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Fort Steele Mercantile Company, Ltd.

East Kootenay's Big Mail Order House

THERE is no reason why any one in South East Kootenay should go without a good Christmas dinner. Look at this magnificent list of the luxuries and necessaries of life that are placed within the reach of everybody:

Cheese
Full Cream, Stilton, Imperial, Roquefolt.

Canned Fruits
Apples 3 lbs and gallons, apricots, blackberries, blueberries 2 lbs and gallons, cherries red and black, grapes, gooseberries. peaches 2, 2 1-2, 3 lbs and gallons; currants red, rhubarb 2 lbs and gallons, lawtonberries. A very fine line of home canned fruits put up in glass jars with patent tops.

Canned Vegetables
Asparagus, beans, corn, mushrooms, peas French and domestic, pumpkins 3 lbs and gallons, tomatoes 3 lbs and gallons, succotash.

Canned Fish
Mortons bleaters, clams, clam-chowder, finnan haddies, herrings, lobsters, oysters, salmon and sardines.

Van Camps macaroni and cheese.

Canned Meats
Corned beef, chipped beef, roast beef, sliced bacon, lunch tongue deviled ham, pigs feet, pork and beans, Vienna sausage, rabbit, sliced ham, veal leaf, mutton, chicken, duck, turkey.

Cakes
We have a full line of nice fresh cakes and crackers.

Sauce
Chili sauce, red and green peppers, salad dressing, anchovies, L. & P. Worcestershire sauce. Maple Syrup and Buckwheat.

Soups
Van Camps & Aylmer assorted.

Beef Extracts
Cudahys 3 sizes, Johnstones 3 sizes, Rosemary Co.'s bottles.

Fish
Herrings, mackerel, salmon, cod.

Delicacies
Honey, California in fine self-sealing bottles. We have a complete line of jellies, jams, marmalade and California olives.

Mince Meat
Mince meat in 1 lb packages, 10 and 25 lb pails.

Raisins
We beg to call your attention to the full line of raisins for table use. We have them in 4, 5, and 20 lb boxes, these are nice and fresh, having just arrived.

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We carry a full line of Crosse & Blackwell orange, lemon and citron peels.

Hams
Our line of Cudahys Diamond C hams are unequalled by any one.

Catsup,
Blue Label Oyster Cocktail.

Pickles
We have, undoubtedly, the finest and largest line of pickles ever brought into the Kootenays consisting of bulk sweet, plain mixed and German dills, 1, 3, 5 gallon pails of chow chow and mixed. In bottles we have stuffed mangoes, stuffed peppers, plain sweets, sweet relish, red hot relish, walnuts, cutney,

Paste
C .& B. Anchovi, Blater and Caviar.

Crockery: DO NOT overlook our Crockery department. We have the largest stock ever brought to Cranbrook, consistiug of Fancy Christmas Goods, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and a full line of plain goods.

Wishing the people of the district a Merry X-mas and Happy New Year, we remain, yours truly

FORT STEELE MERCANTILE CO. LTD.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

HON. GEO. A. COX, President. B. E. WALKER, Gen. Man.

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FORT STEELE BRANCH. J. W. H. SMYTHE, Manager.

Reid & Co. are

Ready for Christmas

Are You?

IT IS the part of wisdom not to delay your preparations until the last week. Better begin now when you can do it more leisurly. This whole store has caught the holiday spirit, and you are invited to inspect our array of useful and beautiful gifts. It is a stock to enlist the interest of every taste and satisfy the demand pocket book. Whatever's wearable is givable and acceptablefor a Christmas gift. We have everything that is new, beautiful and excellent in Men's, Ladies', Boys', Girls', Clothing and Furnishings. In Men's and Boys' Clothing we give you $1.00 worth for 75 cents. In Ladies' Blouses we give you $1.00 worth for for 75 cents; or in other words 25 per cent discount.

—MENS—

Silk Suspenders.
Fancy Night Robes.
The latest in Mufflers.
Dress and Street Gloves.
Silk Ties in all shapes and styles.
Mens Spun Silk Gloves and Mits.
House Coats and Smoking Jackets.
Silk Handkerchiefs in all styles, plain, inital and fancy borders.

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Ladies' Wrappers.
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A Big Line of Overskirts.
Silk House Jackets and Robes.
Fancy Silk and Mercerized Sateen Skirts.
Fancy Silk and Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs.
Celebrated Pewney Kid Gloves every pair guaranteed.

We ask special attention to our stock of Ladies' Furs. Just the thing for a Christmas gift.
We give silverware, with a ten year guarantee, away free. Call and ask for particulars.
If you want your Christmas money to reach a long way, buy your presents from

Reid & Company.

Christmas Announcement

Special Prices for Christmas on all Ladies' suits, blouses, jackets and children's coats and underwear. A call will satisfy you in prices and quality.

Christmas Groceries

Brutt Nuts,
Table Raisins,
Cleaned Raisins,
Cleaned Currants,
Lemon Peel,
Citron Peel,
Orange Peel,
Evaporated Fruits,

Lemon Ice Wafers,
Chocolate Ice Wafers,
Christees Biscuits,
Sweet and Assorted Pickles
Catsups Sauces,
Chutneys,
Jellies,
Olives Stuffed,
Preserved Ginger.

Other Fancy and Staple Groceries to arrive this week.

G. Bremner & Son.

THOUGHTS AND FANCY

Quick at Repartee

One of the best and quickest replies we have heard for a long time was made by Rev. Mahon, the Methodist minister of Moyie last Monday morning. In company with Rev. Bowering, of this city, he was passing The Herald office. The latter gentleman was carrying a wood saw, and we said in a spirit of fun, "Good morning, gentlemen. How do you take wood, by contract or by day?" "We take it by night," quickly replied Rev. Mahon, without a smile.

Cranbrook Is Progressive

"Cranbrook is a progressive and wide-awake town," said E. C. Smith, the representative of this district in the provincial parliament, while in town last Saturday. "Every time I come to Cranbrook I see some change that denotes advancement. And, I have also noted that you have a class of citizens that stand together on any movement that means good for the town. You are wide-awake, open-hearted in your ways, and always make a stranger feel at home when he visits you."

Will Buy at Home Hereafter

The Herald has always been a strong advocate of patronizing home merchants, and has ever maintained that no man, in justice to himself or the town, should send his money east for goods. A well-known resident of this city recently got an article for his wife from a Toronto firm. and he has learned a lesson. "I'll tell you all about it, Simpson," he said the other day. "The article cost originally $12. It did not fit so I telegraphed to the house to see if it could be changed. It could. I sent it back and got another. The second one did not fit as well as the first. I telegraphed back to see if I could get the first. No. It had been sold, so my wife is having it refitted here. Now the cost of that article is as follows:

First cost	$12 00
Telegrams	5 60
Express	4 00
Refitting	2 50
	$24 10

I guess The Herald is all right. I think my wife and I will let the local merchant send for our goods after this. Say, don't you give me away."

