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AWKWARD SQUAD ON PARADE

Saturday Night Scene on Victoria Ave. And Its Tales of Woe--The Slant Eyes' Hoodoo

See Woo didn't See Woo was coming last Saturday night, and thereon hangs a tale.

Now, See is some pumpkins in the North end slant eye squad, and for some time it has been rumored that he has had extensive dealings with the elusive chips, dominoes and other little trinkets that go to make up the great fan-tan game. It has been said also that his nibs is strong on the pipe and other Oriental dope.

On Saturday night last about the time the Celestials had put the last crimps in the Sunday dickeys, and had hied themselves to the emporium of See Woo, a (s)quintet of local coppers headed by acting chief Bowen, descended on the great See, like the avenging angel, and doused his glim.

Decorum, procedure and the like were left at the city hall, and the five bulls landed right in the centre of Rice and Rat Land, at the same time that the banker for the game stroked his long bony fingers over the pile, and thought of retirement in the land of perpetual sunshine and unlaundered shirts.

The local arms of the law didn't sit in at the game. They hogged the whole works; the dinkey little chips, the punctured coins, bag and baggage were canned. Not content with this, the participants in the game were also taken with the coup. At first See and his followers suddenly remembered pressing engagements out the back door, under the tables, etc., but a generous display of naughty looking shoot-'em-up guns brought this stampede to a halt.

Now, See Woo's strong room is a long way from the shookum house, and the task of five two-legged Fernieites chasing a two-dozen bunch of thoroughly aroused Chinamen over the trail did not look any too bright.

However, two heads are better than one, so the heads of the Celestials were bound together by a tie that has brotherly love backed off the map—i. e., their queues were knotted, two by two, much after the same fashion as the horses tails are fixed up for the fall fair.

Ye gods and dragons of the Orient! Were ever the sacred traditions of this Chinese handle desecrated in such an unholy manner?

Headed by Fire Chief McDougall, who acted as interpreter, the procession started without further adieu to the strong house, using for the sake of dignity and appearance, the hay foot, straw foot system. Arriving at the cells, a good sized crowd was at hand; some had been attracted by the procession, thinking it was Attorney-Gen. Bowser and his colleagues coming with a license for the Fernie club. Others were attracted afterward by the noise, thinking it was the city council in session.

The night clerk counted tails, and informed the burlesquers that there was no room in the inn, whereupon a hurry up hearing was given, and the bail fixed at $25 for the lesser lights, but at $250 on the head of See Woo, and a couple of others Woos, who had been picked as the biggest nuisances. Opium was found on several of the Orientals. The officers making the haul were: Acting Chief Bowen, Patrolmen Hartley and Gorman, Messrs. Chief McDougall and D. Kennedy.

See Woo was sent up for trial later.

DISASTER IS WORST ON RECORD

TREMENDOUS AVALANCHE OF SNOW SWEEPS 62 WORKMEN AWAY

30 BODIES RECOVERED

DISASTER CONSIDERED WORST IN THE HISTORY OF THE ROAD

VANCOUVER, March 9—Details are still very meagre regarding the snowslides along the C. P. R. system in the mountains, and there is still danger from other slides owing to the mild weather.

The company is taking every precaution however, and no more fatalities are anticipated. Large gangs of men are employed clearing the tracks, but regular traffic is considerably delayed. In several places the wires are down, and communication is hard to obtain.

Besides the bodies of 12 Japanese the body of R. Jones, laborer, Vancouver, was recovered today.

Following are the names of Bridge Foerman MacDonald's men, all killed:

R. Hughes, Revelstoke.
T. McMurray, Revelstoke.
H. Meikus, Revelstoke.
H. Major, Revelstoke.
S. Oliver, Alberta.
F. Waggener, Revelstoke.
J. MacKowesowk, Revelstoke.
A. Clem, Winnipeg.

No Chance of Escape

Sixty two deaths is terrible toll of the avalanche which turned one part of Rogers Pass into a veritable charnel house Friday midnight. The victims of the slide about half of whom were white men and the remainder Japanese, had gone from Nelson to clear away a snow obstruction. The work of clearing the track was about half finished when without warning an enormous slide came down, burying the track under fifty feet of snow for a distance of 200 yards. The workmen were completely penned in and had not the slightest chance to escape. The following is a list of the missing and alive:

R. J. Buckley, conductor, of Revelstoke.
W. H. Phillips, engineer, of Revelstoke.
J. J. Fraser, roadmaster, Revelstoke.
A. Potruff, engineer, Revelstoke.
J. McClelland, bridgeman, Revelstoke.
G. Anderson, foreman, Victoria.
A. Johnson, foreman, Revelstoke.
F. Wellander, foreman.
D. G. McDonald, bridge foreman.
A. L. Mahon, brakeman.
G. Nichols, bridgeman.
Harry Martin, laborer.
Fred Wagner, laborer.

Eleven of bridge foreman McDonald's men, names unknown, and 37 Japanese.

Up to 6 o'clock last night 30 bodies had been found, ten of these were Japanese.

All the men in the section gangs in the vicinity have been checked up and the total missing is 62. There is no question but what this is the total death list.

Bodies Will Never be Found

Relief trains were rushed from Nelson, Kamloops, Arrowhead and Calgary, carrying all the available doctors and nurses and hundreds of workmen to carry on the work of clearing the snow away in an effort to recover the bodies of the victims.

It is feared that a number of men were swept into the canyon and that the bodies will never be recovered.

Every hour brings new advices adding to the magnitude of the avalanche. The slide struck the snow shed on Bear Creek one mile east of Rogers Pass and at the actual summit of the Selkirks. Seventy five per cent of the victims are white men, the remainder being Japanese. It is definitely known that Conductor Buckley and Engineer W. H. Phillips of the work train, headed by a rotary snow plow were killed. It is believed that very few survived the awful accident.

As soon as the news reached Revelstoke the fire bell was sounded and within half an hour the relief trains, conveying physicians and nurses and over 200 railroad men and other citizens. The disaster is easily the worst ever experienced in the mountains since the completion of the line. It has almost become a by-word that although occasional slides had occurred, that disaster had been prevented by snow sheds and patrols. Previously no passenger or freight trains were ever swept away and no passenger ever lost his life.

James A. Patten, of Chicago, who made the sensational coup a short time ago was hooted off the Manchester (Eng.) stock exchange this afternoon, and as a result of the hubbub a large crowd gathered in a few minutes, following him through the streets and finally became so demonstrative that he was compelled to seek shelter in a business office.

FROM NA ZDAR!

Ze Zarubku. (Opetne neco z pasaliku pana "hejtmana" Vajdy.) Potrestani horniku jest pry jeste jediny prostredek, ktery klidni rozrusenou mysl pana Vajdy. Trestani horniku na Zarubeckych dolech jde jako o sazku. Vina, to jest Vajdovi veci neznamou. A mysli si take: Vinen, nevinen, ja jsem panem, mohu si delat co chci a basta. Co jest mne potom, ze treba polovice trestanych horniku nevi zac jsou vlastne trestani. Kydz trestá zavodni, mysli si urednici, ze mohou trestat take. Treba jinym zpusobem a take poderzrelejsim. Na zimu vzdy hornici fasuji na sachtach zemaky, za nez se jim pak z vydelku srazi anebo je primo zaplati. O novem roce obtahnuty byly penize hornikum, kteri meli jiz davno zaplaceno. Museli nyni vyhledavat svedky pomoci nichz by mohli dokazat, ze skutecne zaplaceno jiz meli. Pak teprve "neomylni" urednici musell doznat svuj omyl. A coz kdyby to byvali nemohli dosvedcit? Museli by platiti jeste jednou! Pekne to vedeni knih. Nebylo by lepe, aby pan Vajda nahledl take trochu blize sebe? Na Hermenegilde je novopeceny povrchovy dozorce a dle vseho prisel odnekud, kde snad mel blizko bordel, ponevadz ciste po bordelarsku divky tituluje a to divky, pracujici na rampe za 1 neb 1.20 K denne, ktere musti tyto hrozne urazky divciho citu snaset. Divky jsou sotva skole odrostle. Pri tak male mzde jsou jeste trestany az 4 korunami mesicne. Tento pan Valchar chodi ozbrojen zeleznou holi, kterou mu zamecnici udelali a truhlar nalakoval na dreveno, aby snad s ni ono biricstvi zakryl. Pan tento, pres to, ze jest k noseni zelezna hul zakazana, ohrozuje s ni lidi. A cetnictvo polskoostravske dela, jakoby nic. Dva delnici byli propusteni z prace na udani dozorce Kmury, ze si stezovali na maly vydelek, z nehoz nemohou byt zivi. Steznosti a zadosti horniku nejsou ani vyslechnuty a jsou odmeneny jedinou a Vajdovi tak milou odpovedi: vemte si knizky a jdete jinam! Coz kdyby to tak jednou vsichni hornici rekli Vajdovi!?!

Na dole Albrecht v Petrvalde byli dva hornici vypovezeni z panskeho bytu proto, ze pri obecnich volbach v Petrvalde volili dle sveho presvedceni a ne dle prani zavodu. Dne 14. ledna t. r. sfackoval placmistr Spusta synka Piegrzyma. Na stiznost tohoto synka u spravy zavodu bylo mu vyhrozovano, ze stane-li se to jeste jednou, bude on (ten synek) propusten z prace. Dozorci nestalo se nic. Dne 19. ledna nasla ohrabovacka Kolackova na place flok (znamku na vuz). Ponevadz myslela, ze se tento flok ztaril nektere parte, odnesla tento flok dozorci, ktery ku obebirani techto floku jest ustnoven. Tento dozorce devceti flok vytrhl z ruky a strcil devce ze schodu dolu. Na stiznost devcete rekl zavodni, ze jidadvesmeny trestu. Kdyz delegati ohledne synka Piegrzyma byli v zavodni kancelari, rekl zavodni, proc se dela tolik ramusu pro pobiti synka, ze drive dostali taci chlapi jak oni (delegati) biti a niceho nesmeli proti tomu namitati. Toto biti delniku opakuje se na teto jamo neustale a sprava zavodu, jak videt, chova se k tomu uplne netecne Az delnictvu prejde trpelivost a nebude chtiti toto tyrani delniku snaset a bude zadat odstraneni takoveho dozorce, pak budou podnikatele zase kricet, ze se delnictvo micha do jich zaloztosti a klade nepripustne pozadavky.—Aby ale hledeli tomuto zloradu uciniti konec, o to se nestaraji. Nejchytrejsim k osvetleni utrpeni zdejsiho delnictva jest pripad havire Knybla z teto jamy. Knybl jest zamestnan v koupelne. Zednik, konajici tam nejakou spravku, zavrel bez vedomi Knybla ventil.—Druhy den stala se nasledkem toho nejaka nehoda. Knybl ackoliv nevinen, byl na ctrnact dni dan k nadennicke praci, az do navratu zavodniho. Po navratu zavodniho byl prelozen na jamu Hohenegger v Karvine. Po trech mesicich byl propusten z prace. Po 21denni nezamestnanosti byl vzat nazpet do prace. Z jamy Hohenegger byl presazen na novou sachtu Katerinu; delal tam dve smeny a ponevadz tam delnici vydelavaji az 7 korun na smenu, byl dan z dolu na povrch a placen co nadenik 2 K 50 h na smenu. Ponevadz rodinu mel v Petrvalde, sam byl v Karvine, platil na jedne strane 5 K, na druhe strane 4 K najemneho. Z tohoto vydelku musil platit 9 korun najemneho a zivit osmiclennou rodinu. Konecne byl jeste soudne ze zavodniho bytu vypovezen. Po dlouhem trapeni byl konecne na jamu Albrecht ku praci havirske vzat nazpet. — Muze neco jeste vice a jasneji charakterisovati mstivost a brutalnost uhelnych podnikatelu cili jich urodniku? Co utrpeni lezi v tomto postrkovani delnika, co hladu, bidy a slz rodiny pro nic a za nic, jen aby choutka nekterého urodnika zavodního kochati se na utrpeni delniku a jich rodin, byla ukojena. Jak rimsti cesarove ve stredoveku, jez krvi otroku byli jen ukojeni, tak zdejsi zavodni jen zniceni existence delnicke rodiny jsou usopokojeni. Blahoslaveny zivot ostravskeho hornika jest skutecne zavideni hodny.

HOLD-UP TRIO ARE IN THE TOILS

Policemen Gorman and Bowen Make Arrests This Morning

Guilt Is Acknowledged

Since the sensational hold-up took place at Coal Creek the police officials have been on a still hunt which culminated in the arrest of Fred Boulanger, a brakeman on the M. F. M. Ry. that operates between here and Coal Creek, and Nat Babcock, who used to pack on the Flathead, and is well known throughout the Kootenay, having cruised for timber through the interior of the province, but latterly has been acting as representative for a real estate firm. These two are at present held in the city jail, and the third, John Boulanger, brother of Fred has been arrested in Cranbrook, and will be brought to Fernie tonight.

The excellent manner in which the detention of these men was accomplished reflects great credit upon Acting Chief R. W. Bowen and his capable assistant, M. Gorman.

LATER.—Fred Varlow, Coal Creek policeman, arrested, alleged to be chief instigator of the scheme.

PHILHARMONIC FINANCES

The Editor Ledger:

Dear Sir: Would you kindly publish the enclosed balance sheet in your next issue with the following remarks added:

Practice for the second concert of the season has already commenced, and it is hoped to give the people of Fernie quite a musical treat in the near future. With this end in view it is hoped that all the music loving people of the community will waste no time in joining the Society and getting down to real earnest work at once, also that all the old members will be prompt and regular in attendance at the future practices.

The society meet in the Elley Musical parlors on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

J. W. Quinney
Secretary

May Queen concert. Balance sheet of Fernie Philharmonic society.

Receipts

Cash rec'd. from R. R. Webb.	$18.63
Sale of tickets	177.50
Subscription. G. Stevenson	10.00
Subscription S. Herchmer	10.00
Mr. Rudnicki for music	2.05
	$218.18

Disbursements

Boy delivering dodgers	$ 1.00
W. Hawthorn	4.00
Jas. Pasta	9.00
Express on advertising	3.10
Duty on advertising	2.60
Telegram	.60
G. Stevenson on acct. of cash advanced M. Langendorf	56.00
Bal. M. Langendorf	69.00
Miners hall rent	25.00
F. Laubach (conductor) part expenses	25.00
Free Press	10.00
W. G. Bruce, rent	5.00
H. W. Gray & Co. Music	4.91
Balance at bank	2.97
	$218.18

Accounts still outstanding, Fernie Free Press $10.

Audited and found correct. —C. Holmes.

J. W. Quinney, Secretary

MARK HAMBOURG

the great Russian pianist, now touring Canada has, unsolicited, chosen the Heintzman & Co. piano for his use at all his recitals. Like all others of the world's greatest artists he knows what best suits an artist's requirements. What is good enough for Mark Hambourg is good enough for you, is it not? M. W. Elley, District Mgr. Grand Theatre block.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11—Firemen perform heroic deeds, saving inmates of an apartment house. Two hundred people compelled to flee in nightrobes.

