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CRANBROOK GOLD MINING DEVELOPMENTS

Perry Creek Vein Being Developed—Two Million and a Half Company Incorporated

The places gold found ni the summer of 1863 on Findley Creek, East Kootenay, B.C., was shown by the finders, the Findley Brothers after whom the creek is named, to a few of the old Californian Argonauts who were wintering that year at Walla Walla, Wash. The following spring the first wave of the gold hunters moved across the forty-ninth parallel and found their way into South East British Columbia via Tobacco Plains, Montana and the Valley of the Kootenay River. By the early part of March, 1864, they reached the point where Wild Horse Creek falls into the Kootenay, close by the site of the present town of Fort Steele. The horse feed being excellent at this point, they decided to rest their animals before proceeding farther, and put in their time testing the shallow gravels along Wild Horse. That they found a veritable treasure house is clear from the official figures which show that duty was on placer gold raised on Wild Horse and Perry Creeks to the extent of over $7,000,000 between the month of March ,1864, and August, 1865. Men of those times, like the late David Griffiths and Robert Dore, are authority for the statement that for every dollar which paid the Queen's duty, three, at least, were brought to hand. It was "good pay." It sells, the Wild Horse and Perry Creek placer, at over $18 an ounce even today in the Cranbrook banks.

The news of the strike in Southern British Columbia spread as only news of this character finds wings even on the winds, and by the end of 1864 there were thousands of men swarming over the hills and digging and delving in the gravels in the beds and margins of every creek in the country, Perry Creek proving, in point of production, an easy second to Wild Horse. They must have giants of energy in those days, those great ones whose names and exploits are now as much forgotten as the builders of Baalbec, the ruined city of mystery. Along Perry Creek, up by the old Sour Dough Camp there still remain strange evidence of their wonderful industry —old flumes, tunnels, shafts, ruins of quaint old shacks constructed of huge logs good against the attacks of slow, crumbling time. Close by one of the old shafts is a wooden water wheel constructed without the aid of a single iron or steel nail. This rude implement is held together entirely with wooden dowels, for in the days of its erection nails cost from $3 to $3.50 per pound. By the same token, pretty well everything cost about the same price, candles, soap, etc., for all things had to be packed on horse or mule—back in from Walla Walla, and the "skinner" who bossed a train of mules in those days was a far more imperious person than the engineer of our present locomotives.

The old-timers, naturally, used to wonder where the gold came into the gravel from? Where did Nature first assemble its elements and work her alchemy? Certainly not in the gravels, for these are but the broken ruins of the greater rocks, so to the rocks the miners went to hunt for the mightiest motive power, bar one, known to man. And they found it in the quartz veins pretty well everywhere all over the hills, and where they missed the gold they were to run into copper or galena, for all the region round is extraordinarily rich in all kinds of minerals. What would you think of an ore carrying over fifty per cent of arsenic and running over six per cent in nickel with $120 in gold values thrown in for good luck? Well, it is to be had not far from Perry Creek; but no one troubles about the mineral wealth of the country, though in the old days the country was most carefully prospected for gold—all else was dross. Perry Creek seems to have had its full share of attention. Every little tributary which swells its volume had its own name, and those names, somehow, call up the men who conferred them. We have Galway, Limerick, Shorty's, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Waverley, London, Dublin, Elk Horn, Rome, Lisbon and Antwerp Creeks. One wonders what was Shorty's other name, but being known by a pet name like "Shorty" indicates that he was a low-sized, broad shouldered, powerful, kind-hearted fellow. Perhaps if we knew the rhymes of the running brooks we might hear the waters of the stream which carries his name down to us singing his praises and his dead ambitions to the stars all through the quiet summer nights. Galway and Limerick hint at the ache in the heart of some exiled son of the Emerald Isle who hoped to make a stake and visit the old home before he cashed in his chips after the game of life. Let us hope that all their dreams were fulfilled.

The old-timers knew that the gold was in the quartz leads all about both on Wild Horse and Perry Creeks. However, lode mining for gold was in those times quite impracticable in British Columbia, owing to the impossibility of getting in the heavy machinery necessary for the treatment of the ore. The knowledge of the rich leads lived on, and though nothing very particular was done in the way of development, men like Gus Theis, Jay Ussher, Jack Thompson, the Bank Brothers, J. A. Laidlaw, P.L.S., and a few others kept the goal and the gold in sight and persevered with the work when all hope of a mining revivial seemed dead. In the year 1898, apart from the placer claims and the property owned by the Perry Hydraulic Gold Mining Company, there were but six Crown Granted Claims on the creek from end to source. At present, between Crown Granted and recorded claims, there are probably six times as many, the chief development work having been done on the Laidlaw group, the Gus Theis, or Homestake group and the claims close by belonging to Dr. Rutledge and his associates.

The Homestake Group of ten claims, or about 500 acres, attracted the attention of George T. Carr ,of Chicago, an experienced mining man some eight years ago. From the first sight of the ground Mr. Carr was impressed by the surface showing and the assays of the ore therefrom. He has worked perseveringly to acquire a thorough knowledge of the geological features of the group as well as its possibilities as a gold producer. Reliable date of a mineral prospect grow in exact proportion to the developments. In this case it took Mr. Carr eight years to find out enough that was reliable before he attempted to influence capital to push the property to its capabilities.

In broad outline the facts in connection with the Homestake group of claims are as follows: The group consists of ten claims, the Morning Star, Black Tail, Columbia, Homestake, Blue Wing, Strator, Minnie Moore, Julia, Grey Eagle and Idaho, all mostly staked on the divide between Liverpool Creek on the south and Manchester Creek on the north. These creeks have their sources in small glacial lakes at an altitude of probably six thousand feet above the claims so that either may be tapped for power at any height best adapted for working requirements. The formation, like the rest of the Selkirk and Purcell Ranges, is pre-Cambrian, consisting of quartzites, shales and green slates alternating with rhyolite-porhyry intrusives, in this latter respect differing from the formation along White Fish Creek and the South Fork of the St. Mary's river, where the intrusives are massive sills of gabbro diorite. The formation surrounding the Homestake group is similar to that in which occur the Sullivan and North Star mines near Kimberley, B.C., the famous St. Eugene at Moyie and the Bunker Hill and Sullivan in the Coeur d'Alenes where the green slates are known as the Pichard slates and are usually met with in ore-bearing formations. Strictly speaking those so-called "slates" are argillaceous quartzites.

There are three parallel veins on the ground with a common strike from north-east to south west, a fact which tends strongly to show that they are fissure veins, since the contact veins of the East Kootenay mineralized zone are almost invariably north west to south east. Both Manchester and Liverpool Creek cut through those veins at nearly right angles and prove their continuity to a depth of about 400 feet. The Homestake vein is tested by a shaft of 55 feet in depth from which a cross-cut is run which cuts the vein to a width of 28 feet. The entire of this cross-cut is in ore averaging $5 per ton in gold. The vein, on the line of the cross-cut, is estimated to be 58 feet in width and there still remains some 30 feet to be accomplished before the hanging wall is encountered. Besides this shaft there is a cross-cut tunnel of 135 feet in length with drifts 200 feet long run on the ore in both directions; that is, the drifts are run right and left from the face of the cross-cut. Large average samples taking those workings show values to about $4.50 in gold. On the No. 2 vein the cross-cut tunnel is in 120 feet and the last 65 feet of this work is all in material showing values to $4.35 in gold. The richest material comes from about the bottom of the shaft on the Homestake and consists of a rusted, honeycomb quartz a large mass of which was exhibited by the British Columbia government at the World's Land Fair in Chicago in 1912. Though showing not a speck of free gold this sample assayed some $57 per ton in gold. All the ore carries small values in silver but these have been entirely excluded in arriving at average values.

The development of the Homestake Group has now been taken up seriously and the Cranbrook Homestake Gold Mining Company, Ltd., has been incorporated with non-personal liability, with a capital of $2,500,000. The officers of the company are William Duff Haynie, Captain Elmer E. Rodgers and George T. Carr, all of Chicago; George F. Stevenson, managing director of the Cranbrook Jobbers Company, Aulder C. Bowness, Mayor of Cranbrook, William F. Attridge, of the Cranbrook Sash & Door Company and John Choldtich of the Townsite Company. Messrs. Attridge and Choldtich will act as secretay-treasurer and auditor respectively. Captain Rodgers, a veteran of the civil war and one of the most reputable and experienced mining engineers in the United States ,takes the position of general manager as well as acting on the board of directors.

The plan of development, as outlined by Captain Rodgers, calls for a main drainage and working tunnel of about 2,000 feet starting on the flat above Liverpool Creek and and cutting the three veins at depths of from 400 to 1200 feet below the outcrops. This tunnel will be connected by the usual upraises with the present tunnels and workings on the upper levels of the veins. Electrical power for all purposes will be developed, probably from Liverpool creek but it is possible they may go back some four miles north and tap the south fork of the very profanely named Hells Roaring Creek, a torrent which well deserves its name, since it takes a plunge, or rather a series of mad plunges of over three thousand feet in a single mile of its course. Down this turmoil of waters during the early summer, rocks and boulders are whirled like autumn leaves with a sullen, thunderous, booming roar which can be heard for miles on every side. The man who named the creek did not lack imagination or descriptive power. "She's a hell roarer, all right," said he, " and she'd quench hell itself if only she got a shot at it." Hence the name.

The amalgamation and cyaniding plant will be erected on the flat convenient to the portal of the main tunnel. It is proposed to erect this portion of the plant in 100 ton units and to add to the capacity as the ore body is developed. The first unit will be in place as soon as the main tunnel is in on the veins. The lumber is now being laid down on the property for the shacks, blacksmith shops, stables, etc., and in this connection it may be said that the government carried the wagon road to within a mile of proposed camp last fall. The distance to Cranbrook is 25 miles.

The ore has been subjected to an exhaustive series of assays, and amalgamation and cyaniding tests with a view to ascertaining the best mode of treatment. In a series of nineteen assays, some by the Boise, (Idaho) Chemical Institute and some by the Boise Laboratory Company, seven assays averaged $5.81 in gold, six $12.39, six $$11.70. One assay showed $39.77. This was from a sample taken by Mr. Carr from the face near the bottom of the Homestake shaft which looked to him to carry some telluride. As a matter of fact, a lead of telluride, silate, occurs on the Pay Roll claim on Palmer's Bar Creek, due east from the Homestake and runs as high, sometimes, as $180 in gold to the ton. From a series of twenty-one assays, lowest 62c. in gold to the ton, highest $39.77, the average works out at $10.65 per ton. Captain Rodgers states that all gold recovered in excess of $2 per ton of ore treated, is clear profit to the company.

