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The Herald is worth $10 a year. It costs only $2. No man in South East Kootenay can afford to be without it, and everyone living outside of the district, who is interested in the progress of this section, should read it. It publishes the news while it is news. It is controlled absolutely by the publishers. No clique, party or individual dictates its policy. It don't try to please the people. It's desire is to publish a newspaper that will be a credit to the community. Send in your subscription and you will be thankful ever afterward.

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CIRCULATION STATEMENT

I, F. E. Simpson, manager of the Cranbrook Herald, do hereby state that the pressman's books show, and that I have every reason to believe that the circulation of the Herald for the past five months has been 31,589 copies, divided as follows:

Issue of June 4	1,175
Issue of June 11	1,169
Issue of June 18	1,160
Issue of June 25	1,176
Total	4,680
Issue of July 2	1,184
Issue of July 9	1,159
Issue of July 16	1,177
Issue of July 23	1,175
Issue of July 30	1,200
Total July	5,895
Issue of August 6	2,000
Issue of August 13	2,500
Issue of August 20	1,200
Issue of August 27	1,194
Total August	6,894
Issue of September 3	1,225
Issue of September 10	1,200
Issue of September 17	1,200
Issue of September 25	2,000
Total September	5,625
Issue of October 1	1,750
Issue of October 8	1,650
Issue of October 22	1,730
Issue of October 29	1,680
Total October	8,495

Total for five months 31,589 or an average of 6,317 copies per month.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of October, 1908, at Cranbrook, B. C.

John Hutchison,

A notary public in and for the County of Kootenay, British Columbia.

NOTE: The average circulation of the Herald for the past five months has been 6,317 per month, which shows a substantial increase. It is only fair to the advertisers, however, to say that this material increase of the average was due to an increased number of papers issued during the month of October and distributed almost entirely in a systematic manner through the territory tributary to Cranbrook.

That Canadian gold coins will soon be an assured fact is made apparent by the visit to the coast by R. Pearson, chief assayer in the Federal mint at Ottawa, who has been travelling through the Kootenay and Boundary with the object of investigating the gold resources of the lower portion of the province. With a mint in Canada there is no reason why the Yukon and British Columbia gold should be still allowed to go to the States.

The coming year will be one in which Cranbrook will require a strong man for mayor. Put in your best licks for the strongest man.

When Mr. Brandreth was here last week he, as is his custom, when in Cranbrook, dropped in to the Herald office. There is no man in the province who takes a keener or deeper interest in horticulture than Mr. Brandreth and he is particularly anxious that the latent fruit possibilities of the upper country should be advertised to the world. Speaking to a representative of the Herald, he said: "One plate of apples labeled: 'Grown at Cranbrook, B.C.,' and sent to the Spokane apple show next week would do your district more good than anything that could be done at this time. Where is your Board of Trade?" The Herald could only echo "where?" "At New Westminster," continued Mr. Brandreth, "there is an exhibition every fall which is attended by at least five thousand people from the interior of British Columbia and many more from outside points, but they never hear of Cranbrook there. They never heard of Nelson until I set the ball rolling and got the Nelson people to send over exhibits." When outside people see how we are neglecting our opportunities of advertising the town and the district, it is time that the Board of Trade "took a tumble" or that a new institution should be formed. The Herald knows that J. F. M. Pinkham and A. L. McDermot do all they can, but no two men can run a Board of Trade and besides it is too discouraging when there is no backing. However, the point the Herald wants to make is this: That before the true possibilities of this district, as a fruit country, are known to the world we must show the world our goods.

It is time to think about Christmas presents and to most people, especially those who are not overburdened with the contents of the flesh pots of Egypt it is a matter of some concern. There are so many relatives and friends to be remembered at this season that one wishes to be a millionaire at once. But after all it is not the value of a gift that makes it acceptable. The smallest and most inexpensive gift if given with that spirit of generosity which it should be enhances its value to the recipient a hundred fold. Ovid said: "Presents which our love for the donor has rendered precious are ever the most acceptable." "There is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers," wrote Seneca, and no greater truism was ever written. Whatever we give be it great or small let it be given with a free hand and an open heart and with all sincerity. While on the subject of Christmas presents there is a point that should not be overlooked. There are some in this community who will not be able to have all the Christmas joy that the average person expects and has. Thank goodness we have not the teeming thousands of the great cities, but still there are some. There are some little children whose stockings will not be filled to the bursting point by Santa Claus. For these the Herald would appeal. Some small gifts which will cost very little would make these little hearts glad and unless one has tried one cannot understand what a degree of pleasure it will bring to the giver. Whatever your intentions are along the line of Christmas gifts be sure that you make at least one heart glad at that season when all hearts should be glad.

Every citizen of Cranbrook should attend the band concert on the 18th and if this is impossible should at least purchase a ticket. The band boys have done a great deal to keep the band going and the assistance of the public should be freely given at this time. Let it be the object of the people of Cranbrook to have one of the best bands in Western Canada.

One booster will make a hundred boosters. One knocker will make two hundred knockers. It is very difficult for human beings not to influence each other. We are all links in a chain. It is better to be a booster link than a knocker link. Did it ever strike you how much good a boost could do and how much harm a knock could carry with it? One knock, be it so slight, can do more harm than the biggest boost on earth. Never be a pessimist, it hurts. Always be an optimist because optimism is the one thing that makes life worth living.

PREMIER ESCAPES.

St. Vincent, Dec. 7.—Two cars on a Great Northern local train from St. Paul were thrown into a ditch at St. Vincent today by a broken rail. In one of the cars was Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, who was among the passengers shaken up, although no one was hurt.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The city council held a special session Monday evening with Mayor Fink in the chair and Aldermen Ryan, Baker, Hunt, Henderson and Jackson present.

W. F. Gurd and J. H. King appeared before them on behalf of the Electric Light company and stated that owing to the financial stringency the past year the company had been unable to secure the funds necessary to put in the new power plant within the time specified in the agreement entered into at the time their franchise was granted, said agreement expiring on the 27th of May, 1907. They explained that the company spent about $5,000 in securing water rights, preliminary surveys and engineering work and stated that they now had matters well in hand and that negotiations were about completed with eastern parties to furnish the necessary capital to proceed with the work on a much larger scale than was at first anticipated, providing the company could secure an extension of one year's time in which to complete the plant.

On the directors of the company agreeing to carry out the provisions of Clause 2 of the old agreement, re reduction in price of lights for street lighting purposes, and putting up a bond of $3,000 on the 27th of May next to insure the completion of the work by May 27th, 1910, the extension was granted.

The matter of a school debenture bylaw was laid over, as it was ascertained that there were legal technicalities which would prevent its being got in shape for the election in January. In the meantime the city solicitor was instructed to secure information as to what terms could be secured for the disposal of such debentures.

The petition for an early closing bylaw asked for by the clerks, was referred to the city clerk to ascertain whether the necessary number of names had been affixed to the petition.

HE TALKS OF CANADA

PROF. SMITH OF MONTREAL AT DELMONICO'S.

New York, Dec. 9.—The parallel destinies of Canada and the United States and the traits and temperament that go to make up the national characteristics of the citizens of these two countries were glorified in song and story at the twelfth annual dinner of the Canadian society of New York at Delmonico's tonight, where the British king and the president of the United States were in turn toasted. The foreign members of the society seated at the tables, gay with miniature standards of the Dominion, were particularly responsive to the sentiments expressed by Prof. Robert Cooper Smith, of Montreal, John Ford, secretary of the American Asiatic society, Job Hughes and Julius M. Mayer. Prof. Smith was introduced as the "Choate of Canada" after humorously voicing his fear that too lavish an exposure of the actual and potential wealth of Canada might arouse the cupidity of unscrupulous neighbors, outlined a few of the works of development and exploitation now under way beyond the mystical 45th degree of latitude, which he declared would make good the prophecy that the twentieth century belonged to Canada.

The rapid expansion in British Columbia, the opening of the Cobalt district, the deepening of the St. Lawrence waterways, and the Georgian Bay and other canal projects would roll up the map of Canada two hundred miles further north; there were greater things, however, than national progress. As wealth and power in the hands of the people of the United States had been means, not ends, so, in the hands of the people of Canada, wealth and power would also be merely ends—ends leading to higher ideals, purer joys, deeper loyalty. With greater wealth would come greater responsibility; with more power more forbearance. There could be no jealousy between the United States and Canada because the aims and ideals of the two countries were identical.

"We have confidence in your national conscience," he declared, "and we wish you more power, because your power and our power mean more of a common force than makes for the enforcement of the principles that contracts are binding and that the rights of the nations are as sacred as rights of individuals."

HILL & COMPANY

Seasonable Bargains

ON January 1st we take stock. We intend to reduce our stock to the lowest possible figure, and in order to do this we have made sweeping reductions in the prices of all our goods. Here are a few samples of prices:—

DRESS GOODS—Regular $2.50 for $1.25; regular $1.75 for $1.00.

SILK BLOUSES—Suitable for evening wear. Regular $6.00 to $8.00, for $3.75.

REP BLOUSES—Regular $4.75 for $2.75.

GOOD HOUSE BLOUSES—Regular $1.50 to $3.00 for $1.00.

SKIRTS—Regular $17.00 for $12.00; regular $9.50 for $6.00.

LADIES' VESTS—Regular 50c and 60c for 45c.; 90c for 70c; $1.75 for $1.15.

