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PRELIMINARY HEARING IS ON

Clearing up the Alleged Shortage in Ex-City Clerk's Accounts

The preliminary hearing in the case of Rex. vs. Boulton, ex-city clerk and treasurer of the City of Fernie, opened before Magistrate Whimster on Tuesday morning. H. W. Herchmer appeared for the crown, and A. L. Fisher is defending.

The only witness heard in the morning was Mayor Herchmer. He had asked for Mr. Boulton's resignation in consequence of receiving reports from Mr. E. B. McDermid, auditor, showing an apparent shortage in the city accounts of $3,593.32. In the two reports from Mr. McDermid no shortages arising from taxes were considered. The Mayor had afterwards put Mr. E. F. Ambery on the tax rolls. Mr. Ambery had reported a list of taxes paid for which there were no entries in the cash book. Reports were filed as evidence though not admitted to be correct by the defense.

Following is part of the cross-examination by Mr. Fisher.

Q. How often did the finance committee meet in 1910 up to the time of Mr. Boulton's resignation?

A. I would not swear that they met once.

Q. Is it fair to the City Treasurer that the Finance Committee should not meet regularly?

A. It would not affect the City Treasurer. It is not fair to the city.

Q. How are accounts passed?

A. On O.K. of Chairman of Finance Committee. Boulton would take a batch of accounts, certified by him as correct, and after looking them over the Chairman of the Finance Committee would pass them if correct.

Q. So that White, the other member of the Finance Committee had nothing to do with it?

A. Apparently not, so far as I know.

Q. You understand that payments were made from cash and that afterwards cheques made out by the city payable to petty cash, or bank or the city, to cover those items?

A. If it was done this year it was contrary to my orders. The practice was referred to by Auditor Watson, who advised that it be discontinued, and that a cheque be made out to cover outstanding items of this nature. This was done and I issued orders that the practice was to cease.

Q. At the same time creditors would come to the city offices for payments?

A. No doubt.

Q. You didn't call the attention of the Finance Committee to the necessity of meeting?

A. I was relying on Mr. Johnson, the chairman. I doubt if a cheque was ever passed that was not correct.

Here a bundle of accounts covered by a cheque was put on exhibit. Also a payroll and cheque made payable to J. W. Morris to cover an item in the pay roll O.K.'d by Mr. Beck. The pay roll of Mr. Beck gave credit for teaming work to W. J. J. Morrison. The voucher pay roll had been made showing the credit to W. J. Morrison. This had been partly erased, although the original name was still visible, and the name J. W. Morris substituted. The cheque was endorsed by J. W. Morris with the endorsement of W. J. J. Morrison underneath. It was O.K'd by G. F. Johnson, Chairman of the Finance Committee

Q. You see the signature of J. W. Morris on the pay roll. Whose signature is that?

A. I don't know.

Q. On the cheque, whose signature is that?

A. I would say it is Mr. Morrison's signature. I would say that the signature above is a forgery. I believe it is the same writing as the other. I see that on the foot of one page of the pay roll the signature is W. J. J. Morrison, while on the other page it appears as J. W. Morris.

Q. The Chairman of the Finance Committee would see that document?

A. I dont know. If Johnson had that statement before him he had no business passing the cheque.

Q. He should have seen it?

A. Yes.

Q. Who would know if Johnson saw it?

A. Whoever took the cheque to him. Probably Kennedy.

Q. Having seen that cheque and pay roll would you be prepared to modify your previous statement as to the protection the Finance Committee afforded the city?

A. No. I think the Chairman and probably the City Clerk were fooled in this thing.

Q. You know that all these accounts (passing the bundle referred to above) were paid out of cash from time to time?

A. It looks as though they were.

Q. Some of those creditors would be anxious to have their accounts paid at once?

A. No doubt.

Q. As the Finance Committee did not meet regularly the only thing for the City Clerk to do was to pay them?

A. No. that was not the proper way. The Clerk had an easy way of getting a meeting.

Q. You know that there were no meetings in 1910?

A. No; I did not know it.

Q. Did Boulton ever tell you the Finance Committee never met?

A. I don't think so, until after the auditor was here.

Q. Would you swear he didn't tell you?

A. If he did it was not impressed on my mind.

Q. You don't put all the blame on the City Clerk?

A. In my opinion the Finance Committee were not doing the right thing.

Evidence was also elicited as to Boulton's cheque for August salary that had been voluntarily returned to the city. His cheque for part of September was held because the city was not sure to whom it was payable.

J. S. T. Alexander, Government Agent, produced certain government cheques on the Bank of Commerce, made payable to the City of Fernie and endorsed "City of Fernie per G. H. Boulton, Treasurer." One for $32.15 was paid by the bank on May 7, 1909; one for $329.60, dated Oct. 14, 1908, given for school purposes for September quarter; one for $753.35 given a year later for the same purpose; one for $1,365.40 for March quarter, 1910 (Mr. Herchmer explained that it was not alleged that the total of this cheque was short); and one for $1,553.75 for June quarter, 1910.

There was one for $80.50 given June 11, 1908, and endorsed "For deposit only to to the credit of the City of Fernie, G. H. Boulton, Treasurer"; one dated August 31, 1908, for $77.25 endorsed "City of Fernie, G. H. Boulton, Treasurer"; one dated September 9, 1909, for $42.50 similarly endorsed; one dated September 16, 1910, for $5.78; one on Feb. 9. 1910 for $11.80; one for $9.50, on March 8, 1910; one for $32, dated March 23, 1910; one for $154.80, dated May 10, 1910.

The school cheques had been sent to Mr. Alexander by the Auditor General of the Province. All were marked paid. The first one, for $32.15 and the last eight were issued by himself and were all marked paid.

Another cheque for $500 dated Nov. 20, 1909, was issued by Mr. Alexander to the city out of "Trust Account," endorsed by Mr. Boulton and stamped as "paid."

Geo. Loxton, sworn, stated that he owned Lots 1 and 2, Block 33, in the city of Fernie. "I paid my 1908 taxes to G. H. Boulton by a cheque, $10.13, receiving his receipt for it.' The cheque was produced and identified. "As a result of getting a notice from the city I saw Mr. Ambery at the city office, and as a result of the meeting I got my cheque, and produced it at the city hall. I haven't the original tax notice. I paid my taxes within 30 days of the receipt of the notice, in time to get the discount.

W. F. Muirhead recognized his signature on the back of Loxtons cheque. He endorsed it in order to bank it. He didn't know how he came into possession of it.

James Miller, manager for P. Burns and Co., Ltd., sworn, stated that his company owned property in Fernie. Taxes for 1908 were paid by cheque. A cheque for $194.19 produced was identified as a P. Burns cheque It was made payable to the Corporation of the City of Fernie to cover account for taxes for 1908, less a contra account of some $20. Mr. Miller

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THE G. T. P.

Labor Shortage (?) Ought to be Shorter

The following extract from the Edmonton Journal shows the kind of treatment that is meted out to the real builders of the road and should be a warning to all in search of employment the conditions under which they may have to work.

