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BOY GETS BADLY HURT

Vancouver Lad Is Victim of Most Unfortunate Shooting Accident at Boundary Bay.

At two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Dudley McGreer, a Vancouver lad, spending his Christmas holidays with Chris Winskill, at the home of the latter at Boundary Bay, was accidentally shot, and is now in hospital in Vancouver under medical care.

Young McGreer was out with his chum shooting ducks, and after getting a couple of mallards, the boys started for home across the fields. At a wire fence, Dudley held up the wire while his friend climbed through. Then he reached for his friend's gun. It was loaded and cocked, and unfortunately it went off, hitting Dudley in the shoulder with the full charge.

After the accident, two lads hurried to the nearest house—two miles away—and from there Dr. King was summoned.

After expert treatment the lad was put in an automobile and hurried over to hospital in Vancouver, where he is progressing favorably towards recovery.

Dudley McGreer is a student, fifteen years of age, the son of the late James McGreer.

WILL PROBABLY DECLINE.

Mr. Robert Abernethy Thinks He Will Not Accept Nomination as Mayoralty Candidate.

PORT MOODY, Dec. 24.—Mr. Robert Abernethy, chairman of the North Fraser Harbor Commission, has been approached by a number of prominent citizens during the past few days and asked to stand for the mayoralty. Seen by a representative of The British Columbian last night, Mr. Abernethy admitted that he had been approached, but declared there was no possibility of him offering himself as a candidate for office unless he changed his mind greatly within the next few days. "I have promised to consider the matter," he concluded, "but do not think that I will stand for office."

DIES IN SOUTH.

One of Most Respected Old Timers of City Dies at Age of Seventy-eight.

Word was received in this city last evening announcing the death of Mr. Lachlan McQuarrie, which occurred in Chula Vista, California, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after a short illness, of pneumonia. The late Mr. McQuarrie was one of the most respected old timers of this district. Coming to British Columbia in 1885, he resided for a short time in Golden and for about two years in Revelstoke, and came to New Westminster in 1888 where he resided until November, 1912, when he moved with his wife to Chula Vista to reside. He was a native of Canada, born at Richmond Hill, near Toronto, Ont., July 3, 1835, the son of Squire Hector McQuarrie, a large landowner and magistrate of that district who had come from Scotland in his youth to the United States remaining there a few years and then moving to Canada together with other U. E. Loyalists.

Last Saturday his sons received a message that their father was ill and Dr. A. L. McQuarrie left immediately for the South arriving last evening four hours after his father's death.

Mr. McQuarrie was during his lifetime one of the foremost contractors in Canada. He constructed the first waterworks system in Ottawa, also in Winnipeg, this city and Vernon. He did a great deal of work for the C. P. R. between the Great Lakes and the Coast, particularly rock work and construction of snow sheds. He built the first ten miles of the Great Northern between this city and Seattle, also the C. P. R. between Vancouver and Steveston.

During the gold rush of 1859 and 1860 he made his first trip to the Coast prospecting both in California and British Columbia.

He was a Presbyterian and attended St. Stephen's church from its inauguration to the time of his leaving the city. He was a Free Mason but was not affiliated with any of the local lodges. In politics he was always a strong Conservative. He was a genial, warm-hearted man always looking after the welfare of others and had a great pride in his home and city.

The deceased leaves to mourn his loss his widow, Christie McQuarrie, and four sons, Messrs. N. H. and D. J. McQuarrie, of McQuarrie Bros., brokers; Mr. W. G. McQuarrie, of McQuarrie, Martin & Cassady, barristers, and Dr. A. L. McQuarrie, medical health officer and coroner, of this city, all of whom are sons of his first wife Mary McQuarrie, who predeceased him in 1902. One daughter, Isabella E. McQuarrie, died in this city in 1890. His second marriage took place in 1906.

The body will be brought from California to this city for burial leaving there today. Funeral announcements will be made later.

NEW WESTMINSTER MARKET.

Holly and Mistletoe Find Ready Sale for Yuletide Decorations —Flowers Plentiful.

Poultry, turkeys in particular, together with flowers and flowering plants quickly attracted the eye of the Christmas buyer at the special market held this morning. The supply of turkeys was good, being practically all local birds. The price fetched for this Christmas bird was 35 cents a pound live weight, while dressed was 40 cents. Geese were sold at from 25 to 27 cents a pound dressed, while live weight was 20 cents per pound. Ducks, live weight, were also 20 cents a pound and dressed from 25 to 30 cents. The prices fetched by hens were from 16 to 22 cents per pound live weight, while dressed ran from 20 to 22 cents.

Meats, both wholesale and retail remained steady at last Friday's quotations with a fair supply.

Potatoes were offered at from $18 to $22 per ton, while cabbages fetched $1.75 a box. Both turnips and carrots were selling at 75 cents a sack. There was only a small supply of fish, Butterfield & Mackie being the only firm to occupy a stall. Crabs, herrings, cod, steelhead, smelts and halibut were sold at last week's prices.

Prices in eggs and butter were steady, the former were sold at 55 cents a dozen retail, while the latter was 40 cents a pound retail, and 35 cents wholesale.

For Christmas decorations there was a good supply of flowers, holly and old English mistletoe. Azaleas were sold at $1.50 to $2 each, while tuips and hyacinths were from 25 cents to 75 cents per pot. Holly and mistletoe each fetched $1 a pound. Chrysanthemums ranged in price from 50 cents a dozen to $2 a dozen.

The following prices were quoted:

Wholesale Poultry.	
Poultry, live weight	16c to 22c
Ducks, live weight	18c to 22c
Geese, live weight	18c to 22c
Turkeys, live weight	35c
Retail Poultry.	
Spring chickens, dressed, lb	25c
Hens, dressed, per lb.	20c to 22c
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	25c to 30c
Geese, dressed, per lb.	25c to 27c
Turkeys, dressed, per lb.	40c
Vegetables.	
Potatoes, per ton	$18 to $22
Cabbages, per sack	$1.00
Turnips, per sack	75c
Carrots, per sack	75c
Eggs and Butter.	
Eggs, retail	55c
Duck eggs	55c
Butter, retail, per lb.	40c
Butter, wholesale	35c
Wholesale Meat.	
Pork, per lb.	9c to 12 1-2c
Port (salt) per lb.	13c
Mutton, per lb.	12c
Leg of Mutton, per lb.	16c
Veal, medium, per lb.	16 1-2c
Veal, large, lb.	12c to 15c
Retail Meats.	
Beef, best rib roasts	**20c to 22c**
Beef, loin	**26c to 27c**
Beef, short loin	**28c**
Beef, sirloin	23c to 25c
Boiling Beefs	12 1-2c
Beef, pot roast	15c
Pork	**20c to 25c**
Pork Chops	18c
Mutton	18c to 20c
Leg of Mutton	18c
Sugar cured corned pork	15c to 20c
Home-made pork sausage	15c to 20c
Salted Pigs' head, lb.	**8c**
Pickled pigs' feet, per lb.	8c
Pickled pigs' shanks, lb.	10c
Sugar cured hogs' heads, lb.	**8c**
Sugar cured corned beef, lb.	**15c**
Picnic Hams, lb	14c
Pure lard	**15c to 16c**
Sugar cured bacon	22c
Sugar cured boneless ham	25c
Spring lamb, fore qr.	23c to 25c
Spring lamb, hind qr.	30c to 35c
Fish.	
Cohoes, each	30c
Steelhead salmon, per lb.	12½c
Sturgeon, per lb.	15c
Red Salmon, per lb.	12 1-2c
Cod, per lb.	10c
Halibut, per lb.	10c
Crabs, 2 for	25c
Herrings, 3 lbs.	25c
Smelts	10c
Flowers.	
Potted Hyacinths	25c
Azaleas	$1.00 up
Holly, per lb.	$1
Mistletoe, per lb.	$1
Chrysanthemums, per doz.	50c to $2

SURVEYORS RETICENT.

SUMAS, Dec. 22.—Ten Milwaukee surveyors and a chief engineer have started quietly to work in Sumas; that is as quietly as such a large party could start, for it was not long until the local residents began to inquire the meaning of the surveyors and their relation to Sumas. And they are still asking the questions for the Milwaukee surveyors are as reticent concerning their actions as is Jim Hill himself. It is supposed that the survey will lay the route for the new intersection running through this city and connecting the B. & N. with the B. C. E. R.

GREENSMITH—MASON.

On Tuesday evening Miss Jessie Greensmith and Mr. Claude G. Mason, both young people well known in Delta, were married at Sapperton.

