

Successful Concert Given By Royston School Children

A very successful concert was given by the Royston school children which was thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and many visitors.

The program was varied, consisting of songs, dances, recitations, sketches and piano selections.

Among the laughter-making items was one causing much merriment: The Visit of the ten Niggers." Hibbert McLeod's violin playing showed wonderful control over his instrument, and one feels confident, from the talent displayed that evening, that a Junior Orchestra could be formed at Royston at no very distant date, or maybe even an amateur theatrical society.

Much of the pleasure of the evening was contributed by the musical items on the piano and drums given by Mrs. Morton and Mr. Audrey Morton.

After the program Santa surprised everyone by a kindly visit and proved very generous in his distribution of bags of candy, nuts, apples and oranges, and presents of many kinds, besides 'tis said he even remembered some of the bachelors.

When Mr. Dalby, who had kindly consented to act as chairman of the meeting, had called the audience to order again, a vote of appreciation of Mrs. Kelly's work was moved by Mr. Silience and seconded by Major Hilton.

Mrs. Kelly then thanked the trustees and parents of the pupils and many friends throughout the district for their co-operation and help in making the evening a pleasant one for the children, after which the singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

Report Of The Cumberland High School

Standing of Pupils for Months of November and December 1923

Normal Entrance and Junior Matriculation maximum mark, 800.
Margaret McNaughton, Florence Jones, Fanny Strachan, Edward Hughes, Howard Carey, Malcolm Stewart, Keith McLean.

Two pupils in the above class were unavoidably absent from the examinations.

Second Year

Maximum mark 900.
Soshi Kajijama, Saddle Brown, Edward Bickle, Nellie Potter, Chrissie Sutherland, Nora Glen, Some Abe, Gwenneth Emily, Henry Watson.

Preliminary or First Year

Maximum mark 900.
Edna Gear, Soshiko Iwasa, Mary Walker, Oresti Frelone, Jessie McKee, Edith O'Brien, Willie Brown, Margaret Robinson, Bable Jones, Charlie Bobba, Irene Jones, Arnold McDonald, Jessie Baird, Vera Pickett, Robert Watt, Ella Burns, Albert Gomm, George Brown, Beth Horbury, Jessie Brown, Josephine Bono, Marjorie Grant, Jack Richardson, Leslie Merrifield, Leland Harrison, Norman Robinson.

DRAWING TAKES PLACE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

The winning numbers for the prizes being raffled by the Rangers' Football Club, will be drawn for at the end of the first show Saturday night, December 29th.

USUAL RATES

There will be no special fares on Canadian railway lines for the British Empire Exhibition to be held in London, England, next year, according to an announcement made by Canadian National passenger officials at Winnipeg. However, they pointed out that the usual low excursion rates from points in Canada will prevail to Atlantic ports.

The Misses Edith and Etta Hood, Beatrice Bickle and Christina MacKinnon returned home Saturday from Normal School, Victoria, to spend the holidays with their parents.

"THE RAMBLING KID"

The Prescott Rodeo, the nationally famous institution of the modern West to which cowboys from every state come to compete, was the background for Hoot Gibson's latest Universal Special Production "The Rambling Kid," which will be at the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on Friday and Saturday. Hoot plays the intrepid cowboy of the famous novel by Earl Wayland Bowman, who captures an outlaw wild horse in the hills, entering her in the big rodeo.

Thrilling feats of horsemanship mark every step of the swift-moving play. Bulldogging and other events in the big rodeo are used for background in the story. The race scene at the rodeo track, is one of the most thrilling ever filmed.

CRITICS ACCLAIM TOM MIX AS COMEDIAN IN NEW FOX PRODUCTION

Tom Mix scores one of the biggest hits of his screen career in his new William Fox offering, "Soft Bolled," which comes to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre on Monday and Tuesday for a 2-day run. "This is the best picture Tom Mix has ever made," enthuses a New York critic.

"It has everything—fast action, thrills, romance, pretty girls, fun, and attractive settings. As for the star, he shows that he is a real comedian in addition to being a stunt actor par excellence."

"Soft Bolled is really Tom's official bow as a comedian. Dressed in a checker suit that isn't too modest to shriek for itself, with tortoise glasses, and a hat balancing precariously atop his head, Tom proves he's 'soft bolled' by getting a job as a shoe clerk. Then the fun and the action race along in full force and he doesn't slacken for a moment until the final happy close-up."

"ME AND MY GAL"

Betty Balfour, Star in English Picture Highly Praised

"Me and My Gal" is the polliest bit of old London humor we have had here for some time. "Squibs" is a delight. They say in London that Betty Balfour is ousting Mary Pickford for first place in the hearts of screen followers. She has a piquant little face and takes readily to character work.

The piece, which reels with the love of the little flower girl ("Squibs") for the London "Bobby," has mostly slum scenes, but there is a bit of country and Squibs' attempts at cycling and roller skating are very funny. It has a touch of pathos, too and the text is very human.

Not the least appreciated were the familiar views of old London. "There's Piccadilly—just like it really is," you hear someone say, and the tower of London and the Zoo and other well known spots are also seen. "Me and My Gal" comes to the Ilo-Ilo Theatre Friday and Saturday.

INSTALLATION BALL MARKED SUCCESS

The Installation Ball of the Masonic Lodge No. 26 A.F.&A.M., which was held in the Ilo-Ilo dance hall Thursday night, was a marked success from every standpoint. The decorations, which were in the lodge colors, blue and gold, interspersed with Masonic emblems, were magnificent and the decoration committee, under the chairmanship of Wor. Bro. T. H. Carey is to be congratulated for their splendid work. The refreshments were all that could be desired as was the music which was supplied by Plump's Orchestra.

FIRST LECTURE JANUARY 20TH.

The first lecture of the season of the St. John Ambulance Association, Cumberland Centre, will be held in the First Aid Hall on Sunday, January 20, at 11 a.m.

AMERICAN CONSULATE

The American Consul and Mrs. Clinton will be At Home from 4 to 6 p.m. New Year's Day.

Cumberland Public School

December Report

Number Present (measles) 490
Total attendance 5738.6
Percentage attendance 88.9
Lates 27
Perfect attendance 243
The attendance shield goes to Div. VI. (Miss Aspesi) with an attendance of 94.8 per cent.
Albert H. Webb, Supervising Prin.

Division I

Entrance 32; perfect attendance 90.8 Lates 1.
Perfect attendance—Isao Abe, Irene Bates, Evelyn Carey, Mary Conn, Leslie Dande, Archie Dick, Norman Gomm, Jessie Grant, Beryl Hudson, May Hughes, Tom Little, Alastair MacKinnon, Jean MacNaughton, Helen Parnham, Kate Robertson, John Strachan, May Taylor, Robert Yates, Honor Cards—Helen Parnham, Kate Robertson, Jessie Grant, Irene Bates, May Hughes, John Strachan.
For Progress—Robert Yates.
G. E. Apps, Teacher.

Division II

Average attendance 94.16 per cent. Class Leaders—Sam Davis, Andrew Walker, F. Leversedge, T. Iwasa, Yuen Low, Wm. Devoy.
Perfect Attendance—Norman Bate-man, Peter Bardessono, Ella Conn, Sam Davis, Wm. Devoy, Chas. Franci-ola, John Horbury, Tatsumi Iwasa, Yuen Low, Low Man, Dorothy Maxwell, George McLellan, Ruth Oyama, Margaret Richardson, Marguerite Struthers, Chas. Tobacco, Chas. Walker.
H. E. Murray, Teacher.