Bearing time sheets authorizing the payment of some $5,000 to the 200 destitute laborers who arrived in Edmonton on Dec. 1, and were compelled by necessity to walk the streets over night, a special train left Edson yesterday afternoon as soon as telegraphic communication could be established between General Manager Chamberlain and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway authorities at Edson.

Immediately upon learning the condition of the workmen who had come from the camps, he wired to Edson to have the time sheets made up at once and sent by special train consisting of the fastest engine on the road and a single car. The train will have arrived in Edmonton by this morning and the men can secure their pay by applying at the office of the company.

In the meantime the men are being provided with proper sleeping accommodation by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company and will be fed until they receive their pay.

They were unsuccessful in their attempt to see Mr. Chamberlain in his private car on the siding at First St. He did not arrive in the city from the yards to the north until much later than was expected.

Their case was brought to the attention of the attorney generals department and it is understood that he communicated with the Grand Trunk Pacific authorities, asking them to take immediate steps to relieve the destitute condition of the men.

Yesterday morning the men stormed the police station seeking redress for their wrongs. The police were unable to do anything for them at that time and referred them to the attorney general.

DEATH IN A HORRIBLE MANNER

Car-Repairer Crushed at Crow's Nest While At His Work

On Wednesday an Englishman of the name of J. Openshaw, 38 years of age, was killed in the C.P.R. yards at Crows Nest. The deceased, who was employed by the company, was following his usual occupation of car repairer, and from reports received had complied with the usual regulations relative to the proper placing of his signals. A car of lumber, backing down upon the track, collided with the one under which the man was working, running over his back and crushing his chest into the rail. The death it is believed was practically instantaneous. Below is the verdict of the jury.

"We the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of John Openshaw, find that he came to his death by being run over by a car while in the act of repairing the same in the C.P.R. yard at Crows Nest. The engine backed into an open switch, with one car striking car under repair. According to evidence, switch was opened by some unknown person. Deceased was killed on or about 9.30 a.m., December 7th, 1910."

(signed)
ANDY GOOD, Foreman.
W. YOUNG,
J. ROBERTS,
M. L. CHAPMAN,
MIKE DONNELLY
A. C. MURRAY, Coroner.

The body was brought to Fernie, where it is now lying in the Thompson and Morrison Undertaking Parlors from whence it is expected it will be sent to the old home in England for interment, in charge of the brother of the deceased.

BAIL SET AT $15,000

Later reports to hand advise that bail has been accepted at $15,000, $10,000 on his own recognizance, and $5,000 on satisfactory sureties; also that the ex-City Clerk has deferred his election as to the method of his trial.

MINERS AT TABER QUIT

Too Much Gas Causes Cold Feet and the Diggers Skidoo

Yesterday at the Canada West Collery, Taber, Alta., under the management of V. S. Kidd, a man was brought out of the workings in a state that can only be described as "more dead than alive." Immediately the facts were known, a special meeting of the men was called, when it was decided to immediately lay off until the mine had been put into proper condition as called for by the Coal Mines Regulation Act, that is, that fresh air be supplied in plenty, to the extent of 100 cubic feet for each man, horse and mule.

Some idea of the shocking conditions prevailing in these underground death traps may be formed by the report to hand, which states that the reason for the "lay off" is that the men are positively afraid to work in the mine, and they prefer to freeze on the surface rather than face death in the form it is presented by the conditions which at present obtain. These conditions were aggravated by the fact that it is useless for the men to protest to the operators, who simply laugh at them, and realizing the futility of such useless measures, the men have at last taken the matter in their own hands in an effort to have the whole question determined once and for all. They want fresh air to breathe, and the conditions generally improved to the standard called for by the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

President W. B. Powell and International Board Member Charles Garner are on the spot and have already forwarded telegrams describing the conditions to the following.

Premier A. L. Sifton, C. M. O'Brien, M.L.A., John Stocks, Deputy Minister of Public Works, and Chief Inspector of Mines Stirling.

A meeting has been arranged between the two officials of the U.M.W of A. and the management of the colliery at 1 o'clock, and it is to be hoped that this may result in the company taking immediate steps to remedy the existing evils and thereby enabling the men to resume their work under proper conditions.

HERE AND THERE

Clan Mackenzie is the name of the recently organized branch of the United Scottish Clans fraternal and benefit society

W. H Coulter, division manager from Vancouver, is in town on official business connected with the International Correspondence Schools.

Messrs. Quain and Davis, of the Kootenay Telephone Co, with headquarters at Cranbrook, were in Fernie this week and report business along all their "lines' excellent.

Don't forget the sale of clothing, wearing apparel and useful household goods by the Baptist Ladies' Aid on Tuesday, Dec 20th, to be held at the temporary church building

"Slovenské Slovo" is the name of a Slavonian publication that is issued from the office of "The Reporter," New Michel-Andrew Lukco is the publisher, and George Klesken, editor.

Thomas Crahan was in town Tuesday on matters incident to the selling of the property in East Coleman that he is putting on the market and of which Joe Grafton is the sales agent.

Now that the winter season is fast approaching, and we may expect severe weather, we think it would be judicious to have the fire hydrants well protected from the rigors of the cold.

The artistic display that is being made in the windows of the Trites-Wood Company's emporium is certainly a tribute to the capabilities of the window trimmer, whose exhibit is equal to that found in any of the large Eastern centres

Methodist church will hold an "at home" in the schoolroom of the church from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Tea and cake will be served for 15c. and the girls have dozens of boxes of home-made candy to dispose of at prices ranging from 5c. up.

On Tuesday morning last a distressing incident occurred at the C P R station, when the local train ran over Mr. Hartley's (the Jailer) constant companion. The doggy had been unwise enough to get on the track just as the train was pulling into the depot.

The Cranbrook Board of Trade will give a concert and ball Tuesday next, 13th inst., in the Auditorium, and a large contingent from Fernie will participate, among others Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Stevenson, Mrs. H H Depew, Miss Pym, R. R. Webb, who will contribute to the evenings entertainment.

The days of "Wild West" romance are fast disappearing. The arrest of John C. Fisk made by two officers of the R.N.W.M.P. was effected by the use of motor car after a 70 mile night ride Hereafter "M P" must signify "motor" instead of "mounted" police. —("John Bull," please copy.)

Now that work has been resumed at both No. 2 and No 3 mines in Coal Creek, it is earnestly hoped that they who have been so energetic in spreading news of an alarmist character will be, equally diligent in letting it be known broadcast that the rumors they had so persistently circulated were without foundation

John Powell, who was formerly colliery manager at Coleman, and later accepted a position with the Alberta Government as inspector of mines, is now in control of the Western Canadain Collieries at Bellevue. The company is to be congratulated on having obtaining the services of such a thoroughly competent man.

Anton Klimczak was brought back by Constable Bulger from Lethbridge, and charged before F. J. Burns, J.P., at Michel, with neglect of his five year old girl, and seven months boy. He was sentenced to three months hard labor at Nelson. Chief Constable Sampson is making arrangements to have those children taken care of at the Home in Vancouver, as the mother is dead.

In consequence of serious illness in the family of Mr. I S G Van Wart, the chairman of the Board of Conciliation, it was found necessary to postpone the meeting of the Board of Conciliation but unless unforeseen circumstances intervene, we understand there will be a sitting on Saturday next in Fernie Mr W S Lane represents the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company and Mr C Stubbs the District Vice-Presndent the miners, with Mr I S G Van Wart officiating as chairman.