PENMAN'S NATURAL ALL WOOL DRAWERS—Regular $2.00 for $1.25; $1.75 for $1.15

COATS AT ONE-THIRD OFF REGULAR PRICES.

We have a splendid assortment of LACE COLLARS suitable for Christmas Presents at wonderfully low prices—Regular 75c and 90c for 35c; regular $1.00 to $1.25 for 50c; regular $1.50 for 75c.

The cold weather has now arrived to stay and you will need a new OVERCOAT. We have just the thing in prices from $10.00 to $35.00.

If you are contemplating buying a NEW SUIT for the holiday season, come in and let us show you our immense range of styles at prices from $7.50 to $30.00

CHRISTMAS TIES.—We have just received a large consignment of these and shall be pleased to show them to you.

In UNDERWEAR we can fit you out with a suit from $1.00 to $7.50

FURNITURE.—We are offering some decided bargains suitable for Christmas Presents. Mr. Harris will be pleased to quote you prices at any time.

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Another lot of GENUINE ENGLISH CHINA This time it is

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AFTERNOON TEA SETS—A White and Blue Beauty, six cups and saucers, six plates, teapot, sugar and cream, 22 pieces in all, price $20.00

THE NEW "ART" DESIGN, in brown and gold, same number of pieces, price $10.00

PLAIN WHITE WITH GREEN BAND, set of 22 pieces, price $8.00
Same design in 40 piece tea set $10.00

HOT WATER JUGS, plain white with detachable lids $1.50, $1.75, $2.00

PURE WHITE CHINA HONEY JARS, CRUETS, TOAST RACKS.

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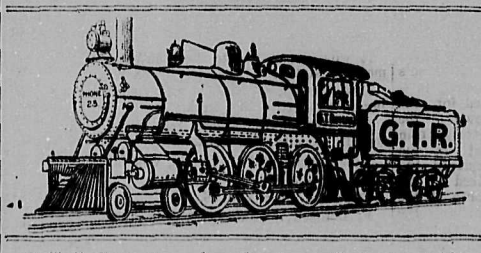

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Useful Gifts

Are always appreciated. We suggest that you look through our Shoe Shop. There you will find nice comfy HOUSE SLIPPERS, from the wee ones for the baby to the other sizes that will fit the mother.

CHILDS' KNIT SLIPPERS, in pale blue	65c
INFANTS' " " "	75c
MISSES' " " in blue and red	85c
WOMEN'S KNIT SLIPPERS, in blue and red	$1.25
CHILDS' DOLGE FELT FUR TRIMMED BOOTEES	85c
LADIES' DOLGE FELT LEATHER SOLE "ROMEO" SLIPPERS	$3.50
LADIES' SPATS AND LEGGINGS BOYS' CORDUROY LEGGINGS	

On Saturday we will give a cash inducement of twenty cents discount for every dollar spent for Felt Slippers or Boots.

LOOKING BACKWARDS

THE GROWTH OF CRANBROOK AS SEEN BY AN OLD TIMER.

Over ten years ago the writer saw a few tents and still fewer buildings on the prairie which is now the city of Cranbrook. Probably no place in Western Canada has grown more rapidly and along such substantial lines without the semblance of a boom, as Cranbrook. How gradually the main street grew is a matter easily remembered by those who were here. The Cranbrook hotel (not the elaborate hostelry that it is today), and what is now the Queens were the first. Then came what is now the Cosmopolitan, the Manitoba and Wilson's jewelry store, which latter was then the Canadian Bank of Commerce. After that the street gradually filled up to the state which it is today. Baker Hill, now the site of so many modern and handsome homes, was destitute of buildings and where the English church now stands was the home of many families of badgers, gophers and chipmunks, who had lived there undisturbed for years and years. Many of the residential portions of the city were then Virgin Forest where the lumberman's axe had never been wielded. With all this it must be remembered that there has never been a boom of any description and never has there been a building put up that was not needed for immediate wants. Thus the town has not had to go through the set back which overbuilding always brings to a new western town. Looking back over the vista of nearly eleven years, it is hard to believe, that in so short time, Cranbrook should have developed into the modern little city which it is with all the modern conveniences of much older places in the east. There is a reason and it is that the people of Cranbrook have always had faith in the future of their town and that same faith has been the means of building up the commercial center of the district here. Natural advantages as to position in the center of the lumbering and mining industries and now the agricultural ones, has of course, had a great deal to do with the growth of the town. The maintenance of the Canadian Pacific railway divisional point at Cranbrook has been the means of a large number of railroad men making their homes here. It is for these reasons that Cranbrook has grown and is still growing into a city of homes of which her citizens are most justly proud.

WATCH HER GROW.

The new buildings in Cranbrook this year so far are valued at eighty thousand four hundred dollars. These buildings consist of one public hall and 41 private houses. This latter fact speaks volumes because it shows what the Herald has always maintained, that no building was ever put up in Cranbrook on speculation and that each and every one that is built is put there for use. Among the new businesses that have been established this year are: A steam laundry, a cigar factory, a machine shop and a taxidermist establishment.

BURNED TO DEATH.

John Maki, a Swede, was burned to death in Moyie last Saturday night. It seems that Maki stuck his miners' candlestick into the wall along side his bed. The bed clothing took fire and before he could be rescued he was cremated.

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The universal question is, "What shall I buy for Xmas?" Let us assure you that you cannot do better than inspect our stock. Articles of high-class quality and design will always give pleasure for many years. We have prices to suit everyone's pocket. Please do not fail to call early. We are always pleased to see visitors and make it a pleasure to show our stock.

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BAND CONCERT

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 18th

AT THE AUDITORIUM

THE Cranbrook City Band, assisted by local talent, will give a concert at the Auditorium on the evening of Friday, December 18th, 1908. The object of the concert is to raise funds to meet the necessary expenses of the Band, and every citizen of Cranbrook should purchase a ticket. A good programme has been arranged, and patrons are assured of an enjoyable evening.

You Will Get Your Money's Worth

TICKETS. 50C. RESERVED SEATS 75C.

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LOCAL NOTES

PICKED UP ABOUT THE CITY BY ASKING QUESTIONS OF MANY PEOPLE.

Pure home made candy, regular 40c. per lb. for 20c. Saturday only.—The Palm.

Mrs. L. P. Sullivan received the sad intelligence on Monday of the death of her father, which took place in Munich, Bavaria.

From now till Xmas we offer big reductions in grips and suit cases.—C. C. S.

Mrs. Ryan Cook received the sad news on Monday of the death of her sister, Miss Lizzie Cunningham, at Kingston, Ont.

To boy or girl making most words out of CRANBROOK DRUG CO., a year bound vol. of "Leisure Hour."

Before yau make that Christmas cake see Campbell & Manning for new, fresh, clean fruits and peels. 38-2t

Conductor Arthur Martin leaves about the 15th for a three months' trip to Detroit and other points east.

Suit cases, $3.25.—C. C. S.

M. M. Miller, of the Imperial Bank staff, is going to spend Christmas at his home at Dunnville, Ont. Everybody wishes "Teddy" a good time.

From now till Xmas we offer big reductions in grips and suit cases.—C. C. S.

Mrs. Stewart and Miss Stewart, of Belleville, Ont., arrived in the city today and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bremner. Mrs. Stewart is Mrs. Bremner's mother.

Patmore Bros. are offering the balance of their Kitchener Cabinets at a give-away price of $5.00. A suitable Xmas present.

The natural history museum at the Cosmopolitan hotel has been added to by a pair of beautifully set up Chinese pheasants. The work was done by Mitchell & Garrett.

Enid, Mrs. Fraser's little daughter, had the misfortune to badly sprain her ankle while skating the other evening. "Tot" is likely to be laid up for several days.

SPECIAL RATES EAST will be in order shortly. You must have a trunk or a grip of some kind. Our price for the next three weeks is way down.—C. C. S.

R. W. Wood, of the Trites-Wood Co. of Fernie, was in the city on Saturday. Mr. Wood says that Mr. Trites is going to take a trip to Japan and Australia this winter.

Suit cases, $3.25.—C. C. S.

T. T. McVittie, of Fort Steele, was in Cranbrook yesterday on his way back from Spokane, where he went with Mrs. McVittie, who is on her way to New York on a visit.

Suit cases, $3.25.—C. C. S.

LOST—Between Baker Hill and Cranbrook hotel, black fur robe. Finder return to N. C. McKinstry. 38

Our drug stock is most complete and only the purest obtainable are offered for sale by us.—Cranbrook Drug & Book Co.

A. B. Fenwick, of Fort Steele, who has been in the hospital for a few days, suffering from an abscess of the jaw, was sufficiently recovered to be out and about last Tuesday.

A carload of trunks for you to choose from. Prices low as $3.75.—C. C. S.

Carl Quirk and I. S. Burch, of Wycliffe, were transacting business in Cranbrook last Thursday, and while in town took out the necessary papers to become British subjects.

From now till Xmas we offer big reductions in grips and suit cases.—C. C. S.

The city band rehearsal will commence at 7.30 Friday instead of 8 p.m. Every member of the band is expected to be present and on time.—Frank E. Corrison, bandmaster.

J. G. McCallum left for the coast Monday. On his return he will be accompanied by Mrs. McCallum and the children, who have been spending several months in Vancouver.

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The Young Men's Social club will hold their regular fortnightly dance at the Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) evening. The Cranbrook orchestra will be in attendance.

J. M. Carroll, who has been up at Golden for the last few months, is in town today. Mr. Carroll reports that things in general are quiet at the north end of the district.