Thinks Well of the States

"I have traveled in the United States quite a good deal," said the Hon. Mr. McBride the other day, "and I have always found it profitable. They are a pushing, rushing lot of people, and cordial at all times. The fact that I was a resident of Canada made no difference, unless it was that it prompted them to be more cordial because I came from another country. There are two things one will notice in traveling through Canada and the United States. In the New England states and New York and Maine, one will find a very large percentage of Canadians, while in British Columbia, the Americans have settled in large numbers. I believe that traveling is always an educator, and especially is this the case when one visits other countries than that in which he lives."

A Hospital Aid Society.

The ball committee presented the Sisters of the St. Eugene hospital with the sum of $262 at an informal reception at the home of Mrs. McInnes on Monday afternoon. Refreshments were served. It is contemplated to form a hospital ladies' aid society, among the ladies of Cranbrook, and all interested in the work are invited to attend a meeting at the Cranbrook hotel on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

GALLIHER THE WINNER

Foley Came Out of the Fight a Very Close Second.

THIS DISTRICT GOES FOR LABOR

McKane Is the Third In the Race and Loses His Own Home Town.

OTHER NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Galliher an Easy Winner.

The election held last Thursday was a quiet affair throughout the district and rasulted in the election of Mr. Galliher, the Liberal candidate, by a plurality of about 300 votes. The feature that surprised some portions of the district was *the remarkable run made by Mr. Foley*. the candidate of the Labor party. He proved strong in all the mining districts, and in the district of South East Kootenay carried everything by storm. He won out ahead of Mr. McKane, the Conservative candidate, and if it had not been that a large portion of the labor element went for the home man at Nelson, Mr. Foley would have either won the fight or left Mr. Galliher a very close margin.

The vote stood in South East Kootenay as follows:

	McKane	Galliher	Foley
Fort Steele	60	37	10
Cranbrook	41	76	59
Wardner		2	
Fernie	58	71	74
Moyie	8	9	101
Kimberley	2	2	61
Michel	6	11	2
Elko	2	3	4
Wasa		5	2

Rossland gave Galliher 223; Foley 519; McKane 262.

Nelson gave Galliher 335; Foley 225; McKane 243.

Maxwell Elected.

Maxwell, the Liberal candidate in the Burrard district, defeated Garden, the Conservative, by a large majority.

Queen Victoria's Health.

New York, Dec. 8.—Much anxiety prevails in British court circles respecting the Queen's health, says a World despatch from Windsor. She has broken down noticeably since she was informed that the Empress Frederick was suffering from cancer of the throat and could not live many months. She has lost her appetite and passes sleepless nights. A belief undoubtedly prevails among those around her that the Queen is at least failing. One of them said: "Although ordered to get everything in readiness to move to Osborne on the 20th, the arrangements may be countermanded at the last moment. Everything is uncertain owing to Her Majesty's state of health. This talk about her going to Cimiez is the wildest speculation. It is unsafe to phrophesy her movements or conditions a week ahead." The papers in London assert that the Queen is in her usual health, but the above are the true facts.

Lord Roberts Talks of Peace.

Durban, Dec. 6.—Lord Roberts, on board the Canada, started for Cape Town this morning. All the ships in the harbor were decorated with flags. Lord Roberts made a speech, during the course of which he adjured his hearers to hold out the hand of fellowship to those who had been their enemies.

"When blessed peace is restored," said he, "you will tell them we are all one, in one country; that we have one interest and that we honor them. They have been fighting for a wrong cause, having been induced to do so by their misguided rulers. Nevertheless we honor them for fighting for the liberty we ourselves so thoroughly believe in. And, now, in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice and freedom, we are prepared to extend these privileges which every Englishman values, to those who have been fighting against us."

May Retain His Seat.

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—It is reported today that the resignation of Mayor Garden to his seat in the local house has not been accepted, and that he may still occupy his chair there. The mayor refused to discuss the matter today, saying that he was not a party to any scheme to allow him to retain his seat.

Robert MacPherson, M. P. P., is out as a candidate in the labor interest for the seat supposed to be made vacant by the mayer's resignation.

Col. Otter in Luck.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The World this morning gives currency to the rumor that the Dominion Government be asked to vote $20,000 to Colonel Otter *for services rendered in South Africa.*

Deserved Praise for Tupper.

Nelson Tribune: Sir. Charles Tupper is fairly entitled to be called the Grand Old Man of Canada. Over eighty years of age, he is as bright mentally as at any time during the forty-five years that he has been at the front in political strife. While in Nelson he passed one night in attendance at a Scotch dinner, and the next night was for hours on a platform in a public hall listening to and making speeches. There is one thing that the average Canadian likes, that is, pluck, and when pluck is coupled with brains, the man that has both commands respect. Sir Charles Tupper left Nelson with the respect of many men who heard him last night, young men who were reared in the Liberal faith.

Quick Work On a Banquet.

Last Saturday evening the committee in charge of the McBride banquet saw Messrs. Small and Medhurst, of the Cosmopolitan, at 6:30, to make arrangements about the spread for 30 people at 10 o'clock. The time was short, but at the appointed hour everything was ready, tables nicely decorated and when the guests were seated, one of the best dinners ever served in the town was placed before the people. It was a great piece of work and the Cosmopolitan received many compliments for its management of the affair.

The Sisters Extend Thanks.

The Sisters of St. Eugene hospital return their most sincere thanks to the ladies of Cranbrook and in particular to the hospital benefit committee for the handsome purse presented to them.

The Sisters were sensibly touched by the delicate courtesy of those ladies, whose charity bids fair for the future prosperity of the hospital. Their arduous task is lightened by this new proof of the great number of friends who take such interest in their good work. The Sisters will consider it a sacred duty to ask God's blessing on those generous helpers.

Vic Desaulnier's New Hotel Fixtures.

Vic Desaulnier, proprietor of the Central hotel at Moyie, is expending considerable money fitting up the bar room of his hotel He has just put in a front and back bar that cost $1200. It is of solid quarter-sawed antique oak. of 16th century design, with beveled French plate mirrors and panneled partitions. Fred F. Pieper, of the firm of Pieper & Currie, is now at work decorating the room, which is to be finished in harmony with the wood work.

A Slash in prices

Owing to a contemplated change in our business, we have decided to clear out about

$13,000 of Stock

AT COST.

This stupendous reduction sale will include

500 Men's suits, 500 Men's Pants
80 Boys' suits 20 Boys' Pants
Dress Goods, Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes.

Bring the cash and take the goods. No such opportunity ever offered in the Kootenays. We mean business.