On Thursday evening the second of the series of dances held under the auspices of the Fernie Dancing Assembly took place, when between 60 and 70 couples spent a pleasant evening. From reports to hand it would appear that the dance on this occasion was an unqualified success, but under the best regulations there are oft times small points in which improvement might be made, and if we might offer a suggestion we would venture the opinion that a little more tact on the part of floor committee in arranging introductions between suitable parties would be a decided improvement. However, everybody appeared to be delighted with the evening, which augers well for the popularity of these dances during the winter season.

NOTICE

Owing to the slack times at Coal Creek, miners are requested to stay away from this camp.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTIN' IN HOSMER

Injured Man Completely Exonerates Policeman McCuish

While at No. 3 Camp, Hosmer ,on Thursday afternoon, a party consisting of Constable McCoosh, Charley Bomford, Fred Waters, and several others, were making preparations for the slaughter of a couple of pigs, and while examining their revolvers to see which was the best suited to the purpose, the one held by Constable McCoosh accidently fired, and seriously injured Charley Bomford by entering the fleshy part of the abdomen. The ball came out at the back, but it is believed did not puncture the intestines.

Doctor Boupel, of Fernie, and Dr. Weldon of Michel, performed an operation on Bomford at the hospital last night, and we are pleased to state that reports to hand just before going to press are to the effect that the unfortunate victim of this purely accidental shot is progressing splendidly.

Bomford made a written statement duly signed completely exonerating Constable McCoosh, from which it would appear that the injury sustained was not of so vital a nature as the first report would have led one to assume.

DEFINITION OF COLORED

WASHINGTON, Dec 5.—The possession of one sixteenth of negro blood brings a person under the classification of "colored" according to a decision of the district court of appeals to-day in the case of Isabel I Wall, eight years old, against the Board of Education. The girl was admitted to a local white school more than a year ago but afterwards was excluded on the ground that she was colored. The evidence showed that the girl had one-sixteenth of negro blood in her veins and Justice Wright upheld the action of the board of education.

RE M. JAGOS AT COLEMAN

Claim For Compensation Pending Further Data Interesting Case

The question of compensation in the case of M. Jagos came up before Judge Carpenter at Coleman, Alta., on Thursday, December 7th. Colin McLeod appeared on behalf of the International Coal and Coke Co., of which the deceased was an employee at the time of his death, and H. A. Mackie, of Edmonton, appeared in the interests of the widow at the instigation of the U.M.W. of A., Clem Stubbs, vice-president attending.

The objection to the payment of the amount of compensation, $1800, conformably to the laws of Alberta, was raised by the counsel for the Coal Company on the grounds that the dependents of the deceased were resident in a foreign country and that according to the Evidence Act, it was necessary that the testimony should be furnished proving that the individuals to whom compensation be paid were bona fide dependents of the deceased. To effect this, documents such as marriage certificates, birth certificates, etc., were essential, and these presented before a commission charged with this duty, and when considered submitted for consideration to the judge having jurisdiction. This would necessitate considerable expense, and in the event of an individual like a widow, whose means of support had been killed, practically means stultification of the purpose for which the law was enacted, as the amount required would be tantamount to a prohibition of any action being taken. We intend to furnish a complete report of this action in our next issue, because of its bearing on similar ones in the future.

NOTICE

Miners please stay away from Bankhead, as they cannot obtain work here.

FRANK WHEATLEY,
Fin.-Secretary.

GLADSTONE LOCAL UNION

No. 2314, U M W of A.

NOTICE

The International and District Elections will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 13th All members of the above local are requested to vote Those not voting will be fined the sum of $1 (as per Art. 7, Sec 3a of the District Constitution)

Time and Place for Voting: Coal Creek, Club Hall, from 10 a.m to 5.30 p.m.

Fernie—Main Lobby, Miners' Hall, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE

Professor James C. Roberts, of the federal bureau of mines while on a tour said at Golden. Colo, when giving instruction on rescue work,

"Thirty thousand miners have been killed in coal mines in the U. S. in the last twenty years.

At least three miners are killed in this country to one in other countries.

More than half the coal mine accidents are caused by falls of roof and coal, practically all could be prevented.

This is in the "land of the free," but our record in Canada is by no means an enviable one, so there's no need to make comparisons.

When will the dear public that is so inclined to talk about their rights (!) to consideration when miners rebel insist upon the conditions being changed that will put a stop to needless butchery?

INFRINGEMENT OF THE COAL MINES REGULATION ACT

Coal Creek Men Fined

In the Provincial Police Court, on Wednesday, two men named Henry Sandford and Daniel Malbon were brought up on a charge of infringing the Coal Mines Regulation Act. It appears that while at work they had accidentally damaged their lamps with blows from their picks, the pick in one case going clean through the bottom of the lamp., Their failure to report the incident in accordance with the provisions of the Act was the reason for their appearance and a fine of $10 and costs was imposed in each case.

THE GLOBE'S XMAS NUMBER

The Toronto Globe intends issuing a holiday number that will certainly be a magnificent production judging by advance information received regarding its contents,

Frank Bullen, whose yarns of the sea life in its varied forms will contribute a story dealing with a Nova Scotia seaport that will appeal to both old and young. A romantic description of Western life with "The Runaway Grandmother" for a title, is Nellie L. McCluny's production.

From the pen of James Edward Le Rossignol is a tale of Quebec life which he relates with inimitable charm.

There are many other pleasant features of a high literary order and in addition thereto some illustrations that are works of art.

DELAYS IN PAYING WORKMEN

In giving judgment for wages to six Grand Trunk Pacific laborers, Magistrate Byers, of Edmonton, declared the treatment of its employés that had come under his notice is disgraceful. "I myself have known men to have to wait for three weeks before they could leave town when they had another situation ready for them at some other place. During this time they had to pay their board and wait round for their money, besides the loss of that time. While this may not be very much to a wealthy company like the Grand Trunk Pacific, it is a very large item to a poor working man who has to work from day to day in order to live." Addressing the Grand Trunk Pacific counsel, the magistrate advised him to bring the state of affairs forcibly before the management and endeavour to keep such a name as the Grand Trunk Pacific out of common police court trials. It appears that the Grand Trunk Pacific has no pay office at Edmonton, and authority must be secured from Winnipeg before pay checks can be honored. Since last spring 100 of these cases have been settled in police court.—Labor Gazette.

ELKO LUMBER JACKS HEAVILY SENTENCED

Assault on Provincial Constable W Lancey

The six lumber jacks committed for trial by Mr. Alexander on a charge of assaulting Provincial Constable W. Lancey at Elko, recently, were brought up before His Honor the Judge. Three of the men were discharged, there being no proof that they were actually implicated in the assault. The others, John Taylor, John Darwin and David Roulston, were sentenced respectively to 18 months, 15 months, and 6 months hard labor

BRITISH ELECTIONS

State of Parties at 9.30 Thursday evening.

