at large.

James McNamara Jailed for Life

Los Angeles, Cal.—James B. McNamara's brief confession, penned by his own hand late Tuesday, and bearing many evidences of a man little skilled in letters, was made public today. It is as follows:

"I, James B. McNamara, defendant in the case of the people, having heretofore pleaded guilty to the crime of murder, desire to make a statement of facts.

"This is the truth, on oath. On September 30, 1910, at 5.45 p.m. I placed in Ink alley, a portion of the Times building, a suitcase containing sixteen sticks of eighteen per cent dynamite, set to explode at 1 o'clock next morning.

"It was my intention to injure the building and scare the owners. I did not intend to take the life of anyone I sincerely regret that these unfortunate men lost their lives. If the giving of my life would bring them back I would gladly give it. In fact, in pleading guilty to murder in the first degree, I have placed my life in the hands of the state.

Signed Jas. B. McNamara."

The confession covers one side of an ordinary sheet of foolscap paper, and was written with a fountain pen, supplied by one of the attorneys. It is probably the only written statement of the case that will ever be made by the writer or his brother, J. J. McNamara, who pleaded guilty of dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron works

Public School Report

Summary of Attendance During Month of November—Division 1 Wins Nelson Shield

1 Miss Dick	40	37.09	92.72
2 Miss Close	48	41.31	86.06
3 Miss L. Close	40	36.34	88.63
4 Miss Suttaby	57	50.15	87.99
5 Miss Hiscocks	58	52.00	89.65
6 Miss Cartwright	54	43.47	81.23
7 Miss Easton	43	36.35	84.53
8 Miss Thompson	51	36.65	71.86
L. J. Cranston, H.S.	13	12.27	94.38
	465	345.65	86.34

DIVISION I.—
Florence Bathie
Martha Bennett
Melford Carson
Lavina Doris
Orville Dow
Frances Drummond
Marguerite Drummond
Louise Elmer
Vincent Fink
Wanda Fink
Carl Sill
Gladys Hickenbotham
Gracie Higgins
John Pye
Robert Pye
Hazel Taylor
Willie Uren
Olive White
Bert Murgatroyd
Harold Bridges
Irving Leask

DIVISION II.—
Joseph Atkinson
Flora Baldwin
Grace Bardgett
Robert Burch
Arthur Burch
Celia Carson
Mina Carson
Violet Deacon
Irene Elmer
Enid Gill
Marion Leitch
Harriet Moffett
Sidney Murgatroyd
George Pratt
Eric Spence
Gordon Wallinger

DIVISION III.—
Gordon Argue
Willie Daniels
Bernadette Doyle
Milo Drummond
Charlie Elmer
Grenville Musser
John Noble
Dora Pye
Agnes Reekie
Vigil Santo
Margaret St. Eloi
Gladys Spence
Gordon Taylor
Merle Taylor
Doris Wallinger

DIVISION IV.—Perfect Attendance.
Muriel Baxter
Elsie Beattie
Gladys Brookes
Mabel Brown
Ruby Deacon
Harold Haslam
Ny Wai Hoy
Janette Jones
Allan Lacey
Barclay McNeil
Nettie Robinson
May Smith
Crossley Taylor
John Turner
Keith Wasson
Lily Lancaster
Harry Musser

DIVISION V.—Perfect Attendance
Irene Bernard
Andrew Brault
Irene Beech
Merle Bathie
Mah Bing
Eddie Brown
Charles Clapp
Austin Chapman
Christnie Carson
Otto Gill
Jennie Hopkins
Robert Hop Yuen
Harold Kummer
Mary Lacey
Rosie Lum
William Lum
Margaret Morrison
David Reekie
Viola Sarvis
Garfield Taylor
Irma Ward
Vern Woodman

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Lumbermen Wire Ottawa

Calling for a full investigation by royal commission of the conditions at present surrounding the lumber industry in British Columbia, and strongly denying the charges recently made in the house of commons by W. E. Knowles, Liberal member for Moose Jaw, that a lumber combine existed in Western Canada, A. W. Anstie, of this city, secretary of the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' association, last night wired as follows to A. S. Goodeve, member for Kootenay in the federal parliament:

A. S. Goodeve, M.P.,

Ottawa, Canada,—

Western press dispatches state that the member for Moose Jaw charges in the house that a lumber combine exists in British Columbia, and that the manufacturers have closed down their mills for the purpose of advancing prices.

Mountain manufacturers emphatically deny existence of combine or anything approaching one, and strongly object to such unwarranted allegations unsupported by evidence or proof. We would welcome full investigation by an independent commission, which would establish beyond question the absolute freedom of competition in the wholesale market for British Columbia lumber as well as the fact that the wholesale price is too low to return to the manufacturer adequate profits on his product.

MILLS ARE CLOSED

Mountain mills have been closed down and logging operations largely suspended because of the impossibility of British Columbia manufacturers meeting the slaughter prices of American manufacturers whose demoralized home market, caused by over-production has induced their dumping lumber into Canada at prices below the cost of production.

Nearly four thousand men are out of work in the interior of British Columbia owing to reduced logging operations, and the loss of trade is being daily lamented by grain dealers, cattle dealers, and farmers of Alberta. The British Columbia lumber industry furnishes a most important section of the market for the produce of Alberta, and for the purpose of a political argument it is unfair to ignore the strong interprovincial interest.

American shippers have evaded Canadian customs regulations in the past and British Columbia manufacturers want a square deal in the future.

A. W. ANSTIE.

MR. WATT'S LETTER

In connection with the same controversy The Herald has received the following letter from A. E. Watts of Wattsburg, a member of the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' association:

Editor The Herald,—

Many men admire an opposition that dares to criticise the wrong doings of any government, provided the criticism is based upon truth, but when the criticism is composed of one tissue of base falsehoods similar to those emanating from Mr. Knowles of Moose Jaw, people with well balanced minds are apt to analyze the why and the wherefore of the stand taken by the honorable member.

It is a well known fact that mere politicians of a puerile nature have as a rule some sinister motive, especially when engaged in a base attack of the kind of which Mr. Knowles is guilty.

MR. KNOWLES' CHARGES

First, he charges the government with being the tool of combines, and says that the British Columbia lumbermen's association has been shown to be a combine. Mr. Knowles was a member of the royal commission appointed to investigate the charges against the lumber manufacturers of British Columbia several years since; therefore, when he says that it is proven that the Lumber Manufacturers' association is a combine he is deliberately stating what he knows to be an absolute untruth, it really deserves a stronger term, but as I propose to confine myself to parliamentary language I will not say that he is a deliberate liar.

The commission alluded to sat for many weeks and if Mr. Knowles' statement is true it was the duty of that commission when delivering the result of its deliberations to parliament to have recommended the prosecution of the alleged combine.

Mr. Knowles listened to the evidence given at that time and no doubt he will remember that the fact was substantiated that it was utterly impossible to form a combine or any combination in restraint of trade when the whole market of Canada was open to the competition of the world, seeing that lumber was the only unprotected industry in Canada Therefore the absurdity of his remarks is evident to any observant person.

MORE FROM MR. KNOWLES

Mr. Knowles stated that the new government had gone down under the first pressure brought to bear upon it by the lumber combine of the west This combine recently met in Calgary and the result of its deliberations was the most brazen announcement

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Investment in Town Lots for Profit and Safety

(From "Canada")

It is an opinion very often expressed that of the infinite variety of forms of investment which Canada affords, that form known as town-lot investment, or the purchasing of vacant lots in new towns, is the most hazardous; and yet anyone who travels up and down the great Canadian West cannot fail to observe how universal is the desire of Western Canadians themselves to have property in these new towns. It is not too much to say that almost anyone who has been six months in the country and is in receipt of a wage of $50 a month—and there are few indeed but get this at least—has one lot or more in some far-off and still undeveloped town or city, on which he is paying so much per month and out of which he is confident of receiving a handsome profit. Of course, one has to remember that this is a form of investment peculiarly attractive to people of limited means, but were it the case that the risk is as great as is generally supposed by people not in actual touch with local conditions, it would not be long before these investors would profit by sad experience and leave town-lot property severely alone. But the truth is that almost without exception (considering the number of propositions on the market a profit is made, and in many instances not only is a profit made, but a handsome one consisting of 200 and 300, and even more per cent., is the fortunate result of the investment. In those instances where the results have been unfortunate it will generally be found that the speculations were of such a nature that no prudent man would have touched, and consequently no overdraft is made on our stores of sympathy.

To the man who does not allow his judgment to be killed by his optimism, there are few more genuinely profitable investments than western Canadian town-lots, and if the steps dictated by prudence are taken there are few more really safe investments. It is the object of this article to indicate briefly what these steps are.

THE AGENT

In the first place, the prospective buyer should know who is putting the property on the market, or the agent who is selling it. It might be said that in no other form of investment is this knowledge so important. In the case of the purchase of a large tract of land, the tendency of the law has been, as shown from recent decisions, to make the agent responsible both to buyer and seller for advice given, and to make him act in a fiduciary capacity to both, but in town-lot investments, where comparatively small amounts are involved, the agent stands to the purchaser in practically the same position as the grocer does to the buyer of a pound of cheese. The legal maxim 'Caveat emptor" applies. It is obvious, therefore, that the temptation to an agent, who is not properly endowed with a sense of moral responsibility to overstate and often grotesquely exaggerate his own particular proposition is very great, and when one remembers that every day sees the butcher, the baker, and the candle-stick maker deserting his proper avocation and plunging into the sale of town lots (only to leave it as quickly when he finds the temperature rising), one is prepared to meet people who have suffered through taking the agent for granted. It is, however, a remarkable fact that, notwithstanding what has been stated, the number of losers has been very small indeed, and it is eloquent of the general high standard of morality which prevails among Canadian business men, and of the astonishing vitality of western real estate To have, therefore, an agent in whose integrity one can trust, and of whose knowledge there is no question is to have one of the greatest safeguards in investing.

But the ultimate decision to buy must be made by the investor himself, and while the agent is of great value as a source of reliable detailed information, the significance of that information must be determined by the principal. The proper comprehension of facts may mark the difference between an investment yielding merely a profit, albeit substantial, and one turning the original sum into multiples of itself.

THE GROWTH OF TOWNS AND CITIES

Naturally, the most common form of investment of the nature we are considering is that of a subdivision to an already existing town or city. In the majority of cases the great argument for future growth is based on what has already been done, and figures are produced showing the population at various dates in past years. The investor is asked to believe that this rate of increase of population is the normal rate of progress of the particular town or city, and, of course, on this basis it is generally obvious that the subdivision under offer will be very soon in active demand by new residents, and

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Manuel Training For Cranbrook

It is proposed establishing a Manual Training Centre in connection with the schools of Cranbrook and to further that end Inspector Dunnell from the Education Office, Victoria, met the school trustees last evening to talk the matter over, Perhaps a short synopsis of what has been done in the province in connection with the work might be of interest.

Eleven years ago Sir William Macdonald, of Montreal, set aside a large amount of money which he placed under the care of Professor Robertson, to assist in the introduction of Manual Training in the schools throughout the Dominion of Canada. Professor Robertson visited Great Britain and engaged a staff of competent teachers, on a three year engagement, to come to Canada These teachers were distributed throughout the various provinces, and in British Columbia six Manual Training centres were opened, three in Victoria and three in Vancouver. The only cost to those cities during the three years was the providing suitable rooms in which to carry on the work. At the end of the three years the equipments were handed over to the various cities on the condition that the work was carried on for at least one more year. So far as Victoria and Vancouver were

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Womens Institute.

Last Tuesday afternoon in the Carmen's Hall the Insitute held one of the most successful meetings they have ever had. Mrs. B. Palmer, president, conducted the meeting.

Mrs. W. Doran gave a paper on Christmas cake and pudding. The advice and suggestions were of the very best and resulted in those present receiving many helpful hints and instructions. that will stand them good service during the next week or two.

The various members present enjoyed the advantage of exchanging Christmas receipts of all kinds.

The work of the institute is growing popular with the housewives of our city. The Prospector has been advocating for some time past what the advantages would be to everyone who made it their purpose to attend, and, thought it cannot possibly lay claim to having been the direct means of obtaining such a large attendance of friends at this meeting, we still believe that we are doing good in this direction.

WE BELIEVE IN ITS WORK and so we advocate the attendance of all the women in our city and district.

Weather Report

On November 11th, thermometer registered ten degrees above zero. On November 10th, 1910, the thermometer registered 23 below zero.

For the past week the weather has been very mild.

Miss Livingstone's Visit

(Cooking Expert)

Miss Bessie Livingstone, of Vancouver, B.C., of the Boston School of Domestic Science, and New York School of cooking, is now travelling through many places of British Columbia demonstrating and lecturing upon the culinery arts, and will be in Cranbrook next Monday and Tuesday.

The programme for the two days will include talks on:

(a) An every day dinner

(b) The economical cookery of meats.

(c) The cutting and curing of meats.

Special features will be:

(1) Labor saving devices and utensils in cookery.

(2) Answering question relating to cookery.

(3) Competition in farm dinner menus.

Morning session—10.30 a.m.

Afternoon session—2 p.m.

The above demonstrations will take place in the Carmen's Hall where every convenience and accommodation is being prepared to make the visit of Miss Livingstone a success.

This is one of those times when the housewives and daughters of our city can profitably make a special effort to attend at least one of the demonstrations. Everyone will be welcome.

B. C. Egg-laying Contest

International egg laying contest under the joint auspices of the British Columbia Poultry Association, Vancouver Exhibition Board and the Provincial Government.

First monthly record, October 20 to November 20:

Class 1.	Eggs Laid
Pen 2, White Leghorns	32
Pen 3, White Leghorns	18
Pen 23, White Leghorns	17
Pen 4, White Leghorns	15
Pen 19, White Leghorns	15
Pen 8, White Leghorns	10
Pen 18, White Leghorns	9
Pen 14, White Leghorns	8
Pen 5, White Leghorns	3
Pen 10, White Leghorns	3
Pen 13, White Leghorns	1

Twelve Pens have not started to lay yet.

Class 11.	Eggs Laid.
Pen 40, Silver Laced Wyandottes	35
Pen 34, White Wyandottes	8
Pen 33, Rhode Island Reds	7
Pen 35, Barred Rocks	1
Pen 37, Barred Rocks	1
Pen 39, Buff Orpingtons	1

Ten Pens have not laid yet.

Pen Temperature—Highest 52 degrees, lowest 19 degrees, average mean temperature 39.40 degrees.

Average Price Received for Eggs.—72½ cents per dozen. Rain fell on ten days. Six inches of snow fell on the 8th November, and twelve inches on November 12th. The weight of snow on wire nettings caused the supports to give way, and much damage was done. There were no cases of frost bite.

Several Pens, notably pens 6, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28 and 30 consist of immature pullets, and these will not come into the producing class much before January 1st.

As foreshadowed at the outset of the contest, several of the White Leghorn pens are now in the heavy molt. In some pens this was caused by too early hatching, but in three pens this is caused by the fact that birds were laying before received at Hastings Park, and as usual in such cases, they have stopped laying and gone into a molt. These birds have every appearance of having been fed too rich a ration prior to the competition.

A full account will be published in the official organ of the British Columbia Poultry Association, "The Successful Poultryman."

Poultry Requirements

It goes without saying that winter production of eggs is a craft about which most of us are woefully ignorant. In fact there is no part of poultry raising that requires more skill and judgment than winter feeding. In these times when fresh eggs really command remunerative prices, it pays to cast about us and find out if possible what methods of feeding and what varieties of feed will produce greatest results.