A carload of trunks for you to choose from. Prices low as $3.75.—C. C. S.

Six sacks of plum puddings and cakes arrived from England yesterday. There will be no lack of Ye Old English form for Christmas in the banana belt.

From now till Xmas we offer big reductions in grips and suit cases.—C. C. S.

FOUND—One pair of boots with skates attached. Owner can have same by applying to Mrs. Hilton, north end Van Horne street. 38

Stray calves and yearlings are traveling around town every night. These animals do not belong to citizens, but stray into town from points outside. This should be put a stop to.

A carload of trunks for you to choose from. Prices low as $3.75.—C. C. S.

The staff of the Herald are indebted to G. T. Rogers, the great family grocer, for a gift of apples and grapes. This fruit was the best that is and it was thoroughly appreciated by the said staff.

THE CHEAP RATES EAST will find you in need of a trunk or grip. Buy while price is low.—C. C. S.

The funeral of Mrs. Irwin Streeter took place at the Church of England last Saturday evening, the Rev. Flewelling officiating. The body went east on the Spokane International train to Gladwin, Mich., where interment will take place.

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Died—At the St. Eugene hospital last Saturday, Wm. McEwen, of Elko. Mr. McEwen was the proprietor of the Hoffman house at Elko in which town he had many friends and was highly respected in the community.

Patmore Bros., the up-to-date plumbers, have an interesting ad this week, which enumerates their special lines and is worth while looking over.

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At the indoor meet of the Vancouver Athletic club, Francis McConnell won the 50 yards sprint and the half mile race. Both of these races were for the championship of British Columbia.

Peter Matheson is having the office of the Imperial hotel much improved by the installation of a handsome desk with mirror effects. The work was done by the King Lumber company and is a credit to that company and to Mr. Matheson's enterprise.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eager, formerly of Kenora, but now of Calgary, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, of this city. Mr. Eager was master mechanic here for some time.

The eighth annual ball of Buckley Lodge, of the B. of R. T., will take place on New Year's Eve at the Auditorium. The invitations are out and the Moyie orchestra will be in attendance. The boys are determined to make their dance one of the events of the season.

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The Edison theatre will be closed on Friday, the 18th. The management request that its patrons will one and all take in the band concert at the Auditorium. The Cranbrook city band should be supported.

You can't do better than buy your wife a sewing machine for a Christmas box. From now until December 24th, we will give an additional five per cent discount on cash sales.—Singer Sewing Machine office, Armstrong avenue.

An instrumental and vocal concert will be given by the city band, assisted by local talent, in aid of their funds at the Auditorium, Friday, December 18th. Since the return of Bandmaster Corrison the boys have been hard at work and an enjoyable programme may be anticipated.

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The Edison theatre will be dark on Friday, the 18th. This is because the Cranbrook city band have their concert at the Auditorium that evening. The "little parish church" believes in the Cranbrook band and any time they have a show the Edison wants to give them all the show possible.

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New books received this week at the Cranbrook Drug & Book Co., Limited: "The Quest Eternal," by Lillibridge; "The Fly on the Wheel," by Thurston, "The Man From Brodneys," by Geo. Barr McCutcheon; "Lewis Rand," by Mary Johnston; also a second shipment "Holy Orders" by Marie Corelli. We lead in books.

THE CHEAP RATES EAST will find you in need of a trunk or grip. Buy while price is low.—C. C. S.

There are only a few shares left at the $1 price, next issue of treasury stock will be for $2.50 per share. This is the best buy on the market today. Men of judgment say so. Surely you cannot afford to miss it. 100 shares now, if successful, will mean more than a lifetime of toil. I will be glad to furnish information regarding the rich Pincher Creek district: Oil lands, iron, copper, salt, etc. Get a prospectus. Marcy D. Couch, Pincher Creek, Alta.

Mr. Jack Droder, the best known and most successful oil prospector in the Pincher Creek district, recently, after a careful inspection of the property of the Canadian N. W. Oil Co., 35 miles south-west of Pincher Creek, stated that he would stake his life on said company getting lots of oil in their first well, short of 1700 feet. He was greatly surprised to find the rock formation lying perfectly flat and undisturbed and more machinery and supplies on hand, than many oil-well supply houses.

STRAYED—About October 10th from head of Beaverfoot River: One Sorrel mare, silver mane and tail, white blaze on face; branded M. on left hip and X. on jaw. One blue roan horse—White star in forehead; branded S1 on left hip and X. on jaw. One dark Sorrel horse—Branded X. on left jaw. One dark brown horse—Branded 7 on left shoulder. Anyone having any information regarding them, please notify Palliser Lumber Company, Palliser, B.C. 38-1

The Odd Fellows are holding their annual ball on the 16th. The Cranbrook orchestra will have charge of the music. This orchestra has only been recently formed, but is distinctly "making good." F. E. Corrison, the bandmaster of the Cranbrook City band, with the violin, J. Miller on the cornet, C. Chalmers with the string bass and H. C. C. Salmon on the piano make a combination that is hard to beat in any man's country. The Odd Fellows ball will be a success, as it always is.

Marcy D. Couch, agent Canadian Northwest Oil company, is in the city this week and reports that the big drill is going 24 hours a day. The second drilling plant is now all on the ground, ready to be set in working order. The well is now down 1500 feet and Mr. Slater expects to get more oil about 1700 feet. The rock is still so hard that only about fifty feet per week can be drilled. The big drill has to be tempered every hour.

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CRANBROOK

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS BY-LAW

BY-LAW NO. 54

A By-Law to authorize the sale of the City's interest in Block D, Plan 669, Cranbrook, B. C., and the Joint Government and Municipal Buildings erected thereon, and to devote the proceeds thereof for the purpose of purchasing a site for and erecting Municipal Buildings.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented to the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Cranbrook signed by the owners of at least one-tenth (1-10th)) of the value of the real property in the said City, as shown by the last Revised Assessment Roll, requesting the said Council to introduce a By-Law to sell and grant the City's interest in Block D, in the City of Cranbrook, according to a map or plan of the said City filed in the Land Registry Office at Nelson, B. C., as number 669, and in the Joint Government and Municipal Buildings erected thereon to the Province of British Columbia for the price or sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00); and to use and devote the proceeds thereof for the purposes of purchasing a site for and erecting and equipping Municipal Buildings for the City of Cranbrook.

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of the Council separate premises are requisite, belonging to and under the control of the City, and that therefore the City's interest in said Block D and said Joint Government and Municipal Buildings is not required for corporate purposes.

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend By-Law No. 21, of the Corporation of the City of Cranbrook, being the "City of Cranbrook Debenture Loan By-Law No. 21."

AND WHEREAS the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been obtained for such amendment of By-Law No. 21 to be made, as appears by a report of a Commitee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1908.

AND WHEREAS the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the sale and disposal of the City's interest in said Block D in the City of Cranbrook, according to a map or plan filed in the Land Registry Office at Nelson, B. C., as No. 669, and the Joint Government and Municipal Buildings erected thereon, has been had and obtained, as appears by the said report.

AND WHEREAS for the purposes aforesaid, it will be necessary to devote the said sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00.)

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Cranbrook in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

1. It shall and may be lawful for the Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Cranbrook to sell, grant and absolutely dispose of the City's interest in Block D, in the City of Cranbrook according to a map or plan of the said City filed in the Land Registry said City filed in the Land Registry Office at Nelson, B. C., as No. 669, to His Majesty King Edward VII. in the right of the Province of British Columbia and in the Joint Government and Municipal Buildings erected thereon for the price or sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00); and for such purposes to sign, seal, execute and deliver all deeds and other instruments necessary and requisite in the premises.

2. The proceeds of the said sale shall be devoted to the purchasing of a site for and the erection of Municipal Buildings for the City of Cranbrook.

3. By-Law No. 21 of the City of Cranbrook wheresoever it is inconsistent with the provisions of this By-Law, is hereby repealed.

4. This By-Law may be cited for all purposes as the "Municipal Building By-Law."

Read the First, Second and Third time on the Second Day of December, 1908.

Received the assent of the Electors on the 14th day of January, 1909.

Reconsidered and finally passed and adopted on the .....

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the Municipal Building, Baker Street, in the City of Cranbrook, B. C., on Thursday, January 14th, 1909, between the hours of Nine o'clock (Ten o'clock local time) in the morning and Seven o'clock (Eight o'clock local time) in the evening.

Thos. M. Roberts,
37-6t Clerk to the Municipal Council

FOREST OF CANADA

RECENT ESTIMATES OF THEIR AREA GREATLY REDUCED.

Eight hundred million acres used to be accepted as the area of that part of Canada covered by forests; two hundred million acres is the estimate of the commercially valuable forests as given by Dr. B. E. Fernow, head of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto; one hundred million acres, Dr. Judson F. Clark, of Vancouver, B.C., thinks, would cover the "actual cutting area, that is, the area on which are found forests of commercial value, as measured by present-day logging standards," this figure including the areas bearing timber suitable for pulpwood or saw-timber.

Both Mr. Fernow and Dr. Clark are well known authorities on forestry subjects. The former is the author of the well-known work, "The Economics of Forestry," which is practically the only work in English treating comprehensively this aspect of the subject. Dr. Clark has had extended experience in forest work in connection with the U. S. Forest Service, and later as Forester to the Province of Ontario, a position which he resigned to go into private business in British Columbia, where he has had several years' experience of work in the woods there.