Division III

Number of roll for month 37, Percentage 91.09, Number of lates 1.
Perfect attendance—Sadaki Asao, Tsuneto Asao, Eleanor Bergland, Annie Beveridge, Lena Bogo, Victor Bono, Andrew Brown, Edna Cawdell, Mary Clark, Edna Conrad, Harold Conrad, Eleanor Davis, Tadashi Dol, Joseph Ducca, Kathleen Emily, Nobui Hayashi, Low How, Margaret Hughes Shiger Kawaguchi, Annie Mann Richard Marpole, Sarah Oyama, Norman Parnham, Emma Pickett, Margaret Shearer, Tusae Sugimori John Sweeney, Isabel Yarrow, John Auchterlonie.
Honor roll—Annie Mann, Low How, Harold Conrad, Isabel Yarrow, Norman Parnham, Lily Leversedge.
M. Tessie A. Gallivan, Teacher.

Division IV

Number on roll 37, Attendance 93.96 per cent. Lates 5.
Perfect attendance—Bill Bergland, Fred Cawdell, Robert Collins, Edna Davis, Reggie Ravis, Iadua Doi, Norman Frelone, Ella Johnston, Jean Johnston, Kishio Kaga, Norah Wallace, Sarah Lawrence, Low Long, Lena Merletti, Peter Mossey, Alex. MacDonald, Charles MacDonald, Bert McLellan, Mary Sweeney, Willie Thompson, Annie Walker, Sahayo Sugimori.
Honor roll—Edna Davis, Norman Frelone, Fred Cawdell, Iadua Wallace, Jean Johnston.
Marjorie Mordy, Teacher

Division V

Number on roll 33, Percentage 91.21, Lates 3.
Perfect attendance—Hugh Braes, James Brown, Jean Brown, Robert Burns, Beatrice Cavallero, Reta Devoy, Harriet Horbury, Sadako Iwasa, Chiyeko Hajijama, Yoshio Kawaguchi, Mildred Lockner, George Logan Margaret McDonald, Kathleen O'Brien Tasku Oyama, Hetoshi Sugimori, Minoru Tahara, Victor Tomassi.
Grade V Sr.—Number in grade, 33.
Honor roll—Chiyeko Kajiyama, Reta Devoy and James Brown equal, Beatrice Cavallero, Harriet Horbury and Isabel Brown equal, Sadako Iwasa Robert Brown, progress.
Annie R. Gatz, Teacher.

Division VI

Number on roll 33, Percentage 94.8, Lates 3.
Perfect attendance—Matsuyo Abe, Andrew Bates, Annie Brown, Josie Burghiner, John Comb, John Dairs, Leslie Farmer, Alven Frelone, Kimeyo Kaga, Tom Mossey, Willie McIntosh, Jean McWhirter, Bessie Nicholas, Low Ping, Willie Shearer, Edward Stock-and, George Strachan, Rosina Thompson, Tom Tobacco, Lena Tomassi, Nellie Walker, Harry Westfield.
Honor roll—Oswald Reid, Alven Frelone, Jean McWhirter, Thomas Robertson, Willie McIntosh and Low Ping equal. Progress—Douglas Baird, Leslie Farmer.
Vivian Aspesy, Teacher.

Division VII

Number on roll 38, Percentage 89.6, Lates 3.
Perfect attendance—May Beveridge, Albert Cooper, Edith Cavallero, Quong Chong, John Choe, Cyril Davis, Alden Francescini, Donald Graham, John Hoffenz, Caszko Iwasa, Takeru Kawaguchi, Low Hong, Hatsue Matsukura, Secona Merletti, Hugh MacNeil Tokia Nakano, Hisako Vakanu, Willie Sweeney.
Honor roll, Grade IV Sr.—Nina Shields, Catherine Brown, Hisaki Nakano, Audrey Povah. Progress—Gunice MacKinnon, Quong Chong.
E. Horbury, Teacher.

Division VIII

Number on roll 36, Percentage 89, Lates 4.
Perfect attendance—John Burghelmer, Chow Chee, Temho Doi, Alfred Jones, Lloyd Kimoto, Jennie Lawrence, Choo Foo Lung, Mary MacMillan, Robert Marshall, Ellen Morris-sola, Bennie Nicholas, Hiroshi Ohuda, Masalu Sora, Bernice Stant, Malla Tomassi, Joe Whytey, Audrey Gear.
Grade Junior IV Rd. Honor roll—Jennie Lawrence, Mah Duch Lung, Hiroshi Ohuda, Muriel Harrison, Ma-mbrn Tahara. Audrey Gear, progress.
I. McFadyen, Teacher.

Division IX

Number on roll 35, Percentage 83.7, Lates 4.
Perfect attendance—Kiyoko Abe, John Bannerman, Enis Bonora, William Brown, Annie Cheug, May Graham, Willie Graham, Mary Hassell, Harvey Hurd, Shigeyura Kujona, Clyde Lewis May Mah, David Marshall, Jackie Marpole, Jessie Robb, Bryson Parnham, William Slaughter, Cheyako Sugimori, Jackie Wong.
Grade Junior Third Reader. Number in each grade 35. Honor roll—Chrissie Robertson, Annie Cheung, Mary Hassell, Audrey Hamilton, Bryson Parnham and Fung Him equal. Jackie Marpole, progress.

Division X

Number on roll 32, Percentage 85.2, Lates 2.
Perfect attendance—Akera Herosi, David Hunden, Masake Kawaguchi, Don Long, Willie Logan, Inugino Matsukura, Jackie Morrison, Lorne Murdoch, Heromitsu Saito, Alex Sommer-ville, Dong Sing, Echinro Shi, Edith Taylor, Willie Tobacco.
Grade II A. Number in grade 38.
Honor roll—Don Long, David Hunden, Willie Logan, Arthur Povah, Akera Herosi and Masake Kaga equal. Improvement—Don Long and Masake Kaga.
C. Carey, Teacher.

Division XI

Number on roll 28, Percentage 86.66, Lates Nil.
Perfect attendance—Leland Banner-man, Peter Bono, Madge Bryan, Willie Combs, Gertie Davis, Jean Dunsire, Mitsuo Hayashi, Marguerite Larigan, Robert Logan, Shigima Mariya, Bruno Merletti, Mitsuo Obara, Yaeko Obara, Robert Walker, Rhoda Walton, Margaret Williams, Arthur Wong, Josie Wong, Wong Ying, Geogie Nunns.
Grade II 1st term. Honor roll—Rhoda Walton, Madge Bryan and Josie Wong equal, Johnny Mah, Margaret Drummond, Geogie Nunns.
J. E. Robertson, Teacher.

Division XII

Number on roll 27, Percentage 82.78, Lates Nil.
Perfect attendance—Alice Brown, Jamey Mah, Rosie Mah, Elizabeth Malpass, Margaret Marpole, Shizeo Matsunaga, Ella McWhirter, Kujoshi Okuda, Jean Quinn, Wardena Thompson, Tommy Wong, Cheung Wong.
Grade Primary. Number in grade 24. Honor roll—Margaret Marpole, Harry Mordy, Tommy Wong, Rosie Mah, Cheung Wong and Alice Brown equal, Kiso Sora and Audrey DeCoer improvement.
Pearl Hunden, Teacher.