Tex Rickards, promoter of Jeffries-Johnson, taps Jean Beaufort's claret in a S. F. wine room—Beaufort's to the hospital.

It will soon be known if any records were left by Dr. Cook on Mount McKinley, as Belmore Brown will make the ascent. He will leave Tacoma May 2nd.

The tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul on Puget Sound which have been closed for three weeks on account of snow slides and washouts, are nearly cleared, and trains are expected to be running there to morrow.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S LITTLE PINK TEA

Alberta Government up in The Air--Ministers Have Resigned and More Trouble in Sight

EDMONTON, March 10.—Premier Rutherford, Hon. Duncan Marshall and Hon. P. E. Lessard still hold office but it is expected that they will soon resign.

If Hon. W. H. Cushing is called upon to form a government he will take the department of public works himself. His choice of members for his cabinet will be

George P. Smith of Camrose
Dr. Warnock of Pincher
J. R. Boyle of Sturgeon
J. A. McDougall of Edmonton

No Announcement

EDMONTON, March 10.—"I have nothing to say," said Premier Rutherford in the Legislature today just before adjournment, when Mr. Bennett asked that the premier take the members into his confidence and explain the startling political developments that have transpired in the Alberta government.

The vacant government benches all spoke for themselves.

Attorney General Cross has not approached the house for three days, and Hon. Duncan Marshall and Hon. W. A. Buchanan were also absent from their places today.

Still the premier refuses to inform the house or the press as to the present situation or what the next move will be.

Cross Quits Politics

Hon. C. W. Cross in an interview is reported to have stated that he was out of politics.

He said his letter of resignation would no doubt be read by the Premier in due course and until then he had nothing to say. The resignation of Sydney B. Woods is confirmed and it is understood that he will enter a law firm in Edmonton.

On the first opportunity in the Legislature today Hon. Cushing commented on the usual fairness of the press on political matters, but said that the Morning Journal had misrepresented him. He was reported to have given the premier the double cross but he denied this.

Rutherford in Caucus

Tonight a caucus was held and although Premier Rutherford intimated he would like to stay he finally placed his resignation in the hands of the members and left the caucus, members agreeing to hold the resignation a day and think it over.

Late tonight J. A. McDougall went to the Premier and intimated to him that he must resign.

It is expected that Cushing will be called on to form a new cabinet right away.

The whole trouble seems to centre on the A. and G. W. Ry transaction.

It was further learned that at a caucus yesterday at noon the resignation of the Premier was discussed, and the asking of Chief Justice Sifton or Senator Talbot to take office. The report of Sydney Wood's resignation is confirmed. He will enter a law firm.

Mrs. Bailr Letcher received on Tuesday last.

Born: On Saturday, March 5, 1910, at Fernie B. C., to Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Woodhouse, a son.

Patrick Kennedy wires Mangan:—"Will celebrate the 17th by coming out for alderman."

Joe Letcher returned from Calgary on Thursday.

Frank A. Briscoe, proprietor of the Oak Lake (Man.) News, was in town this week, on a trip to the coast.

The Misses Letcher entertained a few friends at whist on Thursday evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Special performance on Sunday evening at Fernie opera house for benefit of Mr. Thompson. Still needs $160 to obtain the artifical limbs.

Mrs. Charles O'Rourke has been confined to the house this week owing to a runaway Monday night, when he got a severe kick on the left leg.

It is expected that Lewtas and Reid, evangelists of the Puget Sound conference will be conducting a two weeks mission in the Methodist church in Fernie early in April. Further announcements later.

Sunday services in the Methodist church as follows: 11 a.m. Subject:—"Why Revivals are Needed." 7.30 p. m. "What is a Revival." Preacher, W. L. Hall. 2.30 p.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class. Young men especially welcome.

On the 9th inst. Joe Makuk and Jan Hollway, miners in No. 1 mine, north, Coal Creek colliery, were charged before Magistrate Alexander with having powder stored behind a post in their working place in No. 8 room No. 1 incline. This is a violation of Rule 9, clauses a and b of the Coal Mines Regualtion Act. Makuk and Hollaway pleaded guilty and were fined $10 and costs each.

The two coal miners Thomas Davis and Fred Talbot, who were arrested in connection with the recent hold up at Coal Creek, have certainly been given an unenviable notoriety by the reports scattered broadcast through the Press, and as they were found upon examination to be completely innocent and and discharged accordingly, common justice demands that like prominence be given to the exoneration as the original statement received; we therefore suggest that other papers please copy, thus minimising the possibility of any injury that might ensue.

The annual meeting of the Fernie Co-Op. was held in the Miners Hall on Thursday evening, March 10. The report of the business of the previous year, the first one in the society's history, was discussed and adopted as satisfactory, showing a net profit of $660.40. The following officers were elected for the present year: President John Wilde; Vice-president — Bryan Ward; secretary-treasurer, Jas. Lancaster. Committee: W. Dickenson, A. Cartlidge, J. Haile, G. Linn, W. Stockwell, R. Boardman, W. Shenfield, J. T. Puckey, H. Fox, J. E. Smith, T. Uphill, W. Minton, H. Bentham, E. Harper, J. Sharples, C. Carter, W. V. Bell, Auditors: D. Paton and R. Johnson.

"CROW" TO BE MAIN LINE SOON

DECISION SAID TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY REACHED AT MONTREAL

FINISH IN TWO YEARS

CANADIAN PACIFIC WILL PUSH ON WITH WORK TO THE COAST

WINNIPEG, March 9.—The C. P. R. will have an alternative route to the coast within two years, which will be practically another transcontinental system, as the company has decided to complete the Crow's Nest Pass line through to Vancouver as quickly as possible.

This road is in operation at present as far as Midway, but the extension of it through to the Pacific coast has long been contemplated by the company. It is only within the last few days, however, that anything definite has been known in the matter, although a decision was arrived at during the conference in Montreal recently when the construction programme for the year was formulated.

It has no doubt been hastened by the activity of J. J. Hill who has been building spurs in British Columbia at such a rate that, failing action by the C. P. R. he will enjoy a monopoly of the through traffic between Vancouver and the Kootenays via the rich Similkameen and Okanagan districts. The big coal deposits of the Crows Nest Pass country, as well as the fruit valleys of the Okanagan are tapped by these branches. Now the Great Northern is hard at work connecting up these spurs with a through line to Vancouver and a big force of men has this week been set at work in the neighborhood of Princeton building a line through the Hope mountain to form this connecting link. Simultaneously with this activity on the part of the Great Northern, comes the announcement that the C. P. R.'s survey party in charge of W. I. Bassett, a well known railway engineer, has just reached Vancouver, having completed the location survey over the Hope mountain for the company.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

An error was made in the list of delegates attending the Lethbridge convention by inadvertently omitting the names of Charles Garner and D. J. McDonald from Michel, B. C.

The Fernie Local S. P. of C. at their usual meeting on Sunday evening, 13th inst., will discuss "The Woman's Question," and an effort will be made to organize a woman's branch of the movement.

As usual service will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday morning, afternoon and evening. In the morning Rev. Spidell will preach on "Are We Able to Keep the First Great Commandment?" In the evening his subject will be "The Three Christs."

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will hold a sale on Tuesday March 22nd in the temporary church building. A large quantity of aprons of all kinds, children's wear and fancy articles have been prepared. All kinds of home cooking and candy will also be for sale. Tea will be served.

To all and sundry who in their efforts to enter the post office permit their angry passions to arise and naughty words to issue from their lips, remember those grand old words of (we don't know his name) that mummified specimen of a man who had never put up a stove pipe nor tacked down a carpet, and impress indelibly on memory's tablets—To enter the P. O. PULL is all that is needed, but to emerge demands push.

Joseph Emerson, superintendent of the Canadian Collieries was in town Sunday last, returning to Frank by the delayed evening train.

We note that the 41 Meat Market is now well located in more commodious premises on Victoria avenue opposite the King Edward, where the genial Sam Graham will be at all times delighted to supply the anti-vegetarians of the community.

A delegation of members of the B. L. E. (Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers) called upon the provincial government recently with a view to the granting a third class certificate (Stationary Engineers) to all of their members who had a certain length of service to show, but the request was not granted.

It is expected that in the near future a Bill will be operative to compel all persons operating heating plants such as are used in hotels, etc., to pass government examination. This, we believe is occasioned by the possibility of explosions taking place, similar to the one that happened some time ago in Vancouver if incapable individuals allow the supply of water in the boiler to become exhausted.

On walking along Pellat avenue on Sunday last our attention was called to some excellent singing that was issuing from the lower portion of the City Hall, and the title was something about "A Stranger from Home," and if it were the inmates of the cells the sentiment was no doubt peculiarly appropriate. (Later: We are informed it was the Baptist quartet.) Passing a little further eastward we found at Bruce's Hall a gathering of over 30 men, practising some choruses under the able direction of Mr. Thos. Biggs. We believe it is the intention of this gathering to give some concerts in the not distant future, and if the same care and zeal, together with punctual attendance at all rehearsals is shown as at the one referred to, the people of Fernie may look forward with pleasure to the enjoyment of some purely masculine melody.

Ven. Archdeacon Beer of Kaslo, preached two sermons on Sunday the 6th, in the Anglican church. It is expected that the completion of the church will be effected in the near future and it is also reported that the pulpit will shortly be occupied by Rev. Walton, who is at present in charge at Davenport, Wash. Archdeacon Beer is one of the pioneers of Episcopalianism in this province, and is at present engaged upon a work that will be exceedingly interesting to all members of that body, a short history of the Anglican church since its inception in B. C., and there will be many interesting incidents in connection therewith, the experience of one of its most strenuous supporters, Rev. H. Irwin, better known as "Father Pat" will be of particular interest to those who even had the pleasure of meeting this whole-souled MAN.

Labour and Legislation

Interesting Items for Unionists in British Columbia and Alberta

British Columbia

An Act introduced by Mr. Hawthornwaite respecting Compensation to Workmen for accidental injuries suffered in the course of their employment.

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia enacts as follows:

1: This Act may be cited as the "Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910."

Application of Act

(1) This Act shall apply only to employment by the undertakers as hereinbefore defined on or in or about a railway, factory, mine, quarry, or engineering work, and to employment by the undertakers as hereinbefore defined or in or about any building, and is either being constructed or repaired by means of a scaffolding, or being demolished, or on which machinery driven by steam, water, or other mechanical power is being used for the purpose of the construction, repair or demolition thereof.

(2) A workman employed in a factory which is a ship-building yard shall not be excluded from this Act by reason only that the accident arose outside the yard in the course of his work upon a vessel in any dock, river or tidal water near the yard.

(3) This Act shall not apply to persons in the naval or military service of the Crown, but otherwise shall apply to any employment by or under the Crown to which this Act would apply if the employer were a private person.

liability of Certain Employers to Workmen for Injuries

(1) If in any employment to which this Act applies personal injury by accident arising out-of-and-in-the-course of the employment is caused to a workman, his employer shall, subject as hereinafter mentioned, be liable to pay compensation in accordance with the Schedule to this Act:

(2) Provided that:

(a) When the injury was caused by the personal negligence or wilful act of the employer, or of some person for whose act or default the employer is responsible, nothing in this Act shall affect any civil liability of the employer, but in that case the workman may, at his option, either claim compensation under this act or take the same proceedings as were open to him before the commencement of this Act; but the employer shall not be liable to pay compensation for injury to a workman by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment both independently of and also under this Act, and shall not be liable to any proceedings independently of this Act, except in such case of personal negligence or wilful act as aforesaid:

(b) If it is proved that the injury to a workman is attributable solely to the serious and wilful misconduct of that workman, any compensation claimed in respect of that injury shall be disallowed.

Recovery of Damages from Strangers

Where the injury for which compensation is payable under this Act was caused under circumstances creating a legal liability in some person other than the employer to pay damages in respect thereof, the workman may, at his option, proceed either at law against that person to recover damages, or against his employer for compensation under this Act, but not against both; and if compensation be paid under this Act, the employer shall be entitled to be indemnified by the said other person.

Compensation to Workmen in Case of Bankruptcy of Employer

When an employer becomes liable under this Act to pay compensation in respect of any accident, and is entitled to any sum from insurers in respect to the amount due to a workman under such liability, then such workman shall have a first charge upon the sum aforesaid for the amount so due, and after recovery of judgment by the plaintiff as hereinafter provided the trial judge may direct the insurers to pay such sum into any chartered bank of Canada in the name of the Registrar of such Court, and order the same to be invested or applied in accordance with the provisions of the schedule hereto with reference to the investment in any chartered bank of Canada of any sum allotted as compensation and those provisions shall apply accordingly.

Action for Compensation

(1) Compensation under this Act may be recovered by action begun in the County Court of the county in which the accident occurred not later than nine months after the occurrence of the accident, but such action shall not lie unless notice of the accident has been given as soon as practicable after the happening thereof, and before the workman has voluntarily left the employment in which he was injured; Provided, always, that the want of, or any defect or inaccuracy in, such notice shall not be a bar to the maintenance of such action, if it is found by the trial judge that the employer is not prejudiced in his defence by the want, defect or inaccuracy, or that such want, defect or inaccuracy was occasioned by mistake or other reasonable cause.

(2) Notice in respect of an inquiry under this act shall give the name and address of the person injured and shall state in ordinary language the cause of the injury and the date on which it was sustained, and shall be served on the employer, or, if there is more than one employer, upon one of such employers.

(3) The notice may be served by delivering the same to or at the residence or place of business of the person on whom it is to be served.

(4) The notice may also be served by post by a registered letter addressed to the person on whom it is to be served at his last known place of residence, or place of business, and if served by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter containing the same would have ben delivered in the ordinary course of post; and in proving the service of such notice it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice was properly addressed and registered.

(5) Where the empolyer is a body of persons, corporate or incorporate, the notice may also be served by delivering the same at, or by sending it by post in a registered letter addressed to the employer at the office, or, if there be more than one office, any one of the offices of such body.

No Appeal from County Court Judge's Decision

All actions under this Act shall be tried by the County Court Judge without a jury, and from his decision there shall be no appeal.

Payment of Judgment by Minister of Finance

In the event of the plaintiff recovering judgment in such action, he may proceed to execution against the defendant in the usual way, or he may request the Clerk of the County Court whose duty it shall be to comply with such request, to notify in writing the Minister of Finance of the recovery of such judgment. Upon the receipt of such notice from the County Court Clerk the Minister of Finance shall out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, pay said judgment at the times and in the manner that the same is payable by the defendant, together with all necessary legal costs entailed upon the plaintiff. Upon receipt of said notice the Minister of Finance for the time being holding such office shall be the assignee of said judgment, and in case it was proved during trial that the accident arose out of the personal negligence or wilful act of the employer, the Minister of Finance shall have all the rights and power for enforcing the same against the defenadnt under section 6 hereof as would have been possessed by the plaintiff had he not caused the Minister of Finance to be notified of the recovery of such judgment.