FERRY TRAFFIC BIG.

The Christmas business of the Ladner-Woodward's Landing ferry was so big that everybody is talking about it. As many as fifty passengers crossed at one time just before Christmas.

TWO CANDIDATES ARE IN FIELD

W. Kirkland and A. D. Paterson Will Contest for the Honor of Being Reeve of Delta.

Wm. Kirkland and A. D. Paterson will be the contestants for the office of reeve of the municipality of Delta for the year 1914. The two met one day this week and shook hands for a fair go, no animosity existing.

The retiring reeve, Mr. H. D. Benson, has been identified with the welfare of Delta for many years. This municipality was incorporated in 1880, with Mr. W. H. Ladner as reeve. In 1881, Mr. Benson was elected reeve, and from that day, in one way or another, has represented the community. For the last four years Mr. Benson has been Delta's reeve, and now, having served his time and his people, he retires.

ABOUT CANADA.

Canadians, as a rule, know too little of their own country. To know Canada,, even in a general way, from coast to coast and from the boundary to the northern limits of settlement, is a big order, but it is one to which every citizen of this country should apply himself. The study of the Dominion is not only interesting; it is decidedly profitable. It increases the pride of the reader in his own land, and it reveals to him possibilities of which he has never dreamed, but which he may himself realize—if he will.

These remarks are suggested by the receipt of a volume entitled "The Western Provinces of Canada," which contains as much solid information concerning the great territory in which are included Manitoba Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia as can be crowded into 112 pages of closely printed but very readable matter. The book contains detailed information concerning the provinces mentioned covering such points as area, climate, precipitation, products, etc. There are tables showing the grain production every year since 1901, and the average prices of wheat, oats, barley, and flax for the last six years. The plan of Western land survey is explained; the homestead regulations are included, and a vast amount of information concerning the raising of livestock and other branches of diversified farming. A full explanation is also given of the Canadian Pacific Railway's policy of selling lands to actual farmers on twenty-year terms, and assisting with a loan for improvements to the extent of $2000.

The book, which is illustrated with twenty photographs and a 15 by 30 map of the Western provinces has just been issued in a second annual edition of 400,000, of which 200,000 have been shipped to Great Britain, and another 100,000 will be distributed through the C. P. R. Montreal office. Some idea of the magnitude of this edition can be gleaned from the fact that if pages were placed end to end in one continuous strip that strip would reach 2209 miles—that is to say as far as from Montreal to California. If the whole edition were placed in one pile, copy upon copy, the total height would be 6,510 feet—eight and three-quarter times the height of the Woolworth building in New York, the highest building in the world. Twelve and a half miles of wire were required for stitching the copies together, and two cars to bring in the paper, which weighed some sixty tons.

This book will be sent absolutely free, postage paid, to any reader of this paper who will write for it to the Publicity Branch, Department of Natural Resources, Canadian Pacific Railway, Calgary, Alberta. If you have friends in other countries whom you would like to interest in Canada copies will be sent to them free upon request to the above address.

MAY IMPROVE ROAD.

It is said that the municipality of Delta, the municipality of Richmond and the Provincial Government will together undertake the paving of the road across Lulu Island leading to the ferry landing at Woodward's, and the many patrons of the ferry are hoping that the rumor is not a myth.

HAVE FINE EVENING.

Last Friday evening the Dandelion Club held a dance which is claimed to have been one of the greatest successes of the season. The floor was fine; the music was fine; there was a fine crowd—over one hundred young people. The dance continued till 3 a.m., with intermission for a splendid supper.

XMAS RAFFLE.

Under the management of Messrs. Jas. Nelson and Arthur Evans, a raffle was held in Ladner, Tuesday evening, at which some fifteen geese and more than forty ducks were won.

Everybody, that is, everybody who was lucky, got at least a bird, and somebody said he liked the evening's fun.

IS HONORARY MASTER OF HUNT

Hon. T. W. Paterson Accepts Position as Patron of Hunting in Delta Fields.

His honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the province has accepted the position of honorary master of the Ladner Hunt, a position unanimously offered him at a recent meeting of the Hunt Club.

The Honorable Mr. Paterson is not only interested in the Ladner Hunt Club, but is interested in the agricultural pursuits of the Delta as well, for he has not only the biggest, but one of the finest farms in the country in this district.

Mr. Paterson, realizing the benefit to the community of the establishment of a hunt, has recognized its importance by tendering his patronage.

NEW BISLEY REGULATIONS.

Important Changes are Recommended in Regulations Governing Bisley Rifle Meet.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Important changes in the conditions of shooting for the King's Prize and other of the more important competitions at Bisley are recommended in the communications sent to the president of the National Rifle Association by General Sir C. W. Douglas of the War Office, who has been considering proposals for modifying the Bisley programme to bring it more into harmony with the musketry relations of the Territorial forces. The agitation for the abolishment of the bullseye and the knowledge that the officers favored "service competitions," has created uneasiness among rifle clubs who fear that the adoption of the War Office policy may kill interest in rifle shooting.

Specific schemes are set out for the King's and St. George's competitions introducing rapid firing and snap shooting in the second stage of the former and the first stage of the latter.

For example, for the second stage of the King's prize, five rounds deliberate, ten rounds rapid fire and five rounds snap shooting at 300 yards are suggested.

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Homestead entries for the first ten months of 1913 show a falling off of 4415. The decrease is evident in all the three western provinces. Saskatchewan had this year 11,939, against 15,543 for the same period last year; Alberta had 10,142 against 11,886; Manitoba, 2326 against 2699. British Columbia, on the other hand, supplied more free farms this year than last, the number jumping from 254 to 1740.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT.

F. H. Paget Succeeds Duncan Campbell Scott as Accountant of Indian Affairs.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Mr. F. H. Paget has been appointed accountant of the Department of Indian Affairs in succession to Mr. Duncan Campbell Scott, who became deputy superintendent-general when Mr. Frank Pedley was dismissed from the service.

Mr. Paget's appointment is in the nature of a promotion. Mr. Scott, prior to his present promotion was designated chief accountant and Mr. Paget was accountant. The term "chief accountant" has been done away with, but the functions of the office will be discharged by Mr. Paget.

Mr. Paget, who is a native of the Guelph district, has been a number of years in the service of the Indian department both at Regina and Ottawa.

FORSEES YET MORE SURPRISES

London "Standard" Predicts Unusual Happenings in Canadian Railway Affairs in 1914.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—"The Canadian railway market which has provided a number of surprises during the year now closing, has in store for the early part of 1914," says the "Standard," "further developments of a character scarcely suspected at present.

"The construction of the trunk lines in the Dominion during recent years has brought about a far-reaching and fundamental alteration in the balance of power in the Canadian railway world and the principal interests concerned are already taking council among themselves with a view to maintaining the status quo. This can only be achieved by a concentration of administration which would eliminate one or other of the groups now existing. The Canadian Pacific board are anxious that the opening up of the Dominion to modern transport facilities shall be in conformity with their plans and not in opposition to them, and the probability is, therefore, that eventually the Canadian Pacific Railway may not only run from ocean to ocean, but may extend its operations in other directions."

AWARDED LARGE CONTRACT.

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 22.—Bids for the supplying of 7,000 feet of wood water pipe to the city water department were opened by the municipal water board Saturday morning and the contract awarded to the Byrne-Turner Company, of Bellingham, whose bid for 7000 feet of machine-banded fir stave pipe, with steel couplings, totalled $4,200. Four other bids were submitted but all were found to be higher than the estimate of the local company.

$14,000 FIRE IN BLAINE.

BLAINE, Dec. 22.—Fire at an early hour Saturday morning resulted in a $14,000 stock damage and the partial destruction of the best business block in Blaine.

CANTATA IS SUCCESSFUL

Methodist Sunday School's Presentation of "Foxy Santa" Enjoyed by Appreciative Audience.

An appreciative audience heard the cantata "Foxy Santa," at McNeely's Hall, Tuesday evening. The music was good, and parts were well sustained. In fact, in toto, the presentation was a success.