Division XIII

Number on roll 36, Percentage 85, Lates Nil.
Perfect attendance—Arnold Bonora, Cheung Ming, Jimmy Choe, Gee Doon, Jackie Graham, Mitsuro Hirose, Hiroshi Kawaguchi, Keheji Kiyonaga, Stanley Lawrence, Tsugimatsu Mat-sunaga, Tommy McMillan, Haruo Nakano, Mabel Sommerville, Dorothy Sweeney, Quon Jack.
Honor roll—Haruo Nakano, Tommy McMillan, Dorothy Haworth, David Davis Cheung Ming, Uri Saito.
Eva G. Drader, Teacher.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council took place Monday evening, December 24th, in the Council Chambers with Mayor Parnham and Aldermen A. Maxwell, T. H. Mumford, J. J. Potter, J. Ledingham and F. Dallos present. City Clerk Merry read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted as read. The secretary of the U.M.W. of A., wrote the council authorizing it to act as trustees of the Union Hall until a local representative is appointed. Communications were also received from F. Porter of Vancouver, notifying that he will commence his audit of the City books as early as possible, and from the "Western Guide" asking for particulars of the Civic officers for the city. An application was also received from V. Marinelli for a club license for the remainder of the year. Since placing his original application some three months ago he had spent over \$500.00 on the improvement of the premises to meet the requirements of the License Inspector in order to make the premises suitable as club rooms. It was pointed out that recent legislation had taken from Municipalities the power to issue club licenses and that the license could not be granted. The clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Marinelli to that effect.

Reports

Alderman Maxwell, chairman of the finance committee, reported a bank balance of \$5636.06 current account and \$58.06 saving account.

After paying all outstanding accounts, it is anticipated that the City Council, for the first time since in corporation, will be in the happy position of terminating their year of office with all debts paid and a handsome balance of some \$5000.00 to hand over to the incoming council. The exact figures cannot, of course, be given, until the audit of the books is completed. The City's share of the Government Liquor profits and the amount of \$1289.33 from the Public Works Dept., for expenditure on Secondary highways for 1922, is expected to be received before the close of the year.

The half-yearly report of the Medical officer of health was submitted and read as follows:

Dear Sirs:—The following is the health report for the last six months of the year 1923:

During the month of September, one case of small pox developed in the City. This case developed through being in contact with cases which were prevalent at Union Bay at that time. This case was quarantined and all contact cases were vaccinated, and as a result no further cases developed.

During the months of October, November and December, the City was visited by an epidemic of measles. So far, 45 cases have developed within the City limits. The epidemic is now on the wane and should be about over by the time the school re-opens.

So far, no other contagious or infectious diseases have occurred within the City, but the presence of a few cases of diphtheria at Puntledge makes it very probable that we may have a few cases during the coming winter months.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) E. R. Hicks,
Medical Health Officer.

Bills and accounts amounting to \$853.25 were referred to the finance committee and if found correct, ordered paid.

It was moved by Alderman Maxwell, seconded by Alderman Mumford and carried unanimously that the City Council accord a vote of thanks to the Cumberland Electric Lighting Co., for their donation of a meter for the electric heating installation at the city fire hall.

The City Clerk, Mr. Albert J. Merry, was appointed Returning Officer at the forthcoming municipal election on the 17th January next.

The License Inspector, was directed to notify all club proprietors that their licenses will expire on the 31st December inst.

TO OUR READERS

A Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Pupils Make Presentation To Mr. Webb

On Thursday evening the pupils of the Entrance Class and First Year High gave a farewell party to Mr. Webb, the principal of the Public School, who is leaving to take a position as supervisor in the Nanaimo School. During the evening Mr. Webb was presented with a travelling bag with his initials on it. At the same time the pupils presented Mrs. Finch with a tennis racket in appreciation of her services in connection with the school concert. Mrs. Finch turned out at all practices to play the piano and assisted the pupils and teachers in every way possible. Both she and Mr. Webb thanked those present in short speeches.

The remainder of the evening was of a social nature. Refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in till after 12 o'clock.

RESULTS OF LOCAL STORES' VARIOUS CONTESTS

Christmas Day at 3 p.m. the drawing for the prizes in the Royal Candy Contest took place and resulted as follows:

Mrs. Jack Stant, 1st. Tea Set; Mr. James Bennie, 2nd, Doll; Mr. William Stanaway, 3rd, Boat.

In Mr. Steven's, the jeweller, contest, Miss Hannah Harrison won both first and second prize, a wrist watch and a ring; and Miss L. Shepherd won third prize, a stick pin.

In Lang's guessing contest no one guessed the correct amount \$13.56, but seven guessed the amount \$13.55 and \$13.57. Mr. Lang is leaving it to these seven to decide whether they will divide up the prize or cut the cards for all of it.

Juniors Take Revenge On Union Bay

Jock Stevenson, Inside Left for Juniors, is Star of Day's Play—Gets Two Goals

The third game of the Junior League was played on the Recreation Grounds at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon between the Cumberland Juniors and Union Bay and resulted in a win for the former team by 4 goals to 2. The field was in the best condition it has ever been in before and quite a crowd turned out to see the future champions perform.

Referee Dave Wilson, after giving both teams some warnings if they did not play the game, started the ball rolling a little after 2 p.m.

"Peanuts" Robertson kicked off for the Juniors and made straight for the Bay goal where for a few minutes Jock Stevenson gave Reid, the Bay goalie, all he could handle. For the first half hour the Juniors had a slight advantage but could not score until Campbell, full back for Union Bay, took a cramp in his leg and had to leave the field. "Peanuts" and his forwards then got working with the result that he and Johnny Robinson, inside right, both bagged a goal within a few minutes of each other. The first half ended with the Juniors 2 up.

In the second half Campbell was back on the field again but the home team kept up the pressure and with a nice piece of combination M. Stewart, on the left wing, brought the ball up and crossed to Stevenson who made no mistake in putting his team 3 goals up. Immediately after, the same two players again broke away and Jock shot his second goal and the fourth for the Juniors. From then on they took things easy with the result that Union Bay slipped in two goals making the score 4-2, the game ending with no further scoring.

Jock Stevenson was easily the best man on the field and with Mat Stewart, made the best wing forwards on both teams. Harry Auchinvalde shone for the visitors.

The teams lined up as follows:
Juniors—Bobby; Mitchell, H. Stewart; Wilcock, Farmer, Jones; M. Stewart, Stevenson, "Peanuts" Robertson, J. Robinson and A. Robinson.
Union Bay—Reid; Campbell, H. Auchinvalde; Marshall, M. Auchinvalde, Johnson; Campbell, Nahamura, A. Auchinvalde, Glover and McLeod.

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(In Divorce and Matrimonial Causes).

BETWEEN:
SARAH MARJORY RIDEOUT
Petitioner.

—and—

ROY LeMESSURIER RIDEOUT,
Respondant.

TAKE NOTICE that a citation, bearing date the fourth day of December, 1923, has issued from the Supreme Court of British Columbia (Victoria Registry) citing you to appear and answer the petition of Sarah Marjory Rideout praying for a dissolution of marriage.

IN DEFAULT of your so appearing you will not be allowed to address the Court, and the Court will proceed to hear the said petition proved and pronounce sentence in respect thereto.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that for the purpose aforesaid, you are within twenty-one days from the publication of this notice to attend in person or by your solicitors at the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and there to enter an appearance in this cause.

BASS & BULLOCK-WEBSTER,
Law Chambers, Bastion Square,
Victoria, British Columbia,
Petitioner's Solicitors.

DATED the 4th day of December, 1923.

OSWALD BARTON,
Deputy District Registrar.

TO: Roy LeMessurier Rideout.

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IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Christmas service at St. George's Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening was very well attended, the large congregation filling all the pews. Christmas hymns such as "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World" were heartily sung and a spirit of reverent worship provided. Mr. Horace Everett presided at the organ. Mr. H. Smith sang "Nazareth," Misses Williams and Shannon sang a duet "Silent Night" and the choir sang a very fine anthem. The Rev. W. T. Beattie had as his subject "Stars that led to Christ," the text being from Matt. 2:10, "When they saw the star they rejoiced." The three stars stressed by the preacher were "The Christian Home," "The Sunday School and the Church." He urged his hearers to be faithful to these, as experience and history clearly showed them to be the bulwark of civilization, and a "shelter in the time of storm." The church was beautifully decorated for the service.