Chap. 74, 1902 Repeated

Chapter 74 of the Statutes of 1902, being the "Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902" is hereby repealed.

Scale and Conditions of Compensation

1. The amount of compensation under this Act shall be:

(a) Where death results from the injury:

(1) If the workman leaves any dependants wholly dependent upon his earnings at the time of his death, a sum equal to his earnings in the employment of the same employer during the three years next preceding the injury, or the sum of two thousand dollars, whichever of these sum is the larger: Provided that the amount of any weekly payments made under this Act shall be deducted from such sum, and if the period of the workman's employment by the said employer has been less than the said three years, then the amount of his earnings during the said three years shall be deemed to be 156 times his average weekly earnings during the period of his actual employment under the said employer:

(2) If the workman does not leave any such dependants, but leaves any dependants in part dependent upon his earnings at the time of his death, such sum, not exceeding in any case the amount payable under the foregoing provisions, as may be determined by the judgment recovered to be reasonable and proportionate to the injury of the said dependants; and

(3) If he leaves no dependants, the reasonable expenses of his medical attendance and burial, not exceeding one hundred dollars:

(b) Where total or partial incapacity results from the injury, a weekly payment during the incapacity not exceeding fifty per cent of the average weekly earnings during the previous twelve months, if he has been so long employed, but if not, then for any less period during which he has been in the employment of the same employer, such weekly payments not to exceed ten dollars: Provided that the total amount paid as compensation for injury causing such total or partial incapacity shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

2. In fixing the amount of the weekly payment, regard should be had to the difference between the amount of the average weekly earnings of the workman before the accident and the average amount which he is able to earn after the accident and to any payment not being wages which he may receive from the employer in respect of his injury during the period of his incapacity.

3. Where a workman has given notice of an accident he shall, if so required by the employer, submit himself for examination by a duly qualified medical practitioner provided and paid by the employer, and if he refuses to submit himself to such examination or in any way obstructs the same, his right to compensation, and any proceeding under this Act in relation to compensation, shall be suspended until such examination takes place.

4. The payment shall, in case of death, be made to the legal personal representative of the workman, or, if he has no legal representative, to or for the benefit of his dependants, or, if he leaves no dependants, to the person to whom the expenses are due; and if made to the legal personal representatives shall be paid by him to or for the benefit of the dependants or other person entitled thereto under this Act.

5. Any question as to who is a dependant, or as to the amount payable to each dependant, shall be settled by the trial judge.

6. The sum allotted as compensation to a dependant may be invested or otherwise applied for the benefit of the person entitled thereto, as agreed, or as ordered by the trial Judge, and notwithstanding anything contained in this act, the trial judge may order that a specified or lump sum be paid in lieu of weekly payments.

7. Any sum which is ordered by the trial judge to be invested may be invested, in whole or in part, in the savings department in any chartered bank in Canada by the Registrar of the Court in his name as Registrar.

8. Any workman receiving weekly payments under this Act, if so required by the employer, or by any person by whom the employer is entitled under this Act to be indemnified, from time to time submit himself for examination by a duly qualified medical practitioner provided and paid by the employer, or such other person; but if the workman objects to examination by that medical practitioner, or is dissatisfied by the certificate of such practitioner upon his condition when communicated to him, he may submit for examination to a medical practitioner appointed for the purpose by the trial Judge, and the certificate of that medical practitioner as to the condition of the workman at the time of this examination shall be given to the employer and workman, and shall be conclusive evidence of that condition. If the workman refuses to submit himself to such examination, or in any way obstructs the same, his rights to such weekly payments shall be suspended until such examination has taken place.

9. Any weekly payment may be reviewed at the request either of the employer or of the workman, and on such review may be ended, diminished or increased, subject to the maximum above provided, and the amount of payment shall, in default of agreement be settled by the trial Judge.

10. Where any weekly payment has been continued for not less than six months, the liability therefor may, on the application by or on behalf of the employer, be redeemed by the payment of a lump sum, to be settled, in default of agreement, by the trial judge, and such lump sum may be ordered by the trial judge to be invested, or otherwise applied as above mentioned.

11. A weekly payment, or a sum paid by way of redemption thereof, shall not be capable of being assigned, charged or attached, and shall not pass to any other person by operation of law, nor shall any claim be set off against the same.

SALVATION ARMY

The House went into committee of the whole on a bill respecting the Salvation Army, Mr. Behnsen in the chair.

Mr. Hawthornwaite asked why the Bill allowed the Salvation Army to come and do business in the province without license or registration.

Mr. Davey, who had charge of the Bill, explained that it was not a commercial bill in any sense, but simply empowered the Army to engage in charitable work. It was a power that they were given under the Dominion law anyhow.

Mr. Hawthornwaite said if it was unnecessary he would move to strike out the words giving them these powers.

Hon. Mr. Bowser said that the Salvation Army owned certain property in the Province, and wanted to deal with it. Having obtained their privileges under the Dominion act they did not want to be put to the expense of registering under the Companies Act here. They had to pay the fees of this private Bill, and the house ought to have no desire to harass them in any way.

Mr. Hawthornwaite said they had no objection to the Salvation army as a religious organization, but when they went into the labor business they should be treated exactly the same as any other commercial company.

The amendment was defeated.

Mr. Williams claimed that the Salvation Army had not been true to its former contract to bring in exclusively farm laborers, and he read an advertisement from a Victoria paper in which the Army offered to provide help for farmers, manufacturers, contractors and others, and not for farmers alone.

Hon. Mr. Bowser said this had nothing to do with the Bill before the Committee, which was simply intended to make transfers easier.

Mr. Williams wished to know whether the agreement between the government and the Salvation Army made three years ago was for the purpose of bringing out agricultural laborers or not.

Hon. Mr. Bowser asked that the questions stand over, and he would look it up, as the contract had been made by his predecessor, Captain Tatlow.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

ALBERTA

(From our special correspondent.—Received too late for publication last issue.)

Edmonton, Alberta.

In view of the fact that there is only one out-and-out Labor representative in this assembly, naturally it will be of him and his doings in the main that will be of particular interest to your members, more especially so inasmuch as he was sent from a constituency that forms part of District 18, and represents that peculiarly shaped division called the Rocky Mountain division extending from Coleman on the West to the vicinity of the North pole on the top side, but as far as voting population is concerned, has its principal representation at and near Bankhead.

To follow the lines of our friend Robbie Burns sayings:

"O wad the powers the giftie gie us to see ourscls as others see us."

This is what the Edmonton Capital had in its issue of the 12th of February:

"Calmly and dispassionately C. M. O'Brien M. L. A., Socialist representative for Rocky Mountain, took his seat in the legislature yesterday for the first time. The opening ceremonies with the social frills appertaining thereto, had proceeded without him, and he seemed to enter the House only when he thought that it meant business.

His presence to the extreme left of the speaker behind the leader of the Opposition and near the door was conspicuous. He wore a heavy projecting jaw, a soft shirt and a bright red necktie. Altogether he looked the Socialist, but the curtain has not yet gone up on the part he is to play."

We may think it somewhat funny that Charley was so lightly apparelled for thus standing the cold breezes of this locality, and this despite the

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List of Locals District 18

(Corrected by District Secretary up to March 7, 1910)

NO.	NAME	SEC. AND P. O. ADDRESS
29	Bankhead	T. Bradley, Bankhead, Alta.
481	Beaver Creek,	J. C. McNeil, Beaver Creek, Alta.
431	Bellevue	J. Burke, Bellevue, Frank, Alta.
2163	Blairmore	G. Kelly, Blairmore, Alta.
1387	Canmore	Wm. Angell, Canmore, Alta.
69	Coal City	T. Reilly, Coal City, Taber, Alta.
2633	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2227	Carbondale	P. Lennon, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
2378	Cardiff	J. Aplin, Cardiff, Alta.
279	Cardiff	F. K. St. Amant, Cardiff, Alta.
2877	Corbin	A. Hamilton, Corbin, B. C.
2178	Diamond City	Pat Kelly, Diamond City, Lethbridge, Alta.
2540	Edmonton City,	C. F. Larrier, 154 Bellamy St. Edmonton
1329	Edmonton	Richard Thompson, Frazer Flats, Edmonton
2388	Edmonton	N. Belleguy, 255 Hamilton St., Edmonton
2314	Fernie	D. Rees, Fernie B. C.
1263	Frank	G. Nicol, Frank, Alta.
2497	Hosmer	J. W. Morris, Hosmer, B. C.
1058	Hillcrest	J. O. Jones, Hillcrest, Alta.
2850	Kenmare	R. Evans, Kenmare, N. D.
571	Lethbridge	L. Moore, P. O. 113, Lethbridge, Alta
1233	Lille	W. L. Evans, Lille, Frank, Alta.
2329	Maple Leaf,	F. Bonacci, Maple Leaf, Bellevue, Alta.
2634	Michel	Chas. Garner, Michel, B. C.
2352	Passburg	Oscar Carlson, Passburg, Alta.
2589	Royal Collieries	Chas. Smith, Royal Coll., Lethbridge, Alta.
2672	Roche Percee	L. McQuarrie, Roch Percee, Sask.
2155	Strathcona	A. Shaw, Strathcona, Alta.
102	Taber	Wm. Russell, Taber, Alta.
1959	Taber	E. Brown, Taber, Alta.
2648	Taylorton	J. Roche, Taylorton, Sask.

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By Order of the Board. — Toronto, January 19th

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ALBERTA

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warm atmospheric conditions that have been noticeable during the past few days and would say that in addition to the "heavy projecting jaw, etc. he also wore a heavy overcoat as well as a good woolen suit, not to mention the wearing of a happy smile no doubt caused by the expectation of some of some of those incidents arising that would be as manna to his Irish blood.

After the speech from the throne had been delivered he calmly remarked to several of the comrades "That's O. K. It relieves me from replying." The boys hastened to assure him that as it was like similar effusions from Kings and messages from Presidents with its optimistic ring indicative of the smug satisfaction that is the accompaniment that usually is part and parcel of similar bodies representative of the interests of the capitalist class, that he, like all champions of the working class, should exercise his prerogative, and show that the present social system was tottering to its fall, and that he should outline his position as defender of the cause of Socialism and expound the principles of the philosophy.

O'Brien acknowledged that this was good logic, and promised that when he went to the house the next time he would speak out his little speech, so I with several others, took seats in the gallery, keeping our eyes upon C. M., but as he sat in his place listening to the various addresses a very noticeable scowl overspread his countenance and as we also felt that it was not surprising considering the expressions that were voiced, characteristic of the spirit of gambling, which the rule of Capital inculcates into its victims, even pervading religious bodies as evidenced by the various schemes for getting money, such as raffling off baskets at socials, bazaars and sundry other catch penny devices.

This spirit has entered into every sphere of society, and has become largely a habit, one may call it the greed spirit gone mad.

The proceedings concluded, and there was no word from C. M., and when we asked him the cause of his silence he told us that he expected that Bennett the member from Calgary, and the leader of the Opposition, would speak, and that this being his first time he had been in his place, he did not understand the rule of procedure to realize that the business was concluded. However he has since made ample amends, and certainly treated the members of the legislature to a discourse on the subject of capitalism that was attentively listened to, and I should judge afforded considerable enlightenment to the majority of his hearers, but it is by no means his intention to simply act as a lecturer, but has given notice to istroduce a bill to amend "The Coal Mines Regulation Act," a copy of which accompanies this.

In order that your readers may have a better understanding of the amendments it would be just as well to quote the Act as it stands at present, and show wherein it is expected to be changed:

The Coal Mines Act: Sec. 12 reads as follows: The foregoing provisions of this Act with respect to shafts or outlets shall not apply:

(a) In the case of a new mine being opened;

(b) To any working for the purpose of making a communication between two or more shafts; or

(c) To any working for the purpose of searching for or proving minerals;

so long as not more than twenty persons are employed below ground at any one time in the whole of the different seams in connection with a single shift," etc.,

The amendment reads: "To amend Section 12 by striking out all the words in the said section after the word "Shafts in the second line of subsection (b).

General Rules

51. The following general rules shall be observed so far as is reasonably practicable in every mine:

Rule 1 (a) An adequate amount of ventilation shall be constantly produced in every mine to dilute and render harmless noxious gases to such an extent that the working places of the shafts, levels, stables and workings of the mine and the travelling roads to and from such working places shall be in a fit state for working and passing therein.

Division into Districts or Splits

(b) An adequate amount of ventilation shall mean not less than one hundred feet of pure air per minute for each man, boy, horse and mule employed in a mine, and as much more as the district inspector may direct. Every mine shall be divided into districts or splits of not more than 70 men in each district, and each district shall be supplied with a separate current of fresh air." The amendment reads: By adding in section 51 Rule 1 subsection (b) in the eighth line after the word "air" the words " which shall sweep the face of each working place," as it stands at present rule 10 reads:

Signals and Planes Worked by Machinery

Rule 10: Every underground plane on which persons travel which is self-acting, or worked by an engine, windlass or gin, shall be provided (if exceeding thirty yards in length) with some proper means of communicating distinct and definite signals between the stopping places and the ends of the plane and shall be provided in every case at intervals of not more than twenty yards with sufficient manholes for places of refuge, and every back or counter balance used for raising or lowering coal or other minerals, if exceeding thirty yards in length, shall be provided with some proper means of communicating distinct and definite signals between the lower end and the entrance of every working place thereon for the time being in work, and the upper end thereof.

The object of the amendment is to repeal this rule entirely and substitute in its place the following:

Signals Rule 10

Every underground plane which is self acting or worked by an engine, windlass or gin, shall be provided with some proper means of communicating distinct and definite signals between the stopping places and the end of the plans. And every back or counter balance used for raising or lowering the produce of the mine, shall be provided with some proper means of communicating distinct and definite signals between the lower end and between the entrance of every working place thereon for the time being in work, and the upper end thereof.

Rule No. Eleven at present reads as follows:

Man-Holes for Other Travelling Roads

Rule 11: Every road upon which persons travel underground where the produce of the mine in transit exceeds ten tons in any one hour over any part thereof and where the load is drawn by a horse or other animal, shall be provided, where there is not standing room of at least two feet, at intervals of not more than twenty five yards, with sufficient man-holes or places of refuge, and every such place of refuge shall be of sufficient length and of at least three feet in breadth between the mine cars running on the tramroad and the side of such road.

(2) Where the load is drawn by machinery or other mechanical appliances at a speed exceeding two miles per hour, and there is not standing room of at least two feet there shall be provided with at intervals of not more than twenty yards of sufficient manholes or places of refuge, and every such place of refuge shall be of sufficient length and of at least three feet in width between the mine cars running on the tramroad and the side of such road.

(3) Whenever in the opinion of the inspector the precautions required by this rule with respect to roads over which the produce of the mine is drawn by machinery or other mechanical appliances are not sufficient for the safety of the men travelling thereon he may require the owner, agent or manager of such mine to provide a separate travelling road.