As far as can be ascertained, it is not the intention of the company to install stamps for the crushing of the rock as Captain Rodgers and his associates consider that better results can be had from all or pebble mills. Experiments with the ore tend to show that material crushed to from 80 to 100 mesh will give the best results both on the plates and in the cyanide solution. On this matter Messrs. Dickman and McKenzie, the eminent assayers and metallurgical chemists of Boise and Wallace, Idaho, report that the best extraction was obtained on 80 mesh material treated with 3-10 solution for 24 hours which gave a return of 95.78 per cent of the 49.48 per cent of gold values remaining in the tailings after the plates had exhausted 50.52 per cent of the gross gold content. A solution of 0.05 per cent cyanide working on 80 mesh material for 72 hours gave still better returns. This seems to suggest that on 100 mesh material and 72 hour treatment, the gold loss would not exceed a fraction of 1 per cent.

It is the opinion of Captain Rodgers that the property will turn out to be one of the greatest gold producers on the American continent, and it may be added, Captain Rodgers is an authority on such matters second to none in the western mining world. Whether that be fact or otherwise, time alone can tell, but he and those associated with him have gone the right way to convince the public that the promoters of the enterprise are heart and soul believers in it, by depositing the entire of the promoters' stock in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Cranbrook, accompanied by a memorandum, signed by all the directors, that none of this deposited stock shall be released to its owners until treasury stock shall be sold sufficient to provide $200,000, to be deposited with the bank to the credit of the company. So soon, and no sooner, can the promoters come by their own stock or place it on the market. This will insure that the investing public will "get a run for its money" at all events, since the full extent of the ore body can be easily ascertained by the development plan outlined by Captain Rodgers for about $75,000. The capital will be provided by certain Chicago interests.

The company is now in a position to go ahead and do business, the Certificate of Incorporation having been procured a few days ago from the government of British Columbia by Thomas Tighe Mecredy of Cranbrook, the solicitor for the company.

CRANBROOK'S SENDOFF TO GALLANT SONS

Upwards of Three Thousand Citizens Gather to Bid Farewell to Cranbrook and District Men

Amid scenes of great enthusiasm and patriotism, the forty-seven members of the Cranbrook and district men who comprise Cranbrook's contribution to the third Canadian contingent left Sunday at noon for Victoria, at which place they will go into training. The Cranbrook men are going forth by scores and every time there is a call there will be more and more to respond from this little city. This was demonstrated when an order was received late Saturday night to recruit more men. It took thirty-five minutes to do the trick. Going some, eh! for a little burg!

Cranbrook is not letting her sons go without a good send-off. She could not do that. Accordingly a round of entertainment has been prepared in their honor during the past week.

The men met at the city hall Sunday morning at 11.30, when Mayor Bowness and other city officials delivered farewell addresses. In the council chamber were a number of leading citizens of the city, includig the aldermen, members of the board of trade and a number of influential business men.

The Mayor's Address

Officers and Members of the 107th East Kootenay Light Infantry:—

To meet this morning and to address for a few moments your fine body of men is a happy event. Cranbrook is proud of the members of this regiment. For a short time our citizens have watched with much satisfaction and pride your training and somewhat hurried preparation for the strenuous duties that lie before you. And we are now convinced that you will on the first opportunity give a good account of yourselves. You are leaving homes, friends and country and all that you hold most dear to do battle in our defence and to fight for the grand old flag that for many hundred years braved the battle and the breeze. Stand by the flag, boys.

The battalion to which you may be attached will be watched with keen interest by the citizens of this city. A number of you have been in this city for years and I can assure you all that your every movement will be watched with the keenest interest. From every home in Cranbrook will go forth daily prayers for your safe return and success.

Patriotism and love of country are the highest ideals of citizenship, and I feel sure and confident that you will make a name for yourself.

Allow me, on behalf of the City of Cranbrook, to present you with this little token of esteem, to wish you God-speed on your travels and to express the hope that it will not be long before the war is terminated and that you will be home again helping to develop and build up the resources of our city.

Remember the city you came from, remember you are British, and when you meet the enemy remember to pay 100 cents on the dollar.

The mayor then presented each man with an envelope containing a nice new crisp $5.00 bill, as a slight mark of appreciation. Judging by the applause which greeted the mayor's remarks, both his encouraging words and his "token" were highly appreciated.

President E. Y. Brake and W. J. Flowers, of the Overseas Club, were on hand with a further supply of tobacco. After presenting the five men sworn in too late Saturday night to receive their present from that body, Mr. Brake stated that the concert had been such a success financially that the club decided to present each man with a further supply of the weed.

Lieut. Smith replied on behalf of the men, thanking the city and the Overseas club for their most acceptable presents.

Mr. A. B. Macdonald, city solicitor, then addressed the men. Mr. Macdonald delivered an able address, in the course of which he referred to the noble response of the best men Cranbrook had. His remarks were punctuated with applause.

Capt. Halsall concluded the speech-making, saying a word of encouragement to the men and wishing them success on their mission.

The men were then informed that the photographer was laying in wait and wished to take a parting shot at them. This R. J. Binning successfully did, every man receiving his baptism of fire without a tremor.

The companies then formed and were inspected by the officers of the 107th regiment, after which the procession formed and marched to the C. P. R. station, the route being Norbury avenue, Baker street and thence to the station.

Led by a specially arranged band, and to the strains of marital music, the procession struck off at a lively clip, amid great enthusiasm.

The Boy Scouts, under Capt. Dunham, acted as a guard of honor, lending quite a military air to the affair. Many were the remarks on the neat appearance of the lads.

Along the route of the procession thousands of citizens from all points in the district had assembled to see the boys off.

The men leaving were in charge of Quarter Master Seryeant L. Marchant, who accompanied them to Victoria. Lieut. Smith of the 100th Winnipeg Grenadiers, was attached to the contingent, as he had been asked to report to his regiment for active service.

The additional men added to the thirty-six reported last week were recruited at the last moment. The additional men were C. Brosseau, A. J. Converse, P. Neil, C. Norton, D. Ralston, W. Tennant, J. Vigers, W. Vigers, Leslie Walsh, Morris Poulson.

Many a mother and father gazed on their boy with pride—their boy was going out in Canada's defence. A few moist eyes were noticed in the vast multitude of onlookers. It was to be expected, when one considers that the parents of many of the boys are furnishing an only son for this great cause.

The Concert

On Saturday evening a grand concert and dance was held at the Auditorium under the auspices of the Cranbrook Branch of the Overseas Club, upwards of four hundred people being in attendance. The men who were to fare forth occupied the front seats, while the remainder of the building was soon comfortably filled with an appreciative audience.

On the stage were Mayor Bowness, E. Y. Brake, J. Fingal Smith, J. Lower, C. A. Cock, Lieut. Surgeon Green, Lieut. Smith, Capt. Halsall and Quartermaster Sergeant Marchant.

The stage was suitably decorated with the flags of the belligerents, the Union Jack occupying a prominent place.

A varied program was carried out, consisting of songs, recitations and orchestral selections.

President E. Y. Brake, of the Overseas Club, acted as chairman, filling that duty in an able and thoroughly satisfactory manner.

Those taking part in the program were: Miss Drummond, recitation and song; Mayor Bowness, speech; A. Raworth, song; Rev. W. K. Thomson, speech; Mrs. A. B. Macdonald, song; Mr. Geo. F. Stevenson, song; Mrs. J. F. Smith, speech; Mrs. Geo. Stevenson, song; Mr. C. A. Cock, speech.

At the conclusion of the program the Overseas Club presented each man with a package containing a pipe, tobacco and cigarettes, Mrs. M. J. Flowers and Mrs. Leaman distributing the presents to the men as their names were called off.

During the evening Capt. Halsall made the announcement that five more men were needed, a message having been received from Col. McKay to that effect. Only a few minutes elapsed when the announcement was made that the number had been secured.

Proceedings closed with the singing of the old stand-by "Tipperary," The Maple Leaf and God Save the King, the audience singing heartily.

The hall was cleared at 10 o'clock when the dance commenced, some two hundred taking part. The dance continued until 12 o'clock, when everybody repaired to their several homes, wishing the soldier lads the very best in life in the trenches. The music for the dance was furnished by the Kootenay orchestra, which musical organization showed their public-spiritedness by giving their services free of charge. The excellent program discourses was of a high-class order and thoroughly appreciated by every dancer.

Financially the concert and dance was a decided success, and to the credit of that body the thanks of the community are due. The Overseas Club announce the receipts for the evening as $138.25, with an expenditure of $15.35, which inculded the purchase of pipes, tobacco, etc.. A balance of $$22.90 now stands to the credit of the Overseas Club, but we are informed that this amount will be donated to the mounted men when they leave.

The Bean Supper

There was an interesting sort of supper at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday evening last, when the members of St. John's Ambulance Corps entertained the members of the third contingent at a bean supper. After the wants of the inner man had been attended to—and it might be said here that the men thoroughly enjoyed the spread—the men were each presented with a pair of home made socks from this most charitable and philanthropic organization. Give a soldier a good pair of socks and a pipe and tobacco and he is happy. The St. John's Ambulance Corps have performed their share of the work. Yes, the war has set the fashion. Knitting parties have long since displaced bridge. For we cannot in these times, when over the Atlantic cable are flashing messages many times daily of the price the empire is paying in fine manhood for the annihilation of a devilish principle, fail to take our social pleasures seriously. While members of the St. John Ambulance Corps and their coworkers are sitting in their drawing-rooms knitting socks and rolling bandages, or the like, many a house in the dear island ever uppermost in loyal thought is dark with the shadow of inexpressible grief. Nay, this little city has felt the heavy hand of death, in that one of the members of the first contingent has passed to the great beyond.

One member of the St. John's Ambulance Corps informed us that these patriotic functions invite "initiative," and they are as least fifty times as interesting as the usual time-honored afternoon function at which convention you may only talk the most infinitesimal of all small talk and drink tea.

To the musical program Mrs. Wallinger contributed several patriotic numbers, including the irresistible "Tipperary," the soldiers joining in the spontaneous chorus.

DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS AT INSTITUTE

"Are We Not Justified in Sending Money for Goods to Other Towns When Incomes Are Reduced?"

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Maple Hall when some sixty members and visitors were present, presided over by Mrs. W. B. McFarlane. Precisely at 3 o'clock the meeting opened with the singing of the Maple Leaf, accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Kennedy, who kindly provided a musical program for the day. After disposing of the minutes of the February meeting and the usual business, Mrs. McFarlane addressed the assembly briefly upon the public market question, urging them to cooperate with the farmers and steadily patronize the market week by week in order to assist in every possible way in forwarding this movement. Mrs. McFarlane also spoke of the proposed erection of a permanent market hall. A site was mentioned, which is situated centrally but not being able to report fully upon this subject Mrs. McFarlane promised a more detailed account in the near future.

At this stage of the meeting a letter was read by Mrs. Palmer from Mr. Upton, the government dairy commissioner of Victoria, speaking strongly of the small attendance at the market and warning the women of Cranbrook that if they did not rally round the farmers and strain every nerve in their power to help to make it a success the market would not continue and it would be another ten years ere a market could ever again be attempted.