For a long time the people of Canada were quietly and complacently congratulating themselves that their timber supply was "inexhaustible." Estimates like the above, given by men who can speak with authority on the subject, must wake up to the necessity, not only of guarding from fire and other enemies the forests they now have, but of introducing rational forestry management so as to increase the growth of the forests and get from them largest amount of timber they are capable of producing.

THE KILTS IN CHINA.

According to all accounts, the arrival of the Cameron Highlanders in Pekin to replace the Middlesex regiment as legation guards has created something of a sensation among the inhabitants. The kilt is a source of great wonderment. The China Times asserts that the natives are hard at work trying to assimilate the Scotch language. "They are reported as already making favorable progress. Instead of their favorite expression, "me no savee," they now employ "I dinna ken," and they greet the foreigner with "Guid marin'!" with an excellent Auchtermuchty accent. It is added that some Chinese compradores, who are men of an inquisitive turn of mind, want to know 'what for new soldier man catchee clothes alle same misses" which recalls the story of the Russian Crimean veteran who declared that the best fighters in the British army were the women!

COULDN'T FOLLOW SUIT.

Two capricious young ladies planned to have some fun when a certain young man called to spend the evening. They thought it would be great sport to imitate everything he did. When the young man entered the parlors he blew his nose, which each of the girls promptly imitated. Thinking it a pecular incident, the young man proceeded to stroke his hair. Both girls followed. Then he straightened his collar. They did the same, and a few dimples and smiles began to appear in spite of them. Now it was the young man's turn. He was positive of his ground and calmly stooped down and turned up his trousers.—Ex.

Rambling Reveries

BY A DREAMER.

CHRISTMAS REVERIES.

A right, real, merry-go-round, happy Christmas.

There is much cheer in a kind word and a "Merry Christmas."

The value of a Christmas gift lies in the testimony it gives of the affection that prompts it.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snow flakes at Christmas tide.

The Christmas chimes are pealing, softly pealing, the joyous sounds are ringing, ever louder and clearer, nearer and nearer, like a sweet toned benediction falling on the ear. Glad ringers are pulling the ropes, and in one grand swell of melody Christmas with its old, yet ever new and marvelous mysteries, bursts triumphantly on the earth once more.

The fact that Christmas giving is an exchange of things often not needed, and that it tends to mutual loss rather than mutual gain—which is the law of barter—elevates it far above trade. The perennial benevolence which finds its expression in Christmas giving has the stamp of the divine and the spiritual upon it, and it argues that there is something more in man than the mere materialist sees there.

Christmas is really the world's festival—**every tribe and** people upon the earth's surface observe it in some form. The forms may vary but the spirit is everywhere the same. The different nations of the world celebrate the virtues and illustrious deeds of their great men and we on this side of the water do the same when we celebrate the birth of King Edward in November, or the birth of the nation in July, but in December the world celebrates an event which far surpasses the birthday of Washington, or Wellington, or Napoleon, or Alexander the Great, or even the birth of a nation. It is the birth of the **world's Redeemer**, who was given as an **atonement for** sin.

At this time of the year the faith of little children is strongly emphasized. Throughout the world of Christendom childhood is looking to that mysterious individual Santa Claus for the bestowal of his annual favor. Implicitly the little ones believe in his existence and in his beneficence and from every letter box in the country missives to him are trustingly dispatched. Not a few of them are most pathetic. Is not all faith typical of this childhood faith, and are not the rewards of it similar to these? Some how, it is part of our nature and few there be who can live very good without it. Who would take away the faith that a child has in this mysterious personage, Santa Claus, myth though he be, and who would take from weak and frail humanity that larger sweeter trust in the eternal goodness.

Dear readers of this column, it is ours to again greet you with a "Merry Christmas." We have continued our "labor of love" until this time, and here we are. Yet it is from — selfish motives, we assure you, or ambition for public emoluments that we have continued our work, or shall continue it, but only with the desire to do good, peradventure to brighten some life, encourage some despondent one, drop a few brief words of truth to drive error from the heart, and possibly to lead some one to "choose that better part" that might not otherwise have done so. How well we have succeeded, you, reader, will, have to declare. We are admonished to "sow beside all waters, knowing not which shall prosper, this or that." We have simply written for the "Home Circle," the most sacred precinct under heaven, and if there is any home or any heart made better and brighter because of our words, verily we shall receive our reward.

MERRY YULETIDE.

This is the merry Yuletide season, when all the joys of life center round the fireside. The members of the family, if at all convenient, gather at this time under the parental roof. To enhance good feeling, presents are bestowed and greetings sent to absent ones. The home, be it ever so humble, is the one sweet spot to which all eyes are longingly turned, and from which all happiness radiates.

The proud boast of the old English common law that "a man's home is his castle." The four winds of heaven might blow through its chinks and crannies, but the king himself might not cross its threshold unbidden. Only the law's stern necessity in pursuit of crime could authorize an unwelcome intrusion.

The sanctity of former times still scrupulously surrounds it, and the sacredness of its portal has been but enhanced by the advancement of civilization. The modern home needs neither towers, battlements, nor bastions to protect it from the assaults of the powerful. The humblest citizen to defend his lowly shack can invoke the protecting arm of the whole nation.

The governments of all the world foster the love of home. Liberal laws are enacted with this end in view. The public domain is generously bestowed upon bona fide settlers. The various states, without, we believe, a single exception, have exempted the homes from seizure for even a just debt. In short, the protection and sacredness of the homes goes side by side with that of the person. It is the commendable desire of every worthy citizen to be the owner of his own home in fee simple, and to encourage this desire have all these beneficent laws been enacted.

But God must be in all to insure the full measure of happiness that may therein be produced. In our early Sunday school lessons we were taught that God was everywhere, and, spiritually considered, this is true. Yet it is not in this sense that the expression is used. Nor in the sense that God shall be present in embroidered mottoes on the wall; but that the spirit of Christ—which is peace, justice, love, forbearance, temperance, patience—shall fill the bosoms of those therein dwelling. For where the spirit of Christ abides not, the spirit of evil is sure to intrude. In the spiritual and moral life there are no empty houses.

BRAIN LEAKS

(Selected.)

Optimism is not indifference.

Genuine charity is never near-sighted.

Heaven is not won by success, but by effort.

Faith is the oil that keeps the light of love burning.

The answer to prayer is not always easily understood.

A pastorless church is like an engine without steam.

The road to heaven was not constructed for lazy travelers.

The pies are just as good—the degeneration is in the eater.

Twice nine tailors couldn't make men out of some male bipeds.

We all feel the need of piety when we are up against hard luck.

A man in good health finds it easy to laugh at the ills of others.

The foolish man wastes the present worrying about the future.

A life time of regret is often unfolded in a moment of foolishness.

There is always room at the top, but it isn't so lonesome at the bottom.

The man who seeks temptation merely to show his strength only exhibits his foolishness.

The man who is always taking things as they come sooner or later finds everything going.

A man may profit temporarily by stealing playtime from youth, but his loss will be permanent.

A short sermon is the one that contains the most meat, no matter how long it takes to deliver it.

A lot of young men spend a mint of money to acquire that cheapest of all titles—"Dead Game Sport."

The poorest way to set about converting a hunery man is to hand him a tract and then leave him to read it.

Our idea of wealth is to be able to buy shoes for the children whenever they need them without missing the money.

The reason why lightning never strikes twice in the same place may be that there's nothing left to hit a second time.

No matter how many children there may be in the family, the first step taken by the newest one is always a **Great Event.**

The news that the "comic supplements" are to be discarded by daily newspapers is the first thing we've seen in connection with them to laugh about.

A lot of workmen imagine the "industrial problem" to be how they can put in the time until the whistle blows to knock off work without letting the boss know they are "soldiering on the job."

The foolishness of a moment may mean the regret of a life time.

The man who "takes the world as it comes" is usually left stranded when the tide turns.

This would be a better world if people were as quick to commend as they are to condemn.

About the silliest object we see is the young fellow who is pretending to be a (D.G.S.) Dead Game Sport.

Of course you are not going to buy your Christmas presents early. Getting into the Christmas rush is a big part of the Christmas joy.

One good thing about being on the losing political side is that you are not worried about fixing up any combinations to land a political job.

Men who have less time for business if they worried as much over getting a new suit of clothes as a woman does over having a new dress made.

When a man's business gets so big he hasn't time to wave a farewell to the baby, it is time he took a vacation.

We have often wondered if some women really imagine that us fellows can't distinguish the difference between paint and natural complexion.

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OLD COUNTRY NEWS

INTERESTING ITEMS

An ex-convict, named Robert George Milton, who had been remanded on nine charges of house-breaking, at the Manchester police court, recently, was brought into a corridor to await his turn to go into the dock. While left unguarded he got into an adjoining lavatory, and climbed on to the skylight. He then scaled a wall and dropped 30 feet into the street unobserved. The police, amid great excitement, organized a search for the fugitive, but, to their chagrin, they were unable to find any trace of him.

The young child of William Martin, a Bacup shopman, fell from the third story of a tenement and escaped a shocking death in a miraculous manner. The child was playing on a balcony 40 feet above the street when it climbed the railings and toppled over. Six feet from the ground, however, the child's body fell directly across a clothes line stretched across the street, and the rope, acting much as a net would have done, broke the fall so completely that the child slipped gently off with scarcely a bruise.