In summer time, especially when hens are running at large, provided a reasonable allowance of grain is fed they will balance their ration and the question of egg supply is practically solved. With poultry kept in confinement, of course, the question of proper balance is ever present. The feeder who throws out a quantity of corn or other grain to his hens and says poultry feeding is easy, is laboring under a mistaken idea that will surely be rebuked or disputed by the egg supply.

The shell of the egg is largely composed of lime, and no other known element will form the shell. So if we have eggs at all they will have soft shells unless the lime content of the food is ample. The feathers, the white of the egg, the lean meat and muscles contain a large proportion of nitrogen, and that element must be present in the food in order to produce a healthy well developed hen capable of egg production. Chemists call this element protein, but a simpler form of muscle making material. The fat of the body is made from sugar, starch and like materials, which are known as fat makers, but they can by no possibility produce either lime, white of the egg, feathers or muscles. So we have only to exclude the foods containing these later elements, and give a ration in which the fat producing elements predominate to make the hen stop laying and put on fat.

When the food is so prepared or compounded that all the above elements are present in proper proportion and there is not an oversupply of one or a lack of another, it is said to be a balanced ration.

Left to run at her own sweet will and seek the food she desires, as insects, weed seed, grass, etc., the hen is smart enough to balance her own ration and will do so, provided the foods are obtainable. She is endowed with instinct to properly supply her needs and so combine them that every requirement is satisfied and all parts of the body is sufficiently nourished; and this fact is the principle reason for the feast of eggs in the summer time and the famine in the winter.

Now what is the remedy, and how may we reverse conditions sufficient-

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From Our Correspondents

Wardner Notes

Mrs. L. Fern visised in the city on Thursday.

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Hayward were Jaffray visitors on Sunday.

Mr. Thompson and daughter Lama, were Cranbrook visitors on Saturday

Mr. Roy Anderson of Hanbury, was in town on Sunday to assist with Sunday school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wisner have moved into the house recently vacated by Mrs. J. Anderson.

Clarence Embree of Bull River Bridge, spent the week end visiting with his mother in town.

Mrs. J. Anderson and children left on Wednesday morning for Calgary where Mr. Anderson is awaiting their arrival.

Mr. Harold Darling of Cranbrook, was in town on Saturday and Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lund.

Misses Della and Ethel Dow of Cranbrook spent a few days last week visiting with their aunt, Mrs. Wisner.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslyoung of Crescent Valley, spent several days last week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. Stearns.

Mr. Wm. Green has secured a position as cook at the new town at Bull River Bridge and left for that place on Sunday last.

Miss Emily Green has recently arrived from Ontario and is visiting with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green.

Mrs. Donahoe entertained a number of her friends on Saturday evening at a card party and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Mr. Lund returned on Thursday last from Spokane, accompanied by his son Roger, who has recently been quite ill, but is now much improved in health.

Albert Lovick spent Sunday visiting with his mother in the Cranbrook hospital. Mrs. Lovick, we are glad to hear, is progressing quite favorably, and hopes soon to return to her family in Wardner.

Mr. F. Stearns left on Monday for Galloway where he will supervise operations at the mill there till time to start in on necessary repairs on the mill at Wardner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson left on Tuesday evening's flyer to spend Christmas holidays with friends in the eastern and southern States. Their many friends wish them a very happy time and safe return.

Mr. Robert Pierson who has been running the planer mill here during the summer, has secured a position as superintendent of the planer at the C.P.R. mill west of town. His family expect to remain with us in Wardner during the winter months.

The song service held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening was largely attended, and was much enjoyed by all present. The choir is doing excellent work, and the inspiring music is much appreciated and will no doubt prove a great help and blessing.

The dance given on Friday evening last at Bull River Bridge was well attended, a number of people from Wardner taking advantage of the opportunity to visit their friends at the new townsite. A special train was run over the new road and all guests were most hospitably treated. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour and a jolly time was spent

The meat market opened up by the C.N.P.L. Co. on Saturday, December 2 should prove a great convenience to Wardner people. Mr. Mackinder who has charge of this department is an experienced butcher and should prove quite competent to manage this branch of the work, and courteous treatment and efficient service are fondly anticipated by the long-suffering public.

Rev. G. A. Wilson of Vancouver, superintendent of Presbyterian Missions, addressed a meeting of church people on Thursday evening last and spoke in a very interesting manner of the development of church work in the west, and of the wonderful opportunities which are opening up for Canadians along these lines in the coming century. He also spoke of the desirability of more perfect organization amongst church workers here, and was of much assistance in making suggestions which will be acted upon in the near future.

Elko

(BY J. M. T.)

Beattie-Murphy Drug Stores, Elko, constant stream of anxious buyers. Best and cheapest line of Christmas goods.

Mr. Klingensmith and party returned from Southforks on Saturday bringing some eighteen deer along with them.

Things are pretty quiet here, meantime the closing down of the lumber yards has affected the Saturday night traffic greatly.

Mr. Jack Lewis, game warden, has been successful in shooting a fine epecimen of a deer with no less than twenty-seven inches of a spread of horns.

"Christmas comes but once a year,
But when it comes it brings good cheer."

That is if you purchase at the Beattie-Murphy Drug Stores.

There is no busier place than Southforks, the hunter's rifle rings forth day and night, and a constant stream of pack horses from the Birnie livery barns brings in the deer.

The hobble skirt is not worn in Elko, at least I have never seen one. Why don't the ladies follow the fashion? Does good sense prevail? It is certainly not for the want of a fashionable dressmaker.

Much interest is being manifested in the coming Christmas tree and festival in connection with the school children, and quite a treat is in store of the parents of the children so carefully trained by Miss Bessie Pye, teacher, and Miss Stark.

A team of horses hitched to a sleigh and driven by Mr. Winsor, Elko, bolted on Saturday and after taking a run through all the principal streets, Wynds and Allies of Elko, quietly submitted to being caught. There was no one hurt.

While a number of horses loaded with packs belonging to Mr. A. Birnie were proceeding to Southforks on Wednesday, and while rounding the corner on the other side of the government bridge, one of the animals slipped and rolled over the embankment, dragging another along with it. Both animals rolled down a distance of fifty feet to the river bed. Fortunately none of them were injured.

Upper Columbia Valley

Supt. of Roads and Bridges, Jas. A. Good, was in town last week.

Chauffeurs Ratcliffe and Wade, of Wilmer, left for Calgary last week.

Miss Hume, of Firlands, is on a visit to Golden the guest of Mrs. H. G. Parsons.

J. White will do all kinds of finishing work and cement foundations at quite reasonable terms.

Capt. Armstrong and Purser Blakeley of Golden, were among recent guests at the Delphine hotel.

A benefit in aid of the curling club was held at the Bunk house, Wilmer, on St. Andrew's evening, November 30th.

A new educational magazine has been started by the educational authorities in British Columbia. Its object is to improve and induce imperial unity.

The open door skating rink at Athalmer is well patronized these evenings by the young folks. The curling rink at Wilmer is fast nearing completion.

Mr. J. W. Hope who has been confined in the hospital here is fast recovering. Mrs. Hope and family have taken the residence of W. Dawson for the winter months.

On Sunday evening last Mr. Wilson, incumbent of the Presbyterian church here held service. Quite a large congregation was present and listened to a very good discourse from this talented young student.

Who does not believe in the force of attraction? It is stated on good authority that a certain form of magnetic attraction can be readily traced between the schoolmarm's ferule and the telephone wire.

Mr. B. G. Hamilton, of the C.V.I. here, left for Golden on Tuesday last. He was accompanied by Mr. George Bennett, C.E., employed by the same company who goes to Winnipeg for the winter months.

Our candy kitchen man who is also our chemist and druggist has returned from the coast. During his absence his place was filled by J. H. McDougall who displayed a marked aptitude in selling conversation lozinges and peanuts.

The many friends of Mrs. Al. Pearson will regret her departure from our midst. Mrs. Pearson left for Banff on Tuesday of last week where she will reside for the winter. She has left Mr. Hugh Macdonald in charge of the local telephone office here.

A meeting of the hockey club was held at the telephone office on Saturday evening last. An executive committee was appointed to provide ways and means to ascertain the practicability of securing sufficient water to flood the rink. Officers were also appointed.

Previous to his leaving Halifax for Ottawa Premier Borden was banqueted. From papers to hand it is reported the affair was the largest of its kind ever held in Halifax. Seven cabinet ministers besides the premier were present and over seven hundred persons attended the banquet.

At the recent press association held at Calgary the British Columbia press was represented by Editor Deane of the Cranbrook Herald; Editor Chapman of the Golden Star, and Editor Foster of the Nelson Daily News. The next meeting of the association will be held at Nelson.

The members of Columbia Masonic lodge, Windermere, propose holding an at home in the lodge rooms Windermere on December 27th next. The affair we understand will be most elaborate and will take the form of a first class ball. It will be the event of the season in Windermere society.

The Columbian of Wilmer, B.C., is a new paper that has come to our desk. It is a seven column eight page publication of good appearance, and contains much matter of interest to its particular field. The local editor and manager is Mr. J. H. Macdougall formerly of Antigonish.—Antigonish, N.S., Casket.

Mr. Jas. Lambert who had charge of the building of the Wilmer winter bridge has finished his contract and the bridge is now open for travel. This will considerably shorten the distance from Wilmer to Golden. Mr. Alton, superintendent of the Horse Thief bridge is making good progress on the structure.

One of the best of Windermere's strong author's stories, Mr. A. M. Chisholm, appeared in the last Popular Magazine. It is entitled "Below the Jam," and is fully up to the best of any of his past short stories. We understand this talented author is engaged in writing a story which will appear soon in book form.

Much sympathy is felt and openly expressed in Golden for Mr. J. A. Buckham and Mr. A. Matheson, of Golden, who suffered so severely in the late fire at Golden. Mr. Buckham's was a partial loss, whilst Mr. Matheson's was complete, rendering his placing his goods in a receiver's hands. Notwithstanding this he will at once re-open at a new stand.

Mr. J. McLeod, father of J. M. and D. McLeod, of Wilmer, died at St. Anns, C.B., some few days ago at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. McLeod was one of the leading citizens of St. Anns, and was highly respected. He was noted for his unfailing kindness, and genuine Highland hospitality. The Columbian extends its sympathy to his sons in their affliction.

We welcome to our midst a new minister of the gospel in the person of the Rev. A. S. Moore, who, according to a late edition of the Golden Star, has been appointed chaplain to the newly formed Wilmer curling club. While we cannot vouch for the orthodoxy of the reverend gentleman's theological tenets we can assure the good people of Wilmer on his possessing many excellent traits of character particularly those of geniality and good temper. We look forward with much expectancy to the opening ceremonies of the new curling club at which his reverence will officiate for the first time.

It is regrettable that some of those whom we were wont to consider the foremost citizens of Wilmer and vicinity and whose boosting of the Upper Columbia the Columbian ably seconded have so little of gratitude in their make up as to actually send what advertising they could well afford to leave with us to neighboring papers. The Columbian has done more in three months to advertise truthfully the possibilities of the Upper Columbia Valley than any other medium. It is regrettable this boosting to which our efforts contributed has not been appreciated as it might be.

Marysville Items

A. L. Cousens of Matthew Creek, left for Vancouver last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bird have left us. Mr. Bird has taken up a tie contract at Fort Steele.

Simon Taylor of Cranbrook, and C. McNabb of Waldo, motored to Marysville last Thursday.

D. J. Douglass and J. Augers are away trapping in the St. Mary's lake district and are doing fine.

Hans Lund, the popular cook, was in town on Saturday night shaking hands with his many associates.

Mr. Wm. Garbitt and family have taken up residence at Matthew Creek, where he intends to spend the winter.

Alex. Taylor of the Taylor Lumber company, returned on Sunday from Elko, where he has been on a business trip.

The townspeople have turned out in force fixing up a skating rink which will be greatly appreciated by the many visitors.

Deer are very plentiful here this season, rabbits are also increasing rapidly. This is a regular paradise for big game hunters, etc.

J. Horman has started up in the hog and chicken business. He has a fine lot of Yorkshire hogs and his buff orpingtons are "nil secundus."

George Brown, one of our old timers blew in on Friday last from Fort George where he has been engaged for a considerable time with a survey outfit.

Wm. Sheppard who has been a guest at the Royal for a considerable time has moved to Greenwood where he has secured a position at the smelter.

Miss L. Hodgson, our postmistress, is leaving for a week's vacation at Pincher Creek. Mrs. G. James will attend to the post office during her absence.

Mrs. H. L. Sawyer had the misfortune on Saturday last to run a needle into her hand, it breaking off, it was necessary for her to go to the hospital for treatment.

Marysville people are not behind where dancing is concerned. Twenty-five of its citizens attended H. Edward's ball at the Wycliffe hotel on Thursday last all report a lovely time.

A surprise party which proved most successful was pulled off at the Central hotel recently, those present were Mrs. McClean, Cranbrook; Messrs. Lee and Earl Williams, Wycliffe; Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor and daughter of Kimberly; Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale, of St. Mary's Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett and daughter of Broadview Ranch; Mr. and Mrs. A. Mellor, Mrs. H. L. Sawyer, Mr. H. Webb, Mrs. George Hawkes, Mrs. L. Herchmer, Mrs. B. White, Mr. and Mrs. George James, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horman, Harold Bidder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Little, Mr. James Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Louis, and a dozen friends from the Sullivan mine helped to complete the merry party dancing seemed to be the favorite pastime, which was indulged in until the small hours. Some excellent pianoforte music was provided by Misses Bella Taylor and Nellie Handley, also Mr. Little with his three piece orchestra, would be hard to beat.

WILLIAM YULE
as
"Sir Toby Belch" in "Twelfth Night."

Old Timer Drowns.

The body of Peter McIver, an old timer in the Columbia Valley, was taken from the icy waters of Windermere lake on Saturday by Alex. Ritchie and Percy Lake. McIver was a prospector and has a large number of friends throughout the district. He and Harry E. Neave built the first two cabins in the original town site of Peterborough, now Wilmer, many years ago. Deceased had been missing for a couple of days and it is supposed that he went through the ice near the mouth of a creek, although authentic information from the upper country is meager. He has a relative in Nova Scotia who has been notified. The interment will likely be at Windermere cemetery.

Poor Berry!

A celebrated comedian arranged with his green grocer, named Berry, to pay him quarterly. The green grocer, however, sent in his account long before the money was due. The comedian in great wrath, called upon the green grocer, and, laboring under the impression that his credit was doubted, said, "I say, here's a pretty mull-Berry; you have sent me in your bill-Berry, before it is due-Berry. Your father, the elder-Berry, would not have been such a goose-Berry, you need not look so black-Berry, for I don't care a straw-Berry, and I shan't pay you till Christmas-Berry.

Yours faithfully,
A READER.

Our Funny Column.

REASONABLE ENOUGH

Stout old gentleman—What! 50c. for a shave?

Barber—Yes, sir. 25c. a chin, sir.

THE ROLL CALL

He was a British workingman, and he had so many children that he used to call the roll before the Sunday dinner to make sure that they were all there. His wife was bringing in the steaming joint; it was time to begin:

"'Erbert!" he cried.

"'Ere, pa!"

"'Orace!"

"'Ere, pa!"

"'Ezekiah!"

"'Ere, pa!"

"'Enery!"

'Enery who had just begun to study Latin, decided to show off his learning.

"Adsum!" he bawled.