Apropos of this letter a long discussion followed in which many members took part complaining of butchers or farmers supplying meat who refused to serve customers with small joints, especially in the case of hindquarters of beef. Eventually the subject was closed upon the promise of the president to bring the matter before the market committee at their next meeting.

Mrs. B. Palmer then gave a very able and instructive paper anent the care of milk and butter-making. The close atention which was given to this paper spoke volumes for the keen interest of the audience and was most encouraging to Mrs. Palmer, who spared no pains to show that the main asset of everyone farming or intending to occupy land is "the cow." Incidentally Mrs. Palmer spoke of many experiences in past years in Eastern Canada and when all else had failed the cow had been the mainarose out of this question, many valu- be published next week.

Mrs. J. E. Kennedy followed next with a solo, which she very sweetly rendered.

This musical portion of the monthly sessions adopted some three or four months ago has proved a welcome diversion and the best thanks of the Institute are due to those ladies who kindly arrange along this line.

Following the musical program came a demonstration on a "Potato Salad," by Mrs. W. B. McFarlane. Recipes were given for the different kinds of dressing for this salad which Mrs. McFarlane prepared before the meeting and applied to her two bowls of salad. That her efforts were crowned with success was shown by the flattering and complimentary remarks to all who partook of the ever popular dish of "Irish Apples."

Among the questions included in the question drawer, the chief topic was "Are We Not Justified in Sending Money for Goods to Other Towns When Our Incomes are Considerably Reduced and We Can Purchase Fifty Per Cent Cheaper?" An animated debate arose out of this question, many valuable points being argued for and against. Owing to the lateness of the hour the subject was adjourned.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames T. Christian, Sanderson, Haley, McMillan, Flowers and Kimpton who were the hostesses for the day.

The most enthusiastic meeting on record terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

MEN RECRUITED FOR MOUNTED INFANTRY

Dozen Men Enlist Here to Hide the Gee-Gees in the Third Contingent

Twelve men for the British Columbia Mounted Infantry which will accompany the third contingent are being recruited here this week and are daily going through the mounted drill. The men selected are Sergeant Austin, Pte. R. McKay, Chas. Gallamore, C. Cryderman, Bert Smoke, B. D. Heard, W. Johns, Nathan Barnhardt, Fred McDonald, E. J. H. Nolan, D. S. Taylor, J. H. Brown. These men are now expected to leave Cranbrook for the coast on Sunday, March 14th.

CITY COUNCILMEN RESIGN IN A BODY

New Election Will be Held in the Near Future to Elect New Councilmen

Word was received in the city on Wednesday from Vancouver announcing that leave had been granted by the supreme court to the petitioner, Mr. W. B. McFarlane, to issue a writ to decide upon the validity of the election by acclamation of the city council in January last.

Tonight immediately following the council meeting the members resigned in a body in order to avoid the expense and delay of a lawsuit. In taking this action the councillors felt that they were acting in the best interests of the ratepayers and the city as a whole. A new election will be called in the near future to fill the positions.

Mayor Bowness is now in full charge of the city until an election is held. Some of the members of the resigned council will stand for election again while others have expressed their disgust at the turmoil of city politics and may refuse to run.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISIT LOCAL FARMERS

Demonstration on Killing, Plucking and Dressing of Fowl—Egg Circle Urged

The Farmers' Institute meeting on Saturday afternoon was attended by about forty interested auditors. Mr. H. E. Upton demonstrated the killing, plucking and dressing of a fowl and gave a practical talk on preparation for market and placing the product before the consumer in a neat and attractive condition and package.

In reply to questions from a member of the market committee he said he would advise that all birds sold over the market be killed by mouth sticking or neck dislocation, preferably the former, be dry plucked and marketed without opening as all authorities were agreed against the advisability of drawing before sale, all birds of course fasted 24 hours before killing.

Touching on the market as a question of interest to all farmers and poultrymen he strongly urged the consumer not to be led away from patronizing the market by the fact that interested parties may offer produce on market day a cent or so less.

He stated that the whole history of farmers markets throughout Canada proved that where the devices of its opponents succeeded in breaking the market by drawing away its patronage by special offerings immediately the prices to the consumer resumed its out of reach height once the market disappears as a local factor in moderating the price.

The evening meeting consisted of a series of lantern slides by and descriptive explanations on same by Mr. Hopkins. Among the views were types of almost every breed of farm stock and also equipment of stables, dairy houses, utensils, etc., a series that should have been viewed and heard by many more than were present. Mr. Upton also spoke on rations for fowls and chickens, buildings and egg circles. On this last he strongly recommended the producers here to get together as soon as possible and organize as the only means of obtaining the real benefits of their work.

SERGEANT UNDERHILL ANSWERS ROLL CALL

Cranbrook Man Dies at Tedworth Barracks, Dover—Death Casts Gloom Over City

Sergeant A. T. Underhill has answered the call! On Tuesday J. A. Arnold, police magistrate, received a wire from Sergeant James Milne conveying the sad intelligence that A. T. Underhill had died at Tedworth Barracks, Dover. The message was brief, simply announcing the sad tidings. Mr. Underhill left Cranbrook with the first contingent only a few short months ago. On that particular occasion mothers of only sons, some mere boys, debonair, full of the joy of living, who said good-bye with laughing eyes, are being called upon by the Father to drink an exceedingly bitter cup! We are being as a people knit closer together as nothing could so closely knit us, in the fellowship of pain, and there are, as George Eliot nobly says, some secrets taught by pain which are worth the purchase.

In the school room, in the churches, in the homes, everywhere! the cloud of war looms large! To the unthinking its presence intrudes merely as an ugly spectre. The death of A. T. Underhill brings the scene a little nearer home. "Tubby" Underhill has answered roll call many miles from the lines of the Allies!

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EDITORIAL NOTES

With a big gold boom looming up and with every prospect for one of the biggest mining booms in the history of East Kootenay, we may look for the old time activities in Cranbrook in the early spring.

The action of the city council in resigning in a body rather than place the city in the position of defending them in a law suit is certainly a commendable action on their part. The men who have been holding the positions of aldermen are all fully qualified and were declared elected by the returning officer, on advice of the city solicitor, and it is therefore no fault of the members of the council that they are placed in the predicament of defending their position. We believe these men should stand for re-election and that the voters would re-instate them, if they would become candidates again. In saving the city the expense of a lawsuit they are actuated by the motives upon which their original platform was based—that of economy. Mayor Bowness should have the support of these men to carry out his program for the year. There can be no reasonable excuse for not returning any member of the resigned council.

THE FIRST CONTINGENT

The news that the first contingent is in action is very satisfactory to every Canadan. The men themselves must be glad. Though they will henceforth be on the battle line, and lists of killed, wounded and missing will appear in the newspapers almost every day, and shadows will be falling over Canadian homes, everyone is glad that at length the men are in the trenches.

They have been in training until they must have reached a high degree of efficiency in the military art. The ancient law of the survival of the fittest has worked out in their case. The weak and the unfit have been weeded out. Physical training and discipline have done for them all they will do for any men. They have been sternly taught that war is a serious business, and they have probably learned their lesson well. But we may be sure that they have not lost the characteristics of individuals, in the sense that European troops do.

In spite of what the casualty list means, Canadians at home looked forward with lively expectations when the Canadian troops were actively engaged with the enemy. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the men will do well. But the war spirit in Canada would leap up like a flame if the news came that a Canadian regiment had made a successful bayonet charge. Princess Patricia's infantry have done well, but in that splendid regiment there are few native born Canadians. Therefore its annals have not got the imaginative and personal interest appeal to Canadians that the success of our own regiments would have.

LETTER FROM MARKET COMMISSIONER SMITH

Editor Herald:

Sir: It has been brought to the notice of the market committee that a report was in circulation last week that beef of doubtful quality had been sold over the market the week previous, specifying the person who supplied same and the individual carcase in the matter.

As clerk of the market I wish to state positively and absolutely that of the especial case mentioned none of that meat was even offered to be put on the market, let alone permitted to be. I also wish to state that as far as the committee can ascertain no produce of a doubtful character is or has been at any time allowed sold on the market.

Moreover, apropos of talk of sanitary inspection of meats shipped in here, of which so much is being made at this time, while admitting that meat shipped in from large killing and packing establishments on the prairie is, I believe inspected, no such thing ever occurs to meat purchased locally and sold in the shops here any more than to that offered over the market.

Any information concerning source of origin of stuff offered at the market will be gladly given to any interested person.

Yours truly,
A. B. Smith.

BROTHER OF NELSON MAN WITH THIRD CONTINGENT

Among those who passed through the city on Sunday evening en route to Victoria with the members of the third contingent from East Kootenay, was J. W. Stewart, of Kimberley, a brother of Sergt. Alex. Stewart of the local police force.

Mr. Stewart is well known and popular in East Kootenay where he is secretary of the local union of the Western Federation of Miners and he was given a magnificent send-off by the staff and men of the Sullivan mine where he was employed. Sunday evening was the first time in a number of years that Sergt. Stewart had seen his brother.—Nelson News.

MASONIC CLUB DANCE POPULAR WITH CRAFT

The Cranbrook Masonic Social Club held their third dance on Thursday last, which was a decided success. The dance was well attended and as twelve p.m. is the closing hour it had to be extended as no person seemed satisfied when the regular closing time came around.

A very enjoyable lunch was served in the upstairs parlors by the committee, of which everyone present did ample justice.

The committee and members all join in thanking the ladies for their kindness in providing the lunches on the different occasions.

Dr. and Mrs. McCallum, of Fort Steele, and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. McCallum's sister, from Saskatoon, attended the dance.

The club will be pleased to have the Masons from outside points attend their series of dances, as one of the chief functions of the club is the promotion of social intercourse. The music was furnished by the Kootenay orchestra, and was much appreciated by all.

THE WEEKLY GAME AT YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

The weekly basket ball game last Monday night between the Stags and Athletics resulted in a victory for the latter by the score of 20-17.

The preliminary game between the Night Hawks and Early Birds resulted in a win for the Early Birds by the score of 15—11. For the winners Bamford and Musser starred while Jones was the bright luminary of the defeated team.

The final game was, like the preceding ones of the league, close, the teams playing within a few points of each other throughout. The Stags got an early lead but were unable to draw away from their opponents who kept coming and at half time the score was tied 9—9. The Stags again got the start after the intermission but were unable to hold the lead and were overhauled by the Athletics who when the final whistle blew and the game tucked away with three points to spare. McIlwaine notched 10 of the winners points and Crowe tallied 13 for the losers.

Line-up: Athletics, S. Philipps and Wilson, forwards; McIlwaine, center; McEwin and Kuhnert, guards. Stags, Crowe and Wallinger, forwards; Dallas, center; McNabb and Brechin, guards.

The social and refreshment part was carried out successfully, and all enjoyed themselves. Next Monday night the Beavers and Athletics tangle in what promises to be another close struggle.

FOR SALE

S.C. W. Leghorn Hatching Eggs, good laying strain, from our best stock, $1.50 per setting, $7.00 per 100.