W. D. Hill & Co.

Christmas Is Coming

So is
Cold weather
More Fires
Greater danger.

Moral--More Insurance.

See "Hutch."

In the Past Six Months

Our Stock has been quadrupled; our business has increased in even greater proportion. Is not this sufficient evidence of the superiority of our goods and values. We sell everything. Get in the band wagon and trade at

GILPIN'S

Moyie's Leading Hotel

Hotel Kootenay
The best of accomodations for the traveling public.
McMAHON BROS., Proprietors.

CRANBROOK HERALD

E. Simpson
Editor and Proprietor.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:

One year $2.00
Six months 1.00

The Herald desires to give the news of the district. If you know any about your town your mine or your people, send it to this office.

Keep the Dollars in Cranbrook

Christmas is coming. The people of Cranbrook should arrange to buy their Christ mas presents of the home merchants. Money spent in Cranbrook will always help Cranbrook. Money sent back is of no beneft to this town. Build up your own town. It pays.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

Minister McBride made a statement during his trip through this portion of the district, that would indicate that the office holders of the coast are beginning to see the light of wisdom. He repeatedly said that the members of the cabinet, no matter what government was in power, could not serve the people better than to visit the middle and eastern portions of the province once or twice a year. There is good sense in such a statement. The Kootenays have suffered to a considerable extent by long-range legislation. Especially is this the case in South East Kootenay, a district that has made wonderful advancement during the past two years. So rapid has been the growth, and so great have been the changes, that it is impossible for those in power at the coast to fully appreciate it. In consequence, statements of conditions sent from this part of the province have been looked upon as exaggerated, and lightly passed over. The schools have had to suffer, the roads and trails have been neglected, the government's business has been carried on with difficulty, appropriations have not been justly distributed and personal influence has been permitted to do injustice to sections laboring without that influence, all because the executive council had no definite knowledge of the conditions and circumstances as they actually exist.

This part of the district is paying heavy revenues to the government, and as there is not an incorporated town in the district, is dependent upon the government for public improvements. The people have a right to demand justice in the distribution of public funds and public favors, a justice that has in a measure been denied, owing to a lack of knowledge of the real needs of the district on the part of those elected and paid by the people to labor for the best interests of the people as a whole.

It goes without saying that Minister McBride, when he returns to his labors in Victoria, will be able to talk and act intelligently on all matters pertaining to the public good of the Kootenays and Boundary country. The other members of the government should lose no time to place themselves in the same advantageous position. British Columbia is a great province, and her future growth and prosperity will depend to a great extent on the action of the government. Let that action be based on intelligence and accurate knowledge of conditions. That is all Cranbrook and South East Kootenay want.

BUY AT HOME.

The merchants of Cranbrook believe in advertising, and they demonstrate their belief this week in the columns of The Herald. They are reaching out for Christmas business. They have the stock and are quoting the prices that warrants every resident of the town to make his purchases at home. Just bear this in mind and keep your dollars at home. It is no longer a question of patriotism, it is simply business. Taking everything into consideration, you can do better with the home merchant than with the "Cheap Johns" in the east. The eastern house is after your coin, not after your trade. He goes on the theory that the catalogue habit is incurable and he works it to a finish. The women are, as a rule, the catalogue victims. Some would prefer to pay more, and buy of an eastern house that had sent them a catalogue, than purchase for as equally low price at home, where they might see the goods before purchasing.

Buy of the home merchant. He is staying by you 12 months in the year. Keep your money at home.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Greenwood Miner is frank, if a little harsh, in its statements. In closing an article on the approaching municipal campaign, it says: "The Miner will not take any part in the contest, and we do not want municipal ward heelers and blatherskites hanging around this office during the campaign."

The Moyie board of trade, at a recent meeting, decided to ask for a division of this mining district, and that the government offices of the new district be located at Moyie. Would Moyie be located near the center of the new district?

The hotel men and merchants have united on a plan to black list dead beats in Moyie. That settles it. No longer can Moyie boast of being an easy place to live.

R. T. Lowery, of the New Denver Ledge, recently wrote an extract from his diary, and now a lot of papers are running it and crediting it to an exchange. That is a poor way to compliment a good thing.

Every man in business should give some of his time to the community. Every little helps, and the growth of the town helps every man engaged in business in that town.

It will soon be swearing off time.

The Prospector's prophecy on the election would make good reading this week.

With the election or Mr. Galliher the "Let-her go-Galliher" fiend should seek seclusion and give the people a rest.

The meeting of the business men last Monday morning was one of the best gatherings of the kind ever held in Cranbrook. The true Cranbrook spirit was displayed to a remarkable degree, and everyone present felt that it was well he was there.

Chris. Foley and his supporters have every reason to feel proud of the magnificent showing made by the Labor party. Chris. Foley has shown himself to be a leader, and a man of ability. He will be heard from again.

The Rossland Daily Record has given up the ghost and suspended publication. The Record made a strong attempt to live, but failed. There is little money in the newspaper business in the Kootenays, and none at all in publishing a daily. Not a daily paper in West Kootenay is paying expenses and giving legitimate salaries to the managers. Nelson is an illustration of that fact. The Miner and the Tribune are losing propositions. One or the other should quit. Nelson would be a good field for one daily paper, but for two it is a grave yard. It takes money to run a newspaper, and lots of it.

The Bell telephone monopoly is endeavoring to discourage the idea of municipal ownership in Toronto. The Bell Telephone company is one of the worst monopolies in the States, and it is doing all it can to fasten its claws on Canada. Every large city should own its telephone plant. Municipal ownership is the only trust remedy.

An exchange asks, what is the differ- between a turkey raffle and a grab bag at a church fair. That is easy. A man gets a run for his money at the turkey raffle.

The Hon. Mr. McBride said that Cranbrook seemed to be characterized by the large number of young men engaged in business, and remarked that such a condition was not a bad one for a progressive town.

No man ever received a nicer tribute than that given by the minister of mines to Representative Smith at the banquet Saturday night. Although Mr. Smith occupies a seat on the opposition benches yet he received at the hands of the Hon. Mr. McBride, treatment that might have been accorded his warmest and strongest supporter. "You have a representative in Mr. Smith who is untiring in his efforts in behalf of South East Kootenay, and the government have learned to value very highly that gentleman's advice and information regarding this portion of British Columbia." It was a neat compliment and delivered in a charming manner.

The Cranbrook way is all right.

Strangers visiting Cranbrook are at once captured by the evident prosperity of the place, and a little knowledge of existing conditions soon convinces them that the future of Cranbrook is indeed a bright one.

The Herald is in receipt of the Christmas number of the British Columbia Mining Record, published at Victoria and Vancouver. It is a handsome volume, filled to overflowing with well executed illustrations and information of points of interest in the province. It is probably the best work of the kind ever issued in British Columbia, and it is a matter of regret that so important a portion of the mining territory of the province as South East Kootenay was not more fully written up.