Unionists	189
Liberals	133
Nationalists	46
Laborites	25
Ind. Nationalists	5..
Gains	
Unionists	19
Liberals	12
Laborites	4..
*Ind. Nationalists	1..

*Gain over the Nationalists.

MINE CAVE-IN AT FRANK TO-DAY

Fire Boss Caught in Fall of Rock--Well Known In the Pass

We have a report to hand that a fire boss by the name of Heathcook, while on his rounds in the shaft of the Frank Mine on Friday morning, Dec. 10th, presumably crossed one of the small pillars and got into the old workings. From this point nothing further has been heard of him, and it can only be assumed that the name of another victim has been added to the long list of fatal accidents in the Mines of Alberta, and that the unfortunate man has been entombed by a fall. It is not yet known whether or not Heathcook is alive or dead, but a rescue party is diligently at work endeavouring to effect a recovery of what may prove to be a living person or only the shattered hulk of what was, a short time ago, a living breathing man with the energy and vitality of a sound constitution and a healthy frame. Everything possible is being done to find out the actual condition of the unfortunate man, and if still alive to effect his rescue at the very earliest moment, and we hope during the few short hours remaining before we go to press to be able to report that he has been rescued alive.

THE CITY COUNCIL

At the meeting of the City Council last evening it was decided to increase the salary of the Chief of Police by $15 per month. The advance was made on the earnest recommendation of the Police Commissioner, and we wish to add our congratulations to the gallant Robert (Bobby) on the occasion of this well merited recognition of his worth.

Acting on the recommendation of A. McDermid, the appointment of R. W. Macdonald, of Calgary, to the position of City Auditor, was acted upon.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

On Monday, coming, and during the week, Mrs. Birbeck will demonstrate the special virtues of "Gold Standard" Teas, Jellies, Extracts, etc., in the grocery department of the Trites-Wood Co., Ltd., Store, Fernie. Ladies are cordially invited to view the exhibition.

WELL, EVEN IF YOU HAVE READ IT BEFORE

An advertisement of a nursing bottle printed in a Canadian newspaper concluded with the following: "When the baby is done drinking it must be unscrewed and laid in a cool place under a tap If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk it should be boiled"

ARGUMENTS THAT SHOULD MAKE THE NON-UNIONIST THINK

Because I am not afraid to line up with my fellow workers and make an honest demand for that which is ours by heritage.

Because I want to see every man, woman and child have plenty to eat, plenty to wear and plenty of time to enjoy it.

Because I am opposed to filth and ignorance and in favor of health and knowledge.

Because I can think more of an honest heart under a ragged shirt than I do of a blockhead bloat with a bank account.

Because a union man is never disrespected by any one except a lot of red-eyed rounders with more money than kindness.

Because when I pay my dues into the union I realize that I am stirring some "thickening" into a bowl of soup for some poor hungry woman or child.

Because I had rather be unpopular with a lot of double-chinned dough-[illegible] than [illegible] to my fellow workers

Because I am in favor of more bread and less brutishness, more pie and less pomp, more cozy cottages and less cowards and criminals, more soup and less superstition, more health and happiness and less hell and hellishness, more honest women neatly dressed and less foolish women overdressed, more live, loving husbands and less dirty, drunken drones.—Exchange

NIGHT SCHOOLS

A night school will be started in Fernie on Monday evening, December 13th, at 7.30, in the Central Public School, permission having been obtained through the courtesies of the school trustees. Classes will be formed for the benefit of Slavonian, Polish, Russian, Italian and French residents of the city. No nationality or creed will be excluded, and all desirous of obtaining knowledge of the English language will be cordially admitted.

The Alberta Legislature

Charlie O'Brien Brings in Bill Providing for Bye-Weekly Pay--Second Reading

The vast amount of words that have been uttered recently in the legislative assembly here, relative to faction fights between various representatives of the capitalist class, whilst they may fill considerable space in the newspapers, are of no importance to the working class, and as this is the one to which we cater, we propose dealing with those matters that particularly effect them.

Below you will find two resolutions that were drafted by C. M. O'Brien and introduced.

"Whereas according to Article 6 of the Treaty with Russia, of the 24th of November, 1886, if the offence is of a political character the fugitive shall not be surrendered. Article 21 of the Extradition Act declares 'No fugitive shall be liable to surrender under this part if it appears (a) That the offence in respect of which proceedings taken under this Act is one of a political character;' or (b) That such proceedings are being taken with a view to prosecute or punish him for an offence of a political character.' 'In re Castioni, 1 Q.B. 156, Denman, J. said; 'I think that to bring the case within the words of the Act, and 'to exclude extradition for such an act as murder . . . it must at least be shown that the intention of assistance, as a sort of overt act in the course of acting in a political matter, a political rising or a dispute between two parties in the state, as to which is to have the government in its hands, before it can be brought within the meaning of the words used in the Act."

"And whereas for several years the Social-Democratic party of Russia have been carrying on a propaganda through out that country for the purpose of capturing the government, resulting in numerous revolutionary outbreaks.

"And whereas Savvo Fedorenko of Uman, in the province of Kiev, was one the revolutionists. He joined the peasant's revolt and in January and February, 1907, he assisted in electing from the district he inhabited, to the Duma, Kirienko, Social-Democrat. (Kirienko is now suffering exile in Siberia.) Savvo Fedorenko was hiding from the authorities and seeking a chance to flee from the country of his birth. On the fifth day of January, 1908, at the village of Lavkovka, he came in contact with Savvo Osadchuk, the village policeman, who insisted on taking him back. In self-defence, he shot the policeman. Martial law had been proclaimed and was in force in that part at that time. Fedorenko made his escape and finally settled in Winnipeg. The secret detectives or spies of the Czar located him. They asked the Canadian authorities to surrender Fedorenko to them.

'And whereas Chief Justice Mathers, of Manitoba, has committed Fedorenko for extradition. Those who are defending Fedorenko have applied for a writ of habeas corpus.

"Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, in session assembled this —— day of November, 1910, ask the Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, not to surrender Savvo Fedorenko

Introduced by C. W. O'Brien.

Resolution No. 2:

"Whereas it has come to the attention of the members of the Legislature that an application is being made for the extradition of Sovvo Fedorenko now resident in the Province of Manitoba, and

"Whereas attention has been drawn to the fact that the offence with which the said Savvo Fedorenko is accused is alleged to be of a political character. and

"Whereas large numbers of people from foreign countries have settled in, and still continue to seek homes in this country; and

"Whereas it is highly desirable that such people should feel at all times that their rights and liberties will be respected to the fullest possible extent while they are residents of Canada;

"Therefore it be resolved that we, the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, in session assembled, do hereby suggest to the Hon. the Minister of Justice of Canada, the desirability of making a thorough investigation of the nature of the offence of which the said Sovvo Fedorenko is accused, and if the same is found to be of a political nature, to refuse to make an order for the surrender of the said Sovvo Fedorenko, as provided for in the 'Extradition Act.'"

Introduced by C. W. O'Brien.