S.C. R. I. R. Hatching Eggs, from the best winter layers, $1.50 per setting, $8.00 per 100.

Baby Chicks

$2.50 per dozen, $18.00 per 100.

ATCHISON'S POULTRY FARM

NOTICE

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Society Girl Mining Company, Limited, for a duplicate certificate covering Certificate No. 808, dated January 20th, 1915, for 6052 shares of stock in said company.

The original certificate has been lost.

Signed Allan M. McLeod.
Dated Stanford, Mont., U.S.A. 9-4t
February 23rd, 1915.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

Victor Mineral Claim ,situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District, located on Wild Horse Creek at Old Town or Chinatown.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Geo. M. Judd. Free Miner's Certificate No. 67313b, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1915. 9-9t

GEO. M. JUDD.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

KING GEORGE, HELEN FCT., DIXIE COMET MINERAL CLAIMS, SITUATE IN THE FORT STEELE MINING DIVISION OF EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Where Located—On Sullivan Hill, Kimberley, B.C.

TAKE NOTICE that the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Limited ,Free Miner's Certificate No. 75935B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 11th day of February, A.D. 1915. 7-9t

FLOATING BUNCOMBE

P. S.—The blinds are now down.

March came in like a lamb. Oh, so gentle.

Laughter is the music of a contented soul.

Have you had your rent cut? It's popular.

"Ready, aye, Ready!" Cranbrook men are always to the front.

The Herald was rightly dubbed the "Pink 'Un" two weeks ago.

Another sign of spring—the Cranbrook kids have started "junkin'."

Beauty may be only skin deep, but at that men very seldom see through it.

"Where are your Germans? Trot 'em out!"—Jack Smith, member third Cranbrook contingent.

It is an old saying that "money talks," but the only thing it has ever said to us was "good-bye."

It cost the chief of police $61 for being kind to a tourist who was passing this way.

Eighty-five% of headaches are the result of eye strain. The other fifteen are caused by glass strain.

It is said that Wood-row Wilson, president of the Untied States, Wont-row in the presidential race again.

A California woman is suing for divorce because her husband would not listen to her poems. That man deserves a decree.

Many a man has lost his watch and other valuables under circumstances which forbid an announcement in our "Lost" column.

There are many houses in Cranbrook that need the paint brush as badly as some politicians need the whitewash brush.

The departing Cranbrook soldiers received their first round of ammunition Saturday evening at a bean supper given them at the Y.M.C.A.

Since the Cranbrook boys have been ordered to leave, many people predict a crop failure for 1915. It is thought there will be no German-nation. Rope!

Jack Smith, the best known character with the third contingent from here, says he will take his first drink in Germany out of the Kaiser's helmet.

Mr. Joseph Martin says there is absolutely no truth in the rumor that Mr. Bowser will collaborate with him in editing the new Vancouver "Evening Journal."

Some people attribute the cause of the fire at the city hall Sunday to the burning eloquence of the several speakers who participated in the farewell speeches.

It is said that Sir Richard, in a fit of questionable benevolence, offered Parker Williams the captaincy of one of the submarines recently purchased from the other side. Wily old Dick!

This spring will witness the bringing out of some antiquated automobiles that probably never would otherwise have had gasoline in their veins again but for the panic. There is talk of inaugurating a jitney service.

The citron brothers—Orange and Lemon Kegg—are the latest bidders for fistic fame. Yes, the names are correct. The boys were named Orange and Lemon by their father, now a resident of Jamestown, Pa., and who probably was handed something. Orange and Lemon have been a great "ade" to each other in the fighting game by working out together.

The Cranbrook barber is a man of strength. Lister to this, by a local man: "I suppose that most people would consider plying the shears and razor as comparatively easy work; they would not expect to find barbers men of muscle. The fact is that standing all day and even in the easier parts of his work using his arms all day in various positions the barber keeps his muscles in constant exercise, while in such operations as shampooing and message he is called upon for the exertion of downright strength. He may not have the muscle of a man always in strict training, but I think you would find that, as a rule, the barber is no weakling." *The victim got out of the chair* and handing the barber two bits said, "Wipe off your chin, Ikey, I had no intention of beating you."

COMMUNICATION

Cranbrook, B.C., March 1st, 1915.

To the Eritor of the Cranbrook Herald:

Dear Sir: In your last issue of February 25th, 1915, I notice a libellous production signed by R. S. Garrett, and as I am conversant with all the details I feel it my duty to ask you as a matter of courtesy and common justice to the persons so unjustly attacked to publish the real facts of the case which can be borne out by written testimony.

I will not occupy three columns like Mr. Garrett in his attack on Mr. A. E. Watts and the directors of the Prospector Publishing Company, Limited, a short history of the case will suffice.

Mr. R. S. Garrett engaged the sympathy of Mr. Watts by his tale of woe and as it was evident that there was not enough business in Cranbrook to support three printing plants and two newspapers, Mr. Garrett and myself had several interviews with Mr. Watts and he suggested amalgamating both plants so as to reduce expenses. For many years prior to my becoming owner of the Prospector Mr. Watts had held a mortgage over the plant which was assumed by myself, and in support of the proposed amalgamation Mr. Watts offered to let the whole amount remain unpaid and to take shares for the greater portion if a company was formed.

Mr. Garrett volunteered to make enquiries and canvass for business which he proceeded with, a meeting of the subscribers was held and a company duly became incorporated. Mr. Garrett and others obtained the names of subscribers for about $14,000 and it was agreed that upon collections he was to receive 10 per cent commission for his work. Mr. Garrett at a later date sent in his bill for commission on the whole amount of promises, including Mr. Watts' contribution of the mortgage account. Less than $400 in cash was collected, yet out of the $14,000 promised Mr. Garrett demanded more than three times the amount collected for commissions.

A general meeting of the subscribers was held in the Edison theatre and Mr. Watts and the secretary were authorized to issue cheques for commission on the amount actually collected by Mr. Garrett and also for printing and other incidental expenses; a long discussion took place on Mr. Garrett's demand for commission on the total sums promised, and it was pointed out that many persons repudiated their indebtedness and several stopped payment of their cheques, some charging that Mr. Garrett had misrepresented the true facts of the case. For instance, that he had promised to place a newspaper plant in two towns in the Columbia Valley, playing one town against the other with separate lists, and so obtained signatures and notes by false pretenses. He had no authority to promise to install a plant at either place.

Many complaints of various kinds came out about his promises in other respects and he was to my knowledge severely reprimanded by Mr. Watts, the president. Needless to say the vote against Mr. Garrett being paid commissions on promises, wrongfully obtained, and repudiated accounts was unanimous. The president when signing a cheque to pay Mr. Garrett as per resolution, knowing that the bank had advanced him $500 on his prospect, made the proviso that it should be handed to the bank; this accounts for the extreme bitterness of Mr. Garrett against Mr. Watts. Those who have read the letter of Mr. Garrett's in the Herald will notice *that he did not disclose the fact that a* cheque was paid to him, yet it was "CROOKED WORK AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS" to pay one to the Prospector for goods supplied.

It was also "CROOKED THINGS HUSHED UP" to return the cash to one subscriber; a volunteer going to the front said he would like the money as it would be useful during the campaign. Considering the circumstances urgent the secretary took it upon himself to give the volunteer soldier his money back, and later instead of Mr. Watts asking Mr. Garrett to hush it up, he spoke of it as a very commendable act; both the secretary and the president offered to subscribe the amount which was refunded to the soldier.

Mr. Garrett's spleen appears to be directed mainly against Mr. Watts when he says "he is the man who holds the mortgage and has announced his candidature in the next federal election, and if he is so anxious for a Conservative organ let him shoulder the burden," "that the Prospector is making an effort to deceive and rob subscribers."

The whole of the foregoing is untrue and damaging to Mr. Watts, the *directors, and to myself. Mr. Watts in the* first place has not announced himself as a candidate. A deputation of lumbermen and others waited upon him asking him to consent to stand. At three large meetings this request was endorsed; I have myself seen quantities of letters from influential men commending him for his useful public services, but I have never seen a word where he announced he was a candidate. Mr. Garrett should remember that if he expects fair play he must grant the same to others and stick to the truth. The following proved by documents demonstrate the untruthfulness of Mr. Garrett's statements: a committee was appointed to draft an agreement between the proprietor of the Prospector, Mr. Garrett ,and the company. Mr. Garrett refused to attend unless the company paid him $2,000.00 cash, he knew this was impossible owing to subscribers refusing to pay, and he was asked to collect which was the work he had originally agreed to do and for which he was to receive 10 per cent commission. The proprietor of the Prospector did attend the meeting and an agreement was drawn up and submitted to the directors, approved and executed, the directors all but one were duly qualified to act, and that is one Mr. Garrett says was qualified.

Mr. Garrett besides casting slurs on the directors which they do not deserve, also attempts to damage me financially, in what way the Prospector is trying to deceive and rob subscribers Mr. Garrett will have to explain elsewhere. The Prospector plant was valued by an expert and this valuation was unanimously approved by a general meeting of subscribers, the same meeting did not approve of the valuation of Mr. Garrett's plant with unanimity, however it was passed after long discussion. The Prospector plant was valued at 60 per cent of the total and Mr. Garrett's plant at 40 per cent.

The Prospector showed all its debts and incumbrances and signed the agreement as called upon and agreed that all debts were to be paid before the owner got anything. Mr. Garrett demanded $2,000.00 cash paid to himself but would not disclose his liabilities. The president refused to issue certificates until the whole thing was on a proper basis and he was upheld in this by the directors and any business man would say he was right in thus protecting the shareholders.

In my presence Mr. Watts consulted counsel as to whether it was correct to proceed with the company business if Mr. Garrett refused to comply with the terms of the original agreement, the solicitor's reply was a decided YES; a case in point was quoted: *suppose a company was formed* for the purpose of purchasing ten plants and one refused to comply with the terms of the original agreement would that prevent the balance of those who did comply from completing the business. No!

Note also that Mr. Garrett carefully suppressed the fact that the circular alluded to explained to subscribers that owing to Mr. Garrett not complying with the terms of the agreement his plant would be left out and subscribers would only be called upon to pay 60 per cent of the amount subscribed, they would therefore get full value for their investment, to be more explicit, those subscribing $100.00 would have shares for the full face value of $100.00 but as Mr. Garrett's plant was left out they would be only called upon to pay $60.00. Where does the attempt to "DECEIVE AND ROB" come in? If Mr. Garrett has a grievance against the directors of the company why should he write newspapers and try to damage those who have acted squarely, legally, and above board, and are struggling to make a living; why not enter legal action against the company if it or its directors have failed to do their duty? To damage persons by publishing untrue statements which Mr. Garrett's are will sooner or later recoil on the guilty ones.

Thanking you for inserting the above in your columns,

I remain, yours truly,
F. M. Christian.