Next year South East Kootenay will make those who have left this district homesick.

Many a man who is a member of a church, is not a Christian; and many a man who is not a member of a church, is a Christian.

A new resident of Fernie has opened a restaurant and makes a bid for business by advertising that he employes no Chinese, and at the same time signs his name "Yodo Fujii." That name will hardly appeal to the Anti-Chinese Anglo Saxon workingman.

Had to Conquer or Die.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C., "I had consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrival life-saver in consumption, pneumonia, la-grippe and bronchitis, infallible for coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever, croup or hwooping cough. Guaranteed bottles 50 cents $1.00. Trial bottles free at Beattie's drug store.

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa, "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life. Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Beattie. Price 50 cents.

JOB WORK

We do only first class work.
Call and see for yourself.
THE HERALD.

THE RAGGED LITTLE BOY.

He stood beneath the flaring lights,
His clothes were thin and old,
The wind upon the avenue
That night was piercing cold;
He tried to sell his papers,
But the people would not buy;
And while he shivered on the stones
A tear stood in his eye.

"What wil' you do when you're a man?"
A stranger kindly said;
The boy a moment seemed to smile,
And then he shook his head:
"I cannot tell you, sir," said he,
And brushed a tear away;
"But mother says she hopes that I
May rule this land some day."

A lady fair upon whose hand
A diamond flashed its light
A moment stopped before the lad
That cold and stormy night;
Her dainty fingers drew her purse,
And in his hand so cold
She dropped, with just her sweetest smile,
Some bright and shining gold.

"When you're a man what will you do?"
The wealthy lady cried;
"I'll pay you back a hundredfold,"
The little boy replied;
"One little room we call our home
Amid the shadows gray;
But mother says she hopes that I
May rule this land some day."

Beneath the starry flag that floats
With pride from sea to sea
A ragged coat is no disgrace,
For here all men are free;
The little boy who shivers, in
His garments old and poor,
May open, as the president,
Some day, the white house door.

We cannot cast the horoscope
Of every boy we meet
And jostle as we hasten down
The ever-crowded street;
For a mother's prayers are answered in
A region far away;
And he who wears a ragged coat
May rule our land some day.

—T. C. Harbaugh, in Ohio Farmer.

A DEAL IN OSTRICHES.

BY H. G. WELLS.

"Talking of the prices of birds, I've seen an ostrich that cost £300," said the taxidermist, recalling his youth of travel. "Three hundred pounds!"

He looked at me over his spectacles. "I've seen another that was refused at four!"

"No," he said, "it wasn't any fancy points. They was just plain ostriches. A little off color, too—owing to dietary. And there wasn't any particular restriction of the demand, either. You'd have thought five ostriches would have ruled cheap on an East Indiaman. But the point was, one of 'em had swallowed a diamond.

"The chap it got it off was Sir Mohini Padishah, a tremendous swell—a Piccadilly swell, you might say, up to the neck of him, and then an ugly black head and a whooping turban, with this diamond in it. The blessed bird pecked suddenly and had it, and when the chap made a fuss it realized it had done wrong, I suppose, and went and mixed itself with the others to preserve its incog. It all happened in a minute. I was among the first to arrive, and there was this heathen going over his gods, and two sailors and the man who had charge of the birds laughing fit to split. It was a rummy way of losing a jewel, come to think of it. The man in charge hadn't been about just at the moment, so that he didn't know which bird it was. Clean lost, you see. I didn't feel half sorry, to tell you the truth. The beggar had been swaggering over his blessed diamond ever since he came aboard.

"A thing like that goes from stem to stern of a ship in no time. Everyone was talking about it. Padishah went below to hide his feelings. At dinner—he pigged at a table by himself, him and two other Hindoos—the captain kind of jeered at him about it, and he got very excited. He turned round and talked into my ear. He would not buy the birds; he would have his diamond. He demanded his rights as a British subject. His diamond must be found. He was firm upon that. He would appeal to the house of lords. The man in charge of the birds was one of those wooden-headed chaps you can't get a new idea into anyway. He refused any proposal to interfere with the birds by way of medicine. His instructions were to feed them so-and-so and treat them so-and-so, and it was as much as his place was worth not to feed them so-and-so and treat them so-and-so. Padishah had wanted a stomach pump—though you can't do that to a bird, you know. This Padishah was full of bad law, like most of those blessed Bengalis, and talked of having a lien on the birds, and so forth. But an old boy, who said his son was a London barrister, argued that what a bird swallowed became ipso facto part of the bird, and that Padishah's only remedy lay in an action for damages, and even then it might be possible to show contributory negligence. He hadn't any right of way about an ostrich that didn't belong to him. That upset Padishah extremely, the more so as most of us expressed an opinion that that was the reasonable view. There wasn't any lawyer aboard to settle the matter, so we all talked pretty free. At last, after Aden, it appears that he came round to the general opinion, and went privately to the man in charge and made an offer for all five ostriches.

"The next morning there was a fine shindy at breakfast. The man hadn't any authority to deal with the birds, and nothing on earth would induce him to sell; but it seems he told Padishah that a Eurasian named Potter had already made him an offer, and on that Padishah denounced Potter before us all. But I think the most of us thought it rather smart of Potter, and I know that when Potter said that he'd wired at Aden to London to buy the birds, and would have an answer at Suez, I cursed pretty richly at a lost opportunity.

"At Suez, Padishah gave way to tears—actual wet tears—when Potter became the owner of the birds, and offered him 250 right off for the five, being more than 200 per cent. on what Potter had given. Potter said he'd be hanged if he parted with a feather of them—that he meant to kill them off one by one and find the diamond; but afterwards, thinking it over, he relented a little. He was a gambling hound, was this Potter, a little queer at cards, and this kind of prize-packet business must have suited him down to the ground. Anyhow, he offered, for a lark, to sell the birds separately to separate people by auction at a starting price of £80 for a bird. But one of them, he said, he meant to keep for luck.

"You must understand this diamond was a valuable one—a little Jew chap, a diamond merchant, who was with us, had put it at three or four thousand when Padishah had shown it to him—and this idea of an ostrich gamble caught on. Now it happened that I'd been having a few talks on general subjects with the man who looked after these ostriches, and quite incidentally he'd said one of the birds was ailing, and he fancied it had indigestion. It had one feather in its tail almost all white, by which I knew it, and so when, next day, the auction started with it, I capped Padishah's 85 by 90. I fancy I was a bit too sure and eager with my bid, and some of the others spotted the fact that I was in the know. And Padishah went for that particular bird like an irresponsible lunatic. At last the Jew diamond merchant got it for £175, and Padishah said £180 just after the hammer came down—so Potter declared. At any rate the Jew merchant secured it, and there and then he got a gun and shot it. Potter made a hades of a fuss because he said it would injure the sale of the other three, and Padishah, of course, behaved like an idiot; but all of us were very much excited. I can tell you I was precious glad when that dissection was over, and no diamond had turned up—precious glad. I'd gone to one-forty on that particular bird myself.