TENNY'S EXPRESS RESUMES RUN

Mr. Will. Tenny who operates a motor express between this city and Nanaimo made his first trip on Thursday since the flood of three weeks ago. He reports that some of the bridges have been restored and that at other places temporary structures have been erected. About a mile and a half south of the Dollar camp a temporary suspension bridge has been thrown across one of the creeks. He is going to operate regularly after the first of the year.

DAILY SERVICE THROUGHOUT WINTER

Some time ago it was rumored that the passenger service on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway would be curtailed to three trains a week after the Christmas holidays. It has now been definitely announced that there was no truth in the rumor and that the company never contemplated such action. Business has been and is now good so that the daily train will continue to run as usual throughout the winter.

RESULTS OF GUESSING CONTESTS

The coffee bean guessing competition held at Booth's store, over the holiday season created a great deal of interest, the result being as follows:

Mr. Abe Orr, of the firm of Edwards & Orr, guessed nearest to the number of coffee beans in the jar with an estimate of 8839. There were 8841. Other prizes in order went to Mr. Orr, Mrs. Rae Dawson, Mrs. Van Hentert, J. W. McKenzie, J. E. Cowie, Mrs. Shenstone, F. C. Brock, G. O. Graham, M. Moncrieff and A. McKinnon.

At Laver's Store the competition to estimate the number of yards of cloth in a bolt was won as follows:

R. Evans 1,—65 yards, 3 inches, correct; A. S. Henderson 2, 65 yards, 2 inches; Mrs. Rees, 3; J. Isenor, 4; Mrs. L. Thomas, 5; Miss Agnes Williams, 6; Harry Idiens, 7; A. Stewart, 8; M. Finch, 9; F. Finch 10. The last five were equal with 65 yards, but the prizes were awarded in the order in which the guesses came into the store.

COMOX VALLEY LOSES WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT

Comox Valley lost one of its well known old residents on Thursday morning when Mr. John Cowie died at the family home, Condensery Road. The late Mr. Cowie was born in Guelph, Ont., in 1866 and came west to British Columbia when a lad of fifteen with his parents, settling first at Fanny Bay. He made a farm out of the bush and was known as one of the best logging engineers in this section of the country. His passing will be deeply regretted by residents all over the valley. The bereaved family consists of Mrs. Cowie, three sons, Gus., Robert and Ernest, and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas McQuillan and Miss Esther Cowie.

The funeral has been arranged to take place on Sunday afternoon from the family residence at two o'clock. All members of the Native Sons are notified to attend at the lodge room, Booth block, at 1.15 o'clock.

Mr. Walter Pearson is spending a holiday at Vancouver.

COURTENAY SAW MILL BOUGHT BY JAPANESE

The plant of the Courtenay Saw Mill has been purchased by the Jindo Hamanichi Lumber Company, whose capital is entirely Japanese. It is believed that the sum of forty-two thousand dollars figured in the transaction. The mill will be taken over at once by the new owners who contemplate making some alterations and overhauling the machinery before operating to capacity, which is about forty thousand feet per day. This is the second mill in Comox District to be operated by Japanese. It is interesting to note in connection with the sale of this mill that it was the first saw mill constructed in Comox Valley, having been built by the late Reginald Pidcock, father of ex-alderman George Pidcock and at one time owner of a large portion of the present Courtenay townsite. The late Mr. Pidcock was one of the progressive pioneers of this district and after leaving the saw mill business was appointed Indian agent and lived for many years at Quathiaski Cove, Valdez Island. The mill when first built was operated by a water turbine, the power for which was secured from what is known as Millard's creek. The water was brought through a ditch which is in existence today, crossing the Lake Trail road at the city limits of Courtenay. The dam on the Union Bay road opposite Corfield's was built as a part of this first manufacturing venture. The mill is on the Courtenay river, and it was here that the steamer "Daisy" was constructed by Mr. Pidcock, who was assisted in the job by another pioneer whom many know, Mr. Daniel Stewart, father of Mr. Hugh Stewart, a farmer of Comox in the early days. The boat afterwards passed to the possession of the Chemainus Lumber Company. The mill has been successively owned by Messrs. John and Harry Urquhart, John Bryden, nephew of the late Hon. James Dunsmuir, Bryden and Kilpatrick, Daniel Kilpatrick, by whom it was sold several years ago to Messrs Cliffe and Macdonald. It has been idle for over three years but will now be run to capacity on export orders, much of the timber going to Japan for the reconstruction of Tokio and other places hit by the earthquake of September last.

NATIVE SONS

MAKE PRESENTATION TO MR. DALBY

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Dalby left for Vancouver where they will make their home. During their stay of three years in Courtenay they had made many friends who regret their departure. Mr. Dalby was proprietor of the Sun Drug Store which he has sold to Mr. Heber Cooke of the Courtenay Drug Store. The two stores will be kept open, Mr. Wallis taking over the management of the Sun Drug. Mr. Dalby was secretary of the Courtenay Badminton Club, and officer in the Retail Merchants' Association. He had just been elected president of Courtenay Assembly No. 3, Native Sons of Canada, and on behalf of that organization President Arderton and a committee presented him with a silver cigarette case suitably engraved.

OLD-TIMERS TO HOLD RE-UNION SOON

Sons of Canada are making preparations for the holding of their annual reception for the old timers of Comox Valley. The big event will be held on January 11th, in the Gaiety Theatre and an effort is being made to eclipse the big time held last year. Committees are at work on the big affair and are continually reporting progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Urquhart spent the Christmas holiday at Ladysmith.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND CONCERT

HELD IN CHURCH

The annual Christmas tree entertainment of St. George's Presbyterian Church Sunday School was held in the church at eight o'clock on Monday night, Christmas Eve. The church was filled with children and their parents and friends. In the absence of Mr. William Duncan, superintendent of the Sunday School through sickness, the Rev. W. T. Beattie presided and announced the various times on the following long, varied and interesting program.

Program

1. Opening Chorus—"Christ is Born."
 2. Chorus by small boys and girls—"Little Ones of God Are We."
 3. "The Bells 'Message'"—by eight girls.
 4. Duet—Kitty Williams and Bernadine Shannon.
 5. Dialogue, by boys and girls—"The Months of the Year."
 6. Chorus—"Our King in a Manger."
 7. Recitation, Audrey Booth—"Christening Dolly."
 8. Wreath Drill, by eight girls.
 9. Chorus, small boys and girls—"Away in a Manger."
 10. Duet, Willie Piket and Freddy Stephens—"Across the sea in Bethlehem Town."
 11. Chorus, Sunshine girls—"Christmas is Here."
 12. Dialogue—"For another's sake," one girl and four boys.
 13. "Christmas" by twelve girls.
 14. Sleigh Bell Chorus.
- At the conclusion of the entertainment in the church the children proceeded to the basement to meet Santa Claus, and to receive presents from the tree. Santa was received with shouts of joy and in the course of a short speech he assured the wondering little ones that he had come all the way from Ottawa and that he had had a hard time getting down the furnace chimney. However, he was here hale and hearty and had lots of presents for everybody. The program in the basement was brought to a close by distributing bags of candy and nuts to every child connected with the Sunday School. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by three cheers for Santa.

DOVE CREEK SCHOOL TOTALLY DESTROYED

On Saturday morning last, December 22, at one o'clock, the Dove Creek school house was totally destroyed by fire. A mystery attaches to the blaze as, although there had been a social in the building the previous evening, great care had been taken to see that everything was safe before the card players dispersed. People of the section tried to subdue the flames but without effect. The building was of one room and the damage done, not exceeding five hundred dollars, is covered by insurance.