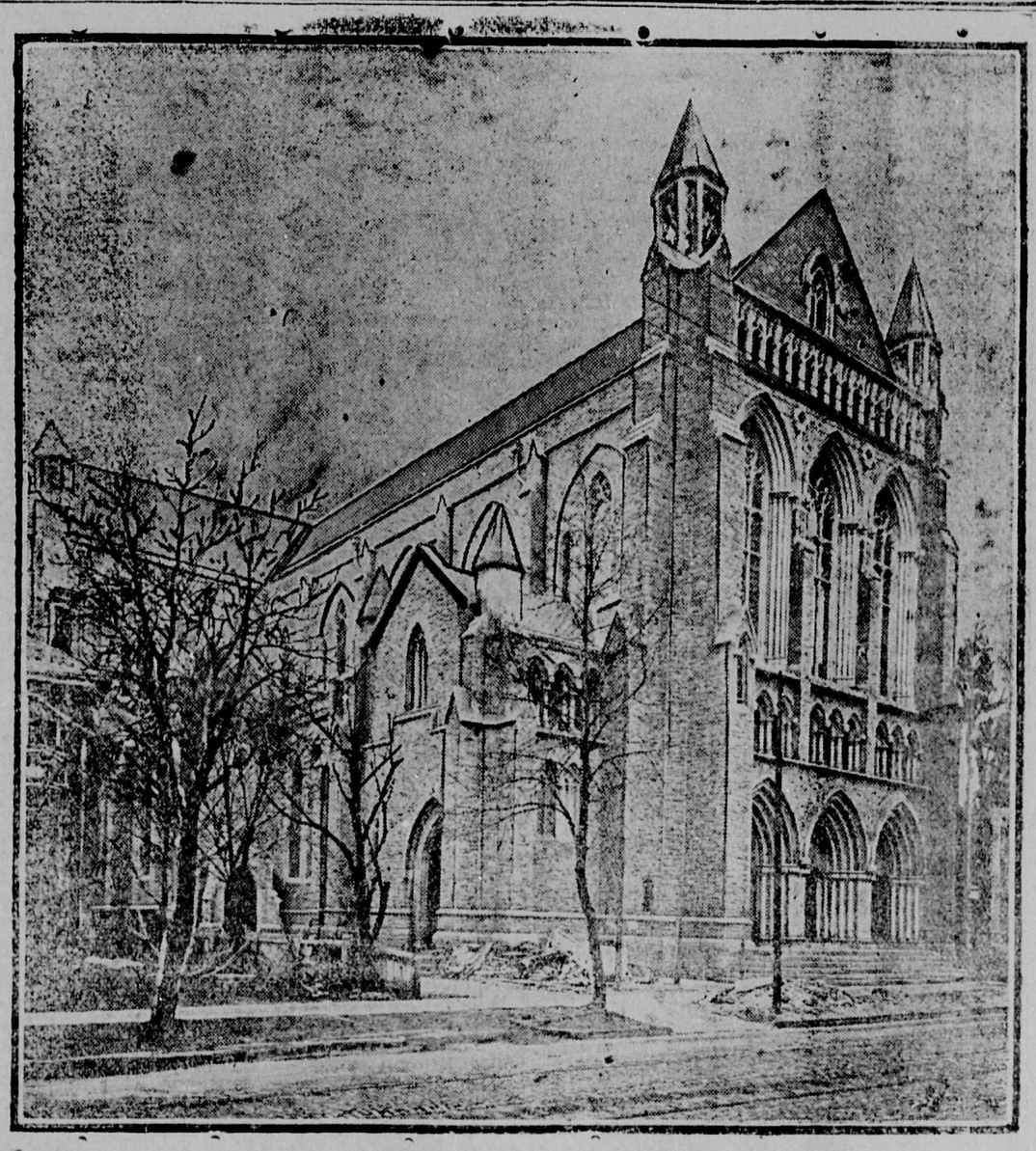
The personnel of the cantata was: Santa, John Kirkland; Queen of Fairies, Ruby Kirkland; fairies, Millie Ellis, Ecelyn Monkman, Eva Follis and Katie Francis; Jack Frost, Cecil Weare; Santa's Military Band, Max Ladner, Ernie Kirkland, Walter and Harry Ladner; Miss Mary, Hazel Hutcherson; postman, Ray Hutcherson; orphans, Billie Francis, Gordon Follis, Ralph Coleman, Dora McGregor and May Stokes; tots, Connie Francis, Claudia Francis, Francis Cullis, Marjorie Lanning, Helen and Annie Ladner and Viola Stokes. The "six," Myrtle Kirkland, May and Winnie Francis, Maud Hutcherson, Nellie Ellis and Mabel Lanning.

ASK GUARANTEE OF BONDS.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—The Provincial government will now be asked to guarantee the bonds of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. to the amount of $750,000. This course of action was decided upon yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the directors of the company, in view of the Provincial government's refusal last week to accede to the directors' request that the government take over the $750,000 raised by the municipalities, the $350,000 donated by the Dominion government, the $400,000 given by the province and yet another million dollars, and erect the $2,500,000 bridge.

NEW WESTMINSTER MARKET.

Eggs at the New Westminster market yesterday morning fell in price from 55 cents a dozen to 50 cents and 45 cents wholesale. This has been the result of the recent mild weather and it is probable that should this keep up that the price will go even lower. As a result of a market on Tuesday morning and also that yesterday was Christmas the supplies were scarce, meats, poultry, eggs and butter with a few sack of potatoes being the only articles to be seen. Meats although not plentiful remained at last week's quotations and the same may be said of poultry, both dressed and live weight. Butter was quoted at 40 cents a pound retail. Another special market will be held next Tuesday.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

This is at the present the largest Protestant Church in the Dominion of Canada. It was built at a cost of $375,000. The railing of the first gallery, is supposed to be the best work of its kind to be found. This big church is really a product of a long standing cleavage between the Low Church and the High Church of England in Toronto. At the time for the election for Bishop in the Toronto Synod, Rev. Dr. Cody, the rector of St. Paul's, was the Low Church candidate for Bishop against the nominee of the High Church, Bishop Thorneloe, of Algoma. There were half a dozen deadlocks, and finally the parties got together and compromised an election of the present Bishop Sweeney. But the friends of Canon Cody decided at that time to erect what they considered a suitable place of worship for Canon Cody's congregation. The new St. Paul's Church is the result. Lately there has been a unification of the forces of the High Church and the Low Church in Toronto.

A Christmas Bride

By Anna H. Bell

"I am lost!"

The words were uttered by a young girl who stood in the midst of a whirl of snow. So far as she could see, the faint white glimmer of the country in its pure shroud surrounded her, obliterating tracks and all landmarks, while the storm of soft flakes made the task of finding her way impossible.

It was Christmas Eve, and muffled as the sound was, she could hear sweet bell music drifting across the lonely wold, the Christmas message of peace and goodwill.

The slight little figure, snow-covered, was very tired, too, but a thoroughly brave spirit animated the frail body of Peggy Severne. She groped her way to a big tree by the wayside. Here bushes had partially screened the spot, and it was somewhat sheltered from the snow.

"I must not go to sleep," said Peggy aloud. "If I am plucky I may pull through; but I certainly shall not if I give in, although the prospect of spending Christmas Eve in this way is very dismal."

As time crept on the girl began to yield to the overcoming drowsiness preceding the death sleep of those lost in the snow. She struggled against it bravely, and then made up her mind to walk on again as best she could. Before she left the little nook Peggy knelt down and prayed to the Saviour of all men—just a simple little prayer, but from her very heart.

Peggy's religion was child-like and trustful. She believed her petition would be heard and answered. It gave her courage and hope to struggle onward. But it was hard work, and all her bravery could not keep her eyelids open. She stumbide and fell, almost exhausted.

Suddenly a thrill of excitement coursed along her veins. Her hand, instinctively extended as she fell, touched something cold and soft, a little human face. Peggy's sleepiness vanished by magic. She was scrambling up and groping about the little heap her fingers encountered. She pushed away the drifted snow and almost dug out what proved to be a bundle of shawls wrapping a little child.

The clouds were breaking, and the Christmas moonlight showered its white beams upon the tiny face, framed in silken soft curls.

"Oh, you are not dead, I hope. You poor little baby! Who could have left you like this?" cried Peggy, pitifully cuddling the child.

Sitting down, all forgetful of herself, she began to chafe the tiny limbs, and pour her own warm breath into the little lungs. Absorbed in these cares for the forlorn waif, Peggy did not notice the approach of a dazzling light, which belonged to a motor car, going slowly on account of the deep snow.

The driver saw the crouching figure and came to a halt.

"What is the matter here?" cried out a masculine voice rich and strong.

Peggy started to her feet.

"Oh, Sir Basil, I am so thankful to see you!" she cried out. "Do take me home. I am quite lost, and I fear this poor little creature is dead."