"The little Jew was like most Jews—he didn't make any great fuss over bad luck; but Potter declined to go on with the auction until it was understood that the goods could not be delivered until the sale was over. The little Jew wanted to argue that the case was exceptional, and as the discussion ran pretty even, the thing was postponed until the next morning. We had a lively dinner-table that evening, I can tell you, but in the end, Potter got his way, since it would stand to reason he would be safer if he stuck to all the birds, and that we owed him some consideration for his sportsman-like behavior. And the old gentleman whose son was a lawyer said he'd been thinking the thing over and that it was very doubtful if, when a bird had been opened and the diamond recovered, it ought not to be handed back to the proper owner. I remember I suggested it came under the laws of the treasure-trove—which was really the truth of the matter. There was a hot argument, and we settled it was certainly foolish to kill the bird on board the ship. Then the old gentleman, going at large through his legal talk, tried to make out the sale was a lottery and illegal, and appealed to the captain; but Potter said he sold the birds as ostriches. He didn't want to sell any diamonds, he said, and didn't offer that as an inducement. The three birds he put up, to the best of his knowledge and belief, did not contain a diamond. It was in the one he kept—so he hoped.

"Prices ruled high next day all the same. The fact that now there were four chances instead of five of course caused a rise. The blessed birds averaged two hundred and twenty-seven, and, oddly enough, this Padisha didn't secure one of 'em—not one. He made too much shindy, and when he ought to have been hiding he was talking about liens, and, besides, Potter was a bit down on him. One fell to a quiet little officer chap, another to the little Jew, and the third was syndicated by the engineers. And then Potter seemed suddenly sorry for having sold them, and said he'd flung away a clear £1,000, and that very likely he'd draw a blank, and that he always had been a fool; but when I went and had a bit of a talk to him, with the idea of getting him to hedge on his last chance, I found he'd already sold the bird he'd reserved to a political chap that was on board—a chap who'd been studying Indian morals and social questions in his vacation. That last was the £300 bird. Well, they landed three of the blessed creatures at Brindisi—though the old gentleman said it was a breach of the customs regulations—and Potter and Padishah landed too. The Hindoo seemed half mad as he saw his blessed diamond going this way and that, so to speak. He kept on saying he'd get an injunction—he had injunction on the brain—and giving his name and address to the chaps who'd bought the birds, so that they'd know where to send the diamond. None of them wanted his name and address and none of them would give their own. It was a fine row, I can tell you—on the platform. They all went off by different trains. I came on to Southampton, and there I saw the last of the birds, as I came ashore; it was the one the engineers bought, and it was standing up near the bridge, in a kind of crate, and looking as leggy and silly a setting for a valuable diamond as ever you saw—if it was a setting for a valuable diamond.

"How did it end? Oh! like that. Well—perhaps. Yes, there's one more thing that may throw light on it. A week or so after landing I was down Regent street doing a bit of shopping, and who should I see arm-in-arm and having a purple time of it but Padishah and Potter. If you come to think of it—

"Yes—I've thought that. Only, you see, there's no doubt the diamond was real. And Padishah was an eminent Hindoo. I've seen his name in the papers—often. But whether the bird swallowed the diamond certainly is another matter, as you say."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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FASHION IN INSTRUMENTS.

Beautiful Irish Harps to Be the Vogue This Season.

There is a fashion in musical instruments so far as the English young woman is concerned which compels changes as sudden and sweeping as those which take place in regard to the same young women's bonnets and hats. Of course all of them who have pretensions to being considered what is vaguely termed "musical" reckon among their accomplishments the ability to play the piano, and they do not disdain to devote the surplus of their musical ability to instruments of a more portable kind. For a time it was the banjo, then the mandolin, then, taking a flight upward the violin itself was degraded into the position of a "fashionable" instrument dividing its claims with the violoncello. We are said to be now on the eve of another change. According to Music the instrument which is to be in vogue this winter is the Irish harp, which many young women belonging to the very smartest society are said to be already industriously practicing. It is not the large and rather unwieldy thing we are wont to see in the street orchestras, but a beautifully finished and decorated little instrument, some 30 inches in height, and about the weight of a banjo. It is, in fact, the article which the minstrel boy slung behind him when, with his father's sword girded on, he set forth on that bellicose expedition of which the ballads tell us. The tone of the Irish harp is said to be particularly sweet, though a little thin.

BESSIE'S GREAT SACRIFICE.

She Felt Sorry for a Baby Who Had No Doll.

The stockings had been hung up and the little ones gathered around the hearth to hear mamma tell the story of the Babe of Bethlehem, says the New York World. Their small faces expressed profound sympathy when they heard how the Son of God was born in a stable, how He lay on a bed of straw, how He shivered in the cool December night and how His life was in danger from the wicked Herod. Little Bessie seemed to be particularly impressed. She said nothing, but one could see that she was thinking hard.

When, half an hour later, mamma came to Bessie's bed to kiss her good night, she found the child pressing her doll to her bosom and gazing at it with unutterable affection. As she stooped over the bed Bessie looked up and asked, earnestly: "Mamma, ain't God's baby got any dolly?"

"No," replied the mother, smiling. Bessie looked at her doll again and hugged it. Then conflicting emotions showed themselves on the little face. After a long silence the child raised her eyes, which had such an expression as those of the martyrs must have worn at the stake, and said, firmly: "Take it to Him, mamma."

Closing her eyes tight Bessie laid the doll in her mother's hands and buried her face in the pillow to try to forget the great sacrifice she had made.

POWER OF A WOMAN'S WORD.

It Overcame the Wrath of an Unfeeling Policeman.

The following pretty story is taken from the New York Mail and Express, and is good enough to stand by itself.

He was only an Italian fruit-vender. There was nothing about him at all likely to inspire the beholder with feeling, one way or another. He was not ragged enough to call for especial sympathy, nor unkempt enough to provoke disgust. Yet to the policeman on his beat he was undoubtedly the object of considerable aversion. This was shown by the unrelenting vigor with which the fruit-seller was pursued from corner to corner by the zealous guardian of the law.

The other day, in a too hurried response to the everlasting order to "move on," the peddler's cart was upset, and his peaches and pears were scattered over the ground and across the street car track. The enraged policeman could barely restrain the impulse to use his club.

"The dirty loafer!" he exclaimed. "He did it on purpose—just trying to excite sympathy!"

"He has succeeded, then," said a soft voice at the officer's elbow, and a neat little woman stooped and began to gather up the scattered fruit.