COMMUNICATION

Cranbrook, B. C., March 1st, 1915

To the Editor of the Cranbrook Herald, City:

Sir: Will you allow me, through the columns of your paper, to put a few facts before the ratepayers of Cranbrook as an alderman in last year's council and as a member of the Board of Works for 1914.

To properly fulfil the duties of the Board of Works a great deal of hard labor is necessary if you wish to accomplish anything and give the ratepayers proper value for their money.

As the Board of Works for last year appears to have run up against considerable criticism, it seems to me only right that I explain a few things and cite a few facts. It is necessary therefore that I compare the acts of the last council and the cost of the work done by them with that of previous councils.

In a previous issue of your paper you stated in effect that all members of the present council are well known and need no boosting and that the city's affairs could not be in more capable hands and that they all stand on the platform of "Strictest Economy." Very well, let us look over some of the records of the city hall. One of the first things the council of 1914 were confronted with was the serious condition of the water works system; the wooden pipes were purchased from the water works system for the sum of $55,000.00 and an additional $15,000.00 was immediately expended on improvements and repairs and we all *know now what we got for our money.*

The council of 1913 evidently realized that something had to be done sooner or later, as they apparently instructed the city engineer, Mr. O'Hara to estimate the cost of a new system. Mr. O'Hara's estimate was, we understand, $297,368.60, a prohibitive price, and the matter was dropped by that council. When we came into power, we at once realized the serious condition of the system and instructed our engineer, Mr. Glenday, to prepare plans and estimates, with the result that his estimate of the cost of the new system was less than half Mr. O'Hara's estimate, but we thought it wiser to get an outside estimate and as it was clearly evident that something had to be done at once, we engaged Mr. McCulloch to come to Cranbrook and figure on the work, his estimate and Mr. Glenday's were not very far apart and we lowered the cost by cutting out the concrete dam; the result was, we successfully placed a bylaw before the ratepayers to raise $110,000.00 to instal a first-class new steel system and engaged Mr. McCulloch as engineer in charge at five per cent commission on the cost of the work (the services not included) or less than $5,000.00.

Under ordinary conditions the work would have been commenced early in the year, but on account of the unexpected difficulties in connection with the marketing of our debentures which was due entirely to the serious condition of the country and the state of the money market, the work did not start until well on in the year, but when it did, it was continued under full pressure with a result that in spite of frost and snow, over half the system was completed and 191 services had been changed over to the steel pipe system and 101 lowered to the proper depth, in most cases eight feet six inches deep and the water pressure raised from forty-five to one hundred and nine pounds.

When the work is completed, the city will have one of the finest systems to supply a population of fifteen thousand of any town of the size of Cranbrook in Canada, bar none, and we were able to give employment to a number of local men in need of it. So much for the council of 1914.

We will *now look into the question* of commission, in the payment of which some of the present aldermen have accused us of extravagance.

In 1911, when the sewerage system was installed, the Galt Engineering Works received ten per cent commission. The council that year consisted of Mayor Hunt, Aldermen Bowness, Johnson, McNab, Campbell, Jackson and Taylor, and again when the city hall was built in 1911 the architect received five per cent commission and, by the way, the architect was travelling in Europe most of the time, with the result that the building inspector refused to O.K. the work, but it was passed all the same—by a committee—and the ratepayers paid the bill.

Now let us compare the cost of some of the work done in 1914 on the water works system and other works, with that of previous years. To make a proper comparison, we will take the same services on the same streets.

In 1910 (council Mayor Fink, Aldermen Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Patmore, Green and Campbell) services were lowered on Hanson avenue to six feet at a cost averaging 65.6c. per lineal foot.

In 1914 same services were lowered to eight feet six inches at a cost averaging 50.6c. per lineal foot.

In 1910 renewing services on Cranbrook street in blocks 145 and 300 cost from 75c. to $1.09 per lineal foot.

In 1914 cost of work under similar conditions was 55c. per lineal foot.

In 1911 an appropriation of $400.00 was granted to grade Burwell avenue, the amount expended was $624.70, divided as follows:

North block between Louis and Baker	$ 8.80
South Edwards to Kains	391.34
South Block between Edwards and Kains	24.78
Gravelling	199.78
Total	$624.70

Approximately 400 cubic yards of dirt (sandy loam) was moved in the middle block at a cost of $391.34 or 97.83c. per cubic yard.

In 1913 165 cubic yards of gravel was placed at a cost of $199.78, which equals $1.21 per cubic yard.

In 1914 on Edwards street approximately 290 cubic yards of dirt (mixture of hard pan and stone) was moved at a cost of $196.40, which equals 67.7c. per cubic yard. Some of this dirt was hauled 1,000 feet to dump.

On Edwards street between Garden and Burwell approximately 500 cubic yards of dirt (hard pan) was moved at a cost of $436.05, which equals 87.2c. per cubic yard. Dirt was hauled in this case up to 1500 feet.

Average cost of gravelling in 1914 was 88.3c. per cubic yard placed.

In 1911 1200 feet of foot walk was placed on Burwell avenue at a cost of $597.18. 1200 feet of a six foot sidewalk was laid on Garden avenue at a cost of $585.40, which equals 47.26c. and 48.78c. per lineal foot respectively.

In 1914 430 feet of six foot sidewalk was laid on Burwell avenue, block 98, at a cost of $124.25 or 28.9c. per lineal foot. 720 feet of six foot sidewalk was laid on Cranbrook street at a cost of $183.51 or 25.5c. per lineal foot and 660 feet of a six foot sidewalk was laid on Van Horne street at a cost of $251.25 or 38.7c. per lineal foot.

The 1914 cost includes a portion of the city engineer's salary as well as the cost of the necessary grading, whereas the 1911 cost does not include these items.

Now let us take the expenditure of the Boards of Works for the last three years.

In 1912—$14,648.14.
In 1913—$13,159.96.
In 1914—$ 8,655.45.

In no case do the expenditures of 1914 exceed the appropriation for any particular work, whereas in 1912 and 1913 it was a frequent occurrence.

We are told that the present council intend to run the city on the strictest economy.

In 1911 Mr. R. Baldwin was in charge of the city works.

In 1914 Mr. Glenday was in charge and in spite of the fact that the work done in 1914 was the cheapest ever done for the city what do we find the present council doing for the cause of "Strict Economy?"

On February the 11th, 1915, motioned by Aldermen Jackson, Balment and Leask that Mr. Glenday be discharged and Mr. R. Baldwin re-engaged, and I do not think I am far from the bull's eye in stating that within a short time the ratepayers will be paying for an engineer as well as an assistant—as was the case before 1914.

In 1914 we did considerable work in levelling and grading streets, cleaning the alleys and we reduced the taxes 5 mills on the dollar. Mayor Bowness has stated that very little money will be spent this year, so if the council intend to carry on their plan of economy, a still lower cut in the rate should be made. Wait and see.

The next question I will deal with is the Road Tax By-Law, or better known as the Two Dollar Vote.

When I was asked to allow my name to stand for nomination in the 1914 election, I was asked if I was in favor of keeping this vote in force and *I stated I would be, provided it was* not abused, as I realized it meant an increase in revenue and a consequent lowering of taxes, but I did not then know the manner in which this vote was abused for the purpose of securing a majority.

Now you must understand that to a certain point this two dollar franchise is a government measure, but it is entirely optional with the city whether it is put in force or not, if they wish to use it, a bylaw is passed to that effect, or it can be repealed by a by-law.

After being in the council for awhile I had an opportunity of observing how this two dollar vote was worked. As soon as we talked of repealing this by-law—the names began to come in so that there would be enough votes of that kind to hold the balance of power and swamp the ratepayers vote. The by-law was eventually repealed—but not before the voters list had been swelled with the names of the unknown from near and far, government road men, lumberjacks and navvies who only come to town once in awhile. These men control the voting and the ratepayers pay the taxes. In the election of 1913 the defeated ticket polled 78 per cent of the ratepayers' vote. *We brought in a bylaw* repealing this two dollar vote—and you will have noticed that at the last council meeting Alderman Clapp moved to repeal this bylaw because the present council know that without this vote they have small chance of winning an election on a straight ratepayers vote—and they want to run the city to suit themselves.

At a recent council meeting the city clerk was instructed to purchase a new flag for the city hall—evidently to remind us all that beneath the folds of the Union Jack sits honor, freedom and justice.

Apologizing for taking up so much of your valuable space, Mr. Editor.

Yours, etc.,
Malcolm Horie.
Dewar Avenue

Nurse Proclaims Skin Cure

Myrtle Hahn Says D.D.D. Prescription is Worth Rockfeller's Millions to Her

"Ten years I suffered with eczema—three years of that time I could not appear in public. My entire body was covered with the disease. I could not eat. I could not sleep. I could not live. I have at last found the great Prescription D. D. D. My body is clean, smooth. If there were one bottle only of D. D. D. in the world and I had it, Mr. Rockfeller's millions could not buy the golden fluid."

Nurse Myrtle Hahn, address on application.

If you have any skin blemish or a little rash, do not let it develop into something more serious. D. D. D. Prescription, a compound of oil of wintergreen and other soothing elements, has been recognized for fifteen years as the standard skin remedy. It always helps, and if used according to directions, it should cure in a short while.

We sell this standard remedy 25c, and $1, and we offer you the first bottle with the guarantee that unless it stops the itch at once we will refund the purchase price.

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DON'T USE BAD GLASSES

Eyestrain is dangerous and remember that sound vision never calls for effort. If you are trying to see through a mist or perhaps your eyes give you pain and discomfort, don't neglect nature's warning. Come in and we'll tell you where the trouble lies, and give you proper glasses to affect the cure.

W. H. Wilson
Manufacturing Optician

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. John Miller will be at home on Thursday, the 11th, and not again this season.

Mrs. Frank Parks will resume on Tuesday, March 9th, and not again until October.

Mrs. R. W. Russell will resume on Tuesday, March 9th, and not again until October.

Mrs. J. Stanett is very ill in the St. Eugene hospital, having undergone a serious operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McTavish, of Bull River, returned home last Sunday after spending a few days in the city.

Heuston Palmer was up from Bull River over Sunday visiting his home and assisted the band in the send-off of the third contingent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Murray and family left on last Sunday for their new home in Moose Jaw. There was a large crowd of their friends at the station to bid them good-bye and wish them well in their new location.

The Ancient Order of Foresters will give a social and dance at the Maple Hall on St. Patrick's night, March 17th. Music will be furnished by the Kootenay orchestra, which will be the best.

The Maple Hall Dancing Club held their regular dance on March 2nd with a good crowd and good music. Mr. Flowers kindly acted as floor manager. The next dance will be held on Tuesday, March 16th.

At the regular meeting of Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, Wednesday evening, March 10th, the district deputy president, escorted by the captain of Canton Corona No. 7, Nelson, will pay an official visit. Initiation will take place, followed by a social evening. A full atendance is requested.