The forceful make-up of number one was not detected until it appeared printed on the order paper of the day, when the Speaker refused to allow it to be introduced, claiming that it conflicted in several ways with constitutional procedure, established precedent, or some other of the forms of address that are part and parcel of the make-up of the language of the petty bourgeois. This refusal compelled O'Brien to substitute the resolution as per form number two, which is certainly mild in its tone, but this was the only way in which to have it brought before the assembly. In part O'Brien said:

As a rule we English speaking folk can only speak one language, and many, like myself, are only acquainted with a limited part of that, hence it is difficult for us to get correct information when other languages are involved. It is generally admitted that the press is not very reliable. One eminent newspaper man is reported to have said, "Try to conceal it as we may, the fact still remains that we do not write what we think, nor what we know, but we write to suit the powers that be." In order to get unbiased information from our point of view, I procured a copy of the speech made by Judge Mathers, who after listening to the pros and cons of the now famous Fedorenko case, issued an order of extradition, and it is from this that I took the larger portion of my first resolution, as well as most of what I am now going to say, thinking that with such a legal light as my guide, I could not go far astray. This, however, was not the opinion of the Speaker.

Mr. O'Brien then dealt with the contents of resolution number one, adding that at one time even great thinkers believed that philosophers and agitators were the causes of revolution, but that the great French revolution taught humanity as a whole a lesson that it was the opposite, and that therefore revolutions produced philosophers and agitators. Wherever you find philosophers and agitators, there you will find exist great social diseases which increase in intensity in proportion to the number and vigor of these philosophers and agitators. The wealth producers of Russia are not only suffering from growing capitalism, but also from dying feudalism. True, we in this country are not wholly free from the latter, as is evidenced by the fact that I could not get my first resolution before this assembly. Owing to the fact that capitalism is in the early stages of development, and that feudalism still retains a strong hold on Russia, the socialists there are compelled to adopt different methods for spreading propaganda to that which obtains on this continent; but there as here, and in fact in every other part of the world, we revolutionary Socialists do not consinder the members of the army, navy or the police force as our class enemies. They like us are propertyless wage slaves, and they are doing the work not necessarily because they like it, but for a similar reason that the workers go into the coal mines, engage in railroad construction, and labor at other undesirable kinds of work, simply and solely because they must work in order to live. There are very few millionaires in the army, in the navy, or in the police foce. When the revolutionists of Russia have to do injury to individuals in these forces it is always done in self-defence. The Russian authorities would much prefer the revolutionists to blow up a thousand of the army or navy or police force, than one Duke. In Russia there is no capital punishment for taking life; that is reserved for those who are charged with political offences. If the Canadian authorities allow Fedorenko to be taken back to Russia, or had he returned with a policeman, it is possible that he would not have had to suffer death by being shot or hung after a trial, but would probably have been subjected to a process of torture that would have compelled him to reveal the names of comrades who may not even be suspected, and have not been caught, and they in turn would have had to suffer in like manner. I am not trying to appeal to your sentiment, or to brotherly love feeling, because we Socialists are materialists and try to state plain hard, cold facts. We propose that Fedorenko shall not be taken back to Russia; it is for you to dispose in accordance with what you consider will best suit your material interests.

After the debate on Bramley Moores Provincial Rate Resolution was resumed by C. W. O'Brien, who spoke for about an hour ,during the course of which he took the opportunity to refer to the remarks made by Hoadley, of Okotoks, relative to the conditions of the farmer in Alberta being poor, which, if uncontradicted, might be used by the emigration officers in their efforts to stem the tide of emigration from the United States. He said that contrary to being opposed to immigration, he was in favor of it, but from a different view point. Experience proved that the greater the movement among the wage slaves, the wider became their mental vision. The workers who were Democrats and Republicans in the United States, for the same reason that they were farmers, miners, etc., because of their environment, when they reached Canada the change left them in a fit state of receptivity for the revolutionary propaganda of the Socialists. This also applies to workers from other parts of the world, and he suggested that the Canadian Immigration Department should try to induce all French, Scotch and Irish Eastern Canadians to come West, and also endeavour to induce old timers in the West to remove to the East. He further contended that the question of government or private ownership of natural resources is of no real interest to the wage slave of Canada, because in both cases they are equally exploited. This was clearly shown by the effect that provincial control had upon the working classes, inasmuch as they were not better than anywhere else. There was just as large a percetnage of men seeking to sell their labor power, likewise as many out of employment, or drawing poor wages. He further said, if provincial ownership of natural resources would speed the development of capitalism he would be tempted to support it, as that was the aim of the Socialsts, whereby capitalism would reach such a point of concentration in the hands of a few individuals that an industrial revolution necessary to change the system would ensue.

O'Brien was inclined to wander from his subject, and dwelt at considerable length upon the principles of Socialism.

Continuing he said that capitalism had now reached a state where it could not employ all the working classes, hence there was great unrest, and it was costing more and more to keep them in subjection, and so the cry for Dreadnoughts, Boy Scouts, etc. He dwelt on the Malthusian theory of population, which he averred was an exploded notion of half a century ago; and challenged the statement of a previous speaker that the immigration to Canada and other sparsely populated countries was due to the over-population of Europe.

Mr. Michener's claim that the Liberal Party had stolen the Conservative thunder was treated satirically, and the deduction drawn that the two thunders were identical, but that there was no fear of their stealing the Socialist thunder, viz., the abolition of the wage system, as that meant death to capitalism.

"O'Brien, you are treading on dangerous ground," said Bennett, after the debate had been adjourned. "I was going to tell you before, but knew you would accuse me of purposely interrupting your speeech. You cannot condemn the government while you are in assembly, but you may do it from the street corner. This is what you would call 'rotten capitalist law,' but it is the law." OBrien thanked him for the information and later on the member from Calgary said: "If those fellows don't elect you next time ,to say the least it will be very ungrateful of them, as you certainly have never overlooked a single opportunity to put their case before this assembly."

Enclosed find copy of the fortnightly pay bill introduced by C M. OBrien, M.P.P, of the Rocky Mountain Division.

Copy of the Bill

Bill No 32, 1910 (Second Session)
An Act for the Payment of Wages Fortnightly

"His Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Fortnightly Pay Act."

2 In every city, town and village and within five miles of every city, town and village and in every other place where more than ten persons are employed wages shall be paid to every employee at intervals not exceeding fourteen days

3 All wages due employees ceasing to work or being discharged shall be paid forthwith

4 Every employer and every agent of an employer who contravenes the provisions of this act shall be liable to a penalty of not loss than fifty dollars

5 This Act shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and eleven

The following is in part what he said at the second reading.

"I spoke at considerable length when introducing this bill at the last session, therefore at this time I intion to be brief.

"The wealth of capitalist society is a vast accumulation of commodities. In spite of appearances to the contrary on the whole, commodities exchange in the market with each other according to well defined laws—the laws of value Their value being determined by the average labor time that it takes to produce them; price fluctuating above and below according to the law of supply and demand and other forces. These fluctuations usualy compensate each other, price is therefore, average value. On the whole commodities are worth no more and no less than the average price paid for them. Owing to modern machinery it takes less labor power than any other commodity, despite the fact that labor power is the all important commodity. It is the only commodity in the world that when put into use can give values greater than its value.

"As long as capitalism lasts—apart from our Socialist movement—we, like all others, have to take part in the struggle over the exchange of commodities, this, however, does not in the least worry me.