The officer's face reddened. He hesitated a moment, and then he, too, joined in the work of restoration.

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Notice is hereby given that one month after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post marked "Duncan McDonald's S. E. corner post," situated at the northeast corner of H. W. Melton's pre-emption near Palmers Bar, East Kootenay, thence north eighty chains, thence west forty chains, thence south eighty chains, thence east forty chains to the place of *beginning, containing 320 acres.*

Dated at Cranbrook this 10th day of October, 1900. Duncan McDonald.

Land Notice.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post marked "James B. Henderson's S. E. post" planted at the southwest corner of William West's pre-emption, about five miles south west of Cranbrook, B. C., thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to the place of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1900.
James B. Henderson.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between A. W. McVittie and John Hutchison under the firm name of McVittie & Hutchison of Cranbrook is this day dissolved by mutual consent. John Hutchison assumes the firms liabilities and will collect all monies due the firm except those due for surveying which A. W. McVittie will collect. The business of Insurance, Real Estate and Brokerage will be continued by John Hutchison. A. W. McVITTIE,
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Cranbrook, B.C., Dec. 1st, 1900. G. H. MINER

LAND NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date *I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner* of lands and works for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post marked "A. E. Watt s south east corner post" planted at the south west corner of H. W. Melton's pre-emption about six miles south west of Cranbrook; thence west forty chains; thence north eighty chains; thence east forty chains; thence south eighty chains to the place of commencement.

Dated this 1.th day of November 1900.
ALFRED EDWARD WATTS.

Land Notice.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after this date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post marked "John Breckenridge's S. W. Corner Post" planted at the southeast corner of A. W. Bleasdell's pre-emption, about six miles southwest of Cranbrook, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to said Bleasdell's land, thence south along the easterly boundary of said Bleasdell's land 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1900.
John Breckenridge.

Land Notice.

Notice is hereby given that one month after the date of the first publication of this notice I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Harry Melton's pre-emption and which post is marked "W. West's S. E. Corner Post" thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to the place of beginning, containing 320 acres; and which land is situated in the Palmer Bar section of the district of South East Kootenay, and about 5 miles south west of Cranbrook.

Dated at Cranbrook, B. C., this 21st day of November, A. D., 1900.
Wm. West.

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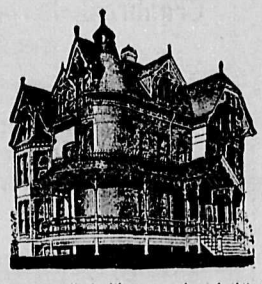

Have you talked with anyone about building? Come and see me or let me see you. It may do us both good.

G. R. LEASK
Contractor.

FREE PRESS ITEMS.

Mr. A. H. Blackeby, of Kingston, Ont. superintendent of agencies of the Odd-Fellows' Relief association of Canada, was in town this week and made the Free Press a pleasant call. Another effort is likely to be made soon to organize an I. O. O. F. lodge in Fernie.

There is some talk of forming another whist club in town, to be known as the "Anti-Slav" club.

The people of Fernie will be sorry to learn that "Dick" Deering, of C squadron, Strathcona Horse, was severely injured on November 8 at Frederickstad, by falling from a refractory horse. "Dick" is an expert horseman, and we fancy the horse itself must have fallen in such a way as to injure the rider. His many friends here will join in a heartfelt wish that his injury may not prove as serious as reported.

Mr. W. Fernie left yesterday morning for Victoria' where he will spend three or four months at least. It is also possible that he may make Victoria his home in the future, but his many friends here sincerely hope that this may not be the case, as in losing Mr. Fernie the town parts with its oldest and most highly respected inhabitant. However, should he finally decide to make Victoria his home in the future the people here can rest assured that in Mr. Fernie, the father of the town, they will always have a true friend.

MOYIE LEADER MORSELS

M. McInnes, East Kootenay's meat king, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Eagan was visiting with friends in Cranbrook several days this week.

F. J. McMahon intends spending Christmas at his home in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Thos. Christian is excavating his lot on Victoria street, preparatory to erecting a 25x40 building.

The plans and specifications for the addition to the Kootenay hotel have been drawn and work was begun this morning.

J. M. Lindsay received word this morning of the death of his father in Moosomin. Mr. Lindsay left for Moosomin on today's train.

P. D. Hope and A. T. Clark have been appointed justices of the peace for South East Kootenay. The appointments are in every way satisfactory.

Several contractors are figuring on a hotel building for William Mills, which he intends erecting on his lots on Lake avenue in a short time.

Fred Pieper, of Cranbrook, is here doing the papering and decorating at the Central hotel. Mr. Pieper intends locating in Moyie in the near future.

A petition was circulated this week asking the government to build a bridge across the narrows between the two lakes for the accommodation of those living on the west side. The scheme is a good one.

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FT. STEELE PROSPECTOR.

On Saturday evening Herbert Clarke while walking up Riverside Avenue, observed what he susposed to be a cat, with her head enclosed in a tomato can, Herbert said pussy has got caught and rushed to rescue pussy from her unpleasant situation. Herbet's clothes will be buried for the next week and then cremated.

Some fifteen claims are located on Phillipps creek, and little Copper mountain. The ore is much the same on all the claims, copper pyrites with quartz. The ore carries from 13 to 27 per cent copper, gold values rarely going over $3 except on one claim. So far no lead or galena has been found. The claims are all at about the same elevation, all in a syenyte dyke, cutting the porphyry and serpentine formation. Some of the claims have a fine showing of copper, perhaps no district with such an outcrop has been so little prospected. There are several claims on Phillipps creek on the Montana side which are showing up well. The Copper Giant with its glittering show of pyrites, azurite, and green carbonates is a sight well worth going to see.

George Watson returned to Steele on Monday.

The annex to the hospital is rapidly approaching completion.

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Cranbrook is metropolitan, or nothing. *Last Friday, for the first time,* the town was lighted by electricity. There were many expressions of surprise and approval, especially after the lights had been turned on for some time and it was demonstrated beyond all question that *the Cranbrook light was far superior to* the average electric light in brilliancy and steadiness. From tha first to the present time, not one word of complaint has been uttered by the patrons, or one unfavorable comment made by those who are familiar with the quality of a first-class electric light. Some people say that the Cranbrook Electric Light company is lucky. That is a mistake. It is not luck, but simply good business judgment. Messrs. Ryan, King, McInnes, Gurd and Bremner, the promoters of the company, and who constitute the provisional board of electors, started out on the theory that the best was none too good for Cranbrook, and as a result they have one of the most complete electric light plants in the country.