Thousands visited Bampton recently to witness the annual dispersal of the wild ponies bred on Exmoor. Born on the moor, they are allowed to roam at will until the last Thursday in October is approaching, when they are collected and driven into Bampton and herded together in pens. It required the united efforts of four or five men to get some of the stubborn little animals into the auction rings. The prices ranged from £1 to £9 for those under twelve months, the older ones making up to £14.

An episode of the old highwayman stamp took place recently at Burnley. A young man named Parkinson was proceeding home through a lonely part of the town known as Healey Heights, late at night, when two men appeared from the shadows of an embankment and confronted him. Both were masked and wore "knuckle-dusters." "Turn out everything you have got," came the demand, and, deeming compliance the best, Parkinson emptied his pockets, and the highwaymen then made off.

A number of fox hounds belonging to the Quorn pack broke away from the huntsmen during a recent run, and ran on the Midland railway near Kegworth station. Seeing an express from Leicester approaching, workmen tried to drive the dogs away, but the animals huddled together like sheep. A signalman put the signals against the express, which slowed down. The hounds scattered when the train was close upon them, but one dog was killed others having narrow escapes.

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 35st, is the tenth birthday of the Presbyterian church in Cranbrook and the event will be celebrated by special services with extra music, morning and evening, and with a special appeal to reduce the mortgage.

The special music in the morning is a vocal solo by Miss Libbie Finniss, "There is a Green Hill Far Away."—Gounod.

The evening music is Gounod's anthem, "Praise Ye the Father," and a vocal solo by Mrs. W. J. DeBeck, 'A Dream of Paradise."—Hamilton Gray.

December 9th, 1908, is also the tercentenary of the great and famous poet, John Milton. The sermon in the evening will be a short appreciation of this Christian Apostle of Truth, together with a brief review of the history of Knox church.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us in this 10th anniversary of our church and 300th anniversary of a great man.

Charles O. Main, Pastor.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

METHODIST CHURCH.

(December 13th.)

Services at 11 and 7.30.

Sunday School and Bible classes at 3 p.m.

At the evening service the fourth of the series of sermons on the Reformation will be given, entitled: "John Knox."

Bright singing, old and well known hymns, visitors invited.

Tuesday—Epworth League missionary meeting. A fine collection of slides will be shewn through a powerful lantern, illustrating the work in the north. This will be a very pleasant and instructive programme. Admission free. Collection.

Friday—Prayer service at 8 o'clock. Choir practice at 8.45.

MARRIED.

At the Methodist parsonage on Monday last Mr. G. A. Lee, of Wardner, was united in marriage to Miss L. A. Henders. A few immediate friends witnessed the ceremony, and the party left on the eastbound train.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECT OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Crescent Lodge, K. of P., Tuesday evening officers were elected for the ensuing term as follows:

C. C.—J. B. Henderson.
V. C.—Geo. T. Smith.
Prelate—R. A. Whebell.
M. of W.—E. F. Johnson.
K. of R. & S.—J. L. Walker.
M. at A.—W. Sumpton....
I. G.—J. C. Woodward!
O. G.—J. M. Boyes.

REBEKAHS ELECT OFFICERS.

Maple Leaf Rebekah lodge held a very enjoyable session last evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Mrs. F. E. Simpson—Noble Grand.
Miss L. M. Tannhauser—Vice-Grand
Miss Ada Hickenbotham—Recording Secretary.
Miss Belle Moran—Financial Secretary.
Miss Margaret Johnson—Treasurer.

CURLING.

The ice at the rink is in great shape now. It is the desire of the managing committee that all skips have their rinks in shape by Saturday so that they can draw for the competitions for the trophies. The Cranbrook Curling club has joined both the Kootenay Curling association and the Alberta branch of the Royal Caledonia association, so that they can compete both east and west. Cranbrook will play Fernie for the district competition and the winner will represent the district at the Calgary bonspiel in that particular competition. George Hoggarth has been elected first vice-president of the Kootenay association. The news was brought to him when he was on the ice and it is said that his girth visibly increased and that he never missed a shot afterwards. A resolution was passed at the last meeting of the club to the effect that no skip can enter a competition unless all the members of his rink have paid their fee.

Following is a list of the rinks that will take part in the different competitions:

D. J. Main, C. Abbott, E. Home, A. McCowan, skip.
W. A. Rollins, P. E. Wilson, skip.
F. Reeves, W. D. Laidlaw, G. Leitch, R. E. Beattie, skip.
J. G. Sutherland, J. A. Arnold, M. B. King, E. H. Small, A. Ingram, G. Hoggarth, skip.
J. Miller, W. DeBeck, A. C. Bowness, D. J. McSweyn, skip.
Wm. Harris, E. Johnston, J. Baker, D. Abbott, A. S. Ward, skip.
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Dr. Rutledge, J. H. King, W. S. Hall, V. A. Rollins, J. F. M. Pinkham, skip.
J. Kennedy, L. Langin, Dr. Miles, A. L. McDermot, skip.
N. A. McArthur, J. Nunns, A. Shankland, E. H. Patmore, skip.
N. I. Harrison, C. O. Main, J. McCallum, J. G. McCallum, skip.
S. Hoskins, R. Burns, W. G. Grubbe, G. T. Rogers, skip.
C. Pigeon, C. R. Ward, W. Attridge, J. B. Henderson, skip.
J. Fulton, H. Spence, J. Manning, W. H. Wilson, B. H. Short, skip.
—. Rothwell, R. T. Brymner, G. H. Thompson, J. Cholditch, skip.
T. C. Phillips, R. Sinclair, J. Jackson, W. Cameron, skip.
W. Halsal, W. S. Ward, A. Nesbit, A. A. McKinnon, skip.
D. J. Elmer, Dr. F. W. Green, A. B. Macdonald, M. A. Macdonald, T. M. Roberts, skip.
W. F. Gurd, N. A. Wallinger, M. A. Beale, F. R. Morris, J. T. Burns, skip.
M. D. Billings, H. H. McVittie, R. S. Aikens, C. McDougal, skip.
F. K. Beach, J. A. Ferguson, J. P. Fink, J. Dunlap, skip.

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Hoggarth	Ward
McDougal	McDermot
Dunlap	McCowan
Roberts	Rogers
Short	Aikens
Cholditch	Henderson
McKinnon	Cameron
	Morris

NOTES.

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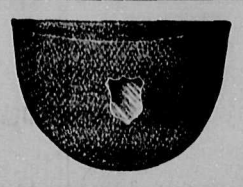

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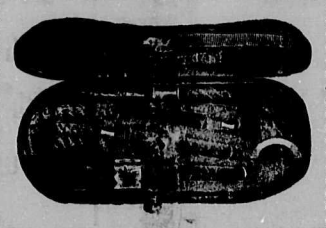

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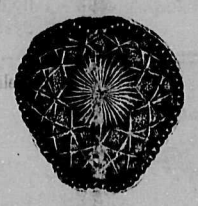

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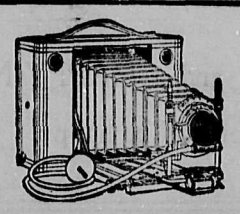

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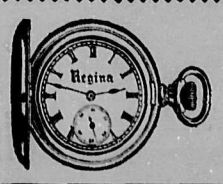

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THE OLD TIMERS

A class that is unfortunately rapidly disappearing from amongst us is that of the genuine, old time, prospectors and placer miners who held true to the code of honor and the traditions of an earlier generation. Prodigal of their wealth when they had it, they endured hardships of a almost incredible character with a stoicism that was heroic. As a class they were the biggest hearted men in the world, whose sympathies woke like a flash to the touch of affliction in another. Their word was their bond, and be it ever remembered, they took insult from no man. They lie, too, many of them, in unmarked graves, though some, to be sure, have the great mountain peaks of the Rockies and the Selkirks for their monuments, while creeks in plenty sing their names to the quiet nights. Only the best of them survived down to those later times since a constant system of elimination was steadily going forward cutting down the undesirables who failed to prove their worth in word and act. The giants lived on in the warmth of the regard and respect of all about them, the less worthy drifted away. Thus it came about that within a very few years ago, especially in the Lardeau country, one could encounter with some of the very finest of the class referred to. At that time communication with the placer grounds and mineral claims was hard of accomcomplishment so that every one knew every one else. There existed such a sense of absolute security in the trust and honesty of those about them that no man dreamed of locking his door or of doing more in the way of setting bolt and bar on his gold dust than putting it away in some empty pepper box. Every man's goods were safe. Etiquette of a rude kind existed. One of its rules was that no man wanting a meal should pass another man's shack without helping himself to what was there, and this whether the owner was at home or out attending to his work. The meal disposed of, it was the rule to carefully wash all soiled dishes and put back everything in its own place. Failure in these little matters was a gross breach of good manners most bitterly resented and the offender dubbed a dirty condemned son of a female dog with the entire approval of the community. For offences of a graver kind and sort the verdict was pronounced "He's no good." This was usually followed by a quiet order to shift to other ground, and if the man did not act on the order he pretty soon found he was running the serious risk of having a bullet placed in such portion of his skull as rendered medical skill of little avail. So those little bands of fearless men were drawn to each other with hooks of steel, and when the country began to be opened up and strange faces became common, they came to be looked on, especially by those who had brains and heart enough to look below their rough exteriors, as the very salt of the earth. And they were. Pity it is that so few of them survive to teach a weak kneed generation the value of pluck, manliness and the value of honest truth and worth in the battle of life. It needed but a short acquaintance with any of them of cheap deceits and the so called to become alive to the shallowness to the jails, mostly. And there they "smartness" that is supposed to be the summit of human wisdom with a class of empty-headed fools who flourish for a day and disappear—rightly belong.