The amendment purposes to repeal this rule 11 in its entirety and in its stead have the following:

Man Holes and Separate Traveling Roads

Rule 11: Every underground plane which is self-acting or worked by an engine, windlass, or gin, and every road where the product of the mine is drawn by a horse or other animal, and where there is not at least three feet between the mine cars when running on the plane or road and the side of such place or road, there shall be provided manholes or places of refuge at intervals of not more than twenty-five yards.

(2) Where the product of the mine is drawn by machinery or other mechanical appliances at a speed exceeding four miles per hour there shall be provided a separate travelling road.

(3) Every such manhole or place of refuge shall be at least four feet in length and four feet in width between the cars when running and the side of the place.

Rule 16 (a) at present reads as follows:

A sufficient supply of suitable timber shall be constantly kept in each working place as near the working face as practicable and in no case further away than the nearest crosscut to the working face, or other convenient place in the vicinity thereof.

The purpose of the amendment is to add the word "nearest" in the third line and the words "end of the first."

The principal event of the past week has been the charges made by Bennett of Calgary against Attorney Cross and there is an expectation that something will drop before very long. One thing sure is that it has certainly furnished considerable material for conversation in the province.

O'Brien introduced a motion looking to the insertion of clauses that would be better for the men employed, and his resolution was carried though some of the members took umbrage at his alluding to them as "fellows." Why I cannot tell, as there are fellows and fellows; there are those of the Royal Geographical Society as well as those of the Royal Astronomical Society, not to speak of other Fellows.

The Cross-Bennett-Hopkins affair has a peculiar appearance to an outsider, as the junior member from Calgary practically exonerated Cross from the charge of collusion which one certainly would naturally assume from the trend of his remarks in the speech he made; however I believe it is now to be regarded as a closed incident, but it certainly caused quite a ripple for a short time.—OBSERVER.

The Doctor's First Question

"How are your bowels?" This is generally the first question the doctor asks. He knows what a sluggish liver means. He knows what a long list of distressing complaints result from constipation. He knows that headaches, bilious attacks, indigestion, impure blood, and general debility are often promptly relieved by a good liver pill. We wish you would talk with your own doctor about this subject. Ask him at the same time if he approves of Ayer's Pills. Do as he says. *J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.*

SPRING SKIN TROUBLES

Pimples, Eruptions, and "Spotty" Complexions

At this season, scores of people—girls and young women especially—find their faces disfigured by pimples, dark spots, eruptions, etc. The skin needs attention—needs renovating after the trying time it has passed through during the winter.

Just think what it has gone through—you have been out in rain and sleet and snow. You have been at one moment perspiring from skating, or some other exertion. Then you have stood to "cool off." You have spent hours of the day indoors at a temperature equal to summer heat. Then you have covered up your skin—except your face—and gone out into a temperature away below zero! No wonder that, with all these changes, the skin of the face and neck shows signs of needing attention.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES

Lava from near Beyreuth, Bavaria, was put to use for gas burner tips in 1854 by J. von Schwarz. The smooth surface prevents deposits of carbon from the gas and the material endures repeated and long-continued heating without change. As the lava can be turned, sawed and polished easily it has been used for centuries for fireproof utensils, musket balls and other objects.

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Though aluminum takes first rank among metals for lightness combined with toughness and durability, it is hardly what one would expect to prove useful as a textile material but the articles now made from it include neck-cloths, pompadours, shoes, belts, necktles, shawls and hats. Straps and lacings for shoes are among the newest productions. Sieves or screens from aluminum have proven especially valuable in sugar refining, as it quickly becomes coated with acid-testing oxide; and it can be woven into a fabric for other purposes. The best results, however, are obtained by employing the aluminum yarn—smooth or twisted—as warp, with colored silk threads for warf. When this cloth is made into cloaks or theatrical costumes the effect is very striking and the body of a beautiful woman is said to look as though dipped in silver. Fabrics and clothes from glass and silk threads woven together attracted much attention when exhibited in Paris some years ago.

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The solution of the problem of colored moving pictures is claimed by Berthon, a French experimentor. The natural tints are split up into the three primary colors—by three narrow colored slits in the lens of the camera and the images of these slits in complimentary colors, are reproduced on the sensitive plate by an interposed special screen, consisting of a great number of very narrow curved strips of celluloid. The result is a photograph of ordinary appearance. This, however is thrown upon a screen through a lens with three colored slits similar to that used for taking the pictures, and the original is reproduced in natural coloring.

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From observations at Simla, India, Dr. G. C. Simpson has concluded that more than three times as much positive as negative electricity is brought down by rain, and that the positive electricity of snow is still greater, being perhaps four times as much as the negative. Light rain is more heavily charged than heavy rain, but the heavier the rainfall the more likely it is to be positively charged. These results were hardly expected, as negative electricity seems to be always passing into the air from the earth.

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TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST

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Sunday School Suggestive Questions

On the Lesson by the Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

March 13 1910

Two mighty Works. Matthew 8: 23-34.

Golden Text. What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him. Matthew 8.27.

Verses 23, 24.—What is your idea as to whether Jesus was liable to the same natural difficulties and diseases as we are, such as weariness, headache seasickness, etc., and did he have to battle against wind and tide?

As Jesus gave orders for this voyage (v.18) could it result disastrously to either the ship or the passengers, and is there, or not, any sort of danger in the work to which we are directed by God?

Why are difficulties, such as wind and waves, and other opposing forces, permitted in the lives of all true and good men?

Verses 25, 26—Why could Jesus sleep in the midst of such a storm, with his disciples in such distress of mind?

Why were the fears of the disciples foolish and unfounded?

What reasons are there for or against the idea that the ship could not possibly sink with Jesus on board?

Did these disciples do well to rebuke Jesus (See Mark 4:38) for what was one of the greatest blessings of their lives, and is this a mistake if not a sin of frequent occurrence?

Is there any reason to think that it would have been better if they had not awakened Jesus, and if their prayer had never been made?

When we pray to God to change an experience or to alter circumstances, which he has planned for our help, how would you characterize such a prayer?

Verse 27.—Why did Jesus perform this miracle?

By what power was this great miracle performed?

Which would be of the greater benefit to mankind for God to run the universe and the affairs of men, on fixed laws or by miracles?

Verse 28—What are the chief characteristics of the Devil, as illustrated by these two, who were possessed with devils?

Can you give examples of any today possessed with devils, or which show similar moral characteristics as these two?

Verse 29.—How did these devils probably know Jesus?

How much virtue is there in mere orthodoxy or in a proper intellectual estimate of Jesus. See James 2:19.

If bad men know they are on the road to torment, how do you account for the fact that they keep right on the same road?

On any view of the future life what escape is there from the result of moral law? viz: That right doing produces happiness, wrong doing produces misery, that actions form habits that in turn form character, which procures eternal destiny?

(This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 30-32—According to the Jewish law how were the keepers and eaters of swine's flesh regarded?

Why did Jesus permit the devils to enter this herd of swine?

Give some examples of how God in all ages has used the Devil to accomplish his purposes, and say why he does so?

What was the object of these devils in wanting to enter these swine?

Why is it that bad men and devils take a delight in causing pain, and that they are really "tormented" when they are restrained from doing evil?

Are there any today possessed with devils that Jesus cannot cast out? Why or why not?

Verses 33, 34—What action do bad men take today when their unholy business is being overthrown by men of God?

Lesson for Sunday, March 20th, 1910 A Paralytic Forgiven and Healed. —Matthew 9: 1-13.

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A Paralytic Forgiven and Healed. Matthew 9:1-13.

Golden Text. The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins. Matt. 9:6.

Verse 1.—From what place did Jesus sail, and where was his destination?

Verse 2: Of how much avail is the faith of one man in behalf of another?

Can you express an experience based on experience, and stating the facts as to whether one man's faith may be the means of the salvation of another man or not? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

What was the nature of palsy, the disease from which this man suffered?

Verses 3, 4: Why was it evil for the scribes to doubt the authority of Jesus to forgive sin?

Why is a man guilty for sincere doubt when the doubt is a result of a sinful life?

Did Jesus always know all the thoughts of all men in the same way that God does, or did he only know their thoughts through their actions, and from his general knowledge of human nature just like other men who can readily read men?

Verse 5: Which was the more difficult, to pronounce the forgiveness of the men's sins, or to cure him of his disease?

Was it God or the man Jesus that forgave this man his sins, and has every other holy man got authority to pronounce when a man's sins are forgiven?

Verses 6, 7: How did the cure of this sick man demonstrate that Jesus had power to forgive sins?

In what way are the miracles of Jesus a demonstration of the claims of Jesus and of the truth as taught by him?

Why was Jesus life from start to finish filled with miracles, and does God mean miracles to continue to this age, or does he purpose to carry on the world now by law?

Verse 8. Mention some of the phenomena of the laws of God, in matter and mind, and compare them with Bible miracles and say which is the more wonderful?

In an intelligent age and to thinking men which demonstrates the existence, the power, the wisdom and love of God more convincingly law, or miracle? Why?

Verse 9: Matthew was busy at his post when Jesus called him, can you mention any whom Jesus called to be his apostles, who were idlers or were not busy men?

Why is it impossible for a lazy man to be a true Christian?

Did Matthew seek Jesus first, or was it Jesus who first sought Matthew, and what is the rule as to the initiative, with most, or all persons, who become Christians?

Verse 10: In whose house was Jesus eating with these publicans and sinners?

When Matthew became a disciple he invited Jesus and the Apostles and his late business associates, the publicans and sinners to a feast, what was probably his motive and what suggestions are there in the incident for us?

Verses 11-13: Would it be better today, and why, if earnest Christians sought the company of unconverted people more than they do?

A sick man is of more interest to a physician than a well man, so a sinner is of more interest to Jesus than a saint—state why?

Lesson for Sunday, March 27, 1910 Review.

Word has just been received from the Supt. of Immigration that he has an enquiry from Wenallt, Aberdare Wales, asking for information about one John Chappell, as wife is anxious, and when last heard from he was in the Pass.

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THE C. P. R. SLIDE

The Transcontinental traveller when he leaves an eastern point of departure, especially so if it be his first journey in Canada, is invariably informed that if he wishes to see real scenic beauty, to be on the lookout when he is passing "The Divide," which separates the Province of Alberta from that of British Columbia. As one enters the threshold of this Province from its north-eastern corner, there is a magnitude of romantic grandeur lying on all sides that can be surpassed in no other part of the civilized globe. Fields of serrated mountains lift up their towering peaks, which oft'times merge in the tenuous clouds above. Descending what is known as the Hill, and travelling round from Hector until within a short distance of Field, one of the greatest achievements of modern railroad engineering is traversed. Passing Field, and swiftly dropping down the valley of the Kicking Horse, sitting back ensconced comfortably in the plush seat, one begins to marvel at the remarkable ingenuity displayed by the building of a railroad under such gigantic difficulties as must have been encountered when the preliminary survey was made. Crossing the Columbia River, it is only shortly thereafter upon reaching Beaver Mouth, an extra engine is needed to aid in the ascent of the Beaver Valley. Slowly snorting with every pound of steam brought into requisition, the cargo of human freight is transported up, up, up, and but little does the passenger engaged perhaps in feeding the inner man or whiling away a few minutes gazing out of the window, realize the care that is being taken to carry him in safety to his destination.

On the left or south side of the track after passing Cedar Creek, stands a little wooden house that during the summer is surrounded by a well-laid-out and carefully tended garden plot, but in winter is almost buried neath the snow, the home of a one armed man who, when the last-car-of-the-train has gone by, phones to the next patrol, informing him of the fact; this system is carried on through the whole distance included between Cedar Creek on the east slope of the Selkirks to Ross Peak on the West. Those who are on the sections where the snowsheds are located have their beats in like manner with a city police, and between times can recount incidents of their careers that often approach the marvellous. These men may be dubbed pensioners, although they certainly perform a useful function, and their work, though easy from a manual standpoint, is by no means a sinecure, and in the Spring time run the risk of being buried by snow or rock slides. Although practically every precaution humanly possible is taken to protect life and property—strongly built snowsheds, glance shields; wedge shaped cribbing built up the mountain slopes; steel bridges, concrete culverts, well organized patrols, supplemented by a complete system of telephonic communication, when the avalanche starts all these efforts are rudely annihilated and man's puny attempts at arrest become as ludicrous as that of King Canute's followers assuring the monarch the tide would obey his commands.

The recent catastrophe at Bear Creek, which has cast a gloom over the whole city of Revelstoke, B. C., of which many of the victims were residents, shows that in the maintenance of the way there is still more danger than in construction, as is evidenced by the heavy death roll demanded. The sympathy of the entire community in which The Ledger joins goes out to those whose dear one by their deaths have shown conclusively the terrible hazard of the railroad employees' occupation, and particularly is this noticeable when the snow begins to melt in the Mountain division.

The papers usually place much stress upon the fact that no passenger has lost his life whilst travelling on the train through the Field-Revelstoke division, but to those who know this avalanche zone there is not a single spring goes by without a number of railroad workers being mustered out to join the army of the Great Beyond.

CITY ELECTIONS

The municipal election now waxes warm, and although it will be only of short duration, it is not expected that there will be any lack of enthusiasm by the supporters of the respective candidates.

The fight for the mayoralty has resolved itself into a contest for the honor between two candidates only, although at one time it was considered very likely that there would be a triangular competition, as a number of the ratepayers endeavored to induce A. W. Bleasdell that he would be the most fitting wearer of the civic mantle and toga, however, after giving the matter consideration it was declined, leaving the field to two aspirants: Sherwood Herchmer, attorney, the present incumbent, and John L. Gates, the proprietor of the King Edward Hotel.

Both of these men are well known citizens, and having already passed through the trials and troubles incident to the council chamber, have by their past actions furnished material whereby the voter can decide for himself as to which of the two he intends to vote for. Moreover, as there will be a public meeting next Tuesday every opportunity will be furnished the electorate to ask the members of the old council why they have done those things they ought not to have done, and left undone those things which they ought to have done, and also ask them as well as the novitiates for office as to their future policy if they should be elected.

We understand that all the members of the previous council are out for re-election, except of course J. L. Gates, who has designs on the executive chair. The following have been mentioned as contestants for the offices of councillor:

William Scott, William J. J. Morrison, Tom Beck, S. F. Wallace, C. J. Digby, but it is by no means unlikely that this may be amended slightly before nominations close. There are a few members of the wage-earning class however, who have property other than that which is of an ambulating character, sufficient to enable them to contest in the city election, and if any of them feel the strings of ambition tugging hard enough to run the risk of obtaining a gratuitous delineation of character, and satisfy themselves as to the genuine existence of a goodly representation of the brood of Ananias NOW IS THE TIME.

As this is a municipal election where a woman has a vote, please add in any place where "Him" is used, "Her." Does the woman vote? or is it the sticks and stones dubbed property that, unable to cast a vote themselves, being inanimate, require the aid of somebody?