Slavery and deceit go together, without deceit there could be no slavery.

Each succeeding form of slavery has carried with it an ever increasing quantity of deceit. Capitalism being the last is the most deceitful ever known.

Wages do not always express themselves as so much per day, week, month or year, there are large numbers of my class that are wage workers outright, but because it does not so appear that way to them they are not conscious of it, therefore do not think that they belong to the wage working class, this has enabled the capitalist class to keep us divided; for instance. the women and children around a coal mine wash, scrub, bake, patch, etc., either in private or in boarding houses, assist in bringing forth coal as do the men and boys who go into the mine, but they don't get a check on pay day. They are not included when the company is telling of the high average wage of $2 or $2.50 per day. I venture to say there is not a coal camp in the west where the wages average $1.25 a day, and many of them will not average so much. Then there are the farmers, in fact, most all the so-called small property owners. This ownership is a huge joke because at best they have but a steady job, they don't even receive the wages that a skilled mechanic receives."

He then went on to enumerate many other instances of individuals who in essence are merely wage workers regardless of the fact that that which they receive did not express itself at so much per.

Many of those to whom reference was made that they are wage workers would scout the idea simply because according to legal terminology they are not so considered, therefore, he said, "I cannot reach them with this bill. I wish I could."

The Trades Congress of Canada is a commodity organization for the express purpose of securing for those who sell their commodity, labor power, the price (wages) and the best possible conditions that the labor market will warrant; at their last convention they decided to make an effor to secure a weekly pay.

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This bill having now passed its second reading is before the Legal Bills Committee

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Estimates Tabled in the House of Commons--Large Grants

OTTAWA, Dec. 3—The main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1912, were tabled in the house today. They totalled $138,863,200, an increase of $6,035,575 over both main and supplementaries of the current year.

The following are the votes for British Columbia public works: Chilliwack public building, $25,000; Dominion public building renewals, $8,000; Cranbrook building, $25,000; Duncan public building, $10,000; Fernie drill hall,, $11,000; Fernie public building, $10,000; Grand Forks public building, $30,000; Grenwood public building, $30,000; Nanaimo public building extension $22,000; Nelson building addition, $7,00 Prince Rupert building, $5,000; Prince Rupert quarantine station, $24,000; Revelstoke public building, $30,000; Vancouver public building, $80,000; Vancouver old post office building locations, fittings, furniture, $35,000; Vancouver examining warehouse, $50,000; Vernon public buildings $30,000; Williams Hea dQuarantine station, improvements and repairs to buildings, and fittings, furniture, etc., $10,000; total $415,000. Of this amount $321,994 is a revote for harbor and rivers.

Bamfield, west shore Vancouver Island, $5000; Columbia River improvements, $17,500; Columbia and Kootenay River wharves, $14,000; Fraser river (lower) improvements, $40,000; Fraser and Thompson Rivers wharves, $10,000; harbors, rivers and bridges, general repairs and improvements, $10,000; Lockport, Queen Charlotte Island, wharves, $200; Masset, Queen Charlotte Island, wharf, $5,000; Massett (white settlement) wharves $5000; Percher Island, mouth of Skeena river wharves, $2000. Prince Rupert quarantine wharves, $45,000; Sooke Harbor, improvements of entrace, $500; Stewart, head of Portland Canal, wharves, $13,000; to complete repairs to wharves, $1,000; to purchase New South Wales turpentine timber to be used for piles required in British Columbia generally $15,000; Upper Fraser river and tributaries, improvements of navigable channel, $20,000; Lillooet river, removal of obstructions, $30,000; Williams Head quarantine station, improvements, $10,000; total, $232,600, of which sum $209,600 in revote.

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Dominion public buildings, $18,000. Winnipeg, Dominion buildings, improvements repairs, etc., $5,000; Winnipeg military buildings, hospital, $13,000.

SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA

Battleford, public buildings, $33,000. Calgary, immigration building, $100,000; barracks for Strathcona Horse, $20,000; Dominion public buildings, renewals, improvements, repairs, etc. $10,000. Edmonton, new Drill Hall, $5,000. Humbolt, public building, $25,000. Lethbridge, Armory, $15,000; Customs house and Dominion lands office, new heating apparatus, sanitary works, plumbing, etc., $2,000. Lloydminster, public building, $30,000. McLeod, public building, $10,000. Melfort, public building, $20,000. Moosejaw, armory, $15,000; new public buildings, $50,000. Prince Albert, Saskatchewan penitentiary, $24,000. Regina armory and drill hall, $20,000. Saskatoon, purchase of land for public buildings, $35,000. Strathcona, armo., $25,000, public buildings, $40,000. Vegreville, public building $20,000; Wetaskiwin, public buildings, $25,000. Weyburn, public building, $40,000.

WHAT THEY SEE IN THE CRYSTAL

Comes word from British Columbia that Premier McBride is getting rid of the big men in his cabinet and taking up with pale substitutes. This may be playing the game—it was, we remember, the plan of one famous Canadian statesmen to make his colleagues in council nothing more than registering clerks of his will—but it does not run with greatness sure of itself. The Sun is not jealous of Mars or Tellus or Jupiter or Saturn because they circle round him. It does not transpire that George Washington got peevish because backbiting contemporaries said Hamilton was his brains and Jefferson his pen and somebody else his sword. He took criticism like that standing up and was the bigger and better loved for it. Premier McBride can afford not to be afraid of Bowsers or anybody else near the throne. Is he aware that he has the Tories, East and West, looking at him as the handsome hero, the Laurier redivivus and regeneratus, who is to lead them out of bondage into the promised land? Here is the frame-up every stalwart from Halifax to Vancouver talks by day and dreams by night: "In 1916 Laurier will have died or quit the game. He is an old man now and has expressed a wish to spend his declining years with his books and flowers at Arthabaskaville. After the general election of 1911 or 1912 he will never go to the country again. When he steps out the same thing will happen as happened when Sir John Macdonald died. Three or four Jack-o'-the-pinches will be tried and will fail. After that McBride and a change of government." It sounds plausible. In 1916 Richard McBride will be rich enough to do what he pleases. He will be forty-five years old, and ideal age for Premier of a brisk country, his mind cool for judgment, his blood hot still for action. Meanwhile, if he has his eye on the big game, he should beware of littleness. When he is the whole works he can—but that is another story.—Canadian Colliers'.

A WORLD TRUST

By Emanuel Julius.

Capitalism is developing step by step. It is going forward by leaps and bounds. Not a day passes but that we hear of new consolidations of capital.

Up to the present this concentration of wealth and recrganization of industry has been in the main going on only within the limits of the various countries.

Now, the trusts are spreading still farther. Not satisfied with a national monopoly of commodities, they strive for international control

And what is more important—they are attaining their goal.

The latest instance of a world corporation is the beef trust. It has not been finally formed but its appearance is inevitable and imminent

According to reports received in Washington, the United States packers have been extending the investment of their profits in big ranches and packing houses in Argentina, which is the largest exporter of beef in the world, and next to New Zealand, the chief exporter of mutton.

North American investments have absorbed the La Plata Cold Storage company and the La Blanca company in Argentina, and the former has now become probably the largest of its kind in the world That is what the New York Times says in a dispatch received from Washington dated November 18.