The power house is located adjacent to the Cranbrook Lumber company's mill, and the steam for operating the plant is furnished by that company. The building is 20 by 45 feet, with a 10-foot ceiling, and neatly finished on the interior with V-joint ceiling. The engine is 125 horse power, center-crank, Robb-Armstrong make, and has a capacity of 2000 lights. At the present time a dynamo of 700 light capacity is in use, and all arrangements made so that a second dynamo could be installed on short notice. The switch board is made of Vermont blue marble and the entire equipment represents all that is modern and up-to-date in the Royal Electric company's latest type of S. K. C. machinery.

The new boiler installed by the Cranbrook Lumber company for the purpose of furnishing the steam, is 100 horse power, of Godie & McCullough make, and supplements the other two large boilers already in use by the company for running the mill plant. The power room is conveniently situated, so that it is of easy access from the boiler room. The interior of the electric plant is to be painted in a tasty manner, and when all is complete it will look as neat as any *woman's kitchen.*

W. P. Dixon, of Nelson, has had charge of the installing of the machinery and Fred Ewart, who will remain in charge of the plant, superintended the placing of poles and wires.

The entire plant is in excellent working order, and the people of Cranbrook have reason to be thankful for the enterprise displayed by those at the head of the movement. And yet, this enterprise was simply good business foresight, for in another year the stock of this company will be classed as one of the best dividend payers listed in the country.

Poultry for Christmas.

P. McConnell is ready for you with 400 chickens, 165 ducks, 165 turkeys and 30 geese. Will sell alive or dressed. See him quick and get your pick.

A Great Success.

The bazaar and ball given by the ladies of the English church was a great success financially and socially. They netted the organization about $150.

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And a Business Conference Was Held at Another Gathering.

PLEASED WITH CRANBROOK'S FUTURE

Last Saturday afternoon the Honorable Richard McBride, minister of mines for this province, arrived unexpectedly on *the train from the west. The people of* Cranbrook had been looking for him, but the general impression prevailed that he would not reach South East Kootenay until the latter part of the month. Yet a little mishnderstanding like that did not bother the people of Cranbrook. Within ten minutes after the knowledge of the minister's presence was made known, a committee had been formed and waited on the honorable gentleman in his apartments at the Hotel Cranbrook. Later he was taken for a walk about the business portion of the city and then escorted to the Cranbrook Club, where he met quite a number of the business men.

Although the hour was late, arrangements were quickly made with F. M. Medhurst, general manager of the Cosmopolitan, for a banquet of thirty plates, and that night a representative gathering greeted the guests of the evening around a table that was most beautifully arranged and extremely attractive in appearance. Promptly at 10 o'clock the following gentlemen took their seats around the board: The Honorable Mr. McBride, E. C. Smith, provincial representative, John Hutchison, R. E. Beattie, Dr. Bell, W. D. Hill, W. T. Reid, A. D. Parker, Jud Langley, M. Rockendorf, Dr. J. H. King, Harry McVittie, A. B. VanDecar, W. W. Doble, J. H. Fink, A. T. Vroom, P. Matheson, N. B. Gauvreau, George Morrow, W. F. Gurd, F. E. Simpson, Mr. Dixon, Geo. Leask, James Gill, J. W. Robinson, Jas. Ryan, M. B. King, G. T. Rogers, E. H. Small, Jas. Greer and T. Beavy.

John Hutchison officiated as chairman and R. E. Beattie as vice chairman, which, in itself, was a sufficient guarantee that *the evening would be a success.* Mr. McBride occupied a seat to the right of the chairman, and next to him sat Representative Smith. One course followed another, and as the good things were served the guests engaged *in general conversation befitting* the occasion. When the raisins and other fruit were being plucked and cigars had been lighted, Mr. Hutchison arose to his feet and briefly stated the object of the gathering, closing by proposing the toast of *"The Queen," coupled with the name of* W. S. Keay.

"Our Member" was replied to briefly by Mr. Smith.

"The Government of the Province of British Columbia, and Her Mines." was coupled with the name of the guest of the evening. Mr. McBride spoke in glowing terms of South East Kootenay and the future of the district. He said there were no politics in his visit, but simply as a representative of the government, he was endeavoring to do what he could for the best interests of British Columbia. He recognized that Cranbrook, situated as she is, must necessarily be a distributing center for one of the greatest and grandest mineral sections on the American continent. He said that he had noticed that whenever he met a man acquainted with South East Kootenay, that man always had a good word for Cranbrook, and that in his opinion there was not a city or town in British Columbia that had brighter prospects than those now presented to Cranbrook. South East Kootenay was without a doubt one of the richest districts in British Columbea, and the agricultural resources, vast timber limits, mineral prospects and unequalled railway facilities, would combine to make Cranbrook a prosperous, growing and great city.

The speaker than paid a handsome tribute to Mr. Smith, saying that according to his representations to the executive council there was no place in the province but South East Kootenay, and that there were legitimate reasons for all kinds of appropriations.

Other toasts were responded to as follows:

The Press—M. Rockendorf.

Mercantile Interests—J. H. Fink, W. T. Reid and W. D. Hill.

Learned Professions—Dr. J. H. King, W. F. Gurd and N. B. Gauvreau.

Our Town—F. E. Simpson.

What We Need—R. E. Beattie.

Manufacturing Interests—J. W. Robinson.

Banking Interests—A. D. Parker.

Pioneers—James Ryan.

South East Kootenay—John Hutchison and A. B VanDecar.

The Ladies—W. F. Gurd and A. D. Parker.

After singing "Good Save the Queen" the guests dispersed, all feeling satisfied with the good time enjoyed.

Business Men Meet McBride.

Monday morning at 11 o'clock a large number of the business met Mr. McBride by appointment in the Odd Fellows hall. W. T. Reid was called to the chair, and the situation in the district was generally discussed by Messrs. Hutchison, VanDecar, Dr. King, McInnes, Ryan, Gurd, Simpson and Beattie.

Mr. McBride stated that he was pleased to meet witn the business men of Cranbrook, and have a talk with them relative to the interests of the district. As a representative of the government he was glad to learn of the requirements of Cranbrook and South East Kootenay, and would be pleased to do all in his power to *satisfy, as far as possible* the demands of Cranbrook people, which he considered only just and right.

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LOCAL NOTES

Picked Up About the City by Asking Questions of Many People.

Mrs. Reid at the Grand Concert.

Mr. Hazel, bass, at the Grand Concert.

Miss Clara Fortune at the Grand Concert.

G. H. Miner visited Moyie last Saturday.

Elegant silverware, just opened out at Tate's.

Rev. D. Holford will sing at the Grand Concert.

See King, the Grocer, for Christmas supplies.

A. W. McVittie returned from Nelson Wednesday.

The large C. P. R. mansion is nearing completion.

Mr. Patmore is having his new residence painted.

See Miss Jardine in Delsarte at the Grand Concert.

The Misses Magee will play at the Grand Concert.