The Cranbrook Choral Society will render A. R. Goul's "The Holy City," under the auspices of the Sunshine Society on Thursday, March 11th, 1915, in the Auditorium. The performance will start at 8.15 p.m. Admission will be by program, 35c. The proceeds of the concert will be given to the Sunshine Society.

Miss Laura Richards and Mrs. Edmondson are commencing a dancing class in the Maple Hall on Monday evening, March 15th, at 7.30 p.m. These dances will be held on every Monday and Friday of each week. All dances, including the latest, will be taught. For particulars apply Mrs. Edmondson or Miss Richards.

Beale & Elwell have secured a listing of Government, Municipal and Corporation Bonds (Canadian). These gilt-edged liquid securities offer the investor from 4 to 6 per cent interest or about double the interest paid by the banks on savings accounts. Beale Elwell will be pleased to confer with investors at any time.

Mr. C. Rendall left the city for Edmonton on Wednesday afternoon where he has secured a better position in the grocery business. He has been a resident of this city for several years, having been in the employ of Mr. John Manning. He will be missed by many friends, having been a good fellow with everybody.

The Sunshine Society wish to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Box of clothing from the Presbyterian Ladies Aid, of Bull River; 2 sacks of potatoes and 2 sacks vegetables from Mr. J. Levett; 3 sacks potatoes and vegetables from Mr. F. Worthington; 2 sacks potatoes and vegetables from Mrs. J. D. Gilmour.

Miss Eggar left for her home in the east Wednesday afternoon, many of her friends being at the train to see her off. While in our city Miss Eggar has been in the employ of the Cranbrook Steam Laundry as stenographer. She was a member of the Methodist church choir and a good worker in the church. She will visit in the States before she goes home.

N. W. Burdett, of Marysville, was a visitor on Wednesday.

Cranbrook vital statistics for February: Births, 20; marriages, 1; deaths, 1.

Simon Taylor returned on Monday from Calgary, where he spent a few days on business.

Miss M. E. Collings returned on Tuesday from a several weeks' visit with Fernie friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bowness entertained a number of their friends to a bridge party on Wednesday evening.

Charlie Howard returned Monday from Spokane. Mr. Howard reports things quite in Uncle Sam's fair domain.

Miss Jessie Kennedy, school teacher at Kimberley, came in Saturday for the farewell dance to the departing soldiers.

Residents of the Windermere country are reminded that the Imperial Bank of Canada has established a branch at Athalmer.

The February meeting of the fancy work department of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. George Hougham.

Everybody is appreciating the free grocery offer by Ira R. Manning, Ltd. It means a big saving on your grocery account for the month.

The St. Patrick's entertainment which was to have been held at St. Mary's hall on Tuesday evening, March 16th, has been called off.

Buy your groceries at Ira R. Manning's, Ltd., and take advantage of the Free Day for March. There will be a Free Day next month as well.

A. C. Harshaw was suddenly called to Toronto last week by the news of the sudden death of his father. J. M. MacArthur, of Calgary, is relieving here during his absence.

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Mr. N. A. Wallinger, government agent, is calling the attention of parties carrying special licenses to kill deer to the fact that they have expired and should be turned in.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin McCreery and child accompanied Mrs. McCreery's mother, Mrs. Stewart, and Miss Abbott, left Cranbrook on Tuesday for the east. They will make an extended visit in Ontario before returning.

Young people desirous of joining the Anglican Young People's Association should attend the meeting next Tuesday, March 9th, at King Edward's School at 8 o'clock sharp. Subject: "Gothic Church Architecture," illustrated by Radioscope views.

The private car of W. B. Lanigan, freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., arrived in the local yards yesterday, leaving today for Spokane. He was accompanied by Mr. Sterling of Nelson and some other railroad officials, the whole party being on their way to attend the San Francisco exposition.

At a meeting of the Cranbrook District Agricultural Association held on Thursday last a resolution was passed expressing deep appreciation of the work done by Mr. T. B. O'Connell on the directorate during the last three years. He will be greatly missed in that connection, as he has always been ready to dig in and work at any time, and his place on the financial committee will be hard to fill.

The regular weekly social meeting of the O. B. C. of the Methodist church was held on Tuesday evening last in the old gymnasium at 8 o'clock. The following program was given: Vocal solo, Miss Eva Conley; war talk, Rev. W. E. Dunham; vocal solo, Mr. Sheppard; paper on wild birds, Mr. G. B. Willis. Refreshments were served and games indulged in until the hour of 10.30 had arrived. The commitee for next Tuesday are Miss Stephens, Speery Phillips and Mr. C. Porter.

The case of Roy Bennett, charged with theft by Chief of Police Adams, was brought before Magistrate Arnold on Monday afternoon. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and said that he was sorry he had taken the money from the chief, who had befriended him. He was sentenced to one year by the magistrate and sentence suspended pending good behavior. No monye was found on Bennett when arrested ,but a bad cut on his head has kept him under the doctors' care ever since and would lead to the opinion that he had been "rolled" for the money after he had stolen it from the chief's office.

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LITTLE & ATCHISON

Born—On Wednesday, March 3rd, at the Cottage hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Macpherson, a son.

Mrs. McMahon, of Kimberley, was in the city on Sunday to witness the departure of the men for the front.

The Ladies Aid of Knox Presbyterian church intend having a cookery sale and tea on April 3rd to be held in the Sunday school room.

Members of the Overseas Club are receiving daily acknowledgments from the boys at the front of receiving donations from the tobacco fund.

Miss Nellie Handley, of Marysville, was a visitor in town the latter part of the week, being in attendance at the farewell dance to the soldier boys.

H. E. Birch, of Calgary, arrived in the city on Monday and is making preparations to commence spring work on his farm south of Fort Steele in the near future.

Mr. Jos. Walsh, constable at Fort Steele, was in town the first of the week. Mr. Walsh came over to see the members of the third contingent off and to bid his son good-bye.

The Ladies Aid of Knox Presbyterian church will hald a Shamrock Tea at the home of Mrs. C. Little, Burwell avenue, on March 17th, from 3.30 to 6 o'clock. Silver collection. 9-1t

Rev. W. K. Thomson on Wednesday received a post card from Dr. J. H. M. Bell, postmarked Liege, Belgium, where the doctor is engaged in Red Cross work within the enemy's lines.

The Cranbrook Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association wishes to acknowledge the following donations: Mrs. J. S. Brake, 3 pr. socks; Mrs. J. D. McBride, 2 pr. socks; Mrs. F. B. Miles ,2 pr. socks.

Harry White returned home on Monday last. He spent the month of February at the coast and while there visited the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in his official capacity of Grand Master. Mr. White is looking well and reports having a very enjoyable trip and feeling much better for his holiday.

A farewell party was given by Miss Orma McNabb to Miss Vera Bradwin on Friday evening last, about thirty friends being present. Games and music were indulged in and dainty refreshments were served. Miss Bradwin left on Sunday afternoon with her people for the prairies. She has been a resident of this city for five years.

Outside cities are claiming the record for early hatching of chicks for 1915, several papers claiming to have the first batch off. For the benefit of every farmer within reach of this great family journal and purveyor of thought we would say that Mr. R. T. Williams, of the Reliable Egg Farm, had a hatch of chicks on February 3rd. On February 28th he had a perfect hatch of 12 chicks out of 12 eggs.

The robins are here! Sam Macdonald officially informed this office this morning, stating that the real, genuine robin red-breast had been seen on his place. At first glance Mr. Macdonald thought the birds may be other feathered friends, but on following up and getting quite close he recognized the sweet spring songster, and, by the way, one recognized him and said "Hello, Sam."

Dick Griffin, one of Cranbrook's popular railroad men, has purchased the Macdonald cigar store and pool room on Baker street, taking charge of his new establishment on March first. His adv. appears in another column. He invites his friends to come in and see him. His long residence in the district and his wide acquaintance among the boys on the road should assist him in making a success of his new business venture.

A photograph of Sergeant James Milne is being published in the daily papers through Canada this week under the heading "Toronto Giant Now in France." Toronto ought to have enough celebrities without stealing Cranbrook's native son. Under the picture is the wording, "Sergeant James Milne, who is now in France with the Twelfth Battalion Canadian Infantry." He is six feet, three inches tall." According to the best information we have at hand Sergeant Milne is still in England, being held with the reserves of the Canadian expeditionary force.

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LOST—Balck and white Spaniel pup on Monday last. Return to J. B. Henderson. 9-1t*

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C. D. McNab, of Waldo, was in the city today on business.

Mrs. Maurice Quain will not receive again this season.

E. A. Hill left Thursday for Edmonton where he will visit with friends and relatives for a few weeks.

Preparations are being made for the holding of the annual St. Eugene hospital ball on Easter Monday.

The provincial government has appropriated $41,000 for roads and bridges in the Cranbrook district this year.

The 107th regiment are arranging for a St. Patrick's dance which will be held at St. Mary's hall on March 17th.

R. Robinson C. Brown is the latest man to throw in his lot with the mounted men which body will be leaving shortly.

Constable Collins has received instructions to prosecute anyone operating a car on the streets without a 1915 license.

Buy on Free Day at Ira R. Manning's and get your groceries for nothing. Day announced at the beginning of following month.

Inspector Wynn, of Victoria, and Chief Constable Welsby, of Fernie, were in the city last week. The inspector was here to investigate malicious reports sent to the coast concerning the late deputy sheriff.

A fire at the building in the rear of the residence of Dr. J. H. King, on Armstrong avenue, was the cause for an alarm on Wednesday morning which was hastily extinguished by the fire brigade before much damage was done.

On Saturday, March 13th, the regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held. On that date the secretary must be in receipt of the money for the seed grain, and it it hoped all those who have ordered grain will come through with the coin.

Immediately following the departure of the third contingent last Sunday a fire alarm was turned in which proved to be at the city hall. The fire originated in one of the store rooms in the basement and was soon extinguished by the sturdy firemen. There was considerable smoke for several minutes and the large crowd on the street were interested spectators of the activity of the fire department.

This week's bill at the Auditorium was sure a hum-dinger. Every act was well put on and the clean and attractive costuming of the several performers was commended by the audience, which proved to the largest during the season. Next week's bill will include the Versatile Harmony Five, a male quintette; The Sleep Walker, a comedy sketch; The Singing Jester, with Neal Abel in the leading role; Three Shelvey Brothers, contortionists; Milt Wood, America's greatest clog dancer.

Eleven members of the Presbyterian church in the third contingent were entertained by members of the Ladies Aid of Knox Presbyterian church at the Y.M.C.A. building on last Friday night. Cake and ice cream were served and a presentation was made by the pastor ,who, on behalf of the Ladies Aid wished them God-speed and a safe return and courage for the trials that are before them. A watch was presented to each of the departing members.

Cranbrook's post office stands eighth for the province of British Columbia as a revenue producer for the year 1914. The total revenue from the local office, according to the annual post office statistics issued by the department in Ottawa being $15,-418.70. Other offices in the province reported as follows: Fernie, $13,-746.36; Kamloops, $22,091; Nelson, $29,039.21; Revelstoke, $11,372.96; Rossland, $8,487.87; Grand Forks, $6,716.71; Trail, $4,037.71; Kaslo, $2,649.46; Creston, $2,083.84.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. O. E. Kendall, Pastor.