Sir Basil Ormskirk jumped out uttering an amazed:

"Miss Peggy! Can it be you? My dear little girl, how did you get in such a plight? There, tell me as we go on; you must be frozen!"

He lifted her into the car, baby and all. He was just the type a girl admires, that is a girl like sweet Peggy Severne, whose ideal Prince Charming was always pictured to herself with blue eyes and brown hair, a kind voice and big manly person.

She felt so warm and happy now, with rugs tucked round her, and that powerful figure close to her own.

"I wonder how the poor little thing got there?" she said, after telling Sir Basil how she found it.

"Could not say. Most likely some heartless wretch abandoned it to its fate," said Ormskirk. "How did you get lost, Miss Peggy?"

"I took Granny Dick her Christmas box and stayed a little too long. When I left her cottage I believe I took the wrong turn and got astray."

"I should think you did. Why, we are nine miles from your place. They will be awfully anxious about you, Peggy."

"I am afraid they will. I was wondering what would happen if the hostess was missing from the dinner table. They will imagine I am playing a new version of the 'Mistletoe Bough,' Sir Basil," and Peggy laughed.

"Is there a Lord Lovel to mourn you, Peggy, at Severneholm?" asked Sir Basil, bending down to her.

"Not that I am aware of"—demurely. "Why?"

"I will tell you," said Ormskirk. "Out here in the starlight and moonlight it is easier to speak, I think. Peggy, will you make this Christmas Eve the happiest I have ever known?"

"How can I do that?" she asked; but in her gay tone there was a thrill of tenderness.

"How? Ah, Peggy, you known, I think, little witch. I love you, darling. I want you to be all mine, my dear wife. Will you, little one?"

"I do not know—quite," and Peggy spoke very low. "You have forgotten to ask me one important question, Sir Basil."

"What is that?"—anxiously.

"You have not asked me if I care for you," came the small, sweet voice.

"I want something more than 'care,' darling. Do you love me, Peggy?"

"Yes, Basil."

He brought the car to a standstill, and holding her close to his breast, kissed the pretty lips, sealing their Christmas Eve betrothal.

"I am taking you to Kirkhall, darling," he said, as they drove on again. "I want you to get into some dry things. I am sure your feet must be soaked. And there is the child, too, poor baby."

"I think it is living, Basil. I am sure it feels warm, and—yes, it is really breathing," bending her face down to the tiny one.

They turned in between the gate pillars of Kirkhall and rushed up the avenue to the great home, which had only a lighted window or two in all the stately frontage.

He lifted Peggy out and carried her over the threshold into the huge, splendid hall, adorned with Christmas greenery. An elderly woman came out from one of the rooms opening into it. She was tall, sad-faced, her long black velvet gown falling almost like a nun's robe about her. This was Lady Ormskirk, Sir Basil's mother. She gazed curiously at the incoming pair, her stately son and the fairy figure by his side.

"Mother, I found Miss Severne lost in the snow, and have brought her home to get dried and rested," he said.

"I am delighted to welcome you, my dear," and her ladyship greeted Peggy very affectionately; "but what have you here?" noticing the baby.

Peggy told her, and they unfolded the wrapping shawls, showing a year-old bairn, a pretty boy.

"Oh, what a darling!" cried out the girl. "Is he not sweet?" kissing him rapturously. "You poor, wee, Christmas baby."

Lady Ormskirk made no reply, and her son was surprised to see how very white her face was.

"Are you ill, mother" he asked, for she suddenly put her hand to her head and turned away in a tottetring uncertain way towards a chair.

"No no, a slight giddiness, Basil. It is nothing. Where did you say you found that child, Miss Severne?"

"About a mile and a half away from here, I should say," she replied.

"Was the child alone? It seems incredible anyone could abandon one so feeble and weak."

"It was quite, quite by itself. Not a soul in sight," answered Peggy. "I was almost giving up hope on my own account. Indeed, if I had not stumbled through drowsiness I should not have found it—my little Christmas angel."

"You might have perished. How thankful I am that I went that way. Now, mother, I am sure Peggy must stay here this evening. I will go back to Severnholm and put their minds at ease about her," said Sir Basil.

"Oh, no. I am going home with you, please, so soon as the baby can be made comfortable," eagerly said Peggy.

"Why not leave it here? Much better than talking it into the cold again."

But Peggy, sweetly wilful, insisted on her own way. She was very quick, and fancied her future mother-in-law did not like the little one.

The child, after being fed and cared for by my lady's middleaged maid, was warmly wrapped up again and by that time Peggy herself was ready to return home. Before they left Sir Basil said to his mother:

"You know, mother, that I meant to ask Peggy a certain question to-night? She has answered it as I hoped she would do. Will you give her a daughter's welcome?"

Lady Ormskirk put her hands on Peggy's shoulders and looked down at her sweet, sparkling, lovely face with a curious expression, then said:

"You love my son, Peggy?"

"Yes, I do," said the girl with shy blushes, and grace of maidenly feeling.

"And you would not like anything to come between you?" pursued my lady.

"Nothing could, while we were true to each other," replied Peggy.

"I should think not, indeed," broke in Sir Basil. "Mother, what questions to ask her."

"Not unnecessary. But I congratulate you, Basil, and Peggy will find me a good mother," said Lady Ormskirk, kissing the girl.

They went out again to the snowy roads, happy in each other. The mother watched the car glide away with miserable eyes.

"To think my action was useless. But where is the child's mother? Poor little Peggy. She little suspects what a difference that child makes to her and Basil," muttered my lady as she hurried back to her stately rooms, and the lonely Christmas Eve by the fire.

She had been invited to join the festal circle at Severnholm, Peggy's beautiful home, but declined it. Lady Ormskirk was not a sociable woman. She lived by herself, her one idol, her son. Her religion was austere and formal, giving no comfort, since she learnt of the law rather than Gospel. A second wife, she had never expected her son to become master of Kirkhall, and her stepson was a cruel, grasping man, forcing his father's widow to live on the slender jointure which was her sole provision. Then he died, and Basil came in for everything; but the sadness did not leave his mother's face.

Severnholm was brilliantly lighted, and there appeared to be a great commotion and excitement when Sir Basil drove up in his car. Instantly they were surrounded by a crowd of eager people, and Peggy seemed in danger of being smothered beneath her friends' caresses.

"Where have you been? Everybody has been out looking for you. Dinner's spoilt and we are all starving."

From these and similar questions and remarks Peggy Severne at last escaped to her own room and the ministration of her maid and duenna—Mrs. Lawson.

The baby was put in a little cot in her own bedroom, and later on held quite a little court, all the ladies following their hostess upstairs after dinner to see her treasure trove.

"It is a dear little thing—so fair and fresh. His experience does not seem to have hurt him. And what a monster his mother must be to leave such a swet pet in the snow. What will you do with him?" asked one of Peggy's aunts.

"Keep him," answered Peggy. "He is my little Christmas angel. If it had not been for finding him I should have gone to sleep, and—died in the snow, most likely. No, I was not afraid to die, but life is very beautiful here"—with a faint roseate blush as she glanced at Basil, who stood in the background.

It was past two o'clock when the gathering broke up, and the gay party separated to their rooms. Peggy dismissed the sleepy maid and undressed herself by the blazing fire. The baby was sleeping, his little golden curls lying damply about his flushed brow—one dimpled fist lying outside on the coverlet.

Peggy said her prayers beside the crib, then, turning down the lights, got into her own warm nest. She lay awake some time, thinking what a wonderful Christmas Eve it had been, and how beautiful a gift had been given her in Sir Basil's love. Gradually the tired eyelids drooped over the sweet eyes, and Peggy slumbered as tranquilly as the innocent child by her bedside.

She awoke from a confused dream, conscious of a presence in the room other than her own, and a thrill turned her blood cold. There, bending over the crib, was a female shape, robed in some white garment. A veil hid her features, but Peggy saw the flash of brilliant eyes as the intruder lifted the baby from its crib and glided away.

The spell of terror was broken. Peggy was no coward. She sprang from her bed and rushed after the visitant. Ghost or human flesh and blood, the girl did not intend to let it escape.

"Give me that child" breathlessly cried Peggy—bolder as her hand clutched a real, muscular arm. "If you do not, I will shriek for help."

The woman muttered something and tried to get away. In the tussle Peggy dragged down her veil—then fell back in sheer amazement, dumbfounded to behold the face of Basil's mother.

"You," she gasped. "What do you want with that baby? Lady Ormskirk, sit down and tell me why you have dressed up like this and crept into my bedroom like a thief."