For a few moments his father regarded him with baleful eyes.

"Oh, you've 'ad some, 'ave yer?" he growled at last. "Well, you jist get away, then, an' make room for them as ain't!"

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Plans Commission On Agriculture

The appointment of a commission to investigate the agricultural status of the various provinces and to ascertain their most pressing needs so that the agricultural grants which the government intends giving will be expended on definite lines, is the comprehensive scheme which Hon. Martin Barrell, minister of agriculture, is understood to be at present engaged in working out. This means that the new minister of agriculture is losing no time in carrying into effect the policy outlined in the speech from the throne with regard to the encouragement to be extended by the federal government to scientific agriculture.

In order to prepare the way for the granting of subsidies and to ascertain just where the money can be most effectively expended, a commission composed of appointees of the federal government, will be created to whom representations of the provincial governments and farming interests will be made.

Although no official statement as to the personnel of the commission has been given out, it is intimated that Andrew Broder, M.P. for Dundas, may get the place at its head. The appointment will be an exceptionally good one as Mr. Broder is among the farmers deeply interested in scientific agriculture.

Irrigation in the Fall.

Irrigation farmers in the west must not ignore the fall, when growth is all over and there is no more apparent need for water on the land. Experience is teaching them that October and November should be their busy months. It will be remembered that in the drought of the summer of 1910, which splet failure for many farmers in the west, the irrigation farmers of Alberta were as bad off as the dry farmers. In the C.P.R. irrigation block many complained that they could not get their share of water, which was quite true, and may be accounted for by the fact that they all wanted what they could get at the same time. The facilities of the company were not such that they could cope with a season so exceptional and crop failures resulted.

In a number of sections, however, north of the town of Gleichen notably, farms were to be seen which would have been termed exceptionally good even in an average year. The grain stood high and green, while that of neighboring fields was stunted and burnt. The secret of their success was due undoubtedly to the work of the farmers the previous fall. Just before the "freeze-up" they plowed their land deeply and watered it almost constantly—the water then being plentiful. The next spring there was as much as twelve and fourteen inches of latent moisture, which took months to become totally evaporated, and in the meantime the young winter wheat flourished, while the dry fields are burning up. A drought can never be foreseen and the example of those irrigation farmers of Gleichen district will be safe to follow.

Contemplation.

I love the silent evening hour
To contemplate alone,
Sweet visions of the future rise
And days that now are gone.
I see the road that I have trod,
I way I ought to go,
And, oh, when balanced with the right,
My progress has been slow.
I trace my steps for many years
Through childhood, youth and man,
My failures on the dizzy heights
Ambitions made me scan.
Yet upward, onward I will go,
Though slipping here and there,
I know God's purpose here with man
To climb the golden stair.

Christmas Shopping.

Just sixteen days from to-day will be Christmas Day. Just think of that. It doesn't seem long since last Christmas, but it is almost a year. Time flies doesn't it?

The time for preparing for the celebration of the festival is short. The time for buying Christmas goods is upon us. The earlier one gets in the better. A better selection can be made now than later on. Besides, the goods are newer and fresher than they will be in a week or two later. The buyers who get in now have the best choice.

The habit of putting off until next week what can be done this week is to be discouraged. Don't wait until the goods have been thumbed over by the early buyers and the best carried away or put by to be taken later. Besides, the salespeople will give you better service now than later on, because they will not be so tired.

It is an anomaly of the gift season that while the spirit of goodwill to all is preached by everyone and is supposed to leave its echo in every heart many of the town's hardest worked people, the clerks in the stores, are yearly sacrificed upon the altar of thoughtlessness.

Do your shopping early. Do it now, if possible. There are better goods and better service for the early shopper. Make out a list of the things you want, and get them without delay.

Buy when the shopping is good. Shop early.

The truest love can endure much and forgive all. It never wearies, it never despairs. It knows that in the end love will bring truth. With all its bitter longing, it can wait and suffer, and it never fails. It is the greatest of all joy-bringers and the most wonderful of educators. It can hold one to truth with a power that belongs to no other force. It is ever fresh and new like the morning and the flowers, and the wonder it reveals today is a deep below deep in comparison to what seemed the infinite joy of yesterday.

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Investments in Town Lots for Profit and Surety

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therefore a "good buy." With regard to this it must be remembered by investors that many towns which are purely agricultural, and which are simply needed to distribute to and receive from from the surrounding country-side, come into existence in response to a clamant demand which can never be met until a railroad arrives. They then grow at a very rapid rate until they are big enough to adequately perform the necessary functions, when, of course, their future growth is not extraordinary, but merely in accordance with the development of the whole west.

Some among the more important of the older towns, of course, become distributing points, not merely to their adjacent farms, but also to the neighboring towns, and these are destined to become of more than ordinary importance. With regard to these it will be found, as a rule, that while their greatest proportionate increase was during their earlier stages, their real aggregate population increase has been larger than ever during the past few years. In their early years they doubled and trebled their originally very small population at a very rapid rate, but now an addition of even 25 of 50 per cent to their present population really means a much greater numerical increase.

As regards there, however, the investor can receive a good pointer from the railroad companies. If these are evincing an activity towards congregating at a certain point, he may safely follow them, but he should be careful that he is following, and not taking the presumptive position of leading. Otherwise he may find that the railroad companies have made other, and different, arrangements of their own.

Having satisfied himself that the town under his consideration is destined to grow substantially, our investor should next consider the location of the particular property, he contemplates buying. Needless to say, proximity to the centre of the town is a feature of prime importance. It is not contended that the lots nearer the business places are necessarily the most valuable, but to decide when they are not would require an intimate knowledge of local conditions not possible to people who have the Atlantic and half a continent between them and their property, and it may be stated as a general rule that close-in lots are more valuable than those farther out. Indeed, there is a ratio existing between them, but the investor must be careful to remember that this ratio is not a simple one—that is to say, a lot two miles out is not proportionately of half the value of one which is twice as close in.

THE LAW OF COMPETITION

As to what is a proper price to pay for a lot, that does not come within the scope of this article, but the investor should simply do here what he would do in any other purchase. If he wanted to buy a watch he would most likely see three or four watchmakers, and having duly appreciated and discounted the various merits and demerits of the several watches offered for inspection, determine for himself what was a proper price to pay. He can do precisely the same with townlots. As in every other branch of trade the law of competition regulates prices, and by examining various propositions and their prices in the light of the foregoing he can fix for himself the maximum price he can afford to pay in order to obtain a profit. By comparing this figure with the price asked he can determine whether he should invest or not.

Of course, many towns have features peculiar to themselves, and it is not often the case that their growth is steady in all directions. The investor should ascertain why the town or city is growing in one specified way, and also if property situated in other directions is in the market, and if so, at what price. Manifestly the more property in any town their is for sale the slower will be the increase in values, unless, of course, the town exhibits some special features. Sufficient has been said however, to enable the investor to fix a standard of worth, which standard he will, of course, modify according to special features of the town and property themselves, as these appeal to his individual judgment.

THE TITLE

The final consideration is that of title. There are numerous excellent propositions on the market where the plan of the subdivision has not been registered, this being left to a later date, but the investor who is looking for safety would do well to leave these alone. Indeed, if investors took up the attitude that they would touch nothing until the legal formalities had been duly completed, there would be a marked improvement in the market for town lots. It does not matter how good a proposition may be, if the purchaser cannot obtain a title so as to resell, it is not of much worth to him. More annoyance arises over these questions of title than over almost any other aspect of these investments. The matter is, of course, involved, and within the compass of a short article cannot be fully dealt with, but if the agent is able to say that the plan has been registered, the investor may take it for granted that every question of title has been disposed of and that the path is clear. Do not, however, be misled by statements that a survey has been made, or that the land has been plotted out, or any similar evasion. Ask if the plan of the particular land offered for sale has been registered in the Land Titles Office in the same form as offered to purchasers, and unless there is an unequivocal answer in the affirmative, leave the proposition alone. This is the only safe way a layman can handle titles.

PROFIT WITH SAFETY

In conclusion it is hoped that enough has been written to show that investment in Canadian town-lots can be made as safe as any other form of investment, and when one considers how great are the profits which go with this safety, it is hoped that the Britisher will see that it is very much to his own interest to take a hand in the game which is now principally being played by the Western Canadian himself and his American cousin. Nothing has been said about original town-lot investments, which are in a class by themselves, but it cannot be too strongly insisted that, just as the Dominion offers the brain and muscle of the Old Country a better opportunity than is provided elsewhere, so also does it afford the small investor a better market for investment than he can find anywhere else in the world—a market where he can have the fascination of exercising his own foresight and judgment, and where he can find substantial profit going hand in hand with safety.

Scene from "The Rivals." At the Auditorium Wednesday

A Famous Comedy

No comedy of recent years has equalled Richard Brinsley Sheridan's merry masterpiece, "The Rivals." In it the pungency of the witty line has always scored, and the characters have been made famous by, and have made famous many of the foremost actors and actresses on the English and American stage. It will be remembered that Mrs. John Drew, mother of the great American comedian, John Drew, made her greatest hit of a long and brilliant career in the role of "Mrs. Malaprop," the social aspirant who invariably uses the wrong word in the right place and the right word in the wrong place. Then who can ever forget that the famous Joseph Jefferson made Bob Acres one of his most attractive roles, standing side by side with his wonderful portrait of "Rip Van Winkle."

It is this role of Bob Acres which will especially interest the theatregoers of Cranbrook as Mr. William Yule, the clever legitimate comedian, is this season appearing in it, and will be seen at the Auditorium theatre, at an early date in this celebrated comedy, "The Rivals." He will be surrounded by a company of superior players, and will have a sumptuous production of this old time comedy of manners.

Political News

Sir James Whitney enters the provincial campaign in Ontario with 17 Conservative candidates elected by acclamation. It looks as if Sir James will be returned by an increased majority.

Sir Charles Russell, when practising at the Bar, was a noted cross-examiner, and it was a shrewd witness who could circumvent him. On one occasion at least, however, the laugh was on him by an innocently intended answer. He was cross-examining a witness in regard to certain hoof-prints left by a horse on sandy soil. "How large were the prints?" asked Sir Charles. "Were they as large as my hand?" holding up his hand for the witness to see it. "Oh, no," replied the man they were just ordinary-sized hoofs, sir."

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Whether he live or whether he die,
Who shall pluck from his aching heart
The pain, and fathom the reason why
Only a laborer sent to live;
Only a laborer sent to die.

Only a laborer' little use,
Sent to suffer and bear the rod;
Halting under the burden borne
To find a rest 'neath a barren sod,
Born to misery, born to work,
Just the same in the sight of God.

Only a laborer: raise the cry;
Only one of our fellow kind;
Deal with no niggard hand today;
Help for one who has soul and mind;
Teach no lessons but those that link,
In one great brotherhood, all mankind.

Some brilliant scientists of the Carnegie Laboratory have discovered a successful method of measuring human energy. They have invented a wonderful instrument which actually egisters, with unerring accuracy, the work performed and shows precisely the amount of vitality left. Whilst the result of these phenomenally interesting investigations will doubtless prove a boon and a blessing to mankind, especially in connection with the correct diagnosis and treatment of mental diseases; it will have an entirely opposite effect in the case of slothful and apathetic persons. In view of this remarkable discovery, to plead fatigue as an excuse for neglect of duty is likely to cause the "boss" to adjust his Energy Measurer to your organic system to ascertain if you are speaking the truth or not. Moreover the little machine will tell him exactly how much more energy you have in reserve.

Nature has wisely arranged matters so that a man can neither pat his own back nor kick himself. Therefore, we should be content with outside praise—when we can get it.

A boy will eat, and a boy will drink,
And a boy will play all day,
But a boy won't work, and a boy won't think,
Because he ain't built that way.

A sociable man is one who, when he has ten minutes to spare, goes out and bothers the life out of somebody who hasn't.

How much misery and degredation could have been successfully averted had children been taught to heed work as an essential to general prosperity. It often happens that asinine parents bring up their offspring to labor under the stupid delusion that toil is beneath them, and as a matter of course, the children (being the recipients of an unlimited amount of admiration, without being subjected to the slightest beneficial admonition) thereby foster erroneous ideas. It behooves us to be merciful to the young lady of today, who spends most of her time on the sofa reading trashy novelettes, for surely it would be very inconsistent of us to suppose that she ought to permit such utterly mundane subjects as cookery and the principles of domestic economy to monopolise her attention. A condescension of this kind would be distinctly undignified and unladylike. Poor silly nincompoops: You are indeed most egregiously deluding yourselves.

The piquant, clever, and brilliant men and women are all very well for a short time, but they generally ascend like the traditional rocket, and come down similar to the stick. Their graceful carriage, fascinating manners and prepossessing appearance may strike you as being unusually beautiful. They may enthrall you with their superb dancing and melodious voices, but after all it is only a momentary infatuation. It is not abiding. If united in the holy bond of wedlock, the laughable pertness and flippancy of such persons would soon degenerate into domineering irritability, and if perchance somewhat straightened circumstances overtook them, they would convince their partner of the truthfulness of the adage which says:—"When poverty enters the door, love (?) flies out of the window." This is not the case, however, with simple, homely, steady and progressive people, for they are infinitely more philosophical and discreet, notwithstanding the fact that they are unceremoniously pooh-poohed by ignoramuses.

Unquestionably, modest amiability and diligence are preferable to ambitious culture and cynical haughtiness

A tale of a creature to tell you I'll strive,
Who, as soon as it's born gets buried alive,
And then dwells in the dark, the damp and the cold,
Yet, still it is healthy and lives to get old,
It sleeps, too, alone all the days of its life,
But goes out of its dwelling to look for its wife.
Its house is twelve times as large as the moon,
But yet for its partner it never has room.
Now explain me this riddle of one without hands,
Who has riddled the ground in a number of lands;
If you cannot tell who this creature can be,
I suppose I must tell it, good neighbor, to thee.—(An Earthworm).

It is quite useless to pester us with scientific queries. We are told that Atlas supported the world, but what puzzles us is who supported Atlas? We, of course, cannot be sure, but we should fancy he married a rich wife.

Somebody says that a wife should be like a roasted lamb—tender and nicely dressed. A crusty old bachelor adds: "And without sauce."

"Should old acquaintance be forgot?
Most certainly they should
When such acquaintance are not
The slightest bit of good.

We learn from a Salt Lake City despatch that twenty Mormon Families have arrived from New Mexico to have their polygamous marriage ties confirmed by the High Priests. This is certainly a most comforting assurance, and we have reason to believe that the Prophet (?) and his apostles will be kept busy. This confirmatory ceremony is known as "sealing" It occupies several days and is of a highly ritualistic character. At this annual conference the devoted husbands are "sealed" to all the additional wives they have managed to secure since the last convention. It is really refreshing, in these days of quick divorce methods to hear of good and generous hubbies whose connubial bliss is so pronounced that they are anxious to "seal" the contract. Good gracious: we are under the impression that most up-to-date and fashionable men were exercised in their minds as to the easiest and cheapest method of "unsealing" the marriage ties.

In replying to the query "is the howling of a dog at night-time a sure sign of death;" we desire to say that it all depends if you're a good brick thrower. If you are and hit him fair on the "coco" the first time certain death will inevitably follow, for the dog.

'Tis not the man who really toils
That makes the greatest row,
'Tis he with nothing else to do
But to stand around the whole day through
And tell the others how.