The United States company, according to the New York Times, has sent managers to Argentina, who have stimulated the meat industry to a point unequalled in any country

There is no sign that Argentina meat will come to the United States It is all shipped to Eurpoe where it brings high prices, while if sent here it would tend to lower prices Thus the beef trust has both continents at its mercy

The beef trust needs only to gain control of the New Zealand interests to have the entire industry in its grasp

The Times also says that : "Every indication, from a careful study of conditions by expert observers employed by the department of commerce and labor, seems to show that the price of meat is to go up rather than be reduced in any great extent"

The beef trust must gain control of the New Zealand market before it becomes a world trust, but that is coming fast In less than a year it will be all brought up.

The Socialist do not regret this in the least. In fact they welcome it.

The Socialists hold that the world trust is inevitable—it must come if we are to have progress.

The magnates at the head of the beef trust are doing great work in consolidating in every land and clime. They deserve credit for the feat they are performing.

The Socialists never wail when a trust appears and develops. The only thing the Socialist objects to is its private ownership.

Now that the world trusts are appearing the workingmen and women of the world must prepare to take them over—own them together socially and operate them democratically in the interests of the working class.

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1 Hudson's Bay Booth's Tom Gin
1 Hudson's Bay Finest Pale Brandy.
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1 Hudson's Bay Jamaica Rum
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A STARTLING STATEMENT

IT has been said by those who have investigated the matter carefully that, although at the age of 45 fully 80 per cent of men are established in whatever pursuit they follow and are in receipt of incomes in excess of their expenditure, at the age of 60 it has been found that 95 per cent are dependent upon their daily earnings, or upon their children for support. Many, no doubt, read the despatch from Detroit which recently appeared in the Canadian papers, and which described the condition of a man who but a little more than forty years ago was a "financial power" in that city, who had a "palatial home' on one of the most fashionable thoroughfares, entertained lavishly, and to whom every person, high and low, was prepared to pay homage. But the fates were against him. He suffered serious financial losses, and when he began to go down hill he found it was properly greased for the occasion. His friends deserted him like rats from a sinking ship, and now a 80 years of age, after his day's labor, he wends his way to the city with the bent, brokendown old men who have influence enough to have their names on the city's pay roll.

The moral is that out of your abundance something should be laid aside for declining years, and vested where thieves cannot reach it, and where one cannot be deprived of it in any possible way. This means is afforded you under the Canadian Government Annuities Act which the Parliament of Canada passed in the session 1908, and which received the unanimous support of both sides of the house.

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The foregoing statement has been forwarded to us from the Government Annuities Branch at Ottawa, by Mr. S. T. Bastedo, the superintendent, with the request that same be reproduced in our columns, to which we willingly comply.

We would strongly urge our readers to study the matter carefully, noting the assertion made by one in authority that, in consequence of the uncertainties of life engendered by the chaotic and disorganized method of administration of society's needs, "95 per cent are dependent upon their daily earnings, or upon their children, for support."

Here is food for reflection; remember the source whence it emanates, and which can by no stretch of imagination be attributed to the "Missionaries of Misery," the "Disciples of Despair," or the "Preachers of Pessimism," or other alliterative titles so frequently applied to those who discuss the decadence of capitalism; but, on the contrary, can be attributed to the supporters of the present order who, in their attempts (futile though they be) apparently are oblivious to the fact that the advocacy of these palliatives is a tacit recognition of the fact that there is "something rotten in Denmark." Thrift, which the petty reformer so persistently counsels, may, and does, have the result of improving the condition of a few individuals, yet not so to the class as a whole. The average wage in Canada is such that practically no margin is left, unless there be a sacrifice of some pleasure that ought to be denied to none. Although stern necessity compels a great mass of humanity to economise, the reason therefor is ignorance, and once let them become enlightened to the iniquities of the present system (!)—save the mark—and instead of temporizing with patchwork policies such as "Old Age Pensions," "Annuities," and the various other soothing syrup remedies, they will determine that the earth and the fullness thereof belongs to those who are developing its resources.

In the meantime, however, the exigencies of the case may force some who are able, to embrace the opportunity of laying up a little store for the declining years of life, and those desiring information can note the address above quoted.

There is another feature which should not be lost sight of, and that is, often when agreements are being made between the corporations and their employees, the cost of living is discussed with a view to arriving at the lowest price at which the labor power of these two-legged vehicles of perambulating values can be purchased, and it is not unusual for them to take as a guide their statistics from those who have succeeded in putting aside a small percentage of their earnings. Then the employer remarks "If others can do it, so can you, and we cannot in the present state of the market make any profit unless concession is made."

Where the producers receive the full social value of their product, then the admonition to "Eat drink and be merry for to-morrow we die" could be carried out.

CHILD LABOR

Compulsory Education

OUR sister province of Alberta has now placed upon the statutes an act known as the Truancy and Compulsory Education Act, which, if enforced, will prevent all children betwen the ages of 8 and 13 being engaged in gainful occupations. We have not yet had an opportunity to learn what the entire provisions of this piece of remedial legislation consists of, yet, speaking generally, it is highly important that the future citizens should be afforded the means necessary for physical and mental development which is so essential in the struggle that grows more intensified as the years go by.

We have used the words, "if enforced," because the mere placing of laws on record without providing the machinery necessary for their execution is a waste of time and energy, merely serving during the election campaigns for orators to dwell upon the beneficial legislation introduced. The appointment of a truant officer, with full power to act, may have the result desired, and an officer in like capacity would find plenty of employment in this city of Fernie. The ringing of the curfew at 9 o'clock has become entirely perfunctory, and does not serve the purpose for which it was intended. Proof positive of this can be seen nightly by any one who is not afflicted with blindness. The only usefulness that the curfew serves is that at least once in twenty-four hours we may imagine that the town clock is striking. It is very easy for some people to say that the police should compel all those of tender years to get off the streets and go home, but any one who has had anything to do with either boy or girl of an energetic nature must realize that this is practically out of the question, and if it is to be done at all, one individual should attend to this matter exclusively.

In the matter of truancy or absence from school the excuse that the parents make for avoiding compliance with the school act is the inability to accomodate their children if they send them to school. This is most frequently a paltry pretext for the purpose of exploiting them in various ways, and even if there were any truth in the assertions, it becomes all the more imperative that suitable provision should be afforded by the construction of new school buildings, or by the extension of those already built.

We have no doubts on this question. Many of those who go to work at the mines, or in other places, are taught deceit by their parents, who, knowing that 14 years of age is the minimum at which these children can be employed, coach them so that the youngsters, when asked "How old are you?" glibly reply, "Fourteen years, sir." Birth certificates, or other satisfactory evidence of age, ought to be introduced as an amendment into the act alluded to.

There are also instances on record of children being sent to schools when they are under the age solely because the mother, who has a large brood, considers this an excellent way of tmeporarily relieving herself of these "little trouble makers." True, there are those whose parents, by reason of their large families are forced to use every effort to obtain the necessary means of support; yet, on the other hand, there are fathers who expend money for the gratification of their own selfish desires and thus compel the youngsters to go to work to make up, in a sense, a portion of the deficiency thus created. The best legacy that any man can leave to his children is a good education. Moreover, the minimum age limit of 15, for example, would enable the child to develop physically, as well as mentally.