THE RELIEF QUESTION REVIVED

Despite the fact that the question of the Fernie Fire Relief fund has, in the minds of many, been so strongly obscured as to border upon the verge of oblivion, yet the recent receipt of a demand for refund once more brings the matter prominently into view, and a letter from a fire victim dealing with the subject at considerable length is reproduced in another column of this paper. It is true that many of the recipients of relief in their anxiety to obtain the necessary material for the rebuilding of their homes and business establishments, did put their signatures to certain undertakings promising to repay the same at some subsequent date, but in extenuation of this it may be urged that it was with a view of losing no time in obtaining the wherewithal to rehabilitate themselves; moreover it is conceded that any agreement signed under duress has its validity thereby impaired. The point at issue, however, is this: Was this money sent for the purpose of relieving the needy, and as a pure act of charity on the part of the donors, or were there any conditions of a loan character stipulated? We believe not, but that all monies sent were for the purpose of, at least partly, mitigating the losses which the terrible conflagration had made. If our asservations be correct, and we have no reason to believe otherwise, then by virtue of what authority has this committee arrogated to themselves such dictatorial powers; and again why have not all those who did receive relief been the recipients of the letter dmanding reimbursement?

It is claimed by some that there were those who received relief to which they were not entitled. This is beside the question, and if it can be so proven, then such steps as are necessary in the premises should be taken to make them disgorge; but to compel others who, as before stated, were genuine sufferers, we feel confident was not the purpose of those who contributed so generously in the hour of need.

This should certainly be brought to an issue without further procrastination, and the matter decided with a finality that will keep it forever buried. That there may be a diversity of opinion is a foregone conclusion, but we certainly think that there can be no better means of ventilating these varied ideas than through the medium of a public mass meeting, at which candidates for the Mayoralty, as well as those who have aspirations for the Council can be interrogated, and their stand on this question ascertained.

RABIES

At the present time there is an epidemic throughout the Eastern provinces, more especially in the vicinity of Toronto, of hydrophobia. Some of the stories that have been reproduced in the Press, are harrowing in the extreme, and as an old saying "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," it certainly behooves us in these Western towns to take such precautions as are necessary to prevent the occurrence of such tragic deaths as have been chronicled. There are in practically all of the towns throughout the Pass a large number of absolutely valueless curs, many of which are not even fit for sausages, and the best place for them would most assuredly be a lethal chamber. It is commonly asserted, although we have no scientific support of the same, that one need fear neither hydrophobia nor sunstroke west of the Rockies. This idea, however, we believe to be erroneous, and we await with considerable interest the result of a case that has recently transpired in Pincher Creek.

FIRE ESCAPES

In this city many buildings, some of them wooden structures and in several instances housing over thirty persons, are not equipped with fire escapes as they certainly should be, as a precautionary measure at least, and their absence, remediable at a small cost, may mean the loss of human life. "Forewarned is forearmed." We do not at this juncture intend to particularize, trusting that those whose duty it is to accept the hint will do so, but, if after a reasonable length of time has elapsed, and no action is taken, we shall compile a complete list of the delinquents. Verbum Sat sap.

FIRST AID

We understand that as a result of the First Aid movement initiated by Mr. James Ashworth, General Manager of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company, at Coal Creek, that another class has been formed in Fernie, and is open to receive any citizens as members who desire to aid in the furtherance of so worthy a project. We would suggest that this would be particularly advantageous to members of the Fire Department as well as the Police Force to take an interest in.

SANITATION AND DRAINAGE

As soon after the council is in office it would be an excellent plan for the mayor to declare a Civic Holiday, and a street cleaning crusade in which all should participate, be indulged in. A suggestion for the street on the west side of Cox St., near the P. O. "Spinal Curvature Alley," or "Humty Dumpty Row." City Fathers please note.

Letter Box

The editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents:

RE FERNIE RELIEF FUND

To the Editor of The Ledger:

Once again the bogy of the Fernie Relief fund with its horrible grin, stalks about in our midst, laying its clawlike grasp upon a select few of the victims of the Fernie fire.

Once again it comes back from its Bluebeard cupboard, issuing threats of law upon hapless victims of a great disaster. This time it is not all who are called upon to foot the bill, and come through, but this constituted body of men takes it upon themselves to judge (without any investigation) who shall or shall not pay back the equivalent of lumber, etc, received through this committee from the heart and hand of a people generous in charity. Men, women and children have given of their time and money for the relief of a suffering city, destitute of the necessaries of life with no intention that any such monies should ever be paid back or used for any other purpose but for relief.

Let me here ask a few questions of this relief committee:

Of what use is the relief committee at the present time? Of what are they guardians? Why has not a report of this committee been placed before the public so that they may see what has been spent during the past year, and for what? What is E. F. Ambrey doing to earn a salary from this fund? Is the present secretary working for the honor that this office may confer upon him? Does this Relief Committee periodically come out of its obscurity and issue its snarl of law and then retreat to its quarters? Why are not all recipients of relief notified to pay up by the 9th inst? Is the Relief committee afraid to tackle the Miners union and demand ALL the miners to pay back the amounts received? What does the Relief committee intend doing with any money they might collect? Is it to build sidewalks, parks or to beautify cemeteries, as a member of the said committee intimated? I submit here, that what we want is a mass meeting of the citizens of Fernie at once, and every man and woman that wishes to see fair play done, giving their hearty support in dismissing this committee, which was formed by the people, and wind up the affairs of the Relief funds and thus do away with an eyesore not only to this city, but the outside world as well.

When the Dominion government rendered their account to this city for tents, etc., loaned them during the fire there was a wave of disgust reflected in the leading press of the Dominion and United States. I wonder what the same press will say when they are made acquainted with the fact of the Fernie Relief committee trying to squeeze back the dollars of the people this press represents. I feel sure that Fernie cannot stand this kind of advertising which will not add lustre too, but undoubtedly detract from its past integrity. Let every citizens arise in his might and condemn in no uncertain manner the unnatural conduct of such a body of men.

I understand this mass meeting will be held in Bruce's Hall on Saturday, 12th inst., at 7.30 o'clock. Let no man pass this up, but be there to justify himself from an unjustifiable act.

FIRE VICTIM.

CANADIAN COAL FOR THE U. S.

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BRIDGE AT SECOND NARROWS VANCOUVER

The municipal representatives who went as a delegation to Ottawa to urge the construction of the Bridge over the Second Narrows have triumphed; and they may return to wear the laurel of victory. There is no doubt now but that the Second Narrows bridge will be constructed with as little delay as can be; and that as soon as it is open for traffic North Vancouver will veritably be united with and form an integral part of the great commercial metropolis of Vancouver. The moral is: Push and persist in pushing and you shall prevail. —B. C. Building News.

J. L. GATES TO THE ELECTORS

If elected as Mayor I will advocate the following:

1: The extension of the water and electric light systems at the earliest practicable date.

2: The extension of sewers throughout residential sections that are not at this time served by the present system.

3: Surface drainage to protect the property of citizens that is now being affected and the health of the entire community from fever epidemic.

4: A more rigid enforcements of the health by-laws.

5: Judicious economy in the administration of the affairs of the city to the end that the best interests of all concerned may be subserved.

6: I am not at present time in favor of paving the streets in the business section of the city.

7: I am not in favor of increasing the city's liabilities with the exception of the extensions noted above, or such other improvements as the conditions might necessitate.

8: As soon as possible commence the 24 hour system of the electric light and power and build up present and bring in new industries.

9: A clean city and the enforcement of the law.

S. HERCHMER'S APPEAL

I solicit a continuance of the confidence already reposed in me, and ask for your vote and support.

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If elected I shall urge the immediate extension of the water works and lighting system.

The placing of lights on street corners, especially in the outlying district.

The immediate stumping of the entire Annex.

Surface drainage of the north end of the city; this I deem absolutely imperative.

There are many other matters but space prevents.

S. Herchmer.

NOTICE

To Whom it may Concern:

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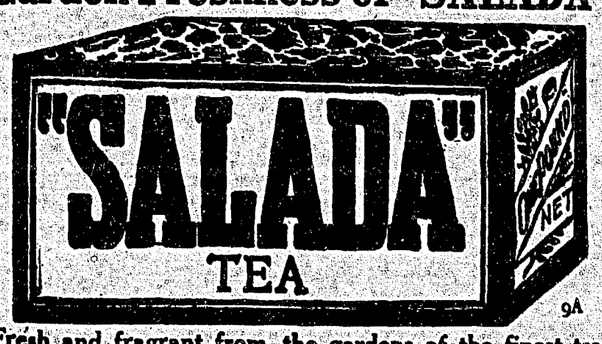

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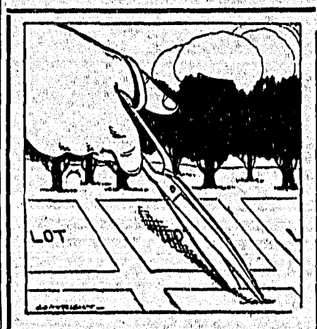

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News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

George Booth has been awarded the contract to build a wash house at the Passburg mines, Alberta. He went down this week to make arrangements for starting. He expects to have it finished in about eight weeks if all goes well.

There is a few of the Creek Football team who would like to know when they are going to receive their league medals. We have got the cup fixed in a good position, and not for your sake, nor for our sake, but for the players sake, send those medals along Mr. League Secretary, or give some reason for the delay. Six months is a long time to wait.

James Steele, driver boss in No. 5 mine got a nasty kick in the face from one of the horses last Friday morning, breaking his nose, besides practically marring his whole countenance.

Old Rod Mackenzie, who has been off work this last six or seven weeks, was forced to go down to the hospital on Wednesday with a very bad leg.

Jim Davis and L. Steele, were spending a few days down at Michel last week.

The First Aid classes were well attended this week. Again the stretcher exercises were taken up, showing how carefully patients should be moved, and how to get the stretcher over difficult obstacles. This is certainly instructive and useful to any one working in or around the mines.

A young girl named Annie Kopenhaefer fell down on the ice on Monday hurting the spine. She was taken to the hospital.

Mr. M. W. Elly was a business visitor up here on Thursday afternoon, connected with music.

Mrs. Waggett and Miss Lynn took in the social and dance up here on Wednesday evening.

A driver in No. 1 South got his foot caught and crushed on Monday night.

Dave Atherton, who has been unable to follow his employment for the last six or seven weeks went down to the hospital on Saturday on the advice of Dr. Corsan. We hope to hear of his recovery.

Charlie Dixon, Harold and Ed. Carruthers returned to visit their old haunts last week end, having stuck to the mountain regions of Alberta for some time past.

Don't forget that there is going to be a grand masquerade ball in the club hall on St. Patrick's day, 17th March. Professor Evans orchestra in attendance and refreshments will be served. Prizes given. Gentlemen $1.50, ladies free; spectators 50 cents. All dancers to be masked. As the clock strikes 12 all participants take off their false faces. The committee has arranged to get a special train to accommodate Fernieites, leaving Fernie at 8 p. m. and coming back at 4 a.m.

Jack O'Brien arrived back from his trip to the coast last Saturday, but unfortunately has had to go under the doctor's treatment for blood poisoning in his hand.

J. L. Coombe and Thomas Brace of Michel were visitors up here last week end.

W. Shenfield came out of the hospital last Saturday, and is now getting around with the aid of a walking stick. It will be a week or two before his foot is right again.

Abram Brown received a lot of chickens (Rhode Island Reds) from Ontario last week. Poultry fanciers are cordially invited to inspect the hen house "during the day."

The monthly examination for coal miners certificates was held last Monday.

Alex. McCloud pulled out last week end for Frank, Alta.

Evan Evans was up making his inspection of the mines this week.

The social evenings held in the club on Saturday nights are becoming very popular, and getting better every week, with always a good supply of musical talent on hand. Everybody get a good time.

Alex. Adamson returned up here this week from Coleman where he has been living these last few months.

Miss Dorothy Michel came home out of the hospital on Tuesday; seventeen weeks is a long stay down there but we hope with the coming of spring she will soon regain her strength.

The statement for the Lawley concert shows receipts of $55.25, and expenses of $60.55, leaving a balance of $439.70.

A driver named William Wilson got his leg badly scraped in No. 5 mine on Thursday afternoon.

Born: At Coal Creek on the 5th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. W. Parsons, a fine son.

James Frazer, an old time weighman, arrived in here from Spokane on Thursday.

The pick sharpening shop has been removed to what used to be the old lamphouse. It makes it more convenient for the men working at the mines on the south side.

Mr. and Mrs. Rees and family left here on Monday last for their new home in Calgary, where it is earnestly hoped that Mrs. Rees may succeed in getting back her health. We know that we express the wishes of their Coal Creek friends in stating that their departure is to be regretted as they had, by their many acts of kindness and by their ever readiness to assist all worthy cases, endeared themselves to everybody—wishing them God speed and trusting that their ways may be freed from any further trials and tribulations.

MICHEL

Duncan Matheson of Coal Creek has arrived in camp and started work in No. 5. He intends moving his family here at an early date.

E. Coghlin is in Michel this week, delivering a car of horses for the C. N. P. Coal Company, which he purchased in Alberta.

Steve Barclay of Fernie is in the camp on a business trip and registered at the Michel hotel.

J. W. Wally of Cranbrook paid Michel a flying visit this week.

Don't forget the masquerade ball here on the 17th. The committee are sparing no expense to make the ball the event of the season.

The C. P. R. are in the same predicament as the citizens of Michel re the water, as they had to instal a boiler and pump at the creek to pump water not into the tank for the use of their locomotives—while the residents carry their by the bucket. How long is this state of affairs going to last?

E. W. Rawson of Vancouver is in the camp on a business trip and is registered at the Michel hotel.

Don't forget to purchase a ticket for the basket social and dance on the 21st, as it is in aid of the football club.

Thomas Crahan is installing an up-to-date lavatory in his hotel to be used in connection with his bar.

James Davis from Coal Creek is in the camp and has started to work in No. 5.

Eb. Roberts, who was driver boss in No 8 mine left this week for Corbin.

Winnifred McInnis, who was confined to the hospital has started work this week.

Lots 1, 2 and 3 in New Town were purchased this week for the new hall and co-operative store, and no doubt the building operations will be commenced at once.

D. McDonald, Charles Garner, Nat Howells, who were the delegates to the Lethbridge convention, have returned and are much pleased with the trip.

Indications of spring are here, as there has been some good catches of greyling made in the Elk river by some Michellites.

Wm. Hall of the engineering staff of the C. P. R. was in Michel this week on a business trip.

W. E. Broley, A. Alison and D. McNeish all of Fernie, were in camp this week.

Dan McDonald has disposed of one of his lots in New Town this week at a good figure. Dan always had faith in the future of Michel.

A. Pizzocolo of Fernie gave a moving picture entertainment in Crahan's hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Monday his leading feature film was Nero, or the Burning of Rome, and on Tuesday Wright's aeroplane. His entertainment was first class and up to date. He purposes showing here every Monday and Tuesday evening.