Services, 11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Morning topic—"The Ways of Life, The Broad and the Narrow"—"Saints on the Broad Way."
Evening topic—"The Revelation of Jesus Christ Redeeming Man's Forfeited Inheritance—Opening the Seven Seals."
All are invited.
Bible school 3.00 p.m.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor, W. K. Thomson

Morning service, 11 a.m. Subject: "The Parables of Our Lord—The Selfish Neighbor."
S. S. and Bible class, 3 p.m.
Evening service, 7.30 p.m. Subject: "Jesus Christ and the Social Question—The Teaching of Jesus Concerning the Industrial Order."
Anthem—Morning and evening.

METHODIST CHURCH

W. E. Dunham, Pastor.

Sunday services: The pastor will preach at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Morning subject: "Religion a Life."
Subject of talk to juniors :"Scarlet Rags."
Evening subject: "Some Things to Know."
This subject is the first sermon of a series of five on "The Religion For Today." The following are the topics for the next five Sunday evening services:
March 7th—"Some Things to Know"
March 14th—"Broad-Mindedness."
March 21st—"Is Conversion Out of Date."
March 28th—"The Consciousness of Sin."
April 4th—"The Christ of Personal Experience," Easter Sunday.
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ANNUAL MEETING RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSACIATION

Election of Officers for the Year and Other Important Business Transacted

The first annual meeting of the Cranbrook Retail Merchants Association was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evening. There was a very good attendance and an enthusiastic meeting resulted.

The president's report was the first order of business and Mr. Ira R. Manning ,who has capably filled the position for the past year, read the following report concerning the progress of the association:

Persident's Report

Gentlemen: It is now something like eighteen months since Mr. Trowern, secretary of the Dominion Retail Merchant's Association, at the invitation of our Mr. Atchison, paid a flying visit to Cranbrook for the purpose of telling us about Retail Merchants Associations, and what could be accomplished through co-operation along this line. The ideas implanted by Mr. Trowern in the fall of 1913 found expression in February of last year in the formation of the Cranbrook Retail Merchant's Mutual Protective Association.

At the time of its formation, there were not wanting the usual prophets of disaster, one statement expressing the opinion of these people which was "that the organization would probably last three months."

Four times that period have elapsed since that dismal prophecy was made, and the Retail Merchant's Association is not only still in existence, but has completed a year of successful work, a year that will be remembered throughout Canadian history as "abnormal."

It is not within my province to detail the work that has been done, as this properly belongs to the secretary's report, to which I invite your careful attention.

In an organization such as this, the benefits derived are in some cases direct and obvious, but in others, indirect, and not so immediately noticeable, though not the less real on that account. As outgoing president, I desire to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the executive for the loyal support given the association by these members who have received the less direct benefit. Their co-operation has made the work possible where it might have been otherwise hampered.

The Retail Merchant's Association has now passed from the experimental stage to the standing of a recognized institution. Through the mere fact of its existence, credit is now regarded as it should be, as a privilege not as a right.

Charge it up is now succeeded by "could you arrange," while a wholesome fear of complete stopping of credit has made a certain section of the community more careful in expenditure now that they know the bill has to be paid. It is satisfactory to note that Cranbrook is in line with all progressive communities in maintaining an association of merchants, for if you have noticed the current news in your respective trade journals, you will have seen that these associations are springing up in all parts of Canada, some of the latest being formed at Prescott, Ottawa, Hamilton, etc.

This means greater scope and consequently greater success, for when it is realized that retail merchants are not only organized in small local bodies, but that these bodies are links in a Dominion wide organization, their influence in the community will become something real, and they will be able to present a united front to the interests that oppose them, while bringing to bear a united intelligence on their common problems.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the executive for their untiring interest in the affairs of the association. It has been their desire throughout to serve the interests of every merchant without partiality of any kind.

The secretary's report, which consisted chiefly of a detailed statement of the financial end of the association was read and received with acclaim and the hearty approval of the members.

The financial report was read and adopted.

The president then announced the election of officers and vacated the chair and Mr. J. M. Christie was asked to fill the chair pro tem.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mr. E. Paterson.

Vice-President—Mr. Ira R. Manning.

Secretary-Treasurer — Mr. G. S. Hougham.

Executive Committee—Messrs. Gilchrist, Frank G. Murphy, W. H. Wilson, J. R. McCreery, Wm. Marshall and W. J. Atchison.

Messrs. Atchison, Brown and McCreery were appointed as a special committee on membership to confer with the executive in regard to the conduct of the association in the future.

Letter from the Cranbrook Typographical Union was read proposing a Buy-At-Home campaign to be conducted by out-of-work members. Motion carried that the Union members be invited to meet with the executive of the association for the consideration of plans and details of such campaign, and that report be made at the meeting to be held on March 15th.

Discussion of the Wednesday half-holiday commencing May first, resulted in a motion that the secretary be instructed to secure data from Vancouver regarding the enforcement of the half-holiday by-law and report at the meeting on March 15th.

SALVATION ARMY

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a praise meeting.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock holiness service. Afternoon, children's service.

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Protection Salmon ....2 for 35c.
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A. E. Watts ,of Wattsburg, was in the city today.

The pure bred Holstein calf raffled by the Sunshine Society Saturday night at the Rex theatre was won by H. G. Hall, of Jaffray, ticket No. 313. The Sunshine Society cleared $140.00 on this raffle and Mrs. Johnson, the secretary, wishes to thank all those who so kindly assisted her in selling tickets and especially all those who sold tickets in their respective towns. The school children's prizes for selling tickets were won by Eneas Hoggarth with first prize, three months complimentary to the Rex; Tom Hoggarth second prize, two months complimentary and the third prize, a one month complimentary was divided between Charley Clapp and Leonard Burton.

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ELKO NOTES

(By Fred Roe.)

Mrs. J. Telfer, of Fernie, was in Elko this week visiting the McKee's, College avenue.

Mr. Lou Foisy ,one of Elko's popular citizens, left for an extended tour through the United States.

Nothing is more tiresome than the trouble maker who refuses to recognize the fact that he is beaten.

Mr. and Mrs. James Joyce, of Flagstone, are spending the week with Mrs. Dick Joyce, Riverside Park.

There is quite an epidemic of mumps among the children, while several bloated capitalists are suffering with gout.

Mrs. Murphy and family, of Michel, are visiting with Mrs. Boss, of Riverside Park, this week returning to Michel Friday.

The secretary of the Elko Board of Trade is receiving more applications for land than in any previous years from the prairie provinces.

Mrs. C. A. Klingensmith will entertain on Wednesday afternoon to a Red, White and Blue Tea in honor of the Daughters of the Empire.

The chicken supper held in town the other evening was held according to Hoyle (Sub Rosa) and was enjoyed by all the participants.

Capt. R. J. Pake, of Co. F., 107th regiment, Elko, expects to leave for Victoria about the 15th of this month to join the M. S .C.

Mrs. T. Letcher drove in from the Roosville Valley and took the train for Fernie to attend the wedding of her daughter, Miss Patience.

The Flagstone Conservative association held a big meeting Saturday, February 27th, a big delegation of ranchers from the Roosville Valley attended the meeting.

The ranchers of the Roosville Valley and Tobacco Plains are still holding meetings, mapping out new mail routes, and other misery, for the post office department.

Mr. R. F. Green, M.P., Ottawa, is doing more good for the Roosville Valley and Tobacco Plains than any federal M.P. ever did, and his name is becoming a household word down in that section of the province.

This week Jim Thistlebeak received a copy of the last will and testament of Kaiser Bill (the German Sausage Emperor) Provoker of the war, 1914 Signed and sealed ni the presence of Baron Von Germhun, Asylum Master, Potsdam. Finley Robson of the Western Canada Wholesale Co. carries in his match safe Germany's reward.

A gloom of sadness spread itself over the citizens of Elko when the sad news of the sudden death of Mr. Reading, the C.P.R. agent of Fernie, was conveyed around the town.

How sudden was his death to us,
And a great surprise to all,
When God did say, He must away,
Could we refuse his call.

The citizens of Elko (where Mr. and Mrs. Reading and family used to visit so often) wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the whole family in their sad bereavement.

FERNIE

(From the Fernie Free Press)

Chief Welsby went to Cranbrook *yesterday to meet Chief Inspector of* Police T. G. Winn.

Judge Whimster returned from Banff on Wednesday, feeling considerably improved in health.

The thanks of the populace are due to the boy buglers for their consideration in getting out of the city to practice.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. McNicholas returned on Saturday last from England. Their boat had no trouble in dodging German submarines.

The local dentists were busy this week repairing the crockery of many of the boys who are leaving Sunday for the military camp at Victoria.

Aldermen Jackson and Robichaud, the city relief committee, investigated ten applications for relief in the case. They say that many of those asking help are better fixed than the members of the committee.

Manager Miller of the Isis is purchasing a mercury arc dufficker which will take the recoil out of the alternating current supplied from the city power plant and make it a direct current. The new mechanism will improve the already splendid projection of the pictures at the Isis.

The reduced size of the Fernie Free Press is due to the fact that we can go broke fast enough on four pages a week. The paper will contain the same or a greater amount of local news, but some of the interior padding has been sacrificed. We don't charge any more for the reduced size.

Robert Reading, Canadian Pacific Railway agent here, died suddenly in Victoria hall at 4.15 this afternoon from hemorrhage of the brain. He was in charge of the preparations for the farewell concert to be given to the volunteers tomorrow night and collapsed while in the hall superintending the arranging of seating accommodation. His assistants noted that he sat on a chair as if fatigued and presently his head commenced to nod. He fell before they could reach him. Dr. Bonnell was hastily summoned but could be of no assistance, death ensuing without his regaining consciousness. The late Robert Reading was one of the most popular men in the city and was universally respected. He was prominent in all public spirited enterprise and was an

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ardent Imperialist. He died with his head on the Union Jack that he loved so well. He has served the community as president of the board of trade, and was president of the Conservative association. He was a prominent member of Christ church, and has led the choir there since he came to Fernie in 1903. The Athletic association, the Rink company, and every public enterprise of merit enlisted his support. The news of his death will be a great shock to the entire community. To the bereaved widow and children, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Allan, their sympathy will go out generously.

CRESTON

(From the Creston Review.)

Birth—At Sirdar, on February 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, a son.

Gomer Jones returned on Wednesday from a short holiday trip to Calgary.

Henry Hurry is now in charge of the Kootenay Ferry, succeeding his son Fred, who is off for the front with the third Canadian contingent.

No less than five pupils are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new desks to commence their studies at the Erickson school.

Our station and freight shed, which have been locked up all winter, were thrown open to the public on short notice last week. We presume the C. P. R. took the hint.