Lady Ormskirk hesitated. She was furious, yet terrified.

"That child makes my poor boy a pauper again," slowly said the widow. "Sir Walter married a poor, wretched girl of whom he was ashamed. She heard of his death and oame to Kirkhall to claim the place for her little son. Oh, it was quite genuine. I tried to buy her off, but she was so fond of her little son; and then she got angry, and went out in the cold dusk and snow, threatening to see Sir Basil, and get justice from him. Where can the woman be? I thought if I could secure the baby in this way I could keep the secret—"

"Keep the secret," cried Peggy indignantly. "Why, the dear little fellow must have his birthright."

Lady Ormskirk paused, then she flung herself on her knees before the girl in her long white nightdress.

"Oh, Peggy—Peggy, do keep the secret. I think the woman must have perished in the snow, and, no one need ever know Sir Walter left a son. Think of Basil. You say you love him—"

"So I do," answered Peggy. "But I love honor, and so does he. Besides, it doesn't matter. I am rich enough for both—"

"But, Peggy, he will not marry you if he is poor."

"I cannot help that. If this child is the real owner of Kirkhall he must have it. Basil and I can settle our own affairs afterwards."

Peggy was rallied a good deal upon her pale face at breakfast, but she kept her own counsel. Not even to Basi ldid she hint one word of the scene through which she had passed, but she prayed very earnestly for his mother.

And her prayers were answered. The widow, who only coveted wealth for her boy, confessed the truth, and although Basil was deeply grieved, he forgave her.

Well for Clara Ormskirk that she did this, for when the snow melted, the body of her stepson's unfortunate wife was found not far from where Peggy discovered her child, and upon it the papers which established the baby heir's claim.

Peggy had a world of trouble with her proud lover before he would consent to bear "the stigma of a fortune hunter"—as he bitterly called it. But when another Christmas season came round he could hold out no longer, and sweet Peggy Severne became a Christmas bride, the most important person next to her being a certain small, yellow-haired laddie in white frock and scarlet ribbons, who was called "little Sir Arthur," and owned an adoring slave in the person of his repentant "Granny."

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...LOCAL ITEMS...

Miss Bown visited Vancouver on Tuesday.

Mr. J. Johnson motored to town Wednesday.

Mrs. W. McCrea visited Vancouver Tuesday.

Miss Weare visited Vancouver on Tuesday last.

Miss Jessie McInnes visited Vancouver, Tuesday.

Mrs. S. W. Walter visited Vancouver on Monday.

The "Parson's Vacation" at McNeely Hall, early in January. **

Mr. Marshall Smith and Miss Beatrice visited Mr. H. N. Rich on Monday.

Miss M. J. Brooks, of Vancouver, spent last Tuesday visiting in Ladner.

Mr. G. Deveraux is spending his Christmas vacation at home with his mother.

Mr. Ben Brandrith has returned to Ladner to spend the Christmas season.

Mr. W. P. Symons left for Victoria, Wednesday, to spend his Christmas vacation.

Mr. Chas. Davis has announced his intention to become a candidate for the honor of being a Delta councillor.

The usual annual Christmas tree of the Sunday school at Boundary Bay will be held in the local school house on Monday, December 29.

Dr. Ottwell made a trip to Vancouver, Tuesday, returning Wednesday morning. He made a particularly close connection with his car and the government ferry.

The Ladner-Woodward's Landing ferry has been doing a business in the Christmas season so large that the old kickers are now kicking themselves.

For all Building Supplies and Fuel Oil, apply to the B.C. Transport Co., Ltd., 505 Westminster Trust Building. Office phone 826; wharf phone 880.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of All Saints's church will be held in McNeely Hall on the evening of Tuesday, December 30.

While endeavoring to get Delta market prices, the Times man talked to Mr. Jack Johnson. Mr. Johnson told him that ducks were worth from 25 cents each to $18.25 each. He had been patronizing the raffles.

Messrs. Griffin, Houston and Carson all of Vancouver while riding to hounds Saturday last, going over the Rock Pybus place, met with a fence. All of the trio "made" the ditch, and Mr. Pybus says that if in future the huntsmen will give him notice, he will prepare feather beds for them to fall upon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Savage visited the city on Monday.

Miss Laura Hutcherson visited Miss Rich on Monday last.

Mrs. and Miss Whitworth visited Vancouver on Friday last.

Mr. John Kirkland visited New Westminster Tuesday last.

Mr. D. Mitchell is leaving on Monday for his home in Ontario.

Mrs. Murphy visited Vancouver on Tuesday, returning by the ferry.

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Mr. E. L. Berry sang in church last Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Rich is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Rich.

Mrs. and Miss Deveraux visited Victoria, spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Swords.

Mr. Fred Cook has resigned his position on the Birdswell and is back on dry land again.

On Sunday, December 21, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Holbrook, at Sapperton.

Mr. A. deR. Taylor, postmaster, reports the greatest Christmas business in the history of Ladner.

Wright Bros., of Boundary Bay, have finished the plowing of 169 acres of land, and feel in good trim for the beginning of 1914.

Mr. and Miss Grant are spending their Christmas vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Grant.

There are many winners and many more losers in the many, many store drawings in Ladner this holiday season. The names of the losers will be published next week.

People holding tickets for raffle on Miss Florence Lord's organ, kindly send name and address to F. E. Lord, 2582 Vancouver street, Victoria, B.C., at once. **

The time-honored watch night service will be held in the Methodist church, Ladner, on New Year's eve, at 10.45 p.m. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Last Sunday, Mr. E. L. Berry sang in church service. In the morning he rendered the "Holy City," and in the evenign the "Star of Bethlehem."

Mr. Robert Careless sold on the New Westminster city market last Friday two sacks of potatoes—Delta potatoes—for $4.00. These "spuds" were bought by Mr. Fred Davis, proprietor of the White Cafe.

At the Hunt meet, Saturday last, there was a match race between Mr. A. Austin's "Lady Maud," and Mr. Morgan's "Quichana." Mr. Austin, while well in the lead, still rode, but when his mount came to a fence, in place of a jump, the rider was taken through a wire fence.

POTATO QUARANTINE WILL BE CONTINUED

But May Be Raised Under Certain Conditions of Regulation and Inspection.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Houston yesterday issued an order continuing the quarantine put temporarily into effect September 20 last forbidding potato importation from the British Isles, Canada and all Continental Europe. This action was modified, however, by a second order, under which the quarantine may be raised under proper regulation and inspection from foreign countries or districts, which can show that they are free from potato wart and powdery scab, the two diseases which the Department of Agriculture aims to keep out of the country. The first order becomes effective December 24, but will admit until January 15, next, potatoes covered by consular invoices issued on or before Wednesday next. The second order is effective January 15 next.

THOUGHT IT WAS SUMMER.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Dr. Clark, M.P., of Red Deer, stepped off the C. P. R. train from the West on its arrival here at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, garbed in semi-summer clothes. Last Wednesday, and Thursday he and three of his sons played cricket in a field near his home. He was surprised that the weather was so cold here.

Mr. Pester—Ah, well, truth is stranger than fiction.

Mrs. Pester—Very much stranger. I seldom, if ever, encounter it in my home.—Chicago News.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

PRINCE RUPERT.

Rogers & Black are presenting the citizens with a very acceptable Christmas present in the way of a cut in the price of coal. Their Wellington coal is now $10 a ton, which is one dollar less than formerly. They claim this is made possible by their improved methods of handling the coal.

A Russian Finn named Wicklund is the first person ever tried for murder in Prince Rupert. The man is charged with the murder of Clarence Howell in the new Telkwa hotel on November 4 last. He was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

NANAIMO.

Mr. J. W. Harley has been compelled owing to ill health to resign his position as city constable and night watchman, which positions he has held for ten years. He will be succeeded by Mr. William Hart.

Mr. J. P. Jones, the well known local vocalist, left the city Tuesday for Oakland, Cal., to accept a position as soloist in the Methodist church of that city. Mr. Jones was one of Nanaimo's premier soloists and will be greatly missed in the musical circles of the city.

GRAND FORKS.

The Canadian branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association has just completed a series of competitions under its direction in first-aid work. The contest which has just closed is that for cadet teams of five boys each. The prizes in these competitions were five latest pattern Ross cadet rifles. The winners of the rifles for the West are: Alberta, Calgary, School Cadet team No. 2; British Columbia High School Cadets, Grand Forks; Manitoba, Winnipeg Highland Cadets; Saskatchewan, Regina School Cadets.