A mother of five starving children (whose husband had deserted her) was recently arrested in Minneapolis for stealing (?) some wheat screenings—which she had scraped together with her own hands—from an empty grain car. ..... After a few hurried instructions to the servants, and giving her children a good-night-kiss, a lady (laughing gaily, and becomingly attired in expensive furs) steps daintily into a taxi and, in company with her escort, is rapidly whirred to the opera for an evenings amusement. Just at the same moment, a couple of blocks away, a poorly clad, wizened-faced woman, emerges from a poverty-stricken tenement and scurries across the tracks of the railroad yards—casting furtive glances, ever and anon, to the right and left—to steal (?) a few crumbs for her famishing offspring... ..... Such incidents are of daily occurrence in our large cities. Both women are alike in the sight of Almighty God, and neither can claim more than six feet of earth, when the icy hand of death touches them. The grave receives all with equal friendliness and dissolves the distinctions made in this transitionary life. Let us, therefore, do what we possibly can to alleviate suffering humanity by practising charity, and remembering that in the midst of life we are in death. Yesterday is dead. Tomorrow you may never see. Today only should be considered. Manifest now a kind-heartedness, benignity, and a benevolently sympathetic attitude towards your fellow creatures.

"Sunny" Jim Turner, a negro, was sentenced to life imprisonment for breaking into a house, and stealing 25 cents. This is evidently a case of making the punishment fit the crime. We wonder what would have happened to the poor wretch had he stolen a dollar or even six bits? "Bill" Byrd, who killed three men, will receive a sentence of from ten years to the maximum penalty of the life term. Another obvious instance of fitting the punishment to the crime. "Sunny" Jim gets life imprisonment for stealing a quarter, and "Bill" (presumably not "sunny") may possibly be given a similar sentence for murdering three people. Undoubtedly there is a grave miscarriage of justice somewhere, as it is extremely difficult to reconcile these two judgments from a point of fairness and equity. Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.

Manuel Training For Cranbrook

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concerned they not only carried on the work but extended it.

This branch of education was then taken up by the education department and included in the curriculum.

Not only is a grant paid towards the teacher's salary, but in all places introducing the work, the initial expense of the necessary trenches and tools, fittings, etc., is paid by the government to the extent of three-quarters of the total outlay, providing a suitable room is supplied.

The following table will show how the work is progressing in this province:

Victoria, number of centres 6, giving accommodation for 1440 boys.

Vancouver, number of centres 10, giving accommodation for 2400 boys, 5 new centres at present under construction.

New Westminster, number of centres 1, giving accommodation for 240 boys; 1 new centre under construction.

Nelson, number of centres 1, giving accommodation for 240 boys.

The opening of centres is under consideration by the following:

North Vancouver, South Vancouver, Nanaimo, Revelstoke.

It is anticipated that there will be about thirty centres in operation in various parts of the province by midsummer 1912.

Corresponding to the Manual Training for boys, domestic science is taught to the girls in Victoria and Vancouver. Great strides have been made in this branch of education throughout Canada since its introduction eleven years ago, but still we are behind the older countries in this respect, especially Germany, Great Britain and the United States, where the principle of learning by doing is developed largely from the kindergarten to the higher school and where the principle of vocational training and technical training is taking a prominent place.

Page upon page might be filled with newspaper and magazine articles bearing upon the subject, but perhaps the following will serve our purpose equally well:

Victoria Colonist 30th Sept., 1908—There are many things in a school system which cannot be shown in an exhibition, but what was displayed at the recent exhibition was in the highest degree creditable both to scholars and teachers. No one who saw the color work, the sewing, in the work of the manual training school or the domestic science exhibit will believe that any boy or girl in Victoria will in the years to come look upon manual labor as in any way beneath the dignity of the most cultured man or woman. This in itself is a most valuable lesson. In our new country the greater part of the work must be done by skillful hands and strong bodies. Every where the country is waiting for intelligent and capable laborers. In the forests, in the mines and on the farms workers are wanted. On this island, before another generation has passed, there may be many industries. It is a great thing that while the future men and women of British Columbia are filling their minds with food for thought they are, at the same time, acquiring a rudimentary knowledge of design and are learning to use tools.

The manual training teachers do not try to make carpenters of the boys who so skilfully showed their ability to make the various articles prescribed in their course, during exhibition week, but they do teach them how to use their brains, their eyes and their hands. Whatever occupation these boys may enter upon in after life, this training will stand them in good stead. Even should many of them make their livelihood in callings not requiring mechanical skill they will find the ability to make things a source of profit and pleasure in their homes. That in the short course the lads have been able to do so much shows the advisability of extending it. Those boys who show special mechanical ability ought to have the opportunity of going on with their work. Many boys who now leave school as soon as they have gained their entrance certificate would remain at school if a course could be devised in which they could gain a knowledge of some trade while they were completing their studies in language or mathematics. We have now a commercial course. Will it not be possible in the near future for those who desire to do so to obtain a technical education?

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House of Commons

An act to amend the Railway Act has past its final reading in the House of Commons, and reads as follows:

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Subsection 3 of section 254 of The Railway Act, chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, 1906, and section 5 of chapter 50 of the statutes of 1910, are repealed, and the following is enacted as subsection 3 of section 254 of The Railway Act:—

"3. Such fences, gates and cattle guards shall be suitable and sufficient to prevent cattle and other animals from getting on the railway lands, and the style, construction, material and dimensions of such cattle guards shall, before the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, be submitted to the Board and receive its approval."

2. Section 8 of chapter 50 of the statutes of 1910 is repealed, and the following is enacted as subsection 4 of section 294 of The Railway Act:

"4. When any horses, sheep, swine or other cattle at large, whether upon the highway or not, get upon the property of the company, and by reason thereof damage is caused to or by such animal, the party suffering such damage shall, except in the cases otherwise provided for by the next following section, be entitled to recover the amount of such damage against the company in any section, be entitled to recover the amount of such damage against the company in any action in any court of competent jurisdiction, unless the company establishes that such animal so got upon the property of the company without the negligence of the company or the omission of any duty binding on the company under this Act."

An Act concerning the payment of salaries or wages of employees of railway companies.

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Section 259 of The Railway Act is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

"3. The salary or wages of every person employed in the operation, maintenance or equipment of any railway company to which the Parliament of Canada has granted aid by means of subsidy or guarantee, shall be paid not less frequently than once in each two weeks during the term of employment of such person."

Board of Trade Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Tuesday evening in the committee rooms of the Cranbrook Hotel.

R. T. Brynmer, president, occupied the chair.

The committee who were appointed to investigate a demonstration orchard, reported that in consultation with Mr. Middleton, they had selected lands owned by Mr. J. Brault, located south of Cranbrook. The report of the committee was accepted.

The committee appointed to inspect and select a site for a recreation park gave a list of places inspected, and recommended a site east of the government building, containing some thirty lots. The report of this committee was accepted, and Messrs. Fink, Gurd and Cock, were appointed to act with a committee of the city council, to interview the townsite company and secure an option for the purchase of the land.

Ex.-Mayor Fink said "that he had learned that it was contemplated by the C.P.R. to operate the new branch line, now being completed, from Galloway to Baynes Lake, from Fernie. Messrs. Fink, McNabb and Brymner were appointed a committee to wait upon the C.P.R. official with the object of operating the line from Cranbrook.

The publicity committee reported that preparations had been completed for the publishing of a descriptive pamphlet, with engravings of interest to the district. It was decided to have ten thousand copies printed, and the committee was instructed to secure prices on same.

A lengthy discussion then took place on the requirements of the district. This matter was fully gone into, and a motion made, that the provincial government, should extend Armstrong Avenue, from the city limits, a mile south, for the accommodation of settlers in that vicinity.

The estimates which were presented to the provincial government, by Road Superintendent Read, was discussed, and J. P. Fink, secretary of the Cranbrook Conservative Association stated that an appropriation of $198,000 would be asked for.

It was also recommended that Lumsden Avnue be extended as far south as the demonstration orchard.

Matters of importance in relation to the cost of maintenance of the sewerage system was discussed.

The World's Fair

The interesting work that has been going on in connection with the above by the various ladies of the Christ Church Guild and friends terminated in a very successful way at the Auditorium last Wednesday evening.

All through the morning and afternoon the ladies had been busy decorating and building the various booths that when they were completed furnished a very attractive spectacle. These had been placed around the sides of the hall leaving the centre of the auditorium free for seats to accommodate the visiting friends to hear and see the entertainment that had been provided.

The following is a list of the stalls and the attendants:

FANCY WORK:
Mesdames Hoggarth, Morris, and Birkeitt.

FANCY WORK BAGS:
Mesdames Haslam, Campbell and Staples

APRONS and CHILDREN'S CLOTHES
Mesdames Gurd, and Small and Miss Rumsey

TEAROOM
Mesdames P. Wilson and Nelson and Miss Brown, assisted by several other young ladies of the church

CANDY TABLE
Mrs. Erickson, Misses Williams, Galbraith, Erickson and Woodland

POP CORN BOOTH
Mrs. Benedict

COOKERY TABLE
Mesdames Thompson and Woodland, and Miss Wryckman

The entertainment provided was well enjoyed and many were the congratulations showered upon the performers.

Dance by Masters Hoggarth and Gurd.

Gypsy dance by Miss M. Small in costume.

Song by Mrs. G. Stephenson, accompanied by Miss Rumsey.

A pleasant piece, more after the manner of a short play was given, parts being taken by Mr. and Mrs. Bremner, Mr. A. Raworth, Mr. Darling, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Benedict.

Recitation by Mr. Darling.

Dance by Miss Rumsey.

Independent Order of Foresters

Court Wild Horse No. 266 met Thursday evening and elected the following officers for 1912:

N. S. Houston, H.C.D.
W. F. McFarlane, C.R.
F. Wells, V.C.R.
Mrs. I. Baxter, P.C.R.
Mrs. W. Doran, Chaplain.
Mrs. W. Hayward, R.S.
B. Palmer, F.S.
G. Ladds, T.
N. S. Houston, Organist.
Mrs. Smoke, S.W.
Mrs. F. Turpin, J.W.
F. Turpin, S.B.
H. Conley, J.B.

Will Lecture to Women

Dr. Ernest Hall, the well known physician and surgeon, of Victoria, will be in Cranbrook on Monday, December 11th, when he will deliver a lecture in the Methodist Church at 2 p.m., to women only.

Kootenay Central

Steel laying continues, and it is expected that the track will be laid to Fort Steele some time next week.

The bridge gang is making preparations for the construction of the bridge across the Kootenay near Wasa.

Farmers Institute Meeting

A meeting of the Farmer's Institute was held last Wednesday evening in the Reading Room of the gymnasium There was in attendance the largest gathering of members ever yet seen. In the absence of the president, J. H. McClure presided.

Two government speakers, Dr. Halton and Mr. C. C. Clark had come to give lectures Dr. Halton taking for his subject "Tuberculosis" and Mr. Clark "Dry Farming."

Dr. Halton proved conclusively how the human family was affected by using the milk taken from cattle affected by the dread disease tuberculosis and how even hogs fed on such milk contracted the disease. he went on to say that when the animal was in its first stages and the meat properly cooked the meat was good for food; but, when the animal was in a more advanced stage it was far better to burn the whole carcass.

When the cattle was housed for the winter it was absolutely necessary for the buildings to be well lighted. and ventilated, if this is faithfully followed it would do much to keep down the disease and the spreading of same.

The doctor stated that though he had really no authority for so saying he yet believed that at no very far distant date it would become compulsory to have all cattle tested for tuberculosis.

Mr. Clark took up the question more particularly of soils showing from the coarse sand to the clay soil how the same was found and the best means of cultivation to retain the moisture and get the best results also the mulching of small fruits and how to protect them from the cold weather. The speaker dwelt at length that the hilling of potatoes in a dry region without irrigation was a mistake, it being better to cultivate the land good especially after a rain.

The meeting was very successful in many ways, many of the members asking question that were ably answered to the education of all present.

A vote of thanks was extended to the speakers to which Dr. Halton replied.

The meeting afterwards transacted its usual business and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year

Pres.—J. H. McClure.
Vice-Pres.—B. Palmer.
Sec.—S. Macdonald.
Directors—H. H. McClure, W. Hamilton, J. Levett, W. B. Bush, D. J. Stirrit.
Auditors—W. P. Macdonald, G. Cauldwell.

Story of "The Rival"

AT THE AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

At the rise of the curtain on the first act, we speedily discover that Lydia is madly in love with Captain Absolute, whom she believes to be humble "Ensign Beverly." Mrs. Malaprop, Lydia's aunt and chaperon, however, attempts to nip this love episode in the bud by locking up Lydia as soon as she learns from Lucy, the maid, the true state of affairs. She promptly tells her fair and flirtatious niece in plain (but one cannot say unadulterated) English that a poor, if handsome, ensign can find no place in their family. Another husband has been selected for Miss Languish. Of course the love-lorn Lydia rebels at this, but all in vain.

Mrs. Malaprop, though a trifle advanced in years, is not averse to a little romance herself, and is carrying on a candlestine correspondence with Sir Lucius O'Trigger, he believing that his correspondent is none other than Lydia Languish herself.

Sir Anthony Absolute, getting word that his son is interested in a young lady at Bath, comes to that place, to inform his heir that he has picked out a bride for him. The young man protests that his affections are already placed, but that only strengthens Sir Anthony's determination to marry him off as he has decided. To the surprise and delight of Captain Absolute he discovers that the lady his father has selected for him is his inamorata. He does not, however, appraise his father of this fact, and his pleasure in the knowledge is somewhat lessened by the quandary in which he finds himself. Here he is in love with and bound to marry, by his father's command, Miss Lydia Languish, who loves him, but who believes him to be someone else, and who will not accept him if she knows him to be himself and a man of wealth. His fears as to his lady-loves' attitude towards him when she discovers the truth are verified all too soon, for, when his father drags him before her and presents him under his proper name, she repudiates him completely.

In the meantime, Bob Acres, who has been pressing his suit with the charming heroine, discovers that he has a rival for her affections, and that said rival is "Ensign Beverly" Under the malign influence and direction of the scheming Sir Lucius O'Trigger, the really timid Actes is induced to challenge Beverly to a duel with pistols. Just as the details of the duel are arranged, Captain Absolute happens in and learns with much amusement the farce about to be enacted. With great show of friendship for Bob, he generously offers to carry the challenge himself to "Beverly," whom Acres has never met.

The scene of the duelling grounds is perhaps one of the funniest ever presented, either in literature or on the stage, for it shows Bob Acres, the country bumpkin, terror-stricken, yet buoyed up to a certain show of bravado by the wily Sir Lucius, who, while spurring on his victim, describes to him "a snug lying-in place in the Abbey." When Captain Absolute arrives, accompanied by his second, Frankland, and Acres learns that the Ensign and the Captain are one and the same person, he welcomes that as an excuse to refuse to fight. This refusal does not meet with Sir Lucius O'Trigger's fiery temper, as he has been itching to indulge in a little pistol or sword play; therefore, when his principal fails to fight, he promptly takes the duel upon his own shoulders and challenges Captain Absolute to a bout then and there. They draw swords and are about to fall to, when Sir Anthony Absolute, accompanied by Mrs. Malaprop and Lydia, rush upon the scene and explanations ensue, which insures a happy ending for one and all.