WHIST DRIVE HELD AT DOVE CREEK

Last Friday night, the 21st inst., the residents of Dove Creek section and many visitors, assembled at the school house to enjoy a whist drive. Ten tables were in the play and a most enjoyable time was spent and winners of prizes were:

Ladies' first—Miss Williamson, second, Mrs. Maycock. Gentlemen's first—Mr. N. McLeod; second, Mr. Harry Carwithen. After cards refreshments were served and songs were rendered by several of the company. The Dove Creek people, since the loss of their school by fire, are arranging to hold future parties at the farm of Mrs. Geldt, where a suitable building is available.

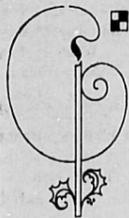
Mr. Lester Clarkson, of the Farmers' Produce Store has gone to California and will be away about three months.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McQuillan, and family, of Courtenay, take this means of thanking their many friends and acquaintances who extended sympathy and otherwise showed courtesies to them at the time of the death of the late Andrew Reginald McQuillan.

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In certain portions of Canada and the United States, the successful and regular movement of trains during the winter months often depends upon the use of special equipment, the purpose of which is to remove snow and ice from the tracks, and from the direct right of way. As a matter of fact, no railroad in Canada or in the northern parts of the United States could hope to operate without a complement of snow-fighting equipment.

In a study of snow-fighting equipment it is interesting to note that its development is very largely due to Canadians and to Canadian railways, although snow conditions in Canada are no more severe than those met with on roads passing over the Rocky or Cascade Mountains in the United States or through the border States. The principal types of snow-fighting equipment may be generally classified as engine and pilot plows, which are attached to the engine front or pilot, push plows, self-contained units mounted on trucks and pushed by a locomotive, wing plows, spreader plows, machine plows which include the rotary machine flangers, ice cutters and snow sweepers.

As far as can be ascertained, the first snow plow ever built was of the push plow type. As this plow derailed frequently, an endeavor was made to take advantage of the weight of the locomotive, and thus the engine plow was evolved.

The present rotary plow used on roads, which have to fight deep drifts, snow slides or other conditions beyond the capacity of push plows is the most effective instrument that has been developed for that purpose. These plows can work their way through deep cuts and slides, where it would be impossible for any other type of plow to lift the snow and, in addition, can throw the snow clear of the track. Seen in action, these plows present a rather picturesque appearance when viewed from the front. The rotary plow, as now used, is a development of a revolving snow shovel, patented in 1869 by Mr. J. W. Elliott, a dentist, of Toronto Ont. This elementary device was modified by Orange Jull, of Orangeville Ontario, and the Jull rotary was taken up by the Leslie Brothers also of Orangeville who constructed a full-sized model which was tried out in the Parkdale yards of the Canadian Pacific in 1884. The success of this trial led the Leslie Brothers to have made for them a complete plow which was tried out by the Union Pacific Railroad during the winter of 1886-87. This plow was the forerunner of the modern rotary.

For many years the Canadian Pacific Railway has constructed its snows of steel. It was the first railway to build and use an all-steel plow, and the service given by this type has been mainly responsible for the all-year communication between eastern and western Canada, the heavy snow falls experienced at times, particularly in Ontario and through the Rockies, being now no impediment to traffic.

ROD AND GUN

The story of an eventful canoeing trip is told in the January issue of Rod and Gun in Canada by Frosty Snow in "With Paddle and Fish Pole in Quebec." There is also a good description of a moose hunt on the Athabasca river by H. K. Henry, while F. V. Williams vividly describes a tragedy of wild life as unfolded by tracks in the snow, in his story "As Told In the Snow." A. A. Haines who is an authority on hunting knives has a well illustrated article dealing with the various makes of hunting knives, together with his opinion of them. After trying twenty-three years, Bonnycastle Dale has finally taken a splendid photograph of the Red Breasted Merganser, and his good description of the life and habits of this bird is of interest to all. Guns and Ammunition is particularly well stocked with interesting articles, as well as the questions and difficulties of sportsmen, answered by C. S. Landis, while Fishing Notes, Along the Trapline, Outdoor Talk and other departments are all filled with fine articles by specialists.

The January issue opens the first number of the new year with articles on canoeing, fishing, moose hunting, ski-ing, hunting knives, nature studies, guns and ammunition, trapping, kennel interest and a host of other subjects.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Esary Timber Company Limited intend to apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Victoria, B.C., to change its name to Thomson & Clark Timber Company Limited.

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ONE RESOLUTION

When making your New Year resolutions one of them should be that for all time in the future you will do the best you can.

That should be the motto of every young man who possesses ambition and the desire to make a name for himself in the world of business.

If he does that at all times, he has put his foot on the first rung of the ladder that leads to promotion, and not before that time can he fairly say that he has begun to climb upward. Doing work in a half-hearted manner puts a decided handicap on the young man's future, for the moment that he regards his work as a grind, he is beginning to walk on thin ice that will precipitate him into dismissal from the service of the firm for whom he is working; in truth, he places an obstacle in his path that cannot be surmounted.

The difference between doing the best you can and performing your duties in a half-hearted manner is easily seen, for the latter way of work cannot be disguised, as it has a false note that can be distinguished by the employer. The young man must make up his mind to give his entire attention to his work and not waver at any moment of the day, if he hopes to better his condition in the form of promotion. He must make it a point to do the best that he can when the "old man," as many young men term their employers, is there or not, for the "old man" has been through the mill, as it were, and he can easily tell whether all his employees are doing their best work or not. He cannot be fooled very long.

AN OLD-FASHIONED MOTHER

Thank God, some of us have, and others have had, an old-fashioned mother. Not a woman of the period, enameled and painted, an expert bridge player, whose white jewelled hands never have felt the clasp of her baby's fingers, but a dear old-fashioned, sweet-voiced mother, with eyes in which the love-light shone and brown hair threaded with silver, lying smooth upon her faded cheek. Those dear hands worn with toil, gently guided our tottering steps to childhood and smoothed our pillow in sickness, even reaching out to us in yearning tenderness when her sweet spirit was passing through the cold, dark river. Blessed is the memory of an old-fashioned mother. It floats to us now like the beautiful perfume of some woodland blossoms. The music of other voices may be lost, but the entrancing memory of her's will echo in our souls forever. Other faces will fade away and be forgotten, but her's will shine on until the light from heaven's portals shall glorify our own. When in the fitful pauses of busy life our feet wander back to the old homestead, and crossing the well-worn threshold, standing once more in the low, quaint room, hallowed by her presence, how the feeling of childish innocence and independence comes over us and we kneel down in the mottled sunshine streaming through the window—just where, long years ago, we knelt by mother's knee, lisping, "Now I lay me down to sleep." How many times when the tempter lured us on have the mem-

ory of those sacred hours, of mother's words, her faith and prayers, saved us, but they have not hidden from our sight the glory of her pure, unselfish love.

THIS APPLIES TO ALL OF US

It is a great pity that in this country we cannot grow older a little faster than we are doing; not in years, but in the learning of some vital lessons. Point out a national weakness, such as this riotous extravagance which possesses so many of us, and we quickly reply, "Well, we're young as a nation you know. We'll learn better as we grow older." But how much longer are we to remain young? How much farther can we safely go in teaching by example and precept that money is an article which must be spent and never saved? Because that is what we are doing, and nothing else. "But we don't want our children to be stingy," is the universal excuse. Certainly not. But do we want our children to be spend-thrifts? With our keen preceptions more alive to all points in human life than is customary with nations, are

we so blind that we cannot see that a happy mean exists between extravagance and miserliness? Are we always to cling to extremes, refusing to recognize a safer middle ground in this matter? It is not a pleasant thing to contemplate, if we will sit down and quietly do so, the effect this extravagance will have upon future generations. Already the results are noticeable. The girls are few nowadays who have any true conception of the value of money; the vast majority of them are improvident. The same is true of our young men, three-fourths of whom live in these days abreast of their incomes, if not in excess of them. The fact is, that very few men, old or young, especially the young, make more money than they spend. Habits of improvidence have not alone taken root among the vast majority of our young men, but they are taking firmer root all the time. It makes not an iota of difference what the income is, the result at the end of the year is the same. This is what improvidence does; it finds one at the end in precisely the same condition as at the start, if not in a worse one.