VERNON.

The Vernon Board of Trade has petitioned the Provincial government to inaugurate a policy of aiding any telephone company in the province in extending its lines to remote and scantily settled districts, where such investment by the company would not pay interest. The interest of Vernon in the project is the desire to have a telephone cable laid under Okanagan Lake for a distance of 11,000 feet and to a depth of 600 fee, from Carr's Landing to Short's Point, to serve the settlers on the west side of the lake. There will not be sufficient subscribers to justify the local company in making the necessary outlay—about $1,500. The company, however, guarantees that whenever the subscribers make the line self-supporting it will be willing to buy the cable from the government, less 10 per cent. for depreciation each year.

MERRITT.

A topographical survey of the Nicola Valley lying between Nicola Lake and Merritt is being carried out by Mr. P. de Lautour, the district engineer for the Nicola water district. When the field work is completed a map will be made showing five-foot contours.

SALMON ARM.

A card in the local press from Dr. A. K. Connolly, announces that at the request of many ratepayers he has decided to let his name go before the electors as a candidate for the mayoralty.

Practically every train now brings in mail boxes to be placed in position by parties along the rural mail delivery routes between Salmon Arm and Gleneden and Salmon Arm and Glenemma and are expected to be taken away at once.

ENDERBY.

The brick walls of the drill hall are finished to the roof timbers and it is hoped to have the rafters in place in a few days.

NEW DENVER.

Chas. H. Stewart, of the firm of Alex. Hill & Stewart, mining engineers, London, England, accompanied by Ernest Levy of Rossland, the firm's representative in British Columbia, came to Silverton by Monday's boat and went up to the Van-Roi mine on a visit of inspection. Messrs. Hill & Stewart are managing engineers for the Le Roi No. 2, Ltd., operating the Josie group of mines in Rossland camp; the Van-Roi Mining Co., and other mining companies with mines in various parts of the world.

KEREMEOS.

Pierre Alex gave information last week that led to the arrest of two young Indians, named John and Francis Quoltierre for cattle stealing. They were arrested by Constable McGuffic on Tuesday, the 2nd, but on Wednesday night broke jail and got clear for the time being. The constable on Thursday, after a hard day's riding got track of them near Chopaka, and it is supposed that they hearing that it would be but little time before they would be re-arrested, gave themselves up at the reserve.

KAMLOOPS.

West of Kamloops, C.N.R. grading has practically been finished to railhead from the Port Mann end, there remaining 10 miles of track to be either installed or linked up to complete that portion of the route. The Port Mann-Kamloops section will likely be ready for through traffic early in the spring at the present rate of progress.

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INJURED BY FALLING TREE.

EDMONDS, Dec. 24.—Ernest Fellows, a resident of Burnaby, met with an accident yesterday afternoon near Glen Lyon, Reeve D. C. McGregor's home on Riverway. Mr. Fellows, a young man of 22, was at work when a tree that had been lodged against another fell, bruising his head and shoulder. He was attended by Dr. Baird of Collingwood, and was removed by the police to the Royal Columbian Hospital where he is now progressing favorably.

BEDFORD STILL SELLS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Duke of Bedford, who only last week sold the majority of his real estate holdings in this city, made another big sale when he disposed of some property in Bloomsbury for about $1,500,000. One plot was sold at $300,000 and it is on this site that the National Shakespeare Memorial Theatre will be built.

JOE TINKER.

Twenty-five thousand dollar baseball player sold by Cincinnati Naticnals to Brooklyn Nationals. He gets a ten thousand dollar bonus in connection with his transfer.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WESTMINSTER, HOLDEN AT NEW WESTMINSTER.

Between Bank of Montreal, Plaintiff; And Frank Millejeux and James W. Hollinshead, Defendants.

To Frank Millejeux, of the Municipality of Delta, British Columbia, farmer.

Take notice that a Plaint has been entered and a Summons issued against you in the above County Court by the Bank of Montreal, who carry on business at the City of New Westminster and elsewhere, as maker of a promissory note dated the 11th day of August A.D. 1913, for the sum of $155.00 and interest, payable two months after date to the defendant James W. Hollinshead or order, and endorsed by him, which note has been duly presented for payment at the Bank of Montreal, New Westminster, B.C., the place where the same is stated to be payable, and has been dishonored, and notice of dishonor given or duly waived.

Particulars:

Oct. 14, 1913—To amount of note due this day	$155.00
Oct. 24, 1913—To interest on $155.00 from the 11th day of August, 1913, to date at 8 per cent. per annum as well after as before maturity by terms of note	2.36
	$157.36

And an order has been made inter alia that the publication of a notice of the entry of such Plaint in two issues of The Delta Times, shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Summons upon you.

You are required to enter a Dispute Note within fourteen (14) days from the date of the first publication of this notice in The Delta Times, at the Registrar's Office at New Westminster, B.C., and if you do not so enter such Dispute Note, judgment may be signed against you and the Plaintiff may proceed to execution.

Dated this 18th day of November A.D. 1913.

J. J. CAMBRIDGE,
Registrar.

DELTA FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the members will be held in the Council Chambers, Ladner, on Friday, January 2, 1914, at 2.30 p.m.

N. A. McDIARMID,
Secretary.

DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the members will be held in the Council Chambers, Ladner, on Friday, January 2, 1914, at 3.30 p.m.

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HEAVY BAIL FIXED.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Before Mr. Justice Murphy in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday, several applications were made for bail in the cases of men alleged to have committed offences during troubles last summer at Extension and Nanaimo. Bail was refused only in the cases of Joe Angelo and Steve Michek. Other dispositions were as follows: John Hackel, bail to be $7500; Steve Fairhurst, $10,000; Charles Rice, $7500; William Bowater, $10,000; Robert Haddon, $5,000. Mr. J. E. Bird appeared for the applicants and Mr. A. D Taylor, K.C., for the Crown.

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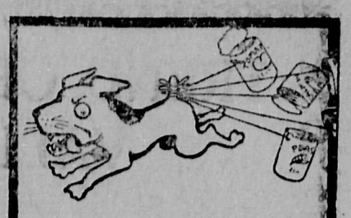

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Beginning Monday, September 15, the steamer New Delta will run on her fall and winter schedule, as follows: Leaves at 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Vancouver passengers can make connection by taking the 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. cars at Granville street station. New Westminster passengers should take the Eburne cars at 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and the Steveston cars at Eburne.

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TREND OF AGRICULTURE IN FRASER VALLEY IS TOWARD INTENSIVE METHODS

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The present trend of the agricultural industry in the Lower Fraser Valley is undoubtedly toward intensive methods, the term "agriculture," of course, being urged in the broad sense, to cover grain growing, root and vegetable production, horticulture, the breeding and raising of live stock, dairying, and the raising and keeping of poultry.

Extensive agriculture really has never been practiced in the lower valley, but until recently grain production—chiefly oats, and the production of hay for the market, together with the raising of stock to be turned off to the butcher occupied the attention of most of our farmers, operations being as broad as the circumscribed land areas permitted.

Grain and hay are, of course, still produced, but today a large percentage of our agriculturists grow not a grain, nor a blade of grass, nor a root, for the market, having found it more profitable to feed the products of their land, and market milk, cream, pork, veal, poultry, eggs, etc.

This greater profit is the prime reason for the tendency to intensive operations. Closely allied to this reason is another—the fact that the land in the Lower Fraser Valley that is available for farming in any of its branches—the cleared and diked land—has become so valuable that only in specializing can a reasonably good profit be secured. Still another reason is that the logged-off land, before it can be used for any agricultural purpose, must be reclaimed at heavy cost in money, or its equivalent—labor.

Moreover, the large increase in the urban population of the British Columbia coast has so enhanced the demand for the direct and indirect products of the land—largely the products of intensive farming—that the supply is entirely inadequate, the natural consequence being an advance in the prices of these products that makes the intensive field very attractive.

The branch of intensive farming most popular today is undoubtedly dairying, for there is no district of the Dominion of Canada more favorably adapted to the highest productiveness of the milch cow than the Lower Fraser Valley, and there is probably not in the world a market for milk and cream more profitable to the producer than our own. And it is safe to say that nowhere, under normal conditions, are such good prices paid the dairyman for his product.

Dairying is developing very rapidly, every week adding to the number of dairy farms in the valley and to the numerical strength of established herds. Development in another direction is also marked i.e., improvement in the quality of the herds. There are now in the valley several herds composed of pure-bred cows, and nearly every dairyman is improving his stock by crossing in breeding with a pure-bred animal of his selected breed.