Trades and Labor Council

A meeting was held in the city band room on Wednesday night for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a trades and labour council in this city. The gathering was the most cosmopolitan of its kind that has ever been held locally and was remarkable for the earnestness displayed among those present, were representative of three railway labor unions also the barbers, bartenders and typographical Church, who made a most interesting address which was well received by all present, it is evident that any movement having for its object the unions. The clergy were represented by the Rev. C. O. Main of Knox uplifting of the community, will have Mr. Main's hearty support.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. W. P. Macdonald, who ably explained the objects, etc., of the proposed institution and after considerable discussion lasting over an hour, a motion was unanimously adopted, calling for the immediate establishment of a trades and labour council in Cranbrook.

A goodly number of transfer men and teamsters were present, together with representatives of the retail clerks. It is understood that both these classes of labor will soon be organized and thus be eligible for admittance to the trades and labour council.

The next meeting will be held in the band room on Wednesday, January 3rd, 1912, needless to say the door will be open to anyone who chooses to avail themselves of the opportunity of attendance.

Auditorium Theatre

William Guerard, Proprietor

The Cranbrook Auditorium which has been managed under the joint proprietors, Messrs W. Guerard and F. M. De Reimer, is now under the sole proprietorship of Mr. W. Guerard. Mr. De Reimer having sold out his entire interests to him.

Mr. Guerard desires publicly to thank the People of Cranbrook and District for their past patronage and by enterprise and many improvements to merit a continuance thereof in a an even greater measure in the future.

There are certain additions that Mr. Guerard contemplates which will place the Auditorium in the front ranks of Moving Picture Shows of any city in the West.

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Ancient Order of Foresters

The next meeting of the local court will be held in the Carmen's Hall on Thursday, December 14th, A large attendance is anticipated by the executive owing to the intense interest manifested in the coming celebration in the auditorium on December 28th next. So that the business of the evening will be dispensed with before the midnight hour, the Chief Ranger wishes it to be distinctly understood that he will open up at 8 p.m. sharp. Those members of the hunting party who were delegated to the "chase" during the past week for the purpose of securing the necessary stag's heads, will kindly give the secretary a detailed list of their captures before Wednesday next, in order to avoid confusion in the court room on Thursday evening.

Chance Saved Browning's Life

That Oscar Garrison but for the fact that his revolver failed to discharge when he pulled the trigger twice with the muzzle against the stomach of Randal Browning of Aldridge, near Moyie, would be in jail now on a capital count is the contention of the police who arrested the accused on a charge of attempted murder. Garrison is in the provincial jail at Nelson having been committed by J. P. Farrell, justice of the peace at Moyie.

It is said that Garrison was discharged by Mr. Browning who is a sub-contractor in a logging camp at Aldridge, and that after spending the proceeds of his pay check he returned to the camp. For several days, it is alleged he stayed around the boarding house at the camp doing no work. It is charged that after a dispute with Mr. Browning he went to his bunk obtained the revolver and deliberately attempted to shoot the sub-contractor. It is alleged that he placed the gun at Mr. Browning's stomach and pulled the trigger twice. The weapon was partially loaded but the hammer happened to hit two empty chambers.

Oil For Main Line Engines Next Year

Vancouver, B.C.—Vice-President G. Bury of the C.P.R. is here to decide what plans for next year's improvements on lines throughout British Columbia will be laid before the board at Montreal next month. He says that the company will do more work in the province next year than in any previous year. He declares there will be no shortage of coal in the prairies.

"There was eighty per cent more coal brought in via Lake Superior ports than ever before and there is no danger of the people of the prairies running short of fuel this winter. The railroad spent over $1,500,000 by sending Pittsburg coal as far west as the mountains for its own use, so that when the Crow's Nest mines open up again the total output may go to the people. This was done so that there might be no possibility of a coal famine.

Regarding the report that the C. P.R. is planning to put oil-burning locomotives on part of its lines, Mr. Bury said, "Plans have been made looking to the use of oil as fuel on all locomotives running between Kamloops and Laggan. Oil will be a more expensive fuel, but we are actuated in making the change, first, to lessen the labor of firemen, and next to aid in the conservation of the timber along the line of the timber along the line of the railway. We hope to have the necessary tanks erected at once, and the engines converted by next spring."

United States Lumber

The action of the Minister of Customs in respect to the interpretation of the customs regulations, whereby the dumping of American lumber upon the Canadian market was facilitated, can be easily defended and it is not, as has been alleged, a concession to a British Columbia lumber combine. The lumbermen of this province have asked squarely for an imposition of a duty on lumber, and pending the imposition of such a tax for a change in the interpretation of the law should be made. The latter part of the request has been complied with, and the only difference is that, whereas the law has hitherto been interpreted favorably to the United States mills, it will hereafter not be so interpreted. The government has not been playing into the hands of a combine but has only been extending fair play to Canadian consumers. When it is remembered that during five months of 1911 no less than 165,000,000 superficial feet of United States lumber was shipped into the Prairie Provinces, and that British Columbia mills were in consequence unable to find a market for their product, it will be conceded that it was high time something was done.—Victoria Colonist.

Helping our Town

"There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that it hardly behooves any of us, to talk about the rest of us."

These few words carry with them quite a lesson if we would but properly consider them. Do not be a chronic fault finder. continually registering objections to this, that and the other thing.

If you have a legitimate kick, file it; but don't go around looking for trouble.

Man who is forever casting about in hope of discovering something that is not exactly right will probably find more or less at which he can grumble, but in doing so he fails to bring about a remedy.

This applies to every walk of life, and particularly in the conduct of a city. If you are not satisfied with the manner in which your city is being conducted, the remedy lies at the polls.

There are always plenty of good men willing to take on the responsibility of "running the government," and you can do your share towards getting them into office. If they show ability, keep them there, and what is more, help them to make good by doing everything in your power to aid them in producing the right sort of government. There is much in our town for which all the people should be thankful, one of which they should be proud.

If a relative comes to see you, tell him what a fine place it is. Do not lay stress on what a city this would have been if so and so hadn't happened, or if so and so hadn't been elected, or if so and so could be done with the industries and various lines of business conducted within the city.

Show every stranger you are happy and contented as indeed you should rightly be, and if you possess it, you will soon find that "sour grapes" feeling wearing off, and you will be in a position to meet and greet your fellow man and be welcomed by him, instead of avoided more or less as is the case at the present time.

Cheerfully point out to your fellow man that you at least have confidence in the future of our town no matter what happens to be elected, and the first thing you know you will find others preaching the same doctrine, and the result will be astonishing.

Of course it's easier to kick for some people, because they're used to it, but they can be lifted out of the rut, and it will be a task worth while. Some people never smile, having been told in their early youth of the great danger of lockjaw.

The future of any city depends entirely upon its own people, not the ones who live in other places, and our town ten years hence will be exactly what its people make it. You can do your share, and should do it. Let all get well into the campaign before the beginning of the new year.

Bowling League Standing to Date

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Baker Street South	3	0	1000
Tigers	2	0	1000
C. P. R. Shops	2	1	667
Ramblers	2	1	667
C. P. R. Office	1	2	333
Block 88	1	2	333
Professionals	0	2	000
Sharks	0	3	000

Dec. 1, 1911.—Ramblers won from Sharks 2-1 in a very interesting game.

Ramblers—			
Cash	122	123	177
Porter	138	169	180
J. Turnley	119	105	114
Teet	140	213	180
E. Turnley	104	171	110
	623	781	711

Total—2115.

Sharks—			
McCallum	127	167	124
Kelly	95	180	130
Grieves	98	142	108
Garrett	101	147	121
Crooks	145	151	122
	566	787	605

Total—1958.

Dec. 4.—Shops vs. Baker Street South.

Shops—			
Tyler	124	128	113
Shankland	163	133	138
Brown	138	163	175
Sinclair	157	192	164
Bathie	138	154	121
	720	770	711

Total—2201.

Baker St. South—			
Pye	146	113	154
W. L. Johnston	152	179	157
Myers	179	162	112
Jones	139	183	110
Milne	132	172	155
	748	809	738

Total—2295.

Best scores made in any game so far.

Baker Street won 3-0.

Dec. 6.—In a very closely contested match the C.P.R. Office won from Block 88, 2-1.

C.P.R. Office—			
Hall	135	142	164
Phillips	152	139	138
Cline	122	143	140
Topham	147	137	135
Robinson	124	136	118
	680	697	695

Total—2072

Block 88—			
Ward	102	117	127
W. Stephen	219	157	108
C. Bell	83	98	120
H. Stephen	140	133	112
Tovos	140	135	126
	684	640	593

Total—1917.

H. E. Stephens high single 219 and highest 3 of 484.

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For Men Only

ERNEST HALL, M. D., of Victoria, will give a Sledge Hammer Talk, illustrated with lantern slides on Alcohol, Disease and White Slavism in the **AUDITORIUM** on Monday, December 11th, at 8:30 p. m.

Come and Hear the Well Known Specialist

LOCAL NEWS.

TOYS. C. C. S.

J. B. King of Vancouver, was a guest at the Cranbrook Friday.

P. Lund of Wardner, was in town Thursday.

Kilby frames pictures.

Mrs. Parker Rantz, of Taber, Alta., was a Cranbrook visitor Thursday.

E. E. Jones of Kimberley spent Sunday last in Cranbrook.

Sewing required—write Box 224, City.

Mrs. E. King of Elko was a Cranbrook visitor Monday.

R. Joyce of Elko, was in the city Monday.

All kinds of confectionery. Campbell & Manning.

D. A. Ayres of Moyie, was in town Tuesday on business.

Ice on St. Mary's Lake is about 10 inches thick.

Logging sleighs and outfit for sale, cheap for cash.—See J. P. Fink. 49-3

Princess Patricia will be the coming sensation in Canada.

It is about time to begin to hear from long lost relatives and to save up for Christmas presents.

Japanese Oranges. Campbell & Manning.

Subscribe for the newsy Prospector regularly and find lots of news that is interesting.

YOU SAVE 25 PER CENT IN BUYING TOYS AT C. C. S.

Deer are very plentiful around Cranbrook, and hunters are having the best sport for years.

You can get twice the light at half the cost by using Tungsten lamps, sold by the Empire Electric Co.

Chas. Weaver of the Empire Electric Company left for Bull River on Monday to wire the C.P.R. buildings.

It is reported that the C.P.R. mill at Wardner will be moved to Bull River in the near future.

Sweet Brier Boiled Ham at Fink's Pure Food Grocery.

Evan Evans, provincial mine inspector was at Kimberly, Wednesday on official business.

Sewing required—write Box 224, City.

Frank Cryderman died at Calgary last week. The deceased was a former resident of Cranbrook.

Frank McQuestion, an old time resident of Cranbrook, came in from Kaslo Thursday.

Logging sleighs and outfit for sale, cheap for cash.—See J. P. Fink. 49-3

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bordwell were at the Cranbrook Friday and left on the afternoon train for Spokane.

C.C.S. has instituted a very interesting drawing contest for the school children. $8 in gold being the prizes

If the Cranbrook hen was up to her business she would lay more 75 cent per dozen eggs just now.

Mrs. H. L. Sawyer of Marysville, was shopping in Cranbrook Saturday last.

Groceries—For quality, price and prompt service try the East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

Geo. Judd, G. G. Watson, A. S. Bryan and T. T. McVittie of Fort Steele, were in town Tuesday.

Reduce your electric light account by using Tungsten lamps sold by the Empire Electric Co.

It is expected that the new city hall will be ready for occupancy early in January.

H. B. Gilmour of Vancouver, representing the Watrous Engine Works was in town Wednesday.

Electric Restorer for Men

Phosphonol restores every nerve in the body to its proper tension; restores vim and vitality. Premature decay and all sexual weakness averted at once. Phosphonol will make you a new man. Price $3 a box, or two for $5. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

Leave your orders early for Xmas flowers. first orders first choice. Campbell & Manning.

J. P. Fink, who was hunting in the vicinity of Elko last week returned Tuesday with four deer.

R. H. Bohart of Wardner, was transacting business at Cranbrook on Wednesday.

Logging sleighs and outfit for sale, cheap for cash.—See J. P. Fink. 49-3

Dick Moore, Jack Roberts and H. Swetman left on Wednesday for a holiday trip to Ireland.

Unloaded this week car Cutters and Sleighs. All sizes now in stock. East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

D. Gougon left on Wednesday's flyer on a holiday trip to Montreal and other eastern cities.

$5.00 IN GOLD IS THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE SANTA CLAUSE DRAWING CONTEST AT THE C. C. S.

A. C. Bowness, Judge Wilson, C. Pidgeon and Mr. Patrick left on Friday for the Windermere country.

Alex. Taylor, manager of the Taylor Lumber Company, at Kimberley, was in the city Saturday last on company business.

At this writing no municipal candidates seen inclined to face the public.

W. B. McFarlane who has been at the coast attending the Provincial Conservative Convention returned home Saturday last.

The Misses Hickenbotham wish to thank their many friends for so kindly helping to assist them in the recent contest.

F. M. Christian was in Elko Monday on business. He returned on the local with a fine deer which was presented to him by a friend.

Fruits of all kinds at the East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

Christmas tree decorations, etc., tinsel garlands, etc. Campbell & Manning.

Frank B. Ham of Calgary, representing the Western Canada Flour Mills, was in town Thursday on company business.

TOYS. C. C. S.

The Empire Electric company installed a Kohering hoist at the new post office this week, it is operated by a seven horse power electric motor

H. R. Grant, Wm. Walton, R. C. Liphardt, H. Johnson, F. C. Lowe, A. McDougal, and T. Herchmer, of Fernie, were in town Wednesday.

Nothing pleases the children more than a nice Xmas stocking, We have them from 5 cents to $1.25 each. Campbell & Manning.

Mrs. T. T. McVittie, Mrs. Marion, Miss Galbraith, and Miss Jordan, of Fort Steele, were Cranbrook visitors Wednesday.

E. McMann, Cory Dow, W. Rollins and N. Royal returned Tuesday from a hunting trip south of Elko. The party brought in eleven deer.

TOYS. C. C. S.

Inspector Gordon of Victoria was in town this week inspecting the high school, and was much pleased with the progress made.

Christian & Jones local contractors, took out four building permits on Thursday for residences to be built in the city.

The poultry industry is an important factor today, and will bear much study, whether conducted as a side issue or as an exclusive occupation.

The guests of the Manitoba hotel are enjoying the clean linen from the Cranbrook Steam laundry by sleeping later than formerly.

Mrs. Patrick wishes to thank her many friends for so kindly assisting her to win the piano in the recent contest.

Kilby frames pictures—Any work entrusted to him can be depended upon. The work is good, the prices right.

KINDLY

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And Let Us Make Suggestions For Your XMAS PRESENTS

We have been thinking for you for nine months and have now a complete stock of all the latest designs. Don't only look in our windows but walk right in. Should you be out of town and cannot manage to see our stock write for our catalogue, the prices, quality, and design will compare favorably with any catalogue you might have received.

RAWORTH BROS

JEWELERS

F. J. Smyth, formerly of Moyie, blew in on Thursday from Hazelton. He reports busy times in the far north.

A big electric light meter bill can be cut away down by the use of Tingsten lamps, sold by the Empire Electric Co.

Remember 15 per cent discount for cash from now till December 23rd in our Furniture Department East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

YOU SAVE 25 PER CENT IN BUYING TOYS AT C. C. S.

Robert Gordon of Revelstoke, grand superintendent of Kootenay District R.A.M., will visit Rocky Mountain Chapter in Cranbrook on December 15th.

Pay cash and get your 5 per cent. discount this applies to every sale of one dollar or more and is off everything, except we make special price on large quantities. Campbell & Manning.

Wanted at once, within five miles from Cranbrook from twenty to fifty acres of land, improved or unimproved. Must be reasonable, state price. P.O. Box 352.