The new feature in the District Ledger last week is highly appreciated by the Italian and Slavonian residents here. Judging from the words of praise that are passed by them, they are pleased as they are now able to read their union paper in their own language.

WALDO

V. Hyde Baker, Jas. Ryan, S. Taylor H. S. Supple and A. Cory visited Waldo last week to attend the annual meeting of the Baker Lumber Company.

The Calico ball held at Waldo on March 4th for the benefit of the hall was a great success. In spite of the condition of the roads a large crowd came from Elko, and Baynes, South Waldo, Wardner, Fernie and Rexford. The floor was in perfect condition and an orchestra from Fernie furnished good music. At 12 o'clock an excellent supper was served, then dancing was resumed and continued until a late, or rather early hour in the morning. The sum of $80 was placed in the treasury towards the hall fund. Thanks are due to James Ryan and S. Taylor, Cranbrook, for added donations of $10, also to the latter and other Cranbrook friends for their kindness in selling tickets for the ball.

Mrs. James Ryan and Mrs. Simon Taylor, who were guests of Mrs. Chas. McNab, last week returned to Cranbrook on Saturday.

Divine service was held at Waldo hall on Sunday morning by the Rev. A. B. N. Crowther, Elko, and in the evening by the Rev. Johnson of Baynes Lake.

ELKO NOTES BY FRED ROO

There is no truth in the report that Commander Peary will leave Elko during the month in search of Dr. Cook or that he will buy his supplies from Fred Roo.

M. J. Manning of Calgary, representing the Merchants Bank, was in Elko this week, inhaling the pure air of heaven, and bought two lots for a country cousin of his back east.

We were up to Fernie a few hours this week, and found everybody looking as happy as an Indian with a whisky jag.

Charlie Bulger passed through Elko the other day as if Bill Leacey was after him.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sampson were Elko visitors this week, Mr. Sampson and Constable Leacey driving down to Waldo and Island park.

The Progressive Investment Co. of Elko will plant ten thousand fruit trees on their land joining this picturesque burg.

Big Jim McKee is back in Elko after a hard siege of typhoid.

Is Elko growing? Why just like a green bay tree, and every resident in the town just stuck on its growth like an Irishman on his pig.

There are several nice bungalows for sale in Elko. Apply at Ledger office.

The North-Star mill started up work this week with a new rooster.

Elko is 19 miles from Fernie, the Pittsburg of Canada and is spreading out like a rosebud in the sun.

Watch this column and see Elko Fruitlands and Roosville grow.

BOARD OF TRADE

There was a representative gathering of the members of the Board of Trade on Monday, the 7th, and after the usual routine of business had been duly disposed of the question of a steam laundry was brought up and thoroughly discussed, practically all concurring as to the necessity of such an establishment being operated. A strongly worded resolution advocating the importance of a land registry office being opened in Fernie was introduced by S. Herchmer and F. C. Lawe and after several short bursts of eloquence from some of the other members, was unanimously adopted, and the matter referred to W. R. Ross for further attention.

A Mr. William Pindell, representing R. S. Blome Co. of Chicago asked for the privilege of expatiating upon the merits of the wares of the firm for which he is soliciting orders, and this being granted discanted upon the advantages accruing to those who were contemplating doing any paving to use granitoid concrete which he claimed has already been laid in Calgary, and given general satisfaction, both from the view of economy and appearance.

The question of entering into the arena of local politics was discussed pro and con and though there was a strong sentiment adverse to such action, nevertheless it was not sufficiently so to prevent the appointment of a committee whose mission it should be to endeavor to beguile some more citizens into allowing themselves to become martyrs on the civic altar.

The City Engineer's report on the cost of paving per block on Victoria avenue was read and adopted, a vote of thanks being extended to Mr. R. Potter.

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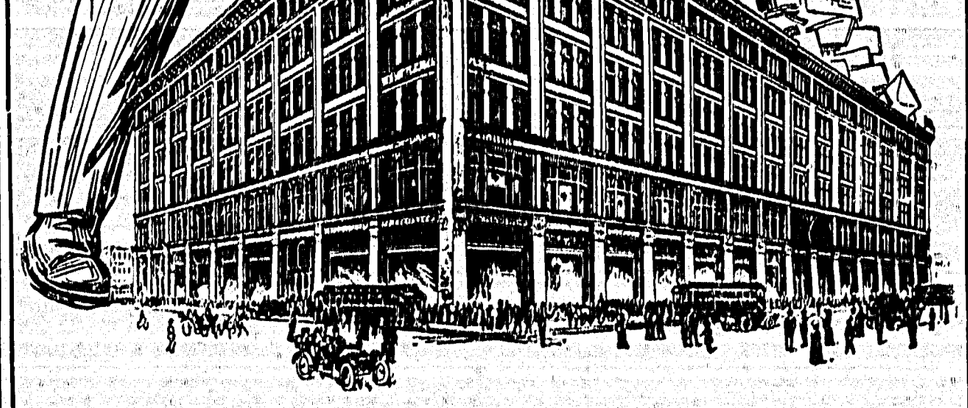

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventh Annual Convention, District 18, United Mine Workers of America:

Fellow Workers: Confirming to our District Constitution, I have great pleasure in presenting to you my first Annual Report, which in substance and fact, is really only what may be considered a partial one for the past term. I do not feel responsible to take up matters that were transacted before my coming into office—with the exception of what I have referred to incidentally in completing my report. In submitting this report, I have endeavored to be as brief as possible, consistent with the interests of the organization.

For the past eight months, since I have been in office, the history of District 18, has been without doubt, the most exceptional one since the inception of the United Mine Workers in this coal field. We have had strikes and suspensions during this period, which have tested the principles of our members and the strength of our Union, and never has there been at any one time, so great a number of our members on strike.

Agreements

On my taking over office on the 8th of June, as Vice-President, a meeting of the Scale Committee and District Board was held at Frank, and authorized Secretary Carter, C. T. Brooks and myself to open negotiations with the Western Coal Operators, which had been in suspension, practically since the dead-lock that occurred at Macleod on March 31st. I would point out to you that we had an ultimatum from the aforesaid meeting, based on the recommendations as set forth by the late Ex-President F. H. Sherman. By arrangement we met Messrs. Lewis Stockett and O. E. S. Whiteside, representing the operators at Coleman, on the 10th of June; after submitting our proposals and discussing them at great length, we were unable to arrive at any satisfactory conclusions. From that date, until a settlement was arrived at, on June 30th, we were in daily conference with the Operators. I would draw your attention to the following recommendations from the majority report of the Investigation Board, with a view of pointing out to you one of the difficulties we were confronted with when carrying on these negotiations:

Fernie B. C. June 15, '09

To the Honorable, the Minister of Labor,
Ottawa, Ont:

Sir: Having concluded our investigations, and bearing in mind the interests of the parties involved, and the suffering in consequence of the dispute, we have the honor to recommend the following as a basis of settlement: We believe that the old agreements expiring on March 31st, 1909, are agreeable to both parties, and we therefore recommend a general agreement, based on the old agreement, expiring on the above date, the term of agreement to date from the 1st of April, 1909, to the 31st March, 1911.

Differential on Pillars and Contract Rates at Lille

We are of the opinion that if the parties each make an earnest effort, they can easily settle the difficulties that may exist at Lille, Hillcrest, Bellevue and Coleman mines, in the same manner as heretofore, by mutual agreement, or by the Joint Committee, and Independent Chairman, as provided for by all previous agreements between the parties. We therefore recommend that this course be adopted, and a definite settlement be made within 30 days of signing an agreement.

Discrimination

We recommend that the understanding arrived at with regard to discrimination, as reported by the Deputy Minister of Labor, in 1907, be observed by the parties in this agreement.

We have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servants,
R. H. Grant, Chairman
F. H. Sherman, Member of Board.

One of the provisions of the agreement made specific arrangements regarding the pillar question at Hillcrest, which read as follows: A committee of three representing the Operators, and three representing District 18, were to meet immediately and appoint a chairman to adjust this matter. On our recommendation the Operators agreed to accept the Rev. Hugh Grant as Chairman. One reason for asking that the Rev. Mr. Grant be chairman, was that we believed him to be fully conversant with the facts of the situation, having sat as Chairman during the whole of the proceedings of the Investigation Board.

The Board sat at Macleod, Alberta, on July 6th, and the following is the decision of Mr. Grant.

Rev. Hugh Grant's Report

Fernie, B. C. July 7, '09

To the Joint Committee Representing the Western Coal Operators Association and District 18, of the United Mine Workers of America:

Gentlemen: In the matter of the differential on pillars at the Hillcrest Coal & Coke Co. mines at Hillcrest, Alta., heard before your committee at Macleod, July 6th, 1909, as chairman of the above Committee, I have the honor to report as follows:

During the sitting of the Conciliation Board I examined the mine at Hillcrest, and being somewhat familiar with mining, it seems to me that the mine was in remarkably good condition after two months' idleness. It ought to be, as far as mines go, a most desirable one in which to work. The evidence shows that there have been no fatal accidents in it. In his evidence before the committee, Mr. Hill has shown that up to the present owing to conditions of cost of mining, he has not had adequate returns from his operations. These profits he expected from his pillars, but when he experimented in December last he found that pillar coal cost more than room coal. Before the Committee he made it plain that he did not desire to grind labor, and he made an appeal for justice so that he, as well as his employes, might have a just return for his outlay. We must remember that money is put into coal mines for profit, and unless profits are the outcome of operations money will seek some other channel in which it may adequately get its increase. When we view outside conditions at Hillcrest we find it requires a large outlay to put the coal in the cars and on the C. P. R. tracks. This acts as a handicap in competition in open market with other mines in the same competitive field, and these embrace not only local mines, but also eastern ones that enter into competition in the western market with our local mines. I believe the employees if they look at the matter squarely and justly will see that they ought to help Hillcrest Company to overcome the handicap they are under in the costly handling of their coal after it is mined.

I believe they can give a reduction on the pillars without materially decreasing their earnings and at least they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they will be saving an industry which has been good to them in the past, and which will, in the future, even under a reduction, give them very satisfactory returns for their labor.

Taking these things into consideration, and after carefully weighing the interest of both parties, my decision is that the price of pillar work at Hillcrest mines should be 40 cents per ton for mining coal, and that props be paid for at the rate of four cents per lineal foot.

Yours very truly,
R. H. Grant
Chairman Joint Com.

The representatives for the District at this meeting were W. B. Powell, Clem Stubbs, Frank Gessler, Lille, supported by John Owen Jones, Hillcrest, and the best possible arguments were brought to bear in support of our case, but you will see by the foregoing decision they were of no avail. The sentiment which prevailed amongst our members, especially at Hillcrest, at the findings of Mr. Grant, was shown in an unmistakable manner, with the result that on July 12th a special convention was convened at Frank, Alta., to consider what steps should be taken regarding this adverse decision. A resolution was adopted to place this matter in the hands of the International, and recommending the men at Hillcrest to work pending the investigations by the International representatives. I communicated with President T. L. Lewis regarding the situation, and W. H. McCluskey was sent into this field to take up this question, with the result that he decided that in his, (McCluskey's) opinion the finding of Chairman Grant was a part contract, and did not think that we would be sustained by the International should we decide to withdraw the men from work at Hillcrest. Of course this will be a matter for serious consideration when making our next agreement, as it is most vital to the whole of our members.

On June 26th, I met the representatives of Maple Leaf Mine, together with W. Dunlap, and F. Gessler, and concluded an agreement with that Company.

Compensation

You are doubtless aware of the ever increasing number of accidents, fatal and otherwise, that are occurring in this District, and I would suggest that this Convention outline some policy that will meet the situation, and would advise that a certain definite amount from the Treasury be placed to a separate account to cover the litigation. If this plan is adopted the Secretary will be able to make a clear statement every three months on his Balance Sheet. The members will then be in a position to see at a glance the cost of litigation in dealing with compensation claims.

During the month of July my colleagues and I were approached by Mr. Wright of Edmonton, to formulate some scheme that would place the Compensation Act of Alberta on a more secure basis to the workers, and if also introduced in the other Provinces would have a like effect. From our point of view and in substance, the amendments as set forth by him were: The Government to compel every employer of labor, effected by the Act, to insure, so that at no time would a claimant be thrown on the mercy of the world, due to the fact that his employer did not have the means to compensate him. It will clearly be seen that such an amendment is needed. I may say for your information that we recommended the proposals advanced by Mr. Wright. The following is the text of his agreement:

Workmen's Compensation Insurance Company might read as follows:

(1) That the funds of such a Company be invested within the Country in which it operates.

(2) That the Governments of the countries or Provinces in which such company operates make such concessions as will help the company get control of the business requiring a deposit and guaranteeing the policies of the Company so as to abolish the cost involved in insurance competition which has been shown by the reports of various commissions both in the United States and in Canada to be the largest item in the administration of an Insurance Company. Such a provision would make it possible to provide insurance at cost.

(3) That the inspection of mines and factories, which is a necessary function of government in all countries, be delegated to the inspectors of the Insurance Company (who may also be officials of the government) but who in their capacity as officials of the company operating to secure a minimum of accidents, are in the best position to faithfully discharge the duties of inspection.

(4) That portion of the Compensation Acts of British Columbia and Alberta which has created an indefinite liability for total incapacity, and in which an injured workman receives weekly payment of compensation until the day of his death, has created a difficulty in compensation insurance which can be best overcome by the co-operation of the government which have created it. Such difficulty might be overcome if the governments agreed to take the indefinite liability for a known percentage of the insurance premiums collected by the company.

Trades and Labor Congress of Canada

At our last Annual Convention it was decided to withdraw from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Whilst at that time this action was warrantable, and in accord with the feelings of the majority of our members, it is now necessary that this matter should be reconsidered. In fact we have no alternative, that is if we live up to our National Constitution, but must renew our membership with the Congress. At our recent International Convention, an amendment to Art. XV which reads as follows, was passed:

"Section 5: Local Unions are required to affiliate with State Federation of Labor, wherever such Federations are chartered by the American Federation of Labor."

However, it is again left in your hands to decide on the policy you think best for our District.

Organizing

Edmonton: Regarding this northern field, I might say I spent considerable time in organizing, and trying to make agreements. I found the conditions from social and humanitarian standpoints most deplorable. The Operators seem to have no regard either for the Mining laws or the laws of man. Such conditions as these men work under could not be found even in despotic Russia.

Whilst in Edmonton in company of T. E. James, International Organizer, I had an interview with the representatives of the Alberta Government in regard to the order in council in connection with the 8-hour law, and pointed out to them our position on this question, viz., that we would not stand for any violation of the 8-hour law. This law has been upheld with the exception of a few isolated cases.

North Dakota: On December 9th I left Fernie for Kenmare, N .D., and together with Organizer T. E. James, was successful in settling a dispute which brought about a suspension of work for some time, and concluded an agreement with the Smith Dry Coal Company, one of the largest mines in that district.