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**BR. HARVESTERS
GOOD SETTLERS**

That the harvesters brought to Canada by the railways this year are a desirable type of immigrant, was the opinion expressed by Melvil Jones, of the Soldiers' Settlement Board, in Toronto this week. Inspectors throughout the west had paid particular attention in their trips this fall to the work of the Britishers in the harvest fields and in practically all cases had found it satisfactory to the farmers and agreeable to the men.

RECORD COAL OUTPUT

The year 1923 will see a new record in Alberta coal production. It is expected the total production for the year will reach 7,000,000 tons, in comparison with less than 6,000,000 last year. The production up to November 1 was 1,500,000 tons greater than the production during the same period last year. The record production previously was in 1920, when 6,400,000 tons was produced.

CHRISTMAS AMID OLD HOMELAND SCENES



THE second Canadian National Railways train leaving Winnipeg for Halifax to connect with steamships sailing for United Kingdom ports. Several hundred Western Canadians took advantage of the special rates and special trains arranged by the Canadian National, which allowed them to leave Winnipeg as late as December 11 and yet reach Britain in time for Christmas. Inset is a group of Edmonton people aboard the second tourist special.

SLATS' DIARY

By ROSS FARQUHAR
Friday—well pa and ma thinks they have got a good joak on me, but I fale to see whereabouts the fun comes in on it. It mite of skared me in to spazems or fits or sum thing of the sort or other if I wood not of had a very strong mind and etc. This evning when I arrived back home frum skool ma she meets me at the door and yells Run and get a Pastor quick yure pa wants him rite immediate. Well I run at the rate of about 20 miles a hr. and wondered what cud be the matter with pa weather the Crismas shopping was to much for him or weather he had had sum alexy or etc. Well I found the pastor and we runs back and when we cums in pa was a holding up the sealing in the kichen and very scornishly informed me he wanted a Plasterer. I cant repeat the grammar he used for I cant spell it and wood get lammed if I did.



Saturday—Have got a stiff neck to-day and ma is disable to figger it out and I didnt tell her that Ive ben looking up here of lately on acct. ther emite be sum misseltoe around I mite miss.

Sunday—1 of pa's fellow associates witch went on a trip a cuple weeks ago has returned back married. Pa sed to him. Hows cum you went & got married so suddenly I thot you was only flurting. He laffs silly and replied. Yes & I thot so to.

Monday—A man cum to skool and give us kids a tawk today and sed how wonderful it was to go to skool and a lot of similar junk. Personly the best part of going to skool is the coming home.

Tuesday—Are basketball team is skeduled to play with the Alumna team this wk. and Jake has ben inquiring around and trying to find out where Alumna is and is it in this country.

Wednesday—ma was at a fair well party tonite for a lady witch is a going on a trip out to Reno to get her husband exchanged. Pa and me had a very pleasant evning with Pop corn and teaching me a new Chineseian game intitled Ma Junk.

Thursday—They are 2 girls got to xplane sum thing to me when I get a chance to ast them about it. They kep looking at me all the p.m. & I cudden tell weather they was admiring me or slandering me behind my face.

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It is reported that the Mainland Portland Cement Co., will build a million dollar plant at Chilliwack, B.C., east of Vancouver, on the Canadian National Railways.

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SAWING WOOD

The buck-saw, like the grain cradle, is practically an institution of the past. A necessary evil once, it should now be regarded as an antiquated invention for driving boys off the farm, and relegated to the museum for curiosities.

The one-man cross-cut is a little better, while the two-man cross-cut is a distinct step in the evolution of sociability. It has its place in the bush, of course, and even the other instruments of torture aforementioned find occasional employment, just as the old grain cradle is resurrected now and then for some special purpose.

As a regular means of working up the winter wood pile, however, these are only to be advocated for one who absolutely has not and cannot get the

cash to hire a buzz-saw outfit. Modern life is too busy and full of interest to spend unnecessarily in back-testing mechanical routine which machinery enables us to dispense with. Most of us can find enough manual-labor jobs after we have substituted as much gasoline for muscle as we have wit to use.

We have heard arguments that buzz-sawing wood is more expensive than buck-sawing. But these calculations are generally based on old-time conditions. As it works out in these times, most of us find that gasoline beats elbow grease by a substantial margin. There is this, too, that buzz-sawing is a more or less sociable job which goes with a vim and men quite properly prefer it to the tedium of hand-sawing.

Again, it will be noticed that the farmer who buzzes his supply gets the job over with and goes on to something else, while the buck-saw adherent is hardly ever out of a job. The wood pile stares him in the face until he hates to go past it.

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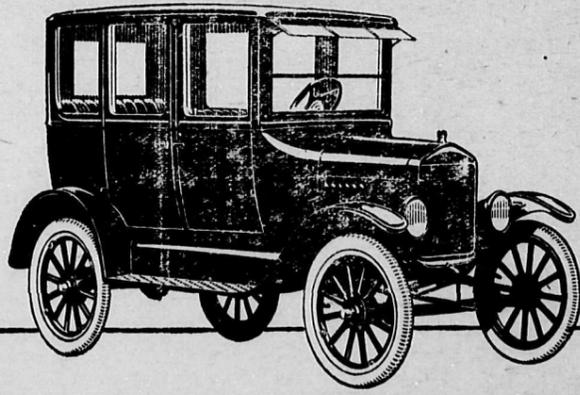
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TAX ON FUEL OIL IS OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIVES

No Politics in Levy on American Fuel Sloan Declares—Americans Dump Here, He Charges

Taxation of imported American fuel oil, as provided for in legislation introduced by the Government, was approved by the Legislature Wednesday by 29 votes to 12. W. J. Bowser, leader of the Opposition, in opposing the tax, was unable to rally even the support of his own followers, W. A. McKenzie and John McRae voting with the Government. Thomas Uphill, Samuel Guthrie and R. H. Neelands, Labor, and George Hanes and Thomas Menzies, Independent, also voted for the fuel tax, which received the support of all Liberals. Kenneth Duncan, Independent, joined with W. J. Bowser, Opposition leader, and most of the Conservatives in opposing the tax.

Passage of the Government's Fuel

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Tax through its second reading followed a vigorous speech by Hon. William Sloan Minister of Mines who answered Mr. Bowser's charge that he was playing politics in proposing a tax on imported oil.

"The charge that I am trying to gain political strength in my own riding by this tax is very amusing," Mr. Sloan remarked. "The idea that the imposition of taxation will please the public at this time is an entirely new theory in political economy."

"If any politics are being played they are being played by the Leader of the Opposition. He knows that he cannot get support in any of the mining constituencies of the Province so he is willing to sacrifice them in the hope of gaining strength elsewhere."

Mr. Sloan remarked that Mr. Bowser was advocating the abolition of the personal property tax but so far had suggested no substitute to raise necessary revenue. The fuel oil tax, the Minister explained, would help to make up the revenue lost through a fifty per cent reduction in the personal property tax as provided for in the Government's annual budget. The Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia, Mr. Sloan recalled, had endorsed a tax on imported fuel oil.

The idea that a tax of half a cent a gallon on imported fuel oil would make the price of this commodity prohibitive and thus cripple industry was absurd, Mr. Sloan declared. He pointed out that a tax of this kind had been levied by the Federal Government since 1916.