$5.00 IN GOLD IS THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE SANTA CLAUSE DRAWING CONTEST AT THE C. C. S.

Kilby frames pictures—A picture on the wall is worth two in the drawer. Have that picture framed you have promised to many a time. Fifty samples of mouldings to choose from.

Sleighs of all kinds at the East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

As a preliminary to Christmas, Fink's Pure Food window shows lots of dainties, and do credit to a much larger city than Cranbrook.

Big game hunting has been exceptionally good this year in East Kootenay. Deer being plentiful, over two hundred having been brought in during the past month.

W. W. KILBY
PRACTICAL PICTURE FRAMER
ARMSTRONG AVE.

Ostrich feathers cleaned and curled by experienced curler. Orders can be left at Niblock and Barker's, Armstrong Avenue, back of St. Eugene hospital. 43-tf

Dave Howe who has been engaged in doing the annual assessment work on a mineral claim, located on the Upper St. Mary's River, returned to Cranbrook Wednesday.

Carnations, Roses, Chrysantheums, and Violets for Xmas. Special orders will receive special attention. Campbell & Manning.

Parlor Sets in Mahogany from $28.00 to $55 00. They are the best East Kootenay Produce and Provision House

D. Burton was at Calgary attending a convocation of "Shriners." "Danny" evidently wanted to see the other fellows get what's coming to them.

We want every lady in Cranbrook to see our new season's fruits before buying their supplies for their Xmas baking. Samples are now on display in our Pure Food Grocery Window. The Fink, Mercantile Co.,

There was a carload of pipe came in on Thursday for the water main that is being put in at Slaterville and work was commenced immediately laying same.

Creston won four first prizes at the Spokane Apple Show. British Columbia as a whole won 49 first prizes. This speaks well for the fruit industry of the province which is still in its infancy.

If the Prospector is meeting with your approval, tell your neighbor, who is not receiving it. If it is not meeting your approval tell us and wherein.

It is announced that the Rev. Flewelling will deliver an address at the Men's meeting at the Y.M.C.A. on Sunday afternoon at 4.15. The Christ Church quartette and orchestra will be in attendance.

YOU SAVE 25 PER CENT IN BUYING TOYS AT C. C. S.

Get our prices on your month's supply of groceries and see what we can save you on a cash quantity deal we believe we are able to beat anything in the country. Campbell & Manning.

Scobell's Liquor, Tobacco and Drug Cure Permanently dispels the need for Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs. It counteracts the effects almost instantly—removes all cravings. After taking the treatment there will never be any need to drink intoxicants or use drugs again. Can be given secretly. We have yet to hear of one failure. Mailed under separate cover to any address. Price $5.00 box, or 3 boxes for $10.00. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

Mr. DeReamer, having dissolved his connection with the Auditorium company, left on Thursday for Montreal, accompanied by Mrs. DeReamer.

Sweet Brier Breakfast Bacon at Fink's Pure Food Grocery.

Mrs. Johnstone, and Miss Pearl Mather were in the city Sunday last visiting their sister, Mrs. Ruby Mather, who is ill at the St. Eugene hospital.

Ganong's Barley Sugar Toys always please the children. Campbell & Manning.

Writing Desks and Library Tables in Mission and Oak at all prices. East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

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

China, China, China. Now is the time to buy your Xmas gifts. Our display is the most exquisite and best value ever brought into Cranbrook. Make your selections now and save the last day worry. The Fink, Mercantile Co., Ltd.

R. Hardie, W. Heap, Holland, T. Hardie, ... J. Tall and S. Phillipps, of Fairmont, were at the Cranbrook Sunday last. The party will leave for the Old Country at some time during the week.

Delivery Sleighs at right prices at the East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

Thomas Hoskin, sleeping, dining, and parlor car agent, C.P.R., left last night for Lethbridge and Medicine Hat on company business.

YOU SAVE 25 PER CENT IN BUYING TOYS AT C. C. S.

Christmas is near and you can't do better than have your suit cleaned and pressed. Phone 157. The Cranbrook Steam and Dry Cleaning Works and they will come and fetch it and return it perfect. No doubting their work it is always good.

We learn with regret that Mrs. A. E. Jones has been very seriously ill this last week necessitating the attendance of the doctor day and night We are in hopes that she will very shortly be restored to her wonted good health and strength.

A Bed Room set at $15.00 is one of the many bargains to be found in our Furniture Department. East Kootenay Produce and Provision House.

R. P. Moffat will open up a Variety Store on December 15th in the store at present occupied by Beale and Elwell, his stock will consist of a full line of Christmas Toys for children, also Ladies and Gents., novelties, and a full line of 5, 10, 15 and 25 cent goods.

To rent, two unfurnished rooms for housekeeping. P. O. Box 352.

Since Mr. Harrington assumed the management of the Cranbrook Steam Dry Cleaning Co., the business has increased to such an extent that it has been found necessary to place in commission a covered wagon for collecting and delivering goods. Mr. Harrington is fully conversant with all branches of the cleaning business and patrons having orders, can be assured that they will receive prompt attention and quick delivery.

STOP WORRYING

What to Give for Xmas

A Photo

of Yourself or Family

or a nice

Framed Art Picture

Make Acceptable Xmas Gifts

You can get both of these

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Error!

Through the mistake of one of our wholesale houses we have a shipment of goods in transit meant for a customer in Alberta. The shippers have asked us to take delivery at a discount, this we have decided to do, and will enumerate some of the articles in next weeks Prospector. Christmas Goods and these will be a snap.

F. Parks & Co.

Hardware, Stoves,
House Furnishing Goods
CRANBROOK, - British Columbia

PHONE 56

THE QUALITY STORE

Gold Standard Teas and Coffee

Our whole time is devoted to your wants in the Grocery line therefore we absolutely guarantee every article that leaves our store.

We will thank our customers to advise us if at any time goods are received that are not No. 1 quality.

CAMPBELL & MANNING

Staple and Fancy Grocers

A REDUCED SALE OF CUTTERS

We have some cutters that we will sell for cash for the next sixty days at cost price **$45.50** this cutter is well worth $65.00. Any person who plans buying a cutter this season will make money by looking this stock over before buying elsewhere. This stock is limited to a few cutters only.

The Cranbrook Trading Co., Ltd.

CRANBROOK, B. C.

BEGINNING DECEMBER 11th, 1911, We will allow 5 per cent Discount on all Cash Sales and on all Weekly Accounts paid on the Monday following. A Discount of 3 per cent will be allowed on all Monthly Accounts paid in full on or before the 20th of the month following.

THE FINK MERCANTILE CO. Ltd.

These Discounts will not apply on accounts for which Special Prices have been made.

Dr. Halton and Mr. C. C. Clark left on the morning local for Baynes Lake, where they will lecture in the school room on subjects suitable to the district.

New Table Raisins, Figs and Dates. Campbell & Manning.

British Columbia potatoes (the prize winners) which are now on exhibition in Chicago, are surprising the natives, and inquiries for provincial literature show that the British Columbian potato has made a hit.

We Have an Extra Large Stock

of

Assorted Meats, Poultry & Fish

We invite you to come in and see our Christmas Display and inspect our Stock. Our Meats are all Government Inspected.

P. BURNS & CO.

Phone 10 LIMITED P. O. Box 3

Public Guarantee

We are authorized by the publishers to guarantee that every person who, during the month of December, pays a year's subscription to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, will receive a copy of their valuable premium picture, entitled, "Home Again." The Family Herald and Weekly Star's subscription receipts in November were sixty per cent over November, 1910, almost entirely owing to the picture which is admitted by all who have seen it to be the best premium ever given with a newspaper. Those who fail to secure a copy will have themselves to blame. The Family Herald and Weekly Star and such a beautiful picture all for one dollar is such rare value that no person can afford to miss it. The picture is given both to renewal and new subscribers.

FOR A CHEERFUL XMAS HOME

CUT FLOWERS

Carnations, Roses, Lily of the Valley Hyacinths, Paper White Narcissus, Violets.

Orders must reach us not later than the 20th instant.

Cranbrook Floral Co.

11 ARMSTRONG AVENUE

Cranbrook Cottage Hospital

Matron: Mrs. A. Salmon

Terms on Application

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B C Egg-laying Contest

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ly at least that the egg basket may be filled in winter as well as in the summer? In a general way we can not do this in the fullest sense of the word, for the reason that in cold climates we cannot give the fowls summer conditions in the winter time. We may, however, remedy present evils and make a long stride toward the desired goal by simply getting down close to nature. This means that we must closely study the hen, her habits and requirements It also means that the foods must be so selected that they shall combine in proper proportion all the essential elements that go to make up the well developed business hen.

To Stimulate Poultry

"Nothing pays like keeping hens among your fruit trees," declared E. B. Cole, president of the British Columbia Poultry association, who has been visiting Nelson in the interests of the association. "Their manure is the best there is—worth $50 a ton; and everybody knows that the profits in eggs and pullets are immense if you go about it scientifically. This is what the Vancouver and British Columbia associations are working to educate the public into appreciating."

These organizations inaugurated the first egg-laying contest of its kind in America. It opened at Hastings Park on October 20, with 40 pens containing 240 hens all told, and will continue for one year. This suffragette marathon is expected to prove the stamina and industriousness of all the principal breeds, so that the poultryman will know just what he is doing when he selects his stock in the future. During the race for supremacy the hens will be segregated from their spouses and be given every inducement and modern improvement' to encourage them to prove their worth. The heavyweights include Buff Orpingtons, Buff and Barred Plymouth Rocks, Columbia, Silver Laced, Silver Pencilled, Patridge and White Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds and Anconas; the lightweights, Buff, White and Brown Leghorns.

At present British Columbia imports hundreds of thousands of eggs a week, and Vancouver alone more than 75,000 dozen, so that there is no danger of the market becoming overstocked for some time to come.

The first annual provincial poultry show will be held on January 12 to 19 in Hastings Park, and the prize list is already out. Mr. Cole left last evening for Rossland and Trail, where he intends to call meetings of poultrymen.

Preparation a Poultryman Should Make For Winter

(By A. B. Smith, Fort Steele)

We will take first the buildings. No matter the style of building used, whether plain or fancy, one thing is important, have it air-tight on three sides, absolutely wind-proof; let the openings be on one side only and you will avoid draughts, and by so doing avoid also the chief cause of roup. If your building is old, sheet it up with tar paper to keep out the wind, and see that there are no openings under the wall.

After a comfortable building comes a clean one, and if not already done, clean out all litter and droppings, and, if a soil floor, as much of this as is loose to the depth of a couple of inches and replace with that much fresh dry soil, sand if obtainable, and at the same time place for winter use at least a waggon-box full per house of the same under cover, to replenish again at mid-winter. Wash the roosts and nests well with coal-oil or other insecticide, and whitewash the whole interior, using some crude carbolic, about a spoonful to each pail of wash.

After the house has been thus cleaned for the birds, see that they likewise are cleaned for the house. If not absolutely sure that they are free from vermin, better go over every bird with insect powder of some sort before putting them in, and also go over all the old birds, if showing any signs of scaly legs, with sulphur ointment, after washing well with soap and water. Do not put undersized, anaemic, or late-hatched pullets in with a bunch of good ones; they will not do anything and only overcrowd the others; get rid of them at once. Be careful not to allow a sick bird into the house in the fall, one suffering from a cold may infect the whole bunch with roup before two months. Keep plenty of litter on the floor and change it often; if you do not use commercial grit, be sure and get a supply of gravel under cover sufficient to last till spring. See to it and get some absorbent stored before snow comes, to scatter under the roost or on the droppings-board.

And one of the most important things of all is to get on hand a good large supply of green feed for winter. Nothing beats mangels; they are clean and easily handled, no waste, and none of the mussiness that cabbage has towards spring.

A little attention of the above lines and common sense in feeding will bring any sound flock out on the right side of the ledger.

My Experience in the Poultry Business

(By Chas. Knocke, Mountain View Poultry Farm, Cranbrook)

For $85 I bought out Mr. Corbett's stock of poultry, consisting of three ducks and 123 chickens, young and old, which I reduced to about seventy-five for winter, and kept them at a loss, for we received no eggs until spring. Expense of keeping through winter, $45; coops, $75. In the spring built more coops and wire fencing, which cost $95, making the total cost of stock, coops, fencing, and feed $300.

These chickens started laying in March, and by December had paid all expenses and the wheat for the following year, which amounted to $110, besides grit, etc., making the net earnings for the year $475. Now my chickens pay well, for they are laying every day, and during moulting season there are always some laying to pay expenses. They lay from twenty-four to thirty-six eggs per day at present, and with the price at 60 cents per dozen, it pays expenses.

Now, I will say for feed, I don't quite agree with Mr. Juli, for I find the better the feed, the better the results obtained, and if you will just think for a moment, you will easily understand that a chicken has to have a certain percentage of feed to generate heat, and feed that creates heat is fattening; consequently, frozen wheat, is no good for your poultry for they must have feed to keep warm or they will not lay, and when your chickens do not lay they are absorbing all their feed to keep warm Therefore, when you buy feed, buy the best, for the farmer can give his frozen wheat to his cows and get milk.

Now for chicken-houses. As every one seems to advocate open houses, you may experiment with them if you care to; I will not, for I am one of those who have to be shown. In any coop where water will freeze, chickens will not lay. You try it; I have, and have changed my ways. Last year I wintered 125 hens and the least eggs I received were two dozen per day, from that to five dozen, so you will see that a little warmth will not do any harm, as the Hotels Cranbrook and Royal can verify, for they bought them at $1 per dozen, so if you want my advice, have warm coops and you will get eggs.

I have found this a very hard climate on chickens, especially in the fall, when the first frost comes. As a rule, your chickens get a cold which is very hard to overcome. I have experimented with my poultry until I have found a remedy which is good, if the chicken has not gone too long, for then, unless it is a valuable bird, the best medicine is the axe. There is also a disease whereby they choke to death on account of a gathering in the throat. We have a remedy for that which is a sure cure. The best policy is to look after your poultry, and when it looks like frost, close the doors, so that it will not affect them, and then you will not be bothered with colds. To overcome catarrh is what I am experimentaing on now, and when I overcome that, I think we can raise chickens without loss.

Public School Report

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Muriel Wallinger
Claud Williams
David Watson
Walter Brunner
Delphine Bennett

DIVISION VI.—Perfect Attendance

Edward Barnhardt
Mary Bartlam
Nina Belanger
Jack Dow
Marion Drummond
Mabel Finlay
Gertrude Hopkins
Ida Johnstone
Margaret Lacey
Bruce Laurie
Gilbert Moser
EricM cKinnon
Wilma Parks
Pearl Pratt
Mah Quong Him
Flossie Robinson
Palmer Rutledge
Alma Sarvis
Samuel Speers
Everett Williamson

DIVISION VII.—Perfect Attendance

Leonard Burton
Norval Caslake
Elizabeth Chapman
Ethel Clapp
Donald Dallas
Mortimer DeRiemer
Arthur Gill
Alfred Joliffe
Thomas Reekie
Hope Taylor
Gordon Woodman
May Lancaster
Malcolm Belanger
Albert Hop Yuen
Raymond Brault
Samuel W. Watson

DIVISION VIII.—Perfect Attendance

Albert Aubertin
Omer Bernard
Vera Baxter
Ivan Bruch
Freddie Briggs
Hector Herniman
Stella Johnson
John Lancaster
James Logan
Donald Morrison
Patricia McDermot
Willie Noyce
Harry Smith
Lenore Hill

Will Succeed J. M. Lay

J. H. D. Benson, for the past two years manager of the Golden branch of the Imperial bank, has been appointed manager of that bank at Nelson, vice J. M. Lay, and will leave Golden in about a week to assume his duties. Mr. Benson has won much esteem by his efficient management of the bank here and he and Mrs. Benson will be greatly missed in social circles in Golden. He will be succeeded here by Mr. Grubbe of Wilmer.