Holsteins are undoubtedly the favored breed both in pure-breds and grades, but some very successful dairymen use pure-bred and grade Ayrshires and grade Guernseys and Jerseys.

Much is being done by Colony Farm, conducted in connection with the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale, in aiding the dairymen of the valley by breeding pure-bred Holsteins from stock celebrated for milking performance records, and selling at auction young bulls. Many of these fine animals are now on dairy farms scattered over the entire district. Colony Farm also records the performances of its milch cows, demonstrating by comparison the value of highly productive cows.

The Dominion government's Experimental Farm at Agassiz is also doing good work, experiments in the dairy stables being very exhaustive and valuable. There the dairy cow is fed to produce the maximum in quality and quantity of milk production. Records are kept of the production under pasture versus production under ensilage; under soilage versus ensilage; and under soilage and pasture, combined, versus ensilage. There are also experiments in window ventilation, record of the stable temperature and of the foulness of air being carefully kept.

A branch of intensive agriculture which is developing, but not so rapidly as it ought, is market gardening. Many men who have taken up small holdings—two to ten-acre tracts—have failed. The reason for failure is easily discovered from the soil—not in itself by any means a good reason for failure—and, infinitely worse, expected a return for little exertion.

Proofs of the possibilities of at least a good living on a small tract in the Lower Fraser Valley may be seen in every section, where there are intelligent, energetic men making much better than a living through the study of productive conditions and of the demands of the market—plus work.

With the most excellent prices received for the products of the poultry yard, both birds and eggs, it would appear that there is good money in this line of endeavor. The fact that poultrymen in Northwestern Washington find it profitable to esll live birds in the British Columbia market, paying duty—chickens raised under almost identically the same conditions of climate and cost of feeding obtaining on this side of the line—proves the possibilities of raising table birds in the Fraser Valley. Eggs find ready market the year around, prices in winter rising as high as 75 cents a dozen for new-laid eggs, and rarely falling below 25 cents when production is at its height, the demand of the much-maligned cold storage man for eggs to hold for the winter trade keeping up the market for the producer.

Stock breeding is really in its infancy in the valley, but there has been great advancement in the last three or four years. This is particularly true of the breeding of pure-bred Clydesdale horses, a highly favored breed on the British Columbia coast, and the success of a considerable number of fine animals in wide competition has given the industry a forward impetus. Colony Farm leads in this branch of breeding, and the splendid winnings of its pure-bred mares at the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago this month, against the best animals the American continent has produced, will be of practical value to the Fraser Valley and to British Columbia at large.

The breeding of pure-bred beef stock has really just begun in the valley, but the owners of the few small herds now kept intend augmenting their numbers, and others will shortly enter the field. The Aberdeen Angus is the favored breed at this time.

Something is being done in the breeding of swine, many farmers having recently acquired pure-bred Yorkshires and Tamworths.

A few stockmen have for several years been breeding good sheep of various breeds, and these report an exceptional demand this year for young pure-breds by farmers all over the valley.

WASHINGTON STATE.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24—W. J. Grambs superintendent of light and power for the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company, was led from Mayor Cotterill's office by Patrolman P. J. Haubria Monday afternoon at the request of the mayor, after Mr. Grambs declined to leave when asked to do so.

The trouble which culminated on Monday began a week ago, when Mr. Grambs called upon Mayor Cotterill, with several members of the Employers' Association, to discuss the teamsters' strike. The mayor charges that Mr. Grambs asserted that city officials, the city council, the civil service and civil service employees, all were dominated by the labor unions.

Start Work in Spring.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—In addition to the plans for $1,000,000 worth of King County road construction to be completed the coming year, out of the $3,000,000 county road bond fund, County Engineer Arthur P. Denton Monday announced the proposed construction of $350,000 worth of county roads out of the state permanent highway fund, work to begin as early in the spring as the condition of the ground will permit.

List Is Still Growing.

CENTRALIA, Dec. 24.—Mrs. William S. Newburn succumbed to typhoid fever Monday, bringing the total dead as a result of the present epidemic up to nine. She was the wife of a clerk in the local post office. Seventeen new cases were reported Saturday and twenty Monday, bringing the total number of cases to date to past the 270 mark.

"Seattle Day."

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—By the passage of an ordinance Monday the city council established June 6 of each year as a municipal holiday, to be known as "Seattle Day."

Resigns Office.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 24.—Everett C. Ellis, assistant attorney general, has tendered his resignation to Attorney General W. V. Tanner, effective January 1, and it has been accepted. Mr. Ellis resigned on account of ill-health.

VICTORIA NEWS.

Sealing Commission.

The sealing commission took a holiday Saturday afternoon. So well are the Indian claims going that there are good hopes now that these will all be finished by the end of this week, and the commission will be free to devote the rest of this season to claims of individual white sealers. The Victoria Sealing Company's case is adjourned definitely to July 1.

Got Clear Away.

Firing two shots from a revolver at Mrs. Gouge, proprietress of the Four-Mile House, on the Colwood road, a masked man, who had evidently entered the bar for the purposes of robbery, made good his escape shortly after 10 o'clock on Friday evening. The shots, both of which went wild and were buried in the wall of the bar-room, alarmed inmates of the place who were playing cards in a rear room. When they rushed into the bar the intruder had gone, and though the provincial police were on the scene within a short time of the occurrence and kept up the search for the bandit, not a trace of him could be found.

LONDON ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 24.—One hundred and seventy-nine candidates were entered in the municipal race here at the nominations, held Monday. Among the number were nine for mayor, which included Mayor Graham, advocate of electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway, and Alderman Richter, who opposes it.

CHURCH NOTICES

Anglican.

Holy Communion, first and third Sundays at 11 a.m., second fourth Sundays at 8 a.m.; matins, 11 a.m.; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday evening, Litany at 8.30. Rev. C. C. Hoyle, M.A., vicar.

Baptist Church.

Pastor—Rev. D. G. Macdonald.

Ladner—Sunday school, 11 a.m.; evening service, 7.30 p.m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.; missionary meeting every first Wednesday under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle.

Crescent Island—Sunday school, 2 p.m.; service, 3 p.m.; singing practice and Bible reading, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

Gulfside Schoolhouse—Union Sunday school, 2 p.m.; singing practice and Gospel service. Friday, 7.30.

Catholic.

Church services will be held every other Sunday, beginning with Sunday, November 14, 1909. Parochial mass at 10.30 a.m.; Sunday school, 2 p.m.; evening devotion, 3 p.m.; a.m. Rev. Father W. Chaput, parish priest.

Methodist.

Services next Lord's Day at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; class meeting, before the morning service every Sunday; Sabbath school at 10 a.m. every Sunday; Epworth League every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Rev. C. Wellesley Whittaker, pastor.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

Services next Lord's Day at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; week night services on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock; Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. Rev. J. J. Hastie, minister.

Any corrections in above names or times should be sent to the office of the Delta Times, Ladner, B.C.

DELTA DIRECTORY

Delta municipality is situated at the mouth of the Fraser River in the finest agricultural district in B.C. The chief interests in the Delta are farming, dairying, fruit culture, market gardening, sheep and horse breeding. There are also salmon canneries in the Delta municipality. There are shipping facilities by rail and boat to the markets of Canada and the United States. The crop yield is the largest per acre in Canada, and the sheep and horses bred are the finest in British Columbia. Along the south bank of the Fraser River there are splendid sites for industries.

Board of Trade.—President, D. A. McKee; secretary, S. W. Fisher.

Justices of Peace—H. D. Benson, H. J. Kirkland, J. McKee, E. L. Berry.

Police Magistrate.—J. McKee.

Medical Health Officer.—Dr. J. Kerr Wilson.

Coroners.—Dr. A. A. King and Dr. J. Kerr Wilson.

School Board.—S. Wright, chairman; C. Davie, A. deR. Taylor, J. McCallum, W. R. Ellis, N. A. McDiarmid, secretary.

Farmers' Institute.—T. T. Harris, president; N. A. McDiarmid, secretary.

Delta Farmers' Game Protective Association.—Wm. Kirkland, president; A. deR. Taylor, secretary.

Delta Agricultural Society.—Dr. J. Kerr Wilson, president; A. deR. Taylor, secretary.

Member of Parliament.—J. D. Taylor, New Westminster.

Member of Local Legislature.—F. J. MacKenzie, New Westminster.