Miss Rhoda Leitch will sing at the Grand Concert.

Look out for the program for the Grand Concert.

Mrs. Costigan, accompanist, at the Grand Concert.

King, the Grocer, is making a great run on dried fruits.

Solos, duets, trios and quartettes at the Grand Concert.

The license commissioners will mee at Moyie on Saturday.

Grand Concert in the Wentworth hall Monday evening next.

Clarence Miner came up from Moyie Tuesday for a few hours.

Better miss your Xmas turkey than miss the Grand Concert.

Give your gentleman friend a nice pipe. McVittie sells them.

J. A. Harvey, the Fort Steele solicitor, will open an office in Moyie.

J. J. Murphy, one of Moyie's popular merchants, was in town Friday.

Tom McVittie, of Fort Steele, has been in town several days this week.

R. L. T. Galbraith passed through town last Saturday from Moyie.

Rev. W. B. Fortune will sing "Queen of the Earth" at the Grand Concert.

P. D. Hope and Dr. Green, the Moyie twins, were Cranbrook visitors last Sunday.

Have you seen the electric light clocks at Tate's. Just the thing for dark mornings.

M. B. King is having his store enlarged to meet the demand of increasing trade.

Tate, the Jewelar, is showing a fine line of gold jewelry suitable for Xmas presents.

A box of cigars makes just the kind of a present a gentleman appreciates. See McVittie.

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A nice Xmas present—a piece of Wedgewood, Scotch or Canadian souvenir ware at Tate's.

Norman Hill went to Moyie Monday to assist his brother Ed through the rush this week in that town.

The Herald man is in receipt of a letter from H. L. Stephens, formerly of Wardner, but now of Nome. Mr. Stephens is running a road house, 50 miles from Nome, this winter, near the famous Gold Run diggings. He reports the outlook for a big gold yield in the Nome district next year as very good indeed.

Firewood—pine, fir and tamarac in all lengths. VanDecar & Son.

Mr. Brown, of Winnipeg, is helping out the Fort Steele Mercantile company through the Christmas rush.

Col. Henderson and wife came up from the ranch near Bull river for a brief visit in Cranbrook last week.

Neil McLeod Curran and wife came down from the North Star mine Tuesday for a couple of days in town.

Jud. Langley came over from Fort Steele Saturday, and was one of the guests at the McBride banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Leask are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl who made her debut on earth last Friday.

G. H. Bremner & Son have made some alterations in their store room that adds very materially to its appearance.

A. Moffat and daughters, Misses Alice and Daisy, leave next Sunday for their visit with relatives in eastern Canada.

S. J. Morley's new building in Moyie is nearly completed. It is a credit to Moyie and the enterprise of Mr. Morley.

G. T. Rogers has opened his new store in the Cranbrook hotel block. He has a fine display of goods and a well selected stock.

T. A. Creighton and wife left last Friday for West Alexander, Penn., where they will visit with relatives for several weeks.

Horace E. Butler, barber, singeing, shampooning and cutting ladies' and children's hair, at their residence in Aiken block.

A. L. McDermot went to Nelson Tuesday, and attended the Small-Wellman wedding. He will visit with friends until Sunday.

C. Biesel, the assistant superintendent at the St. Eugene consolidated, was in town a short time last week enroute to the hospital.

The Cranbrook Lumber company's mill is again in operation after having been shut down for general repairs and improvements.

Mr. Henderson, who recently sold out his fruit store, has gone to Phoenix to take the management of the Imperial hotel at that place.

George Johnson has returned from Nelson where he took the provincial assayers' examination. He says the test is a severe one this year.

P. McConnell has just received and has on display one of the finest and best selected stocks of confectionery ever brought to East Kootenay.

The Cranbrook Club will hold their first reception next Tuesday evening. Cards will be the feature and a very pleasant evening is anticipated.

G. T. Rogers has opened his new stock of groceries and crockery in the Cranbrook hotel block and has a magnificent display of goods, and is on deck to do business.

Next Tuesday evening will be ladies night at the Cranbrook club. Quite a number of invitations have been issued, and it is expected that a pleasant evening will be afforded to all those present.

J. Hill and John W. Joll, of Moosomin, are in the city looking over the field as a beef center. The gentlemen are experienced dealers in cattle and think the Kootenays afford a good market.

Harry Fairfield, who has had charge of Geary & Doyle's stables in this city, leaves tomorrow for an extended visit in Toronto. A. McIntyre, who has been ill at the hospital for several weeks, will go east with him.

Rev. W. G. Mahon, of Moyie, will preach in the Methodist church here on Sunday next. His subjects will be, at 11 a.m., "Christian Obligations," and at 7:30 p.m., "Forms of Captivity, Ancient and Modern."

Mr and Mrs E. H. Small, Miss Watt, Mr. Wellman and Mr. Rollins returned from Nelson today. The wedding was a quiet affair, only those from Cranbrook being in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Small will be at home at the Cosmopolitan hotel.

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The Herald is in receipt of an invitation to a dance that was given by the miners of the North Star mine last Tuesday evening. It is a matter of regret that Christmas work in the office prevented our attendance. We know we missed a fine time.

Hill & Co. are arranging to make some changes in ther business. In view of this fact, they have cut the prices of their goods to cost. If you don't believe it, take your money there and be convinced. Money talks for the next few weeks at Hill & Co.'s.

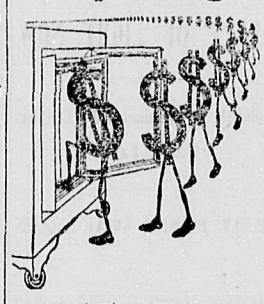
John Breckenridge has purchased three lots on Baker hill, immediately west of F. E. Simpson's residence, and in the spring will build a home. James Ryan has purchased the three lots south of those owned by Mr. Breckenridge, and he will probably build next season.

The Miners' Union anniversary dance was held in Moyie last evening in the new Morley hall. Arrangements were made for a grand time, and they had it. Moyie balls are always a succes, and the miners of that town never take a back seat when they give an entertainment.

Nelson Miner: Mr. Frank W. Peters, who has been assistant general freight agent of the C.P.R. in Nelson for several years past, has received substantial promotion. After the first of the year he will be transferred to Victoria to act as assistant general freight agent there. Mr. Peters was out of town today and could not be seen in regard to the change.

New Denver Ledge: Clifford Sifton speaking at Grand Forks not long ago stated that the Dominion parliament would have to be educated upon the issue before we could expect any relief for the Chinese question in British Columbia. If Ontario had as many Chinamen in proportion to its population as this province it would have over 250,000 and the parliament would become educated in a few hours. Most of its members are too far away to see the evil with their own eyes, and have to be hit in the pocket before they will wake up.

Opening Inducements.



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