Lumbermen Wire Ottawa

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that the press of Canada had ever been called upon to publish. The lumbermen's association amongst other things, had decided to mark time and to sell through only one office. All competition was to be removed, and an effort made to get the government to put a duty on rough lumber."

If Mr. Knowles can substantiate his statements I am prepared to put up $20,000 to be forfeited to any charitable institution that may be named by arbitrators, and I hereby challenge Mr. Knowles to put up a similar sum to be forfeited in case he fails to prove his allegations, and if Mr. Knowles is not prepared to answer the challenge I demand an apology on behalf of the Lumbermen's association and on behalf of the members of the government whom he has aspersed and vilified, for what purpose?

In the hopes of catching a few paltry votes from selfish farmers, who desire through principles of false economy to save $1.00 and lose $20. Mr. Knowles is evidently not a student of human nature or he would know that farmers, like other men, have a keen sense of justice and of what is right and what is wrong, and they know just as well as their representative knows that it is a most unjust law which singles out one great industry which produces enormous wealth and from which the whole community reaps the greater proportion of the benefits, to be a target, not only of domestic, but of foreign competition, without any protection whatever; whereas all other industries in Canada are protected. And his plea is that the farmers will have to pay a higher price for their lumber if justice is granted to this particular industry.

A QUESTION

Let me ask Mr. Knowles and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "How did the Liberal party fifteen years ago obtain possession of power?" Is it not a fact that Sir Wilfrid button-holed the great manufacturers of Canada and said to them, "My friends, you have not received a square deal at the hands of your own party, and although I cannot promise you on the public platform a full measure of protection, support me and I will promise to take care of you." He appealed to the country under false pretences and the free trade flag; protection was granted to the leading industries of Canada, but the lumber industry was left severely in the cold.

For over twelve years the lumber manufacturers of British Columbia have appealed to the late government, asking for simple justice, fair play, but unfortunately they were not in the same position as that occupied by the great manufacturers in other lines of business — their poor contributions to the campaign funds were not deemed worthy of consideration. The culprits, the founders of combines, were unhappily Conservatives, the fruit growers of British Columbia were Conservatives, and are Conservatives, consequently both industries were made a special mark for the vengeance of the venal Liberal government.

The introduction of reciprocity was another indication of vengeance aimed at the chief industries of British Columbia.

SPECIFIC DENIALS

In the interests of truth, to which Mr. Knowles is presumably a stranger, I wish to say:

1. That no combine met at Calgary.

2. That the Lumber association's meeting there did not decide to ask the government to put a duty on lumber.

3. That they made no arrangements, either verbal or written, to put all the lumber business of British Columbia through one office.

4. Neither was any arrangement made whereby all competition was to be removed.

5. The press of Canada was not called upon to publish the foregoing mis-statements, as quoted by Mr. Knowles.

On the morning of the meeting alluded to I was approached by reporters, and told them that a correct account of the deliberations would be supplied by the secretary of the association as usual. Instead of obtaining reports from the secretary, representatives of Grit organs issued an untrue report of what took place at the meeting, evidently an emination of their imagination, made to suit such members of the opposition as Mr. Knowles. It is true that a few strong supporters of the Laurier government and reciprocity did propose and strongly urge that we should demand protection from the Conservative government.

WANTED LAW ENFORCED

This proposal was not entertained by one single individual Conservative member then present at the meeting, and what we did decide upon was that we simply suggest to the government that the law as it stands upon the statute books should be enforced against those who have and are now evading the law and the customs regulations with regard to the importation of foreign lumber. And because the government has consented to simply enforce the law as it stands on the statute books, Mr. Knowles terms it, "The going down of the new government under the first pressure brought to bear upon it by the lumber combine of the west." He says further "Never was there a more flagrant case of self-confessed combine."

I have challenged Mr. Knowles to prove his assertions, and if he fails to do so the public will know what value to place upon his charges. A little common sense applied to a situation of this kind may be rather a difficult operation for the honorable member, but we have confidence in the ordinary every day common sense for Canadians for whom the process of thinking is not a painful operation.

OPEN TO DUMPING

Can Mr. Knowles or any other founder of combines in imagination tell us how it is possible to form a combine in restraint of trade when the markets of Canada are open to the dumping of lumber or any other product from all quarters of the globe, when that product is not protected by a tariff?

Is he aware that at the present time lumber is being put free on board cars in the United States at from $7 to $8 per thousand feet?

Is he aware that the cost of logs alone from which this lumber is manufactured in the United States exceeds $9 per thousand feet?

Is he aware that the sworn evidence given by the greatest manufacturers in the United States before the commission showed that the net cost of production of lumber exceeded $13.50 per thousand feet.

Is he aware that this lumber is being dumped into Canada by the hundreds of millions of feet at about one-half the cost of production?

I need not ask whether he is aware that the law has been evaded he knows it. He knows that we have approached his late government, asking them for many years past to simply enforce the law, and that he and his satellites, in the vain hope of winning the votes of the farmers, strenuously opposed even the mere enforcement of the law or of the dumping clause, made for the purpose of protecting the honest industries of Canada.

CUSTOMER OF ALBERTA

Does the honorable member know that British Columbia, the greatest producer of lumber, is one of the greatest customers Alberta and Saskatchewan have, that British Columbia imports over fifty million dollars worth of agricultural products per annum? Surely he must be aware that if the lumber industry of British Columbia is laid in the dust with her smokeless chimneys and her silent factories she can no longer be a valuable customer to his constituents. Does he and his kind wish to kill or throttle the goose that lays the golden eggs for the poor oppressed farmers on the prairie?

Does he know or can he show any one particular instance where a farmer in the country obtains any benefit by the importation of foreign lumber?

Is he not aware that the consumer pays just as much for lumber today as he did before the American lumber was dumped on the Canadian market?

Does Mr. Knowles forget that the manufacturers of British Columbia were not prosecuted as he and others of his kind desired?

Has he forgotten that the retailers who had taken the cream were prosecuted and convicted?

Does the honorable gentleman forget that the books and accounts of many mills which were presented to the commission for examination showed that the manufacturers were making next to no profit?

GREENWAY'S REMARK

Does he not remember the remark of Hon. Thomas Greenway, chairman of the commission, who said, "We have to look for other causes why the consumer pays such a great price for his lumber?" Probably he will not remember the proofs I myself produced showing that transportation companies were at that time receiving more than half the total price obtained for carrying the lumber a few hundred miles, and Mr. Greenway said "that the matter of transportation was thoroughly investigated." Needless to say, that matter was left in abeyance.

APPOINT COMMISSION

Now on behalf of all the lumber associations of British Columbia, I say that the government is invited to appoint a commission to thoroughly investigate the reasons and the causes why consumers have to pay exorbitant prices for lumber or other necessaries required by new settlers coming into Canada, whom we all wish to encourage in every possible way. It is not the desire nor the policy of the manufacturers of lumber to take the last ox or the last stove of the new settler, as quoted by Mr. Knowles. It is in our interest to encourage and not to kill the efforts of producers, whether it be of lumber or of agricultural products.

The lumbermen of British Columbia will welcome and assist any investigation promoted by the government for this purpose, and personally I hope once more to meet the honorable member from Moose Jaw as a member of one more commission of investigation, which I trust will produce more beneficial results for the whole of Canada than all the abortive commissions appointed by the late government.—Calgary Herald

Public Building

The Dominion Government has appropriated the sum of $6,716.60 for a drill hall for Fernie.

Cranbrook should get busy and select a site, and there is no doubt that a substantial amount will be granted for an armory or drill hall in this city.

To Discuss the Navy with Great Britian

Ottawa.—Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and the naval service, will leave for England immediately after Christmas. It is well understood here that he goes to consult with the British admiralty and to obtain counsel as to the form which Canada's contribution to the Imperial navy should take.

Aldermen Hold Meeting

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municipal elections will be the city hall and T. M. Roberts as returning officer with power to appoint a poll clerk.

It was moved by Aldermen Campbell and Taylor, that by-law No. 99 be amended.

It was also moved that by-law 100 be finally passed and adopted.—Carried.

The question of repainting fire wagon and ladders was referred to the fire and water committee with power to act.

Council adjourned.

Cranbrook, B.C., Dec. 4, 1911.

Minutes of meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the above date.

Present—Aldermen.

The following accounts were presented for payment:—

Cranbrook fire dept. pay-roll	$1101.67
City officials' salaries	305.00
Police pay-roll	360.00
City engineer's pay-roll	1101.67
School board orders	2684.57
City clerk, sundries	33.25
Empire Electric Co.	2.75
Fink Mercantile Co.	30.35
Beattie-Murphy Co.	6.15
W. A. Rollins	5.00
Cranbrook Trading Co.	2.25
Cranbrook Drug and Book Co.	1.50
Cranbrook Exchange	7.00
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T. N. Parrett	18.80
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The Prospector Publishing Co.	11.90
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F. J. Perry	1.00
Canadian Fairbanks Co.	232.30
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F. Parks & Co.	95.35
Corbin Coal and Coke Co.	118.56
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J. B. Henderson	10.00
W. E. Worden	127.51
John Galt Engineering Co. Sewerage	703.98
J. S. Mennie	2.50
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Harry White, Customs	181.05
C. P. R. Freight	31.10
Davies Bros. Electric Co.	98.26
Beattie, Murphy Co.	3.40
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Cran'k Co-operative Stores	8.00
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N. I. Harrison	41.15
King Lumber Mills, Ltd.	130.43
The Manitoba Iron & Bridge Works Ltd.	117.50
J. D. McBride	39.33
J. A. Macdonald, city livery	25.00
T. N. Parrett	21.60
T. N. Parrett	12.60
F. Parks & Company	26.05
F. J. Perry	9.40
F. Wallis Stoddart	1265.33
W. E. Worden	70.18
Red Wing Sewer Pipe Co.	187.73
Sewerage pay-roll	2894.45
	$11,576.68

Sewerage Work

Cranbrook, Dec. 4, 1911.

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Cranbrook, Cranbrook, B.C.

Gentlemen,—

Report for the month ending 30th November, 1911.

We have the honor of submitting to you our report on the progress of the construction of the sewer and sewer disposal works for your city for the month of November.

Sewers.—Owing to the severe weather conditions prevailing, work was greatly handicapped during the month, and the men worked on the construction of the sewers on only 22.5 days of the month. The main outfall sewer was carried on another 175 feet, and portions of the sewer in north and south Baker lanes were also laid.

The following is a vote of the average number of men employed during the month, along with the length of sewer pipe laid:—

4 days ending 4th November		
72.04	220	10 in.
3.5 days ending 11th November		
41.10	110	10 in.
4 days ending 18th November		
29.50	150	10 in.
Week ending 25th November		
35.50	40	15 in.
5 days ending 30 November		
33.00	135	10 in.
	115	10 in.

Average number of men 42.
Length of 15 in. sewer pipe laid 175
Length of 10 in. sewer pipe laid 805

Total length of sewer pipe laid... 980

It may be well to point out that the construction of the sewers on north and south Baker lanes is, on account of cold weather, running over the estimates, but we are pushing on with this part of the work as we understand that the council are anxious to have Baker street sewered this year.

Disposal Works.—No work of any note was done in connection with these works last month.

Yours truly,
The John Galt Engineering Co.
Per Geo. D. Mackie,
Resident Engineer.

Hon. W. R. Ross at Fernie

Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands was at Fernie last week, and was entertained at a smoking concert on Saturday night, at which there was a large attendance, and a full program of songs, speeches and recitations. Mayor Bleardell occupied the chair.

Mr. Ross made an appropriate speech, dealing with subjects of general as well as local importance.

Mr. Ross left on the Soo-Spokane flyer for Chicago to attend the International Irrigation Convention which meets in that city this week.

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WATER NOTICE

I, William Thomas Levy, of Galloway, B.C., by occupation a farmer, give notice that I intend, on the 8th day of December next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to apply to the Water Commissioner at his office, Cranbrook, B.C., for a license to take and use one-quarter cubic foot of water per second from Spring rising near centre of Sub-lot 7 of lot 4590, Group 1, Kootenay District, and which sinks on same Lot.

The water will be used on part of Sub-lot 4 of Sub-lot 7, of lot 4590, Group 1, Kootenay District being five (5) acres owned by the applicant, and the point of diversion is where said Spring rises.

(Signature)
WILLIAM THOMAS LEVY.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1911. 43-5t

CRANBROOK LAND DISTRICT

District of South East Kootenay

TAKE NOTICE that J. Edwards Leekie of Cobalt, Ontario, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, Commencing at a post planted on the South East corner of lot 7286 on the dividing line of lot 7286 and 7287 close to a witness post marked W.P. 11.50, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated August 30th, 1911.
DAVID JENKINS,
43-5t Locator.

CRANBROOK LAND DISTRICT

District of South East Kootenay

TAKE NOTICE that Margaret Gillies, of Vancouver, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, Commencing at a post planted on the south east corner of lot 7287 thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, to point of commencement.

Dated August 30th, 1911.
DAVID JENKINS,
43-5t Locator.

CRANBROOK LAND DISTRICT

District of South East Kootenay

TAKE NOTICE that B. D. Gillies, of Vancouver, B.C., intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, Commencing at a post planted on the north east corner of lot 7287 thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated August 30th, 1911.
DAVID JENKINS,
43-5t Locator

CRANBROOK LAND DISTRICT

District of South East Kootenay

TAKE NOTICE that David Jenkins of Vancouver, B.C., intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, Commencing at a post planted on south east corner of lot 7284, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated August 30th, 1911.
DAVID JENKINS,
43-5t Locator.

WATER NOTICE

I, Frank Henry Pearson, of Fort Steele, B.C., by occupation a contractor, give notice that I intend on the 20th day of December next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to apply to the Water Commissioner at his office at Cranbrook, for a license to take and use two cubic feet of water per second from Big Sand Creek, a tributary of Kootenay River

The water will be used on Lot 6344, Group 1, Kootenay District for irrigation purposes.

F. H. PEARSON

Dated this 7th day of November, 1911. 45-9t.

WATER NOTICE

We, William Whyte, and Frederick Thomas Griffin, of Winnipeg, Man., railway officials, give notice that on the 3rd January, 1912, we intend to apply to the Water Commissioner at his office in Cranbrook, for a license to take and use 1½ cubic feet of water per second from Little Sand Creek in Cranbrook Water District. The water is to be taken from the stream about 1800 feet north-east of the north-east corner of Lot 3543, to be used on lot 3543, for domestic purposes.

W. WHYTE.
F. T. GRIFFIN.
Per W. F. Gurd, Cranbrook, B.C.
43-5t.

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Tenders Wanted

Tenders addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to December 16th, 1911, for stumping and ploughing Lot 8110, G. 1, East Kootenay, containing 184.5 acres, more or less, the said lot adjoins the British Columbia Railway and lies midway between Mayook and Wardner and has been slashed and burned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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For Rent

A ranch 160 acres being S.D. 4 of Lot 340, 8 miles from Cranbrook on St. Mary's Prairie, containing 130 acres of good farm land, balance contains good timber. Will rent for a term of five years for cash. rent to be paid every year in advance. Apply Mrs. Mary Martel, High River, Alta.