The first robin made its appearance on Friday last making its headquarters on the C. O. Rodgers ranch. All the other unfailing harbingers of spring are due any day now.

Pansies in full bloom in the open were noticed in Mrs. Edmondson's garden on Saturday last. Mrs. Miller, McLeod avenue, was also showing some of these blooms to her friends last week.

The departure of Eric Howard for England gives Erickson at least three representatives in the present European struggle. His brother, Dennis, is now on the firing line in France and Will Hall is drilling with the third contingent.

Outdoor grown green onions are not yet on the market but given favorable weather H. F. Weber assures us he will be able to supply these in a few weeks. He planted half an acre of them last fall and now the snow has gone they are coming on fine—weather considered.

Something very much akin to a military wedding was solemnized in Christ church at high noon Saturday, when Rev. E. Bull united in holy matrimony Miss Phoebe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Butterfield, and Mr. Frank J. May, a member of the third Canadian contingent. They were unattended, and only a few intimate friends were present at the ceremony. The bride was gowned in a travelling suit of blue ,with hat to match. The wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Embree, and the young couple left on the afternoon train for their home at Duck Creek—their Creston friends being on hand with a generous supply of rice. Mr. and Mrs. May are quite well known in the valley and the best wishes of all are extended them.

INVERMERE

(Special correspondence)

The call to serve the colors was again answered by the men of the Windermere District when the members of the local company of the 107th regiment, who have been mobilized, left by train to join the regiment in Victoria. They pulled out this morning (March 1) amidst much enthusiasm by the residents of the various places who had assembled to see them off from the station at Athalmer. For several days the company have been having drill under military discipline ni charge of Herbert Matthews, acting sergeant. This departure marks the second squad who have left here which when taken with the reservists and the volunteers who have gone off singly to join regiments in other parts, makes a total of about one-twentieth of the men of the Windermere mining division who at the time of the declaration of war were residents within our borders. The present contingent represents a number who have seen actual service with the colors before this war began. Their names and as far as may be learned their experience being: Herbert Mathews, of Wilmer, B.C., late corporal Welsh Fusiliers, who has seen service in India and Burmah. He is a native of Birmingham, England; James Green, late sergeant Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who holds the India frontier medal with two clasps, 1897-98, also the Queen's South African medal and one for service in the same part from the King, having six and two bars respectively. Mr. Green is a native of Belfast, Ireland; Andrew Carson, of Wilmer, B. C., a native of Belfast, Ireland; James Crymble, of Wilmer, a native of Belfast, Ireland; F. J. Gallagher, of Athalmer, B.C., a native of County Fermanagh, Ireland; Harold Brown, of Windermere, B.C., from the North of Ireland; Sidney J. Powell, of Windermere, B.C., born in Birmingham, England. Powell has seen service in the Royal navy; A. J. F. Wallace, of Athalmer ,B.C., born in Peterborough, England; Percy Docking, of Invermere, B.C., a native of Trowbridge, Wiltshire. He served in the South African campaign and holds the Queen's medal; John White, of Athalmer, B.C., a native of Liverpool, England. A veteran of the East Yorkshire regiment who holds two South African medals.

MARYSVILLE FARMERS INSTITUTE VISITED

The first meeting of the Marysville Farmers' Institute was held on Monday afternoon, March 1st, and turned out to be most successful from the standpoint of attendance and interest displayed in the agricultural topics under discussion. About forty-five persons were present, including many ladies.

Mr. S. H. Hopkins, assistant live stock commissioner, was the first speaker. There are quite a number of new settlers in the district and Mr. Hopkins pointed out that their first consideration would be to obtain a few head of live stock, such as a cow, some pigs, and chickens to enable them to live cheaply. He took up the question of growing forage crops for live stock and dwelt particularly on alfalfa growing and the great value of this crop for feeding all kinds of livestock. The provincial department of agriculture is this spring distributing small lots of alfalfa seed and about twenty Marysville farmers are taking advantage of this offer.

Mr. Hopkins is firmly of the opinion, after studying conditions and conferring with the older settlers, that dry-farming methods should be thoroughly adapted with most of the land in this district. By this method of keeping a dry dust-mulch of loose soil on the ground all summer the moisture is stored up in the ground for the crop grown on that ground the next year, and a full crop is assured. A cultivated crop ,such as potatoes, thinly planted, would answer the same purpose if the cultivation was thorough. By these methods, and the keeping of livestock, full crops are assured ,weeds kept in check, and the fertility of the land conserved.

In connection with his trip to Marysville, Mr. H. E. Upton, provincial poultry instructor, said:

"I was very much impressed by the intense interest shown at the institute meeting at Marysville.

"Owing to the fact that this was the first meeting held in this district we endeavored to give the audience the introductory work required in our lines.

"In poultry raising, which should be one of the most profitable side lines on a mixed farm, I am sure that each rancher should keep at least one hundred to one hundred and fifty pullets each year, which will make for them a very neat turnover.

"Their houses should be built 18 feet in depth and free from draughts. Plenty of open front should be allowed and no glass is necessary. These houses may be constructed out of common logs, carefully plugging up all cracks.

"Some good strain of Barred Rocks, White Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons or Rhode Island Reds should be kept.

"The by-products of the farm should always be used in feeding before purchasing feedstuffs from outside.

"Emphasis must be laid on cutting the cost of production at this date rather than securing higher prices for our products."

SCHOOL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Division 1

Philip Briggs.
Helen Bridges
Henry Chester
Harry Doris
Edwin Malcolm
Mary Malcolm
Sidney Murgatroyd

Division 2.

Gladys Brooks
Frank Cadwallader
Barbara Green
Jennie Hopkins
Horatio Jecks
Ruth Kendall
Harold Leask
Grace McFarlane
John Noble
Gladys Parnaby
Agnes Reekie
Fred Swain
Josephine Severe
Gordon Taylor
Edward Turner
Lottie Moore
Margaret St. Eloi

Division 3.

Irene Beech
Ivy Bidder
Annie Blaney
Frank Bridges
Rowland Cox
Grace Doris
Hattie Hollander
Ida Johnson
Faith Kendall
Mary Mann
Annie McBirnie
Marion MacKinnon
Wilma McNabb
Dewey McNeil
Evelyn Moore
Doris Sainsbury
Hugh Simpson
Violet Simpson
Clifford St. Eloi
Harry Webb
Mah Bing

Division 4.

Norman Beech
Malcolm Belanger
Charles Chapman
Donald Dallas
Mabel Finley
William George
Otto Gill
Gabriella Hamilton
Russell Leask
Barry MacDonald
Eric MacKinnon
Margaret Morrison
Edith Murgatroyd
Edith Neale
Joe Pattinson
David Reekie
Alma Sarvis
Viola Sarvis
Ruth Simpson
Edward Taylor
Freda Taylor
Garfield Taylor
John Turner
Keith Wasson
Everett Williams

Division 5.

Robert Beaton
Merle Bennett
Fred Briggs
Leonard Burton
Christine Carson
Joe Frost
Herman Hollander
Maud Malcolm
Joe Mueller
Ray Scott
Cyril Selby
Joe Swain
Norman Wasson

Division 6

Vera Baxter
Howard Brogan
Lena Brogan
Norval Caslake
Elizabeth Chapman
Christopher Duckering
Stanley Fyles
Gertrude Hopkins
Lenore Little
James Logan
Donald Morrison
Freda Osborn
Wilma Park
Sam Speers
Hope Taylor
Gordon Woodman
Wong Hong
Marion Henderson
Leonard Jecks
Vera Lister
Ruby Scott

Division 7

Eva Cadwallader
Dorothy Dufour
Edith Clarke
Wilfred Joliffe
John Lancaster
Jack Ogden
Eunice Parrett
George Welch
Rex Garrard
Raymond St. Eloi
Della Baxter
Robert Baxter
Mildred Clarke
Marjorie Dufour
Wong Hum
Edwin Jecks
Reginald Parrett
Ralph Robinson
Olive Simpson
Kate Watson
Ruby Lister
Walter Freek
Helen Somerville
Mary Somerville

Division 8

Alway Bliss
Malcolm Brogan
Doris Brooks
Alice Chapman
Lena Dornhusch
Alex. Grant
Bertie George
Frank Hawksworth
Alice Hallet
Jemmima Houston
Jim Hing
Gladys Johnston
Clyde Johnston
Stanley Kemball
Ralph Ladds
Bobbie Malcolm
Bennie Murgatroyd
Grey Mosley
Norman Parker
Hilda Steward
Willie Stewart
William Selby
Irene Taylor
Wilhelmina Woodman
Edward White
Ivy Welch

Division 9

Ray Beech
Tommy Boxter
Andrew Carr
Marion Freeke
Mabel Freeke
Angus Grant
Dorothy Henderson
Bessie Hudson
Donovan Jecks
Kenneth Joliffe
Billy Malcolm
Kenneth Parrett
Phyllis Quaife
Arthur Shankland
Fred Stojack
Kathleen Strachan
Robbie Taylor

South Ward Public School

Phyllis Racklyeft
Annie Shaw
Edna Sanderson
Elsie Black
George Orr
Arthur Couldwell
Stella Johnson
Jean Donaldson
Mac Kinkland
Archie Horie
Allen Livingston
Tom Reekie
Frank Roberts
Annie Gibson
Annie Laurie
George Coleman
Mamie Washington
Marie Daw
Doris Racklyeft
Nora Finley
Dorothy Davis
Robert Eakin
Leonard Marchant
Jack Murdoch
Gladys Shackleton
Earl Fennessy
Clifford Fennessy

Division 2

Robert Askey
John Drew
Joe Belanger
Ethel Williams
Helen Shackleton
Margaret Horie
Agnes McCoach
Donald Marchant
Alice Murdock
Archie Finlay
Hector Linnell
Frank Roy
Edgar Sanderson
Hazel Livingstone
William McKenzie
Samuel Shaw
Janet Richie
Bessie Richie
Norman Black
Jessie Cassels
Rhoda Donaldson

Koo'enay Orchard Public School

Lou Young
Kathleen Atchison
Fanny Gartside
Marion Atchison
Bertie Maisey
Estella Ruault
Muriel Gilpin
Blanche Gilpin
Claudid Gilpin

MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

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Reader	Roll	Per Cent. Attendance	Order for Month	Order for Year
Central School				
5	6	100	1	5
Jr. 3e	12	90	12	10
Sr. 4	11	100	2	3
2	24	91	10	8
Jr. 4	15	98	78	4
Sr. 3	15	100	3	1
Jr. 3g	11	97	5	7
Jr. 3f	24	94	9	6
South Ward School				
3	1	100	11	9
2	8	100	8	11
St. Mary's Separate School				
4	3	100	4	2
3	4	93	6	12

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Special Permits to kill deer lapsed on the 28th February last past, and therefore all persons holding these permits must return the same to the undersigned forthwith.

N. A. Wallinger,
Government Agent.

Cranbrook, B.C.,
1st March, 1915. 9-1t

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