Still, the old-timers were far from being Puritans and strict moralists in the narrow sense that seeks to railroad the entire community to heaven by making life a positive hell upon earth by all kinds of petty exactions and restrictions of reasonable enjoyments. Small blame to them if they failed to understood why the ninety and nine should be treated as unreasoning beings just because the hundredth man made a beast of himself with drink. Theoretical religion as preached from comfortable pulpits made small appeal to them.

Only the other day Jack McNeil, who worked for many years on the Moyie river, was called home by the God whom he adored in the wide spaces and in the hills the manifestations of his glory. It is told by Billy West how, that when Billy and his partner had come in from Bonners Ferry and had started to work on Weaver creek, their food supply ran out. Some six dollars was the total of the result of their placering to that time, and with this pinch of gold Billy went down to Ridgway's camp, where Jack was one of the bosses.

"What are the chances for some grub?" said Billy to McNeil.

"The chances are of the best," answered Jack. "Come up along to the shack. We are making good money here, and I'm told you chaps haven't hit the pay streak yet."

Arrived at the shack Jack slammed down on the table a chunk of pork weighing over seventy pounds, half a sack of flour and a lot of tea. Food in those days cost like bank notes in this part of East Kootenay for there was little or no transportation facilities as we at present understand them.

"Look here, pard," said Billy, fairly astonished at the supply offered him, "I have only six dollars in dust in my jeans, and I cannot pay for all that pile of stuff."

"That's all right, son," answered Jack. "Pay for it when you can. If you never can pay for it I'll know it is not your fault."

A man with a big, warm heart like that will never have rough times when the scales of the Eternal Justice are adjusted to decide his fate. There has been a deal of good air thrown into violent agitation since that day and time by eloquent preachers and profound moralists of the arm-chair variety, but the rough and ready appeal to the necessities of the actual situation of that touch of kindness lives as a monument to poor Jack when the vaporings of the moralists who would look on Jack as a brand for the burning, are dead and fargotten as things that never were.

The story is told of Jack Atchison and Dave Morgan, both veteran prospectors of the Lardeau and both, happily still living, that they died and went to look for eternal lodgings at the Golden Gates. They met with the good St. Peter and asked how things looked in the Celestial World. Peter is a man of great experience in the styles of the various applicants, and noticed that they were somewhat out of the common run.

"Where do you men come from?" he asked.

"We come from the Lardeau," said Dave, "and more by token we only made one or two decent stakes in our lives below there."

"Lardeau! Lardeau!! Don't think I have a single soul from that address. Come in."

They went in, and walked up the golden streets.

"Looks a purty fair prospect," said Dave.

"I never liked them darned blanket veins," replied Jack, "and this is one of 'em sure." Jack did not want to display any undue enthusiasm, being a man of great experience.

"Blanket or no blanket," said Dave, "I'm goin' to have some of the truck assayed, and if it pans out O. K. we'll just naturally sink on her till h—l freezes." It assayed 24 carat—pure gold and worth $20 an ounce.

Inside two days they had down a shaft, and a saloon in full blast on the side, and a dump and pack animals, and the very time of their lives. St. Peter was on the point of losing his job for permitting such a tearing up of the golden streets and was almost beside himself, the decent man. Of course, there was no possible means of getting rid of them except they were pleased to depart of their own free wills.

In the height of the trouble up comes Jim Graham, chief teamster for Andy Daney, of Ferguson. After he had got his passport he naturally headed for the Jack and Dave claim and found our heroes happy beyond the power of words to describe. Jim at once took a contract for the ore hauling to the mill that was being erected down by the Gate of Jasper, a down hill haul and on the finest kind of a road, at $10 a ton for two miles and a half. Jim was going to make a fortune.

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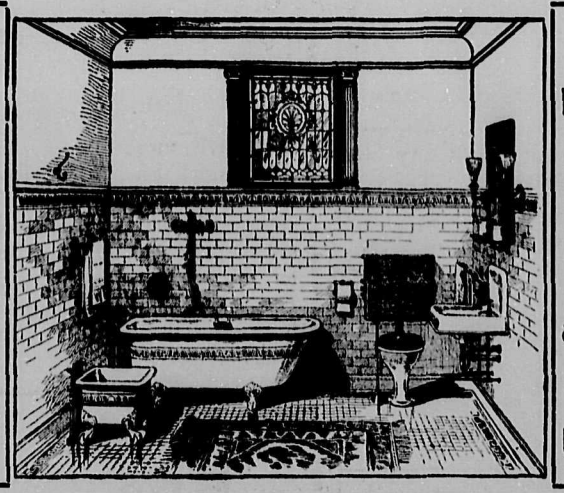

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THE OLD TIMERS

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After a month of this kind of thing along came news that a new strike had been made about three miles outside the gates, and away went the three lads from the Lardeau, just because they heard that the chaps at the new ground were digging out diamonds as big as cocoa nuts, and that gold was a drug in the market—or would be in another month at the best.

This yarn was told to those worthies in the flesh, and there never was a narrative that tickled them more, for they saw the point of it in all clearness. It reads as follows: The new strike is always the attraction, for the gold is always in the next county.

The following is perfectly true. Jimmy Cague had a man working for him on a small placer at Ten Mile above Ferguson who got his leg broken by a boulder. It took Jimmy's last dollar to pack the man out to Revelstoke for medical treatment. But Jimmy got him to the hospital and went back to his claim broken in pocket but proud he had done his duty by his friend. He knew he could not finish his season, but determined to work on as long as his grub held out. With one meal still in sight, and no more, he went back for a final wrestle with his luck. That very hour he hit the pay dirt, and the writer saw one nugget of that day's yield that was worth $75. His clean-up for the run worked out at over $2,000.

Another of the old timers was recently lost from the scenes of his activities along Wild Horse Creek in Robert L. Dore. He was Irish by birth and knew the adventures of the Californian Forty Niners as one who took an active part in them. No one of the Wild Horse placer miners made more, or as much as Bob in his heyday. But little of it stayed with him owing to his unthinking generosity. Of late years he seems to have lived on dreams of strange metals, one of them being tin, strangely enough. He certainly found nickel on the Wild Horse in the form of an ore called cornvite. When a member of his family found out, and let him know, that all his dreams were but dreams, not realities, the thread of hope within him snapped and death came quickly. He showed the writer a piece of ground near the Chinese shacks in the bottom of Wild Horse gulch about two hundred yards square that he stated yielded over $600,000 in gold dust. He was the first man to use the hydraulic system for gold washing in East Kootenay and brought in huge rubber pipes, reinforced with rope, from San Francisco to convey the water to the very ground on which he afterwards found the nickel ore.

Many a summit must you pass and many a stream from the scene of Bob Dore's exploits until you come to that of Jimmy Floyd, a Welshman, and Patsey Murphy. Floyd was a man six feet three in height and thin as a rat while Patsey was low, stoutly built, and strong as an ox. They always seemed to do well, and were truly comfortable in their own rough and plentiful way. Happier than kings, too. The friend, or foe, who passed their cabin without having a meal if they wanted it, was apt to hear some remarks on his ancestry when next he met either of the proprietors. It was part of their rule of life that only one of them would ever go to the nearest town for supplies. Thus, if it were Floyd's turn to go, go he would and having made all purchases, he went and got drunk with deadly certainty. He went home usually accompanied by one of the boys, or maybe two or three. There was sure to be fun at the Murphy snack. No matter how late or dark it might be on Floyd's arrival it was his custom to start in to split wood, with remarks on the scandalous laziness of Murphy.

"Here I am," Floyd would remark, "breakin' me heart for this worthless, lazy, son-of-a-gun. When I get back from Ferguson, or Trout Lake tired to the bone with packin' about a thousand pounds o' grub over the highest pints in the blasted Lardeau, maybe you'd think that Murphy would have the makin's of a fire ready? No, sir. If I've told him once, I've told him not less than twenty-four thousand times that I'll be the death of him. An' now, boys, my mind is made up. I'll kill Murphy, though mind you, he is my pard But, 'tis against nature that I'm to be left without a stick o' wood for the stove."

All this time the stove was going like a locomotive, and Murphy sleeping, quiet as a baby, in his bunk. After a little Floyd's grumbling was sure to wake him.

"H'm. Dhrunk again. Have ye no regard for dacancy, Floyd, ye low lived baste? Go to bed, I'm tellin' ye, an' if ye dont, be the terrors o' war, I'll soon make ye."

"Murphy, you'll die by my hands, by there means of that there Winchester rifle of the latest make. I've sworn it, an' now you'll just naturally be murdered. Av, if I was to be hanged three times over for the crime—only 'tis no crime to kill a bung-eyed cayote like you."

About this time Murphy would be on the floor and would take Floyd and whirl him in the air like a flap jack, smite him down into a chair with a crash fit to jar the foundations of his system, and proceed to undress him. This operation finished, Murphy would hoist him on his back again and with a hitch of his shoulders and loins, shoot him into his bunk, pretty much as a man would heave a sack of flour onto an upper tier. So ended Floyd's spree.