NOTICE.

The Kootenay Central Railway Co. will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act authorizing it to construct a branch from a point on the Crow's Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific railway at or near Galloway in a southerly direction to the International Boundary, and extending the time within which it may construct the railways heretofore authorized, and for other purposes.

Dated at Montreal, this 3rd day of November, 1911.

H. C. OSWALD, Sec.
Pringle, Thompson & Burgess,
Ottawa Agents.

London Paper's Fanciful Dream

A London paper has the following article about Canada in connection with the coming to Canada of the Duke of Connaught :—

The Duke of Connaught is going to reign as Viceroy at Ottawa. Is this a sign that something even more important and far-reaching will happen in the near future ?

Is it possible that in the future our monarchs, instead of living at St. James's and Windsor, and opening Parliaments at Westminster, may reign in far-away Canada, and visit our shores at rare intervals ?

Such a prospect is not, perhaps, flattering to our self-esteem. We have become so used to the notion that our "tight little island" is the hub, if not of the universe, at least of the greatest Empire in the world, that we cannot easily conceive that it may not remain so for ever. But hard facts show that it is quite likely.

It has always been the rule that the seat of government of a world-wide Empire should be settled in its most powerful and populous and richest province. Hitherto this description has applied to England, and our sovereigns have reigned on the banks of the Thames as a matter of course. But it cannot always be so.

Canada and Australia are the countries of the future, Canada especially. At present their populations are comparatively small. But the population of Canada is growing by leaps and bounds. In time there will be more millions in Canada than in the United Kingdom—possibly than in the United States.

When the time comes Canada will not only have the largest population of any part of the Empire, but will be by far the richest part, and will probably have the largest army and the most powerful navy, too. Then Canada will have the right to claim first place in the Empire. And then she will either want to be independent or she will want our kings.

After all, if our sovereigns do emigrate, it will not make such a tremendous difference as it would have done a hundred or even fifty years ago. In these days of wireless telegraphy and liners which rush across the Atlantic in six days, a king reigning in Ottawa would be pretty well as near London as he would have been at Balmoral a hundred years ago, and there would be nothing to prevent ministers from taking flying trips to attend cabinet councils in Canada when urgent need arose.

And if our kings do leave us eventually, they will only be following the examples of all the rulers of big Empires of the past. Rome was not the capital of the Roman Empire for centuries before that Empire fell.

Constantine the Great found that a capital in Italy was too far away from the heart of his dominions, and built a brand new capital at Constantinople. So also did Peter the Great in the case of Russia. For hundreds of years the Tsar reigned in Moscow, but at last Peter went off, taking the government and the court with him, to the new, vast city he had founded on territory conquered from Sweden and named after himself—St. Petersburg.

It is possible, of course, that if Canada eventually becomes the home of our monarchs Australia and India might be jealous and object. Perhaps they would be pacified by the offer of a Royal Viceroy apiece. Or they might become so far independent as to have kings of their own, these kings owning the sway of the superior monarch at Ottawa, as the potentates of the German Empire own the overlordship of the Kaiser.

There is an outside chance that one of King George V.'s grandsons may reign in Melbourne, another in Delhi, and a third in Cape Town.

Living and Working Amid Obscurity

(By Orin Edson Crooker)

There is a good deal of humble work in the world, largely for the reason, no doubt, that much of this kind of work is necessary. Not everyone can fill a conspicuous place in life; there are countless obscure posts to be filled by someone. It is also ordered and ordained by God.

Most of us yearn for the opportunity to do great things—things that will bring us fame and renown. Instead we find ourselves tied down at home. We must needs care for our invalid father or mother; there are brothers and sisters to be kept in school; the little home must be been at Balmoral a hundred years keep the mortgage from swallowing the farm. The dreams we dream will never be realized; these common, ordinary tasks stand in the way.

Little do we stop to think that perhaps these humble tasks may be glorified in the sight of God and that in the book of life they may be written as among the greatest and grandest of the works of men. Only that may come from the humble work that we accomplish in some obscure corner of the earth.

Years ago a little country church was presided over by a country minister of limited talent and attainments. His name has been forgotten by all save a few His was an obscure work in a humble field. All his life he yearned for a great city church and large congregations, but he never rose above the little country parish in which God had placed him to minister to a handful of people.

One night, however, in the midst of a series of meetings, his fervor touched the heart of a young boy in the audience who resolved to go into the ministry and devote his life to God. Under the guidance of this country pastor the start was made. Today the minister who gave this boy the incentive for his life work is forgotten, but the boy, now grown to mature manhood, preaches regularly to one of the largest congregations in the country, and the thousands who flock to hear him Sunday after Sunday bear witness to the power of a life, which, although lived in obscure and humble surroundings, supplied the necessary impetus for the making of one of the most powerful pulpit orators of the day.

One night a man took a little taper out of a box, lighted it and began to ascend a long, winding stair.

"Where are you going," asked the little taper.

"Away up into the top of the light house," said the man.

And what are you going to do up there ?"

"I am going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is. Some ship far out on the stormy ocean may be looking for our light even now."

"But no ship can see my light," complained the little taper. "It is not large enough or bright enough."

"Never mind," replied the man, "your light is small sure enough, but keep it burning and leave the rest to me."

On up the winding stair he went, carrying the little taper. With it he lighted the great lamps that stood waiting with their powerful reflectors to send their beams of light far out over the troubled waters. Soon they were burning brightly. The little taper's work was done.

You may be only a little taper, but you have your work to do. It may be a humble work, but it is ordained of God. It has been given you to do—perhaps because you can do it better than someone else. Who knows but from it may come even greater things than you dream ? Just keep your light burning and leave the rest to God.

Judge Gently.

"It was a liberal education in charity to go to her with a bit of gossip." The speaker laughed softly over the memory. "She was the gentlest hearer and the kindest judge you ever saw. No matter how dreadful and how true the news might be, she always managed to find some pity or some praise to mix in and sweeten it. She always sent you away with the shamed and chastened resolution to gossip no more, or to go back to everyone to whom you had told the tale and modify it after her pattern."

Such a gentle hearer and kindly judge would be a blessing in every community—aye, in every household. For we all need more or less training and reminding to gentleness and kindliness of thought and word in our dealings with those about us. It is so easy to judge keenly and harshly; to get into the habit of seeing the faults and allowing them to obscure the virtues; of gossip and criticism instead of praise and encouragement.

Suppose we try instead to ignore the faults that we cannot remedy by notice, and bring forth to the light every virture we can find, in everybody we know. Would it not make a wonderful and splendid change in our view of our friends and neighbors ? Who knows but it might make them all rally to the etandard we set for them, really growing out of the faults ignored and into more than the virtues noticed—and taking us right along with them.

Onward, onward, let us press,
Through the path of duty,
Virtue is true happiness,
Excellence true beauty,
Minds are of celestial birth,
Let us make a heaven of earth.
—Montgomery

British Sailors for British Ships

British sailors for British ships ——

The vital topic of the manning of the English mercantile marine, to which the standard directed the attention of the public in a series of interviews a few weeks ago, is to come under review at a conference of gentlemen of position and authority in various parts of the country which has been summoned by the national committee for the training of British seamen, to meet in the County hall, Spring Gardens.

Lord Furness in an interview with a reporter, declared his readiness to help towards the more careful consideration of the subject, which, he added, however, "moves slowly toward solution. The urgency of business today is so great that we are apt to overlook these matters until they are forcibly brought to our notice, and we find ourselves, like the railway and dock managers did a few weeks ago, face to face with a perilous situation. How we should stand in the event of such a happening with the sailors has never yet been tested, because the recent seamen's strike was settled by a speedy grant of at least a large part of the concessions demanded. A rise of freights, coupled with a fall in the supply of seamen, owing to the application of the language test, made a settlement easy.

"Speaking generally, of course, our main safeguard as ship owners would seem to lie in the fact that sailors, by the nature of their employment, can never act simultaneously; but we have no right to abuse that safeguard, and on this ground and in our interests also I think we should be well advised to promote further action reformative and ameliorating in its character. Undoubtedly the recent strike has left our sailors in a stronger position than they previously occupied, quite apart from their immediate monetary gain, since public opinion naturally inclines to sympathy with any class of worker when circumstances tend to drive that class below what I may term for want of a better expression the decency line.

"How far is it true, in your opinion, that the steamer has slain the sailor ?"

"It is largely true, unhappily. There may be less need nowadays for sailors, thanks to the number of tasks on shipboard that can be performed by machinery or unskilled labor; yet the sailor, in every case of real need, is, by reason of his scarcity, very precious indeed."

THE CREWS OF STEAMERS

"Would it be desirable for steamers to have two classes of men in their crews, apart from the engine-room hands—that is to say, a body of laborers as distinguished from real seamen ?"

Lord Furness—"It may almost be said that we have such a state of things now, but I cannot say that I approve it at all. Confining myself to cargo boats, I am of opinion that it would be a good thing if all deck hands were sailors in the fullest sense of the term. Surely, if you give a moment's thought to the conditions at sea—the value of the ship the safety of the crew, the need for smart working, the peril of the elements—you will agree that every member of the crew of a ship ought to have a knowledge of seacraft as it is today.

"In a time of real danger every man on deck lacking knowledge of seamanship is a nuisance and a danger. But if shipowners cannot see their way to man their vessels entirely with able seamen, I am inclined to believe it would be decidedly advantageous if we made a more distinctive difference between the mere laborer and the real sailor. Why not give the sailors, the men upon whom, under the officers, we have really to depend for the efficient running, and in the last resource for the actual safety of our ships—why not give these men better quarters and superior food and wages, taking as a guide the line of difference existing between artisans and laborers ?"

"Are there grounds for the assertion that the improvements in the forecastle are not appreciated ?"

"I am assured by the officials at the head office of Furness, Withy and Co. (limited), of which company I am chairman, that for the last two years there has not been a single complaint with regards to the accommodation for firemen and sailors, the real truth being that some of the men shipped are not able to appreciate the provision made for their comfort. If we are to build up a sound seaman class, the real need seems to be more for social demarcation between such men and those who are nothing else than rough laborers. Then seamanship might regain its tradition."

DEFECTS IN COOKING

"Is there substance in the alleged complaints as to the cooking under the certificate system ?"

"Yes, there is. Our own victualling superintendent has told me that the victualling superintendents of some of the leading London firms would bear him out in stating that the cooking under the present certificated system is not by any means a success. One, of course, recognizes that the defects may be such as are common to many new departures, and that time may establish it as being an improvement on the older method.

"These 'minor side issues,' as some persons call them, are actually a material part of the big question that is begetting the peril. This peril, and it is a national peril, exists in the fact that, owing to the avoidance of the seafaring career, apart from the officer grade, by all but a comparatively small body of the better types of our countrymen, the services which in the past was the great nursery of English audacity and heroism and is now the chief sign and bulwark in England's greatness will in a brief period if things go on as they are going, be almost entirely dependent upon men of foreign nationality, men scarcely knowing the tongue of their officers. The chief reason for this avoidance of the seafaring life on the part of the better types of Englishmen is, in, my opinion, the persistence of the notion long current that life on shipboard means indifferent accommodation, indifferent food, and indifferent pay.

"That was so undoubtedly up to a decade or so ago, but things have greatly altered for the better of late years. In modern steamers little, if indeed, any fault can be found with the accommodation, and, apart some times from the cooking, the food calls for no criticism, either as to quality or quantity.

THE MATTER OF WAGES

"There is, I think, more room for further improvement in the matter of wages notwithstanding the recent advances, but perhaps the strongest reason why good, decent men avoid sea service is the character and habits of a considerable body of those men with whom they are compelled to share their intimacies of life in the forecastle. Somehow, old though it is, the sailor's calling has not advanced in the attributes of civilization as have other callings. The disparity which has always existed between life at sea and life ashore is consequently greater today than ever. I am not going to deny that a large portion of the foreign seamen who sail in our British ships like the worthy Englishmen of whom I am speaking, are men entirely entitled to respect, but I do affirm as strongly, on the other hand, that many of the men who succeed in passing the language test are the scum of the earth. There is little wonder that our sea service is not popular with our own people !"

"The peril then is," Lord Furness was asked, "that our ships, the outcome of so much energy in labor and expenditure in capital, are, by their working, apart from the officers, not only in the hands of the less intelligent, less efficient, and less trustworthy type of Englishmen, but even more so in the hands of the men of other countries, and this to such an extent as to constitute a national danger ?"

Lord Furness—"You have summarized the situation admirably; I only wish you could compel our countrymen before it is too late to take it all in. But you can foretell what will happen. In a couple of decades men of all classes will suddenly awake to the fact that the bottom has gone out of our boasted maritime supremacy, and then they will be scrambling over each other for a quick way out from a position which does not permit of speedy reform. Therefore the greater the reason why we should the quicker get under review the remedies for this very real danger to the future of our trade and the welfare of the empire."

"I gather that you approve two forms of remedy—the systematic training of boys on a large scale and the encouragement of a better type of man."

I advocate both methods, since, however competent existing institutions may turn out their boys, they cannot be kept in the service for any length of time if, when they actually engage as seamen, they fail, time and again, into an unsavory environment and discover in addition that the pay is no adequate compensation either for the hazards of the calling or the loss of the society and attractions of town life."

"You have, I believe, recognized the value of the work done in one of the training homes for boys ? In what way do you think an impetus can be given to this form of cure?"

"Yes, Lady Furness and I have in late years shown interest in the fortunes of the Swanley Homes for little Boys. Such training places, I am satisfied, combine happily the needs of the boys and the needs of the shipping service. Perhaps some minute sum in the shape of tonnage due might be collected by the trinity Homes, or otherwise from each individual ship; perhaps, too, a moderate subsidy might on national grounds be screwed out of the treasury. But whatever is accomplished in this direction the heads of these training ships must be placed in a position to advertise the attractions of the sailor's life more pronouncedly that they are able to do at present.

In conclusion, my position briefly is this : Great Britain ought to be pre-eminent for her seamen as she is for her ships, but if that condition of affairs is to be brought about there are certain fundamentals that will have to be kept in view :

(1) Britons as far as possible for British ships ;

(2) Such accommodation as corresponds for decency and comfort with the short artisan's stand of today ; and

Remuneration on a similar basis.

"Shipowners must face the probability of a great chance—even a heavy sacrifice, though a sacrifice that will ultimately be repaid in manifold ways. The advantages of the increased efficiency that is the outcome of the employment of superior men are so manifest that individual firms perchance, may risk the change, but, as a matter of fact, shipowners are accustomed to work in unison, and if the reform is to be made it had, for a variety of reasons, become as a general 'lift' from the whole body.

"I should like the change when it comes of course, to be international in its character, but in view of the preponderance of British shipping in the markets of the world, the circumstance that this might not be possible ought not to deter us from action. Even after due allowance for the value of increased efficiency the cost would undoubtedly be considerable, yet the cost will have to be undertaken if the supply of sailors is to be maintained.

"Every Swedish boat is sailed by Swedes alone—that is a condition of her registration—and, after a certain period of years, it ought to be an advantage to shipowners to have all British crews, it would, from the viewpoint of our national supremacy on the ocean highways of the world, be of infinitely greater advantage to the nation. Hence the source from which a proportion of the cost might perchance be met suggests itself, and conceivably it is open to the state by a single stroke to solve in part the problem of the derelict boy and in part also the nationalization of our mercantile marine."—The Standard.

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