Boat Sailings.—S.S. New Delta leaves Ladner every day for Steveston at 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., connecting with the B. C. E. R. cars. S.S. Transfer leaves for New Westminster daily, except Sundays, at 7 a.m.; returning, leaves New Westminster at 2 p.m., reaching Ladner at 5.30 p.m.

Railways.—Great Northern leaves Port Guichon daily for New Westminster and Vancouver at 7 a.m.; returning, leaves Vancouver at 2.30 p.m., reaching Port Guichon about 6.30 p.m. B.C.E.R., Lulu Island Branch, E. Stirling, superintendent; Vancouver to Eburne and Steveston—Cars leave Granville street depot (at north end of bridge over False Creek) at 6.30 a.m. and hourly until 11.30 p.m. Special car for Eburne at 6.00 a.m. Cars leave Steveston at 6.30 a.m. and hourly until 11.30 p.m. Sunday service—First car leaves either terminus at 8.30 a.m.; hourly service thereafter until 11.30 p.m.

Post Office.—Hours, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mail for Vancouver closes at 12 noon; for New Westminster and up river points at 6.30 a.m.; closed all day Sunday.

Municipal Council.—Meets in the Municipal Hall, Ladner, on the second and fourth Saturdays in each month at 2 p.m. Reeve, H. D. Benson; councillors, A. D. Paterson, W. A. Kirkland, Hanford Lewis, G. Dennis, Chris Brown; clerk, N. A. McDiarmid.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—30690.

LIEUT.-COL. PRIOR PROMOTED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—A militia order has been issued making Lieut.-Col. Hon. E. G. Prior, of British Columbia, a full colonel. Col. Prior is on the retired militia list.

The Delta Times is published every Saturday from the Times Building, Ladner, B.C. J. D. Taylor, managing-director.

TO INVESTIGATE HALIBUT HABITS

This Will Be Chief Subject of Survey Next Summer of Pacific Fisheries.

Detailed information has been received at the Dominion Fisheries office here by the chief inspector, Mr. F. H. Cunningham, regarding the fisheries survey of this coast that the Minister, the Hon. J. D. Hazen, has promised for next summer. The investigation will be thorough and detailed, following the lines recommended by Mr. Cunningham and Mr. D. N. McIntyre, the deputy commissioner of fisheries for the provincial government, on the occasion of the Minister's visit to the coast last summer.

Perhaps chief among the points to be investigated is the question of the location an dareas of the spawning grounds of the halibut. In fact the halibut will form the chief subject of investigation. The spawning period, the resorts of the young halibut, or "halibut nurseries," will also be investigated, while the inshore migrations of large halibut will be a subject of the feeding areas and the nature of the food, while the methods of capture and the handling of the halibut will also receive attention. The study of the halibut scale in connection with its life history will be continued.

"Mrs. Wombat says she loves to commune with nature."

"I'm not surprised at that. Nature will let you do all the talking, and that makes an awful hit with her."—Washington Herald.

PRINCE WILLIAM OF SWEDEN.

Second son of the King of Sweden, whose wife is said to be contemplating divorce.

RESIDED HERE FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Charles J. Donahoe, Well Known in New Westminster, Dies in Hospital.

Charles J. Donahoe, a resident of New Westminster for thirty-five years, died in Royal Columbian Hospital last evening, and arrangements for the funeral are being made this afternoon by his friends.

Mr. Donahoe leaves no immediate family, and has no relatives in this city, but several nieces in Boston, Mass., survive him.

The dead man was an upholsterer by trade, and for years has been a familiar figure on New Westminster streets. He lived for many years at the Depot Hotel. For several years he has been engaged during each session of the provincial legislature as assistant sergeant-at-arms.

VANCOUVER CITY.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24. — The plans of the Vancouver Milling Company for carrying Nelson street from where it now ends at Mainland street through to Cambie street, and Cambie street from Smythe to Nelson streets were approved by the Board of Works yesterday afternoon. Communications put before the committee showed that the C. P. R. have agreed to convey to the city for highway purposes that portion of Nelson street running from Mainland street to the intersection of Cambie street, making a roadway 66 feet wide. The C. P. R. has also agreed to convey to the city for highway purposes that portion of Cambie street running from Smythe street, 44 feet wide, measured from the south side of the street.

Repairs to Cost $40,000.

Mr. J. M. McLuckie, contractor, took out a permit today for repairs to the Kelly-Douglas building, which was badly damaged in the big blaze of a month ago. The repairs will cost $40,000. Work is already under way and the reconstruction will be completed in another two months.

Former Vancouver Man Killed.

A former resident of Vancouver, Mr. Roy Swanson, 26 years old, died in San Francisco from injuries received by being struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Daniel C. Van Brunt, a prominent capitalist. Mr. Van Brunt has been charged with manslaughter and has been released on heavy bail. Miss Irene Brennan, who was accompanying Mr. Swanson at the timt of the accidest was also injured and her condition is thought to be serious. Mr. Swanson was employed as a telegrapher with the C. P. R. while living in this city.

HEDLEY.

At four o'clock on Thursday morning last an attempt was made by some party or parties to enter the premises of the Bank of British North America.

Dr. de Van's Female Pills

A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Refuse all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at $5 a box, or three for $10. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

WILL FIRST COLLATE INFORMATION TO HAND

Enquiry Into High Cost of Living Will Begin After Holidays in Earnest.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—"We will first collate the information we have at Ottawa," states Mr. John McDougall, head of the inquiry board into the high cost of living, "and after that we will decide where to go and what form the future investigation should take."

Mr. McDougall stated that until he confers with his colleagues he is not in a position to indicate the procedure on the inquiry or the time that will be required for it.

The investigation will start in earnest only after the holiday season. It is said here to be quite probable that a special committee of the Senate may be constituted for the purpose of conducting an inquiry and with that end in view will summon witnesses to give evidence on the subject.

A nervous matron was upbraiding her negro maid and the servant remained silent. This exasperated the mistress, who shouted:

"Mandy, why don't you say something? Why do you keep quiet?"

"'Cause, miss," replied Mandy, meekly, "it takes two to make a fight, an' it ain't propah foh ladies to fight."

CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

The late Cardinal Rampolla was candidate for the Papal Chair. He died after a very short sickness at Rome on December 10. He has a record of never having drunk wine, or of having taken any pleasures. When notified of his death, the Pope said: "Cardinal Rampolla was one of the greatest men in the church. He had become even greater since he retired from State affairs."

TWO ARCTIC VESSELS SAFE

Alaska and Mary Sachs at Collinson Point—Karluk Last Seen on August 19.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Dr. R. M. Anderson, chief antiropologist with the Stefansson expedition, reported to George J. Desbarats, deputy minister of naval affairs, today that all the scientists and members of the crews of the Alaska and Mary Sachs, two of the explorer's vessels, were safe and well in winter quarters at Collinson Point, 50 miles from Flaxman Island, in the Arctic Circle.

The report arrived by mail yesterday, and says, contrary to recent dispatches from Seattle, that neither of the two vessels is damaged to any extent. The Mary Sachs was caught in the ice packs last September, but can be repaired easily. Dr. Anderson reports last having seen the Karluk in an ice pack near Point Barrow on August 19.

The mail was dispatched from Collinson Point on October 13 by runner to Circle City, Alaska, and thence sent south by steamer.

Dr. Anderson, who was formerly chief anthropologist of the American Museum of Natural History, says the charts prepared by E. D. K. Leffingwell, the American explorer, were of inestimable value.

The Mary Sachs, with Kenneth Chapman, a geologist, in charge, and the Alaska reached Collinson Point September 27 and decided to winter there.

NAVY YARD REPORT.

BREMERTON, Dec. 19.—The annual report of the chief of the bureau of yards and docks, Washington, D.C., to the navy department, has the following to say of the navy yard, Puget Sound: "The most important work completed at this navy yard was dry dock No. 2, which with all appurtenances, cost $2,158,047.23; of this sum the dry dock proper cost $1,898,567.93. The general foundry building was completed, costing $161,303.06. The new garbage crematory was completed at a cost of $6,000. Interior finish, kitchen equipment and electric passenger elevator in naval hospital cost $14,956.08."

MINING CLAIMS FILED.

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 23.—Four more notices of coal claims were filed with the county auditor Saturday, indicating that the new discovery on Church mountain, near Glacier, is of more consequence than at first thought. The locators who are recording claims today are Barno Bond, L. E. Haggard, T. E. Bottiger and Robert Chamberlain. The claims are located about two miles northeast of Glacier, in the government forest reserve.

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