American fuel oil, the Minister stated, is replacing 1,000,000 tons of coal in this province annually. This, he said, caused the government a loss of \$100,000 a year in coal royalties. In ten years the Provincial Government had lost \$2,900,000 in this way. It was time, he declared that British Columbia took measures to recoup herself and prevent the Federal Government grabbing all the money.

Fuel oil importations are hitting the coal industry in this Province hard, Mr. Sloan warned the House. Coal production, he said, had dropped

from 2,800,000 tons in 1910 to 1,600,000 tons in 1916. The sum of \$50,000,000 had been sent out of British Columbia in the last ten years, to purchase American fuel oil, he stated. If that money were in circulation here now, business conditions would be much better than at present.

Mr. Bowser, he said, had always been antagonistic to the coal industry and the former Conservative Government had even arranged, when building the wing of the Parliament Buildings which includes the Assembly Chamber to have it heated with oil.

The Conservative Party is not a unit in opposing a fuel oil tax, Mr. Sloan remarked, as Hon. H. H. Stevens, when Minister of Trade and Commerce, had promised the people of Nanaimo to increase the present Federal Government levy on imported oil.

"I have reliable information to the effect that American fuel oil is being dumped in this province," the Minister declared. Price of oil here is so low, in fact, that the new tax could not possibly prohibit its use here. While coal prices are high here now they are high everywhere, he pointed out. He had urged coal companies he stated, to build coal bunkers in Vancouver and Victoria to reduce the price of coal at these ports.

Mr. Bowser explained that the former Conservative Government had first arranged to heat the Parliament Buildings with fuel oil but had changed this plan without outside pressure. He added that the old government had opposed the plan of the Railway Commission to make the use of fuel oil in Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway locomotives compulsory.

The government won out by a handsome majority on the timber export question, and by a vote in the House the Legislature decided to ask Ottawa to have the whole matter referred to the royal commission at present investigating the export of Canadian pulpwood. Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, persisted in his defence that the best interests of the industry and of the public were being served by permitting export in a limited manner, and he again warned of the probable retaliation of the United States if an embargo were placed. He showed that folly of interfering with a market at present absorbing two-thirds of the manufactured timber of British Columbia.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is \$5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land \$2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stampage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

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BUFFALO FOR NEW ZEALAND

The one time king of the Western Canadian plains will shortly be represented in New Zealand by three members of the Wainwright herd, which are leaving shortly via the Canadian National for Vancouver and thence to their destination in charge of the Government Merchant Marine.

I have met many, many men who are always first in the line when brains were being distributed.

PROTECT THE LAWN DURING THE WINTER

During the winter the area which in summer is a lush green carpet in front of the house is often abused. Frequently it is not only neglected, but maltreated. Occupants of the house during sessions of cold weather are prone to remind themselves that "a straight line is the shortest distance between two points and often they economize in distance travelled at the expense of the lawn.

A well-beaten path made across the lawn in winter will probably work permanent damage. The grass may be killed and the soil so compacted that grass seed sown thereon the next season will not thrive. Such a path will generally be obvious for a number of years. A "cow path" is distinctly an unattractive feature on a lawn. The lawn sign of summer, "Keep off the Paths that are Making" may well be heeded throughout the year.

Another sin against a lawn is to flood it for the purpose of making a skating rink. A body of ice over the lawn in winter is almost certain to completely kill the grass. The grass will not tolerate for a long time a covering which precludes movement of air.

Young lawns should have a cover-

ing of snow. A windswept lawn, blown free of snow in winter, is likely to lose much of its young clover. Brush spread about tends to deflect the wind and holds the snow.

PRUNING OF TREES

It is generally conceded by both scientific investigators and commercial growers that fruit trees should be pruned during the first two or three years of their life. This pruning is designed to produce a well balanced tree with a strong framework capable of carrying heavy crops as the tree grows older. Experiments have shown that as a rule unpruned trees come into bearing earlier than those which are pruned. Failure to prune trees when they are small, however, commonly results in serious trouble in later years. Such trees frequently develop too many main branches, bad crotches are formed, and the percentage of breakage is heavy.

When the tree has passed the formative period the necessity for pruning is not quite so obvious, but most authorities are agreed that even after the tree reaches bearing age it is still advisable to pay it an annual visit with the pruning shears. The object of this is to remove all interfering branches and to open out the tree so that the sunlight can pene-

trate to each fruit spur. The labor thus expended is fully paid for by the improvement in the grade of fruit produced.

The dormant season is the logical time for pruning although when the wood is frozen the work may not be very agreeable to the grower. Where young trees or stone fruits are concerned it is probably advisable to delay the pruning until late winter or early spring, but bearing apple trees can be pruned in zero weather without apparent injury. Pruning is one major orchard operation which can be performed to advantage during the winter months. At this time there are no leaves to interfere with the vision of the pruner and consequently he is better able to judge which branches should be removed. Furthermore, it is only during the winter to this work.

Consistent and systematic annual pruning aid in producing more extra fancy fruit.

TWO TONS OF CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

The week before Christmas was spent by the Canadian National Railway dining car department in the preparation of two tons of Christmas pudding, half a ton of turkeys with the proper ratio of "fixins", to whet the

appetite of Christmas and New Year travellers along the National Way. Elaborate preparations were made by the department to give those who were unfortunate enough to be away from home for the holidays, as many of the comforts and pleasures of the season as possible if they happen to be travelling on the Canadian National.

A LUCKY CATCH

A team of horses, sleigh, double set of harness, enough provisions for the winter, and \$50 in cash was what an Indian received for the catch that disappointed his ten-year-old son, Little Boulder, who set his trap to catch weasels and regarded with disgust the snarling little black animals he found therein later. The catch proved to be a beautiful specimen of silver black fox, which was duly appreciated at the Hudson's Bay Company trading post at Green Lake, where the young trapper's father traded it in.

Here and There

In appreciation of its wonderful exhibit at the Toronto Exhibition this year, the Canadian Pacific Railway has been awarded a special medal.

The Prince of Wales' Ranch at High River, Alberta, contributed the highest priced bull at a recent fall sale in Calgary, Princeton Crusader, which fetched \$255.

Canadian wheat exports for the twelve months ending September 30th, 1923, amounted to 225,747,861 bushels, valued at \$259,445,816, while for the twelve months ending September, 1922, they were 160,637,898 bushels, valued at \$194,577,125, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Exports of bacon from Canada to Great Britain increased almost 3,000,000 pounds during the first nine months of the current calendar year. For this period, during 1922, there were 70,988,000 pounds of Canadian bacon shipped to the British market, while this year the corresponding figure rose to 73,934,000 pounds.

The value of the asbestos exports of Canada for the 12 months ending August, 1923, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, exceeded the value of those of the previous year by nearly \$3,000,000. These exports for the last year amounted to 202,616 tons, valued at \$8,375,249, compared with 122,785 tons, valued at \$5,604,651 in 1922.

The first consignment of 1,000 pounds of British Columbia Douglas fir seeds has been shipped to the British Forestry Commission, London, by the Dominion Forestry Branch, from its plant at New Westminster, British Columbia. The seeds were extracted from the cones recently gathered in the Fraser Valley districts.

The year 1923 will see a new record in Alberta coal production. It is expected the total production for the year will reach 7,000,000 tons, in comparison with less than 6,000,000 last year. The production up to November 1st is 1,500,000 tons greater than the production for the same period last year. The record production previously was in 1920, when 6,400,000 tons were produced. The pay-roll this year is expected to exceed \$18,000,000.