Saskatchewan: From Kenmare we proceeded to Taylorton, Sask., the centre of the Souris coal field, and succeeded in reorganizing the men at Taylorton. I found it too late in the season to make any agreement that would be to our advantage. We also reorganized Roche Percee, Sask. During my stay in this field I found considerable opposition from some of the operators, more especially the Hudson Bay Company. If the men working for this Company can be successfully organized, it will be the keystone to a thoroughly organized part of our District. I find from information that there is in all twenty-seven mines with an output of 169,700 tons per year, employing over 357 men; 247 of these employed underground. I find also in this field, as in the Edmonton district, conditions bad, in fact they are even worse than Northern Alberta, inasmuch that they have no Compensation Law, no Eight Hour Law, and much inferior mining laws in all respects; men having to work all hours in order to eke out an existence, even to working on Sunday. Ventilation is unknown. The social conditions, like Edmonton district, are unspeakable. I had a long interview with Mr. Bell, the member of parliament, on all matters regarding the well-being of the miners in Saskatchewan. Bell is their representative.

Nicola Valley, B. C. When taking over office a strike was in progress in this field. On July 22nd, in company with Organizer T. E. James, I proceeded to Merritt, and on arrival found that most of the men had returned to work with the exception of thirty I found living in tents, who could not get reinstated. Upon investigating the trouble, I found that the men were not altogether justified in declaring this strike. If the men had considered their position more carefully, there is no doubt in my mind if they had remained at work and good counsel prevailed, we would have a union there today. I interviewed the Management in Vancouver and at the mines, but failed to get recognition of our organization, but I succeeded in reinstating most of the men. The men who were the most instrumental in bringing about this strike were the first to scab; consequently after spending nearly three thousand dollars, we had to retire from this field with the loss of two locals, viz., Merritt and Middlesboro. During our interview with the International Officials, we advised that these camps be taken over by District 10, as the geographical position is much more favorable to that District than to District 18. Also regarding the Edmonton and Saskatchewan districts, we pointed out the impossibility of successfully handling these Districts on account of the great distance from the central field, unless financed by the International.

International Convention

I attended the International Convention as delegate from Coleman Local, but I had in view a far more reaching object than as mere delegate from that Local. It was the intention of the District Officers to make a personal application for financial assistance for our District, also to endeavor to negotiate a loan for Fernie Local. The circumstances of this Local, you are no doubt well aware of, as it was a matter which was under your consideration at the last Convention. I regret however, that our mission did not meet with the consideration that we anticipated. Our failure to succeed in obtaining a loan for this Local was due to the fact that the International are spending in the Nova Scotia field a matter of $100,000 per month, and the uncertain position in which they are placed regarding the renewal of the agreements in the central competitive fields. We were successful, however, in obtaining a loan of $5000.00 for the District.

District Ledger

Regarding the official organ, The District Ledger, I would like to point out to you that the support extended by our members to this paper is altogether out of proportion to our membership, and I would advise the matter being given very careful consideration. If the Locals would guarantee taking up a subscription for each member, it could be placed in their hands at the very low cost of 75 cents per member per year, and this amount need not necessarily be made in one payment, but could be paid in three instalments of 25 cents each, which only means a levy for that amount once every four months. Of course if the members see fit to meet the payment by other arrangements, why certainly do so. Many of our foreign-speaking brothers might say "What use is the paper to us? In reply to that I would like to assure them that if the District Executive can be assured of their support, that it is intended to immediately try and provide for their requirements in this respect, and there will be a part of the paper set aside for that purpose. Naturally the more we can bring within the reach of our official mouthpiece, the stronger the organization will become. There will eventually be less friction; it will be the one means of bringing members of all nationalities in closer band, and each and every one would be able to take up the same paper, and intelligently follow what is to their united interests. Already arrangements have been made with Mr. J. W. Bennett, of the Scranton Correspondence Schools, to take the management of the paper, and I feel most confident that he will be able to satisfy the requirements of our members in every detail.

I would point out that in August last year a fire occurred at Coal Creek, Fernie, B. C., which destroyed the homes of 13 families. We, as District Officers, were soon on the ground, and gave all the help in our power, and distributed $682.00. An appeal for help on behalf of these families, as some were burned out in the previous fire at Fernie in 1908, was sent out to the various locals in this District, and I wish to say that only three Locals, viz., Bellevue, Maple Leaf and Passburg, responded to that appeal.

I cannot conclude this report without saying that I am one of those who deeply lament the loss our movement has sustained through the untimely death of Ex-President F. H. Sherman. I think few men knew his ambitions in life better than I. I knew him as a fearless leader of men, and to me also as a personal friend, but death is a broom that sweeps all away. We, as delegates and members of District 18, must at all times remember that he left an old mother in his native land; a widow and seven children, one of whom is blind, in Canada to mourn his loss. To them we should act thoughtfully and with kindness. It will be for this convention to consider steps regarding their well-being. Speaking for myself I would like to see something done worthy of notice, so that the passer-by will be able to know where his remains are laid. It is to my mind the least we can do.

With regard to the so-called All-Canadian Union, I would point out that this is now non-existent. Much credit is due to Organizer A. C. Bravey for the part he has played in this. As you are all aware this was a Union started by a Slavonian, and was composed chiefly of foreign-speaking brothers. They took exception to the United Mine Workers, and claimed it was useless to them, hence the birth of this new Union. Bro. A. C. Bravey by his earnestness and painstaking work did much to remove the false impressions that had arisen about our organization.

I might say that I have been allowed by the operators in Saskatchewan, to enter the mines, and also in the Northern part of Alberta, viz., the Edmonton district. I have also entered the mines and studied the conditions in Maple Leaf, Bellevue, Coal Creek, Bankhead, Michel, and Lille.

I cannot conclude without thanking my colleagues for the kind manner in which they have treated me. My relations, business and otherwise, have been of the most cordial manner, and I sincerely trust that we may continue to plod on, working hand in hand, as dissension amongst the officials is detrimental to the welfare of our cause.

Let us hope that this Convention will be successful in dealing with the purposes for which it was called, and that is to study the welfare of our Organization.

Wishing the organization every success,

W. B. POWELL.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Delegates Assembled in Seventh Annual Convention, District No. 18, United Mine Workers of America:

Greeting: In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and with the regular custom, I desire to submit to you, and through you to the members of our organization, the following report of my work as Vice-President of District 18.

I deem it unnecessary to enumerate the various disputes that have occurred, and which in different places I have taken part in adjusting, as these are generally known in the places affected, and would not add anything by being retold.

At the time I was called on to occupy an official position in the organization, the members who were employees of the Western Coal Operators Association, as well as a number of the members in the Taber field had been on strike for about three months.

When I arrived in Fernie, negotiations were under way between the Officers of District 18, and the President of the Operators Association, but these were broken off without settlement, and I proceeded to Taber to negotiate agreements with companies in that field who were ready to sign up, and while there, final settlement was made with the Western Coal Operators Association.

Taking into consideration the dissension that was occasioned by that struggle, and the bitter fight that was carried on, not alone by ex-members, but also by part of the Press, our position at this time, so far as membership is concerned, is very satisfactory.

Since taking office, I have taken part in the making and signing of, either in company with one of the District Officers, or with Local Committees, ten different agreements, four of these being in the Edmonton field. I have also visited, at least once, and in many cases, much oftener, all locals in the District, with the exception of those in Saskatchewan and North Dakota.

Regarding the Edmonton field, a few words of explanation will not be out of place here, and I would suggest that this Convention lay down definite instructions to its officers, relative to the carrying on of the work of organization in this, as well as other outlying fields. Around Edmonton there are about twenty companies, all operating on a small scale, and practically all of them heartily antagonistic to any organization of their employees. Being a domestic coal field, practically all the mines close down in the Spring, to be reopened in the Fall, making it necessary, if we are to try and keep any organization there, to send in organizers every Fall.

This, in addition to strike relief that has been issued, has caused the District to expend there considerable more money than has been received, and for some time at least the same state of affairs will prevail.

While realizing that we must push the work of organization further afield, in order to protect the men already organized, I cannot see that our present position warrants us in continuing to expend large sums of money in this direction, as has been done in the past.

While in Edmonton I took up in general way, with the Hon. C. W. Cross, several matters affecting our interests, and among other things discussed the possibilities of getting legislation that would make the giving or receiving of bribes, or the demanding of such as a condition of employment, a criminal offence. Since then I have had correspondence of a more or less encouraging nature, but have no guarantee that it will be acted on at this Session.

I also forwarded to Edmonton a copy of a bill drafted by Bro. F. C. Gessler, relative to the establishment of Rescue Stations in the various mining districts of this Province. In view of the fact that so many accidents have occurred in the United States in which many lives have been lost that could possibly have been saved by the use of rescue apparatus in the hands of trained men, and in view of the fact that we are liable to have similar accidents occur here, this Bill should receive the earnest consideration of all the members of the Alberta legislature, and to that end that these important matters may receive proper attention, I would suggest that his Convention petition their representatives to give them due consideration and support.

Another matter that will merit your consideration, and one that promises to become more acute, if not definitely decided, is the question of handling cases that have to be fought through the Courts. I mention this matter because in some degree I have been connected with it. Our present legal adviser in Alberta does not appear to be giving satisfaction to the membership, and some time ago I took the matter up with Mr. Mackie of Edmonton, and have since received two letters from him on the subject. However, he did not in his correspondence appear to clearly understand the position, and I would suggest that these letters be referred to the Committee for consideration.

Trusting that the deliberations of this Convention may be productive of much good to our members, and hoping that as a result we may be yet nearer to our goal, I am, yours for a successful Convention,

C. STUBBS.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Seventh Annual Convention, now Assembled, District 18, U. M. W. of A.

Greeting: In submitting my first Annual Report to you, and through you to the members of the District Organization, I respectfully desire to comment on the *adverse condition* with which I *was confronted* when taking office.

I am fully aware of the embarrassing circumstances in which my predecessor was placed owing to the fire which took place at Fernie in August, 1908, and destroying practically the whole of the books belonging to the District, yet making all due allowance for same, I was most certainly confronted with a situation which could not be said to be one of the most desirable. For three months the books (what there were at that time) being in the hands of the Auditors, and through some cause of dispute which existed betwen the late ex-President F. H. Sherman, and my predecessor, J. A. McDonald, I was unable to get possession of them. I merely mention this as I think it only justice to myself and the membership in general that I should do so.

As you are doubtless aware, our financial standing has, even from the inception of our organization in this District, never been a very favorable one. At no time

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A strike has been on in Nova Scotia and at these mines since July 6 with every prospect of winning.

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YEAR'S WORK IS REVIEWED

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has the District been in a position that would warrant any aggressive attitude toward the Operators, without the support of our parent body, nevertheless, it is a fact that the strikes, whether right or wrong, that have been inaugurated in this field, have mostly been carried on through our own resources.

The finances are far from what I would like to be able to report, but I think considering the extraordinary expenditure in which the District has been involved, that we can congratulate ourselves that we are not in a more critical position, especially when our receipts have been curtailed to such an extent by the non-payment of dues and assessments, during the greater part of the year, by one of the largest Locals in the District.

Referring briefly to Fernie Local 2314, I might say that the District Board in April last, decided to accept shares in the Hall which this Local was building, in payment of dues, which they were owing to the District, and since that time they are owing for six months dues, and one month's assessment, so you will readily see that had Fernie Local been in a position to meet their obligations to the District, that there would be considerable difference in the income for the past term.

The receipts and expenditure for the past year are as follows:

Balance on hand, January 1st, 1909, $563.01. Receipts from all sources, $54576.60.

Disbursements, $53164.07, balance on hand, January 1st, 1910, $1975.54.

Receipts

Per Capita from Locals	$ 8431.40
Defense Fund	21069.60
Assessments	12909.80
Supplies	70.75
District Ledger	280.20
Fernie Fire Relief Account	1129.25
Trust Funds	538.60
Loans Repaid	125.00
Charter fees from Organizers	22.00
Donation from International	10000.00
	$54576.60
Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1909	563.01
	$55139.61

Disbursements

Relief and Donations	$24202.44
Salary and expen. Dist. Board Officers	6688.84
District Ledger	7503.48
Fernie Fire Relief	1533.25
Loans Repaid	900.00
Loans	50.00
Trust	500.00
Miners Hall (Fernie)	2608.20
Stenography and printing	949.15
Law and Solicitors	602.15
All other expenses not above enumerated	7626.56
	53164.07
Balance on hand January 1, 1910	1975.54
	$55139.61

In concluding these brief statements relative to receipts and expenditures I would point out to you that the Auditors reports which are sent out from time to time to the Locals, give an itemised account of all monies received and expended. Therefore I do not think that at this time it is necessary to give a more detailed account. I would, however, point out to you that these auditors' reports do not include some liabilities of an extensive nature, respecting accounts owing to Messrs. Eckstein & McTaggart, of Fernie, of $1050.00; Cormack & Mackie, of Edmonton, $1127.11, and W. C. Simmonds of Lethbridge for solicitors costs, etc., in contesting compensation claims on behalf of the members of our District. There is also the amount standing to credit of the Fernie Fire Relief, $1223.80. This amount, I would suggest, be turned over to the District account, considering our financial position.

Receipts from Locals for Year 1909

Local No.	Per Cap.	D. Fund	Assess	Supp.	Total
Bankhead 29	702.70	1756.75	.....	12.00	2471.45
Bellevue 431	390.80	977.00	.....	.....	1367.80
Blairmore 2163	15.60	39.00	.....	.....	54.60
Canmore 1387	359.80	899.50	.....	.....	1259.30
Carbonado 2688	120.60	301.25	226.00	.....	647.85
Carbondale 2227	4.20	10.50	.....	.....	14.70
Cardiff 2378	35.90	88.70	.....	.50	125.10
Coleman 2633	689.20	1723.00	.....	.....	2412.20
Corbin 2877	105.50	263.50	94.05	9.00	472.05
Edmonton 2540	8.80	22.00	.....	.....	30.80
Fernie 2314	1285.00	3213.50	4667.90	.....	9165.40
Frank 1263	367.40	910.75	1503.10	31.75	2813.00
Frazer F'ts 1329	16.20	40.50	.....	.....	56.70
Hillcrest 1058	307.00	767.50	.....	5.50	1080.00
Hosmer 2497	523.70	1310.60	.....	.....	1834.30
Kenmare 2850	57.80	143.60	41.75	.....	243.15
Lethbridge 574	447.80	1114.50	.....	.....	1562.30
Lille 1233	339.80	849.50	.....	.....	1189.30
Maple Leaf 2589	67.40	167.50	.....	.....	234.90
Merritt 2629	4.20	10.50	.....	.....	14.70
Michel 2334	2011.00	5028.50	6272.00	4.00	13315.50
Middlesboro 872	84.30	213.50	.....	.....	297.80
Passburg 2352	28.00	70.00	.....	.....	98.00
Roche P'cee 2672	5.20	13.00	.....	.....	18.20
Royal Coll. 2589	62.60	158.70	.....	5.00	226.30
Taber 1959	274.30	685.75	7.75	.....	967.80
Taber 102	61.20	153.00	97.25	1.00	312.45
Taylorton 2648	45.00	112.50	.....	.....	157.50
Taylorton 2519	1.00	2.50	.....	.....	3.50
Woodpecker 2299	9.40	23.50	.....	2.00	34.90
	8431.40	21069.60	12909.80	70.75	42581.55

The following is the average membership of each Local during this term:

No.	Local	Av. Membership
29	Bankhead	351
432	Bellevue	217
2163	Blairmore	39
1378	Canmore	225
2688	Carbonado	67
2227	Carbondale	21
2378	Cardiff	30
2633	Coleman	353
2877	Corbin	52
2540	Edmonton	22
2314	Fernie	642
1263	Frank	167
1329	Frazer Flats	15
1058	Hillcrest	170
2497	Hosmer	180
2850	Kenmare	29
574	Lethbridge	237
1233	Lille	212
2589	Maple Leaf	37
2629	Merritt	21
2334	Michel	838
872	Middlesboro	140
2352	Passburg	20
2672	Roche Percee	13
2589	Royal Collieries, Lethbridge	35
1959	Taber	152
102	Taber	30
2648	Taylorton	56
2519	Taylorton	5
2299	Woodpecker	23

Whilst dealing with the membership question, permit me to point out to you the large amount of exoneration which was of necessity granted, owing to the dispute in existence during the months of April, May and June. The following Locals, comprising almost half of our membership, were exonerated for these months:

Hosmer (2497); Coleman (2633); Lille (1233); Hillcrest (1058); Bellevue (431); Passburg (2352); Lethbridge (574); Royal Coll. Lethbridge (2589; Taber (1959); Cardiff (2378); Canmore (1387); Bankhead (29); Maple Leaf (2589) two months; Merritt (2627); Middlesboro, (872.)