When Patsey went to town, he, too, got drunk, mellowly, and serenely drunk. On arriving home it was his habit of celebrating to sit on a particular stump near the door and all through the night to sing Irish street ballads, like "The Pashteen Fion," "The Royal Blackbird," "The Caravat Jig," and others of the sort in a voice that made the mountains echo for miles around. When Patsey had sung every song he could think of to some imaginery audience, he would come indoors and taking a "holt" of giant magnitude would retire to his couch and snore for the rest of the night. Next day all was forgotten. It is ten to one but that extraordinary partnership still continues, and long may it flourish, for the partners were the source of unending fun in their local. ity, and the best of good fellows.

Billy Rogers was supposed to have a familiar demon near him at all times when in the hills in the shape of a big silver tip. No one ever heard a word of this monster until Billy got a few drinks inside his belt, and then, provided one were a real friend, he imparted the story something in this wise:

"Y-e-s, I guess I have a chunk of a bear up there all right. Found him when he was a bit of a cub not bigger'n my fist. Reared him on cream, St. Charles Cream, an' truck like that. Pet? Well, you might call him that. Slept in my bunk, an' I tell you he was good an' warm of a winter's night. Sometimes he'd shove me clean unten the bed till I's have to just whale time unten him—to teach him manners. An' I taught him, you bet. Best mannered bear in these regions round an' about. Bimeby he got big an' husky, an' after that bigger an' huskier, an' after that again, he got about as big as a small elephant. He'd smell me two miles off, an' then John L., that's what I called him, 'd come tearin' through the woods to shake hands with me. Yes, sir. Shake hands, jest like a christian. One time I came home after havin a few "shots" an' not bein' able to navigate any too well, John L. fell in with me as usual. He saw what was the matter, you bet your neck, an' as I paddled along down he dropped in front o' me, by accident like, an' I flopped over him. In gettin' up I straddled him, an' 'fore I knew what he was doin', away with him, an' me on his back straight for the shack, an' myself hangin' on to his fur, one grip on his shoulder an' another with the off hand on his flank. There ain't in these parts a better saddle bear than John L., even if I say it. Well, sir, when we got home, I celebrated the occasion by givin' John L. a proper old jolt outen the jimmyjohn that I keep for medicine up there. When the juice began to work on him, his little eyes began to twinkle with fun, and then a kind of a wrinkle kem down from his brow to his snoot. That meant light. He went outside the door an' standin' up on his behind legs, he hit a big pine a wallop with his left an' knocked about seventeen yards o' barks, just buzzin', off it. That was to show his strength. Then he lit out, an' inside five minutes there was a bloodiest ruction goin' forward up the hill that ever scandalized these old mountains. Next morning back came John L. all battered and bust up as to his head and shoulders, but still all to the good. Plain thing, he had been in the deuce an' all of a scrap, but for all his sport of the night before he was down at heart. 'Twas only human nature to give him an eye opener. I gave it him, all right an' then he fell asleep, snorin' melodious. Bimeby I nips out an' up hill with me to view the scene of the battle. On the ground lay five silver tips, not one scalin' less than half a ton and most of 'em a deal more, an' all dead as Mark Anthony. John L. had been settlin' a few old scores amongst these denizens o' the forest. An' well killed they were too. Not much damage to the hides, ye see, for all went over the divide by way of a broken neck. That killin' was worth slathers o' money to me. You can see John L. anytime you come up to the claim—that is, if he ain't out huntin'. 'Tis dry work talkin'. Set 'em up, Freddy."

One could run on indefinitely with stories of those remarkable and most ly limited when it comes to dealing theoretically unlimited in the philosophical sense, is very practicalloveable men, but space, though with space in the newspaper view of the term. So a halt must be called, with a deep and earnest wish that it may be many and many a day before the curtain rings down on the Old Timers with a stage direction in this form "Exeunt Omnes."

Joseph Ryan.

BAND CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT

GOOD PROGRAMME OF VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

Following is the programme of the concert of the Cranbrook City band to be given at the Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) evening:

Concert march ....
.... "The Gingerbread Cadets"
Baldwin Sloane.
"Reminiscences of Scotland" ... .
.... — Arr. Beyer
Cranbrook City Band.
Vocal Solo ....Selected
.... Miss Lillie Finniss
Vocal Solo, "Love, the Peddler ...
.... E German.
Mrs. M. B. Divett.
Vocal Solo, "Thora," ....
.... Stephen Adams
Mr. F. W. Reeves.
Solos for Cornet and Euphonium—
"Love's Old Sweet Song" ...Molloy
Mr. W. Miller and Bandmaster Corrison.
(Five Minutes Intermission.)
Patriotic Selection—"O Canada"
Cranbrook City Band.
Vocal Solo ....Selected
Mr. J. Burns.
Vocal Solo, "Good Bye" ... ... Tosti
Mrs. M. B. Divett.
Vocal Solo ....Selected
Mr. F. W. Reeves.
Indian Intermezzo "Rainbow" ... ...
.... Percy Wenrick
Cranbrook City Band.
Characteristic Pride "The Band Did Not Strike" ... . Dalbery
"God Save the King."
Accompanists:—Mrs. I. Manning.
Mr. C. Salmon.
Mr. Evans.
Conductor—F. E. Corrison, R.M.S.M.

ZAM-BUK AS A CURE FOR PILES

IMPRESSIVE CURES OF WOMEN SUFFERERS.

OUR READERS SHOULD NOTE THESE CASES.

Wherever there is suffering from piles, Zam-Buk should be applied! There are lots of reasons for this, but one of the best is that in practically all cases of piles where the use of Zam-Buk is persevered with complete cure—not mere relief—is the result.

Mrs. Wm. Hughes, of 253, Hochelaga, Montreal, says: "I suffered from blind itching, and protruding piles for years. Sometimes they were so bad that I could hardly bear to move about. The inflammation, the burning smarting pain, the throbbing, the aching, the overpowering feelings of dulness and dark despair which this ailment brings, the shooting spasms of agony—all were so terrible that only sufers from this awful ailment can understand!"

Bad as this case was, Zam-Buk triumphed, and Mrs. Hughes suffers no longer. It needed a little perseverance with Zam-Buk certainly, but in the end it cured!

Mrs. E. Boxall, of Scott Street, St. Thomas, says: "For months without cessation I endured great pain from bleeding piles. For as many months I tried everything which I thought would give me ease, but in the end, dispirited and still suffering, I gave in."

Then it was she heard of Zam-Buk, and she adds: "Although I feared Zam-Buk would be like the ordinary remedies—useless—I am glad it was not. It soon proved itself to be very different. It rapidly gave me relief, and after a time cured me completely. I would like to let sufferers from piles know what a grand thing Zam-Buk is."

So one could go on quoting case after case, and it is by working such cures that Zam-Buk has earned for itself its great reputation.

Now if you suffer from this terribly painful ailment just be guided by the foregoing cases!

For internal piles melt a little Zam-Buk and thoroughly soak a wad, made of clean but old linen. Then apply to the part. If the piles are external, application of Zam-Buk is still more simple. Do it upon retiring. Next morning you will be well satisfied!

Zam-Buk is a cure also for cold sores, and chapped cracked hands, ulcers, festering sores, blood poisoning, eczema, bad leg, ringworm, scalp sores, burns, scalds, and all skin diseases and injuries.

All druggists and stores sell Zam-Buk at 50c. a box, or may be obtained post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price; 3 boxes for $1.25. You are warned, however, against cheap and dangerous imitations sometimes offered as being "just as good."

CRANBROOK LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY.

Take notice that I, William West, occupation, Engineer, intend to apply for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains east and 40 chains south of the south-east corner of Lot 8435; thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains.

William West.

Located December 7th, 1908. 39-9t

CRANBROOK LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY.

Take notice that I, John Leask, occupation, Tailor, intend to apply for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 8435; thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains.

William West,
Agent for John Leask.
Located December 7th, 1908. 39-9t

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This is our third Christmas in Cranbrook. We therefore wish our customers, and those who will become our customers, all the compliments of the season.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALTIES

Solto Malaga Cluster Raisins
Sultana Raisins
Grecian Archipelago Currants
Samatra Figs
Nuts of all kinds
Mixed Candied Peels
Apples, Oranges, Jap Oranges, Lemons and Grapes

GREEN VEGETABLES

Lettuce, Cauliflower, Celery, Etc.

CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY

Ganong's and McConkey's Chocolates in bulk and in handsome boxes
G. B. Barley Toys, Candy Beads, Etc.
Pipes, Tobaccos, Cigars and Smokers' Supplies
Cut Flowers and Plants for Christmas. Order Them Early

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"THE QUALITY STORE"

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The Premier Beer of the World!

No Christmas Dinner is Complete Without A BOTTLE OF PABST

People now-a-days want the BEST of everything. That is why the demand for PABST BEER is increasing so enormously. In 1844 the annual capacity of the PABST BREWING COMPANY was 300 barrels (9,300 gallons) equal to 775 barrels of Bottled Beer. The PRESENT ANNUAL CAPACITY of the PABST BREWING COMPANY is 2,000,000 barrels (62,000,000 gallons) equal to 5,166,666⅔ barrels of Bottled Beer. Up to August 1st, 1907 PABST BEER was an unknown quantity in the "Banana Belt." From that day to this, however, over ONE THOUSAND BARRELS OF PABST BOTTLED BEER HAVE BEEN SOLD IN CRANBROOK.

"YES, I SAID PABST"

Just Received

A large consignment of CROFT & CO.'s world famous OLD PORT WINES, direct from Oporto, Spain. An excellent Tonic.