Great interest is being manifested in the International Dog Derby to be run at Quebec during the Winter Carnival on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1924. The race is for teams of huskies driven by Indians, trappers, traders, mail carriers and others. At present ten entries have been received and others are expected from the north shore of the St. Lawrence and from the Abitibi mining district. As navigation will soon close, it will be necessary for entries from the latter district to mush 400 miles to reach Quebec. About five American teams will probably take part, their object being to regain the gold cup for the United States.

What might have resulted in a very serious train wreck was avoided in the nick of time on the Canadian Pacific Railway Parry Sound subdivision, by section foreman Conzani, who while patrolling the track near Brignall recently discovered two large iron nuts on top of the rails, securely fastened with hay wire. The foreman had just time to unfasten the wire and remove the nuts to clear the track for a train was due in five minutes. Two boys in the vicinity admitted, after questioning, that they wired the nuts to the rails. They were sentenced to the local shelter for one month and their fathers were required to give bond and report to the authorities for two years.

Evidence given by farmers before the U.S. Tariff Commission showed that under American railway rates a bushel of wheat could be hauled only 35 miles for one cent, while under Canadian rates the same amount of money would move the same amount of grain 60 miles. American farmers claim that this is a saving in favor of the Canadian producer of 44 per cent, or about 8 cents a bushel. The reason given for the difference is that in the United States grain rates are based on cost of moving it to-day, while in Canada they are based on 1897 costs, when the Crow's Nest Pass agreement was made between the Government and the Canadian Pacific.

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WITH THE CHURCHES

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Sunday, December 30, 1923.

Morning Service 11 a.m. Subject—"Opportunity."

Sabbath School 11:45 a.m.

Evening Service 7 p.m. A New Year Message. Subject—"The Strange and Untried Pathway."

Remember the children's Christmas Tree Aid Concert to-night 8 p.m.

Everybody welcome.

Rev. J. R. Butler, Pastor.

Local Briefs

The dance at the Ilo-Ilo Hall on New Year's Night will be a Leap Year Dance. There will be a free drawing for two fat turkeys; also novelty dances for which prizes will be given. The Juniors are also holding their drawing for the 100-lb. pig at this dance.

Douglas Partridge, who has been attending the University of B.C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Partridge.

Mr. T. Jackson, inspector of mines, arrived in town Wednesday on his usual tour of inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thompson arrived back in town on Wednesday, after spending Christmas holidays in Nanaimo with relatives.

Cyril Michell arrived in the city Saturday night to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with his father and sister.

Be sure and ask for "Flax-o-lene" at Lang's Drug Store.

Frank Potter, who has been attending U.B.C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Potter.

Commit this to memory "Flax-o-lene" will relieve my cough."

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis left Friday morning last to spend the holidays in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bond left this morning to spend the New Year's holiday in Nanaimo.

Results count. Hundreds of the people in this vicinity depend on "Flax-o-lene" for colds and coughs.

Hawthorne and Thomas Graham, of the University school, Victoria, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Graham.

Dr. Bruce Gordon is leaving for Vancouver Monday morning to spend New Year's Day with friends in that city.

Morton, Tom and Pierce Graham are spending the holidays in Cumberland with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Graham.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. F. Horwood and family of Minto, tender sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted them and for the many expressions of sympathy received, at the loss of their dear son and brother, Raymond.

A minister who was a good sinner for ten years before beginning to preach, usually knows how to preach against sin.

WEDDING BELLS

On Christmas Eve, in the Presbyterian Manse Cumberland, Miss Donella May Hinch, of Bowser, B.C., was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph George Davis of Union Bay. A brother of the bride and a sister of the groom acted as groomsmen and bridesmaid. The bride was beautifully gowned in blue silk and silver lace, while the bridegroom wore Jaded silk, trimmed with fawn.

After the ceremony the happy couple left for Union Bay where the wedding supper was partaken and a good time enjoyed by all.

Rev. James Hood performed the ceremony.

She called him skunk in wrathful tone,

But he made her repent;

She said, "you're right, you're not a skunk,

You never had a (s)cent."

CUMBERLAND 3

LADYSMITH 1

Sunday, December 23, Cumberland United journeyed to Ladysmith to try conclusions with that fast-stepping soccer team in an upper-Island league fixture, and came out on the big end of a 3-1 score.

Graham kicked off for Cumberland and inside of ten minutes of hard pressing he managed to shoot his team's first goal. Not long after this reverse, Ladysmith returned the attack with the result that Gough, who was hard pressed, handled the ball in the penalty area. McCormick took the kick and scored on Blair with a shot that gave the Cumberland goalie absolutely no chance to save, although he made a great effort to do so. This goal, which put the teams on even terms, was incidentally Ladysmith's only tally in the game. Play continued fairly even until half time with both teams taking turns at pressing.

For a few minutes in the second half, Ladysmith pressed very hard but Blair was equal to the occasion and saved time and again by a brilliant display of goaltending. Graham and Co. then got going and made straight for Boyd who came out to meet them; the first shot struck the up-right and rebounded to Turner's foot with the result that this player put Cumberland one up with a hard drive. For the remainder of the time it was Cumberland's game and about three minutes from time Bannerman scored the third goal by rushing past the full-backs and kicking hard into the corner, giving Boyd no chance. This ended the scoring for the game, making Cumberland 3 and Ladysmith 1. Graham and Turner were the stars of the forwards while both half-backs lines were very good. Matt. Guinness refereed the game to the satisfaction of everyone.

Make up your mind to be "it" or beat it.

New Year, 1924

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Cumberland that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Council Chambers on the 14th Day of January 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen (Six), Police Commissioner (One), and School Trustees (Two).

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:—The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p.m., of the day of the Nomination; the said writing may be in the form numbered 5 in the Schedule of this Act, and shall state the names, residences and occupation or description of each person proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate; and, in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 17th day of January, 1924, at the Municipal Council Chambers, of which each and every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The Qualifications necessary for Mayor, are: (1) Must be of the full age of 21 years and a British subject, and have been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination, the owner of land and improvements within the City of the value, as assessed on the last assessment roll, of one thousand dollars or more over and above all registered judgments and charges.

The Qualifications necessary for Alderman, Police Commissioner and School Trustee, are: Must be of the full age of 21 years and a British subject, and who have been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination and are registered in the Land Registry office as owners of land or land and improvements within the City, of the value as assessed on the last assessment roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above all registered judgements and charges.

Given under my hand at Cumberland this Twenty-seventh day of December 1923.

(Signed) ALBERT J. MERRY,
Returning Officer.

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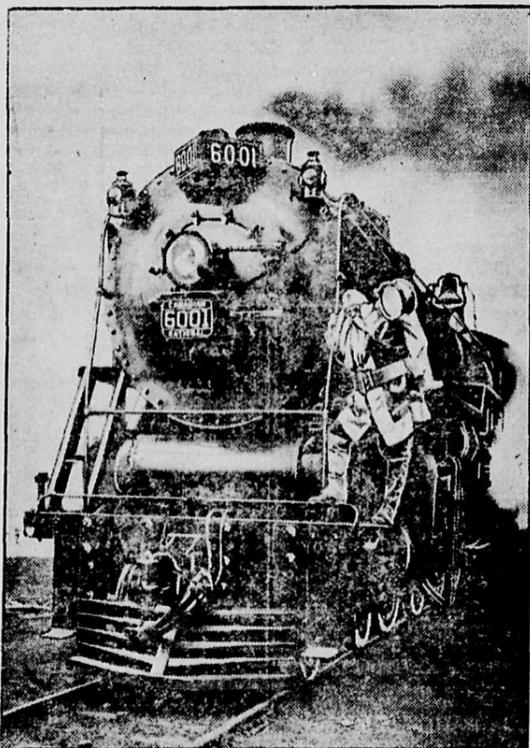
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