The following Locals have been organized:
Edmonton (2388).
Lethbridge (1337.)
Blairmore (2163).
Frazer Flats, Edmonton (1329).
Edmonton (2155).
Carbondale (2227).
Cardiff (279.)

Regarding some of these Locals, they have been organized for some months, and have never paid any dues.

Local 2178, Diamond City, has been reorganized.

Local 2540 Edmonton, was reorganized for a period of two months, but has since been abandoned.

Local 2648, Taylorton, Saskatchewan, has been reorganized, and at the present time there is every prospect of an increasing membership in that District.

The following Locals have been abandoned:
Merritt (2627).
Carbonado B. C. (2688).
Strathcona (2548).
Edmonton (2655).
Middlesboro (872).
Woodpecker (2299).
Strathcona (2618).

Relief

In dealing with this question, it will be necessary to again point out to you the untenable financial position in which we were placed, when the suspension of work was declared under the Western Coal Operators Association. Not having funds to fall back on, we were compelled to make the best possible arrangements considering our position, with the result no doubt that the advantages were much against us. If we had been in a position to have paid cash for the supplies, and run our own commissariat department, it is only reasonable to suppose that the members would have had a larger supply for the same amount that was expended. I think before a strike is declared that effects a great number of our members, it would be wise to know more definitely in the future, where the support is coming from. Before passing the subject over, I beg to submit a general statement regarding the cost of the strike, etc.

The following was the census as received by me on April 1st, of those affected by the strike.

Number of men	1872
Number of women	516
Number of children	1027
Total	3415
Total amount expended on Relief	$37195.06
Total amount paid	24056.49
Balance owing 1st January, 1910	13138.57

This Strike account is itemized and included in the Auditor's Report, from which fuller details can be ascertained.

Strikes

You are fully aware of the strikes that have taken place during the past year, and I do not see that any good purpose can be served by going into the merits or demerits of these, as they were fully covered by the Special Convention held in Fernie on the 12th and 13th of April, 1909, and in Frank on 12th July, 1909, and also by the District Board and Scale Committee.

We must not, however, lose sight of the fact, whatever may be the opinion at large, that we were compelled to accept the inevitable, and make the best terms possible under the circumstances for a settlement which would save us from an ignominous defeat.

Organizing

This is a question which no doubt will be covered in the President's and Vice-President's reports, but it is due to me to comment briefly on the situation. During the greater part of 1908, the International were sending into this district the sum of $400 per month for this purpose. This was discontinued in November, 1908. Since then, however, Edmonton and Saskatchewan Districts have been organized partly by the District Officers, and the International Organizers. Whether you think that we should continue to spend money in these fields is a matter for your consideration, after having heard the other officers' reports.

Cherry, Ill., Mine Disaster

In alluding to this almost unparalleled disaster in the mining industry, which occurred in November last, there is no language strong enough that would adequately express our feelings on the wilful and criminal negligence which brought about such a disastrous state of affairs. It is due to us, not merely as members of the United Mine Workers of America, but as individuals, to try and recompense those who are left behind to mourn, and face the struggle for existence, and with that end in view I think this Convention should make a grant from the District Treasury, which will help to alleviate the distress of these dependants.

The Officers' Mission to the International Convention

In taking up this matter, it is perhaps essential that it should be clearly understood that we had in view the probability of getting financial assistance that would enable us to free ourselves from the acute financial position in which we are now placed, and further to carry out the instructions given at our last Annual Convention, to make application on behalf of Fernie Local Union for a loan sufficiet to place them on a financial basis.

Not having an opportunity to meet the National Board whilst the Convxention was in session at Indianapolis, we were compelled to go to Toledo in order to make our appeal. President Powell, Vice-Pres. Stubbs and myself appeared before the Board, and presented our claims at length for their consideration, and the result was as follows: The Executive Board loaned the District $5000.00, but refused to extend any assistance to Fernie Local. Taking into consideration the fact that Fernie Local has not been able to negotiate a loan to clear off their indebtedness to the District, it will be a matter for your consideration as to what means shall be adopted to meet our present liabilities, as our creditors are pressing for payment of their accounts.

District Ledger

In connection with this, the official organ of District 18, I wish to remind you that the Convention held three years ago in Lethbridge, decided to purchase the plant and business of The Fernie Ledger, then owend by D. V. Mott. There is no doubt that at all times this paper has been a weapon in our hands, and has been used largely for the purpose of educating and placing before the members of District 18 our position. The question, however, that I wish to deal with is the financial position and management of that paper. I may say that the plant we are now in possession of at this time is not equivalent to the money that has been expended, plus the outstanding bills, that by reason of the fact that the plant originally purchased had to be replaced shortly after, which extra plant was swept away by the fire that occurred in August, 1908. This caused us practically a dead loss of all money expended up to that time, owing to the fact that we were unable to recover the insurance. This leaves the position at this time to be that the Ledger plant is an entirely new investment, and represents what monies have been placed to its credit by the District, as well as outstanding accounts.

The following is a financial statement as given by the Auditors:

Debit

To expense account	$2208.52
To wages account	7072.88
To Stock Account	2340.88
To Correspondence	556.39
To Insurance	303.75
To Interest Account	491.60
	$13663.37

Credit

By Ads. Job Work and Newspaper Sales	$13158.49
By Subscription Acct.	286.25
By Balance (Loss)	218.61
	$13663.37

Assets

Stock on hand	$3577.93
Insurance Claim	4075.00
Cash on Hand	29.36
Office Furniture and Fixtures	461.50
Metal Account	73.36
Plant and Outfit	15938.50
Accounts Received	4822.21
	$28980.86

Liabilities

Bank overdraft	$4160.36
Bills payable	6702.22
Accounts Payable	869.90
	$11663.95

Before concluding this matter I must refer you to the change of trustees and Management committee of The District Ledger owing to the decease of Ex-President Sherman, and the replacement in office of J. A. McDonald by myself. At the last District Board meeting, President W. B. Powell, A. J. Carter and T. Biggs were appointed as Trustees and Management Committee. Arrangements have been made for the three members to take over the trusteeship, but have not at this date been completed.

On the 12th of February W. S. Stanley handed in to the Committee his resignation as Manager, and your Committee have already made arrangements with J. W. Bennett, the Scranton School Agent, to take charge of the paper, but we have not actually concluded same. You will, however, have an opportunity of hearing Mr. Bennett before this convention closes, and then you will be able to express an opinion whether you think the Committee have acted wisely in selecting him to fill this position.

Late Ex-President F. H. Sherman

At the request of Fernie local, an appeal was sent to all our Locals in the District, asking them to render as far as possible, financial assistance to the widow and children of our late respected President. This appeal has so far been met in a most generous spirit by the majority of the Locals. You all know the position in which Mrs. Sherman is placed, and it is unnecessary for me to elaborate on the needy circumstances of the case in which you have been solicited to give your support. Herewith you will find a list of amounts received by me up to date, and I think this Convention should decide as to what manner this fund should be appropriated.

No.	Local	Amount
2850	Kenmare	$ 50.00
2497	Hosmer	278.00
1233	Lille	124.90
431	Bellevue	250.00
1387	Canmore	50.00
29	Bankhead	126.25
102	Taber	57.00
2540	Edmonton	4.20
574	Lethbridge	140.00
1959	Taber	88.45
2829	Maple Leaf	30.00
2633	Coleman	358.00
2334	Michel	957.00
	Friend	5.00
	Mr. Eckstorm	100.00
		$2624.80

Without wishing to be egotistical, I think it is only proper that I should allude to the exceptional position in which I have been placed since taking office. Our late Ex-President, F. H. Sherman, never at any time during this period, being in a physical condition to carry out the duties which must by virtue of his office necessarily devolve upon him, left me on many occasions in the position of having to take action, without consulting my colleagues and if my judgment has been in error on any matters, I must ask your indulgence, as you conscientiously know that there are times when the best of premeditated efforts do not work out to the best end.

In conclusion I desire to thank the membership of our organization for their expression of confidence, by re-electing me a second term as Secretary-Treasurer of this District, and I take this opportunity of extending to you, their representatives, this evidence of gratitude. My official and business relationships with my colleagues during the past year have been on the whole most cordial, and I take this opportunity of extending to them my thanks for their valuable assistance and their many evidences of good-will.

Hoping this Convention will accomplish in full the purpose of its call, and that the spirit of harmony and concord may mark its deliberations,

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. CARTER.

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ROLLERS ARE MOWING AWAY AT THE ELUSIVE PINS—PROTEST ALREADY

SOME CLASSY CAMES

The new City Ten Pin League is still providing plenty of excitement for the rollers and spectators, and the way the wins are mixed up indicates that the end is not yet, and that the winners are not yet nominated. So far the Clerks are a couple of lengths to the good, with three wins, while the rest are well bunched in the field, with the Kootenays trailing a little to the rear with no wins so far.

One protest is already in from the Commercials, who claim that Steinbart was off-color in lining up with two teams, as he had played with the Waldorf in a previous league game. On the face of it, and in the interests of the welfare of the league, the case should be dealt with at once. It is clearly an infringment of the idea of the city league to pass players around. The City Baseball league landed well nigh on the rocks last summer over the same questionable tactics, and it should call for a big swat with the big stick, and that mighty soon.

League Standing

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Clerks	3	3	0	1000
Dreadnought	2	2	0	1000
Coal Company	2	1	1	500
Printers	2	1	1	500
Commercials	2	1	1	500
Kootenays	2	0	2	0000
Waldorf	2	0	2	0000
Burns	1	0	1	0000

The Dreadnoughts put a crimp into the Commercials chances on Monday night to the extent of 164 pins. Steinbart was high at 472, while Hughes tacked up 452 for the Comms. The score was:

Dreadnoughts

Steinbart	152	147	173—472
Macdonald	133	177	130—440
Covert	150	131	156—437
Shaw	121	157	144—422
Bruce	137	167	102—406
Clark	141	106	105—352
			2539

Commercials

Hughes	171	156	125—452
Wright	156	132	123—411
Olson	124	134	150—408
Forsythe	114	146	125—395
Blackstone	148	98	118—364
Gillespie	91	120	124—335
			2365

Majority for Dreadnoughts 164

The score of the winners, 2539, is the best aggregate score yet rolled in the league

The Clerks small total of 2257 was good enough to put the Waldorf to the bad on Monday night. Mills with 421 played first fiddle for the hotel crew, while Dill with 485 handed in the big parcel for the counter hoppers.

Waldorf

Mills	147	119	155—421
Duthie	102	167	125—394
Green	126	145	93—364
Armitage	108	113	131—352
Meagher	127	97	124—348
Goupell	101	125	100—326
			2205

Clerks

Dill	137	170	178—485
Sullivan	128	157	133—418
Wakefield	108	108	156—372
Harrington	151	109	107—367
McSwain	95	112	106—313
Millard	98	109	95—302
			2257

By the now famous figure of "23" the Coal Company staff chased the Kootenay liners to the top of their poles. 'Twas anybody's game right up to the last end, and the jubilation of the winners was far in excess of the margin they won by. Pat Cunningham grew almost another storey after a stellar performance in picking off a spare, considered before impossible. Klauer crawled over the 400 mark, and is now entitled to a seat in the charmed circle.

Kootenay

La Valle	157	141	142—443
Morrison	136	150	133—419
Cody	157	128	116—401
Mason	114	132	153—399
Pollock	95	115	102—312
Montpetit	124	146	95—365
			2339

Coal Co.

Brown	145	124	162—431
Klauer	132	142	153—427
Cunningham	152	115	122—389
Perry	108	153	122—383
Tuthill	126	134	114—374
Ross	130	94	134—358
			2362

Leaving the Coal Company 23 up.

The Printers sure got a special edition handed to them by the Clerks on Wednesday night. Millard has been farmed out and McCutcheon was tried out with good results. Dill, as usual was there with the long string, and is certainly one of the most consistent rollers in the league. McCutcheon and Dill tied for high single game at 169. This win gives the Clerks three straights, and they will, in their present form, stand some beating.

For the printers only Wallace of the Press, was in the 'Four hundred' variety, and even he is not rolling at his last seaon's form. In the rest of the bunch there was not much to chose, and a few liberal doses of castor oil and Grape Nuts would do no harm—perhaps no good.

Printers

Wallace	139	145	147—431
Kennedy	119	113	147—379
Woodhouse	84	163	120—367
Whimster	122	129	97—348
Buckley	132	115	82—329
McLeod	107	123	89—319
			2173

Clerks

Dill	169	139	166—474
McCutcheon	169	134	144—447
Harrington	128	153	117—400
Sullivan	103	132	128—363
McSwain	103	132	128—363
Wakefield	97	97	130—324
			2383

So in cold figures the Prints were walloped by 210 pins.

NOTICE

To Whom it May Concern:

Take notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my Wife, Elizabeth King Dunlop (or Climie.)

THOS. CLIMIE.

Fernie B. C. March 5, 1910.

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No. 236 Local East	9.12
No. 235 Local West	19.27
No. 7 West Flyer	10.40
No. 8 East Flyer	20.08

Change takes effect Sunday June 6.

G. N. TIME TABLE

NO. 252		No. 251
6.55	FERNIE	11.05
7.13	HOSMER	10.40
7.25	OLSON	10.32
7.50	MICHEL	10.10

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