A complete stock and full assortment of Scotch, Irish and Canadian Whiskies, Bass' Ale, Guinness' Stout, Porter and White Seal Champagne.

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PICKED UP ABOUT THE CITY BY ASKING QUESTIONS OF MANY PEOPLE.

Trunks, $7.00.—C. C. S.

Timber Inspector Carney was in the city yesterday.

It would pay you to see VanWormer for stoves. 38-2t

T. J. Mullen, of Blairmore, was in the city on Tuesday.

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Edward Anderson, of Moose Jaw, Sask., was in the city this week.

WANTED—Odd jobs of any kind. Apply Bill Smith, Cranbrook. 38

Al. Doyle, of Fort Steele, was in the city on Tuesday.

Trunks, $7.00.—C. C. S.

J. W. Robertson left on a trip to Red Deer yesterday.

It would pay you to see VanWormer for stoves. 38-2t

Fred Bowness, of Moyie, was a Cranbrook visitor yesterday.

The sand elevator at the C.P.R. station was destroyed by fire on Monday morning last at 2 a.m.

NICE FIVE ROOMED HOUSE TO rent. Reasonable rent to suitable party. Apply to Mrs. Hilton, north end Van Horne avenue. 38

W. H. Herchmer, barrister, of Fernie, was in the city this week on legal business.

A carload of trunks for you to choose from. Prices low as $3.75.—C. C. S.

P. Lund and Mrs. Lund, of Wardner, were Cranbrook visitors yesterday.

Wm. Reynolds has gone to the coast to spend the Christmas holidays.

Fred Hazen, of Moyie, was in town to attend the Odd Fellows ball last night.

H. Y. Parker and wife returned yesterday from a trip to Skookumchuck.

Miss Staples, sister of Otis Staples, left last Tuesday on a visit to Minneapolis.

E. J. Clayton, merchant, of Moyie and Marysville, was in Cranbrook yesterday.

Trunks, $3.75.—C. C. S.

D. R. Yates, of the Otis Staples Lumber company, was in the city yesterday.

F. W. Burgess of Wardner, was in town yesterday to attend the Odd Fellows ball.

Leave your Xmas order at once for cut flowers at Campbell & Manning's. 38-2t

Thomas Martin, of the C.P.R. engineering department, of Calgary, is in the city today.

An iron railing has been put in place at the post office to prevent crowding at the wicket.

For choice confectionery we are easy the winners.—Campbell & Manning. 38-2t

Trunks, $3.75.—C. C. S.

William Moffatt, lumberman, of Claresholm, Alta., was in the city for several days this week.

William Carlin, Fort Steele's merchant-prince, was in Cranbrook at the beginning of the week.

Trunks, $7.00.—C. C. S.

The burial of the infant daughter of J. Gibson took place last Sunday, the Rev. Main officiating.

Green vegetables at Xmas are not a luxury, but a necessity. Get them at Campbell & Manning's. 38-2t

Lettuce at Christmas is a luxury no doubt but you can have it at Campbell & Manning's, The Quality Store.

Suit cases, $3.25.—C. C. S.

Cut flowers and potted plants make an acceptable Christmas present.—Campbell & Manning, The Quality Store.

G.B.D., B.B.B. and Peterson pipes, new Xmas stock.—Campbell & Manning. 38-2t

The Telegraphers will hold their annual ball in February. Everybody looks forward to the Telegraphers ball because everyone has a good time.

Trunks, $7.00.—C. C. S.

V. Hyde Baker has added to his string of insurance companies by getting the agency for the Manitoba Fire Insurance company and the National of Hartford.

Afternoon tea sets, six cups and saucers, six plates, sugar, cream and tea pot, $8.00, $10.00 and $20.00 at G. T. Rogers.

SPECIAL RATES EAST will be in order shortly. You must have a trunk or a grip of some kind. Our price for the next three weeks is way down.—C. C. S.

Patmore Bros. are enjoying a splendid trade in their high grade ranges, the new "SASK-ALTA" and the old reliable "KOOTENAY." These are made by the largest range makers under the British flag and are built for service.

W. D. Hill has returned from the coast and will be here about a month. While here Mr. Hill will take stock after which he will rejoin his family at Vancouver.

Trunks, $7.00.—C. C. S.

C. M. Edwards returned on Monday from a hunting trip on the south fork of Elk river. Mr. Edwards reports that both deer and sheep are plentiful in that district.

Patmore Bros. are offering the balance of their Kitchen Cabinets at a give-away price of $5.00. A suitable Xmas present.

Suit cases, $3.25.—C. C. S.

The Rev. Main has received a letter from the Rev. A. Dunn, who is now at Indore, Central India. Mr. Dunn was in charge of the Presbyterian church here some years ago.

A carload of trunks for you to choose from. Prices low as $3.75.—C. C. S.

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Briggs was taken to St. Eugene hospital Sunday evening and operated upon for appendicitis. At present he is doing very nicely.

Trunks, $3.75.—C. C. S.

J. F. Toomie, chief veterinary inspector for the Dominion government in British Columbia, was in town this week consulting with W. S. Bell, V. S., the local vetinerary officer.

THE CHEAP RATES EAST will find you in need of a trunk or grip. Buy while price is low.—C. C. S.

Confectionery of all kinds, chocolates, bon bons and all those little things that go to make Christmas what it is, can be purchased at Campbell & Manning's, The Quality Store.

Trunks, $3.75.—C. C. S.

A. B. Smith and his sister, Miss Flora Smith, of Fort Steele, were in the city on Tuesday. Miss Smith will leave shortly to visit friends in Eastern Ontario and Brooklyn, New York.

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SPECIAL RATES EAST will be in order shortly. You must have a trunk or a grip of some kind. Our price for the next three weeks is way down.—C. C. S.

The C.P.R. agent reports that the excursion business east is very heavy just now and that the steamship bookings for the Old Country are greater than any previous year.

Trunks, $3.75.—C. C. S.

Paul St. John, of the Island hotel, Waldo, was in the city on Tuesday. Mr. St. John has been in the hospital at Lethbridge for the last two weeks, suffering from blood poisoning of the arm.

Thomas Rader, of Morrissey, was in Cranbrook on Tuesday. Mr. Rader says that everything is picking up in that coal camp and that the coal company are increasing their force all the time.

Trunks, $3.75.—C. C. S.

James Ryan visited Fernie on Tuesday on business connected with the Kootenay Telephone Lines. Mr. Ryan says that excellent progress is being made in the installation work of the telephone.

G. T. Rogers has gotten out a Christmas box, which will be thoroughly appreciated by his customers. It consists of a handsome tea caddie containing a supply of the famous G.T.R. brand of tea.

From now till Xmas we offer big reductions in grips and suit cases.—C. C. S.

George Lloyd, of Wasa, Fort Steele and Cranbrook, had the misfortune to break his collar bone last Saturday while riding from Fort Steele to Cranbrook. His horse stumbled and rolled over him. Dr. Green is in charge of the case and Mr. Floyd is progressing favorably.

J. Neilson, Mrs. Neilson and their family will leave for Vancouver tomorrow or the next day, where they will reside in future. Mr. Neilson, his wife and daughters will be missed by a very large circle of friends, which they have made during their residence in Cranbrook.

THE CHEAP RATES EAST will find you in need of a trunk or grip. Buy while price is low.—C. C. S.

Charles D. Vroman, of Winnipeg, Man., was in the city this week shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Vroman is one of Cranbrook's old timers, having been proprietor of the Wentworth hotel in the old days. Mr. Vroman's many friends were delighted to see him looking so well.

Suit cases, $3.25.—C. C. S.

The Fink Mercantile company are giving their customers by way of a Christmas present a handsome Japanese tea pot. These are made of Kobanabe ware and are of a terra cotta color with a green shield carrying on unobtrusive advertisement for the great East Kootenay store.

Major Morris, the provincial commander of the Pacific province of the Salvation Army will visit Cranbrook Friday evening next, the 18th. There will be special singing and music, and the major will play his part well for he is a splendid musician. A welcome is extended to all.

From now till Xmas we offer big reductions in grips and suit cases.—C. C. S.

Rev. C. O. Main and J. F. Smith will go to Jaffray tomorrow to entertain the people there with illustrations and descriptions of Bonnie Scotland. Mr. Smith will tell of his recent trip there this summer. The entertainment is to raise money to aid the local public school.

From now till Xmas we offer big reductions in grips and suit cases.—C. C. S.

A GOOD PAPER

The Victoria Colonist is now fifty years old and can easily claim the distinction of being one of the very best daily newspapers in Western Canada. In fact there is no daily paper that we take home with more pleasure (and there are very few daily papers that we do take home) than the Colonist. Its news columns are always interesting and fully cover the field, its editorial page is able and fair although during the heat of the election campaign some people may think otherwise, and its Sunday issue is always a gem. It would be impossible for anyone to measure up the great good that the Colonist has done and is doing for Victoria and Western British Columbia. We take pleasure in congratulating the present management on being in charge of the paper at its fiftieth birthday, and trust that they may live to continue for many years to come the excellent work that they are now doing. Last Sunday the Colonist issued a jubilee number of 136 pages, which we believe is the largest paper ever issued in the Dominion of Canada. We don't know what is in the paper and probably never will, unless we can take a month's vacation and devote the time to the hundreds of columns of good things in that issue. We believe it will prove one of the best advertisements British Columbia has ever had and the government could not do better than to send thousands of that issue to London as an aid to immigration.