BRITISH ELECTION

FROM the indications of the results up-to-date there will be no appreciable change in the complexion of the next house from its predecessor.

The usual surprises which are a part and parcel of the political whirligig took place, and it is now in order for the post prandial explanations to be forthcoming.

The probabilities are now that the House of Lords will see the futility of further opposition to the measures passed by the lower house.

The composite elements of the Coalitionists will necessarily compel the government to tread gingerly in order to steer the ship of state between the narrow channel of Scylla of Home Rule and the Charybdis of the Education Bill.

The suggestion of Balfour to submit questions to a referendum is a political expedient that conclusively shows the dire straits in which he and his party find themselves, but undoubtedly one may apply the old doggrel,

"When the devil was sick the devil a monk could be;
"When the Devil got well, devil a monk we he."

So far as the great mass of workers is concerned, the election will not affect their well being, and though huge appropriations may be made for the purpose of granting old age pensions the cause which creates the necessity for these palliatives will be by no means diminished, and neither of the old parties dare apply the axe to the root of the evil—the Profit System—and nothing short of its abolition and substitution of the collective system vcan abolish the evils to-day existent wherever capitalism holds sway.

Lloyd George's utterances cause one's mind to revert to the campaign of 1885 when Joseph Chamberlain, now the ultra-conservative was making his appeal to the workers of Hull and other places in language, equal at least (even if not more vehement) to that of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his colleague, Winston Churchill.

The dean of the Unionist party in those days was a strong advocate of the policy advanced by Jesse Collings, of "three acres and a cow."—Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamos in illis.

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News of The District Camps

COAL CREEK BY 174.

Don't forget that Tuesday, the 13th of December is the International and District Election day, and it is up to every member of the Gladstone Local to assist in electing those whom they consider will best serve the interests of the district in the administration of affairs generally, and particularly in connection with the new agreement which will be on the tapis on or before April 1st, 1911.

The men in No. 3 mine commenced work again on Friday last, the evening shift; and some of the men in No. 2 on Monday night. Let's hope that things will not be quite so bad as some people would have us to believe.

Quite a number of strangers and quite a sprinkling of old-timers, can be seen looking for work up here at the present time; but the chances of the new comers are somewhat poor, employees that have been laid off are to have preference in the other mines.

The statement made in this column last week to the effect that W. H. Evans was returning to Los Angeles was inaccurate. Mr. Evans has been advised by the doctors to lay off work for the present, but he expects to be able to resume his old position, now that he has been able to procure the medicine that did so much to aid his recovery in California.

The late Nathan Mitchell, of Coal Creek, was interred at the Fernie Cemetery on Sunday last. The funeral took place under the auspices of the U.M.W. of A., of which the deceased was a member, and was fairly well attended. A special train was run from the Creek, and quite a number of Cumbrians and other friends availed themselves of the opportunity to pay their last tribute of respect to the remains of one who had made himself most popular in their midst during the few months he had been in this locality. The deceased was a married man and leaves a widow and two children, resident in Whitehaven, England, to whom, as previously intimated, the sad intelligence was communcated by cablegram.

Mrs. T. Duncan and baby left here last Friday to pay a short visit to Mrs. Duncan's parents, at Elko, before going to her own home at Passburg, Alta. Mr. and Mrs. Shenfield accompanied them down to Elko, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, and returned home Saturday evening.

Last Tuesday week the milk team belonging to Sanders and Verhaest, of Fernie, received a fright in the "Holy City," and took it upon themselves to travel at a high speed quite "outside the limit," and anything but safe to anyone that might have been going up the Fan Hill. The team came madly careering down, and continuing the wild gallop went right through Welsh Camp and across the bridge into French Camp. In going down the lower end the sleigh came in contact with an old stump, which brought them to a full stop. This was only for an instant, however; the traces broke loose and once more the cayuses proceeded recklessly on their way down to the dairy alone. Several children were playing at the time, but we are pleased to report that the only damage done was to the sleigh containing the milk cans.

Jack Cartmell and Joe Wilson left last Saturday for a three months' trip to their old homes in Cumberland, England. They expect to land in time to partake of their share of the Christmas dinner with the "Old Folk at Home.

As will be seen from last week's edition, Michel has enjoyed a really good time in the presenting of certifi-ll,SdimGdominrkhooSHRD-SHRDU U cates to the successful candidates for proficiency in first aid. Coal Creek had the honor of first instituting these classes last season, and it is to be hoped that the committee will at once get to work and re-organize. There are a large number of men who sat for their certificates last season who have not yet received them, and there are lots of others who are desirous of passing the necessary examination. When things get on the move again we may perhaps hope for a return visit of the Michel class to the Creek.

Now that No. 1 South has resumed work the whole of the mines are again in operation, though there are still a large number of men out of employment.

A driver, named A. Sirino, got a kick from a horse while working in No. 1 mine on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday morning a Slav named James Messinik got crushed about the hips while working in No. 1 north.

Rossco Sarchesi while working in No. 5 mine as a digger got the small bone of his foot broke.

Born at Coal Creek on Tuesday the 6th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Langfear, a fine son.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swanton, late of Hosmer, were paying a visit to their numerous friends up here on Wednesday prior to their departure for the coast

Quite a bunch of Fernieites were up her on Wednesday evening taking in the monthly social dance.

Don't forget the grand concert and dance in the Club Hall on Tuesday evening, December 13th. The whole of the proceeds to go towards giving the children a monster Xmas treat.

Special from Cokato

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blakomore, a daughter. Mother and child doing well. The father is delighted and has killed the fatted calf in honor of the event.

BEAVER CREEK

As there has not been any news from this place appearing in the Ledger for some time past, and we understand that each and every camp should have a correspondent, we will try to give you a few items of the doings here.

This camp is in charge of Sam McVicar, who is well-known in the passmore especially in Michel. Among other well-known characters there are Paddy Jaughton, whose nationality can be readily determined by his name. He is just as lively and enthusiastic as ever, and still retains his strong belief in the benefits of unionism. Watson is acting as secretary, and although he keeps his head warm his feet sometimes suffer, but he is by no means troubled with "cold feet" so far as the union is concerned. Red Alec Macdonald, we understand, is going to the Yukon in the summer, where it will be warmer for housekeeping. Jim and Alec White, although growing older, have lost none of their cunning in the art of tracklaying, both of them being old hands in this branch of mining.

On Sunday last we had a visit from two of the District Officials, Bill Powell and John Jones. They were driving a gray and black team belonging to Charley Simister. Speaking of horses, we may say that this certainly is a sturdy team, and as their owner comes from Lancashire, and not from Yorkshire, we congratulate him on having made such an excellent purchase; if he had come from the country of the white rose he would probably have made the selection in the characteristic style for which the inhabitants of the county of broad acres are famous. The chief whip of the Simister stables is Bill Almond, so well-known through the pass.

We all of us enjoy the Ledger and will try to keep the outside world better posted on what is going on here in the future.

AMBULANCE CLASSES

It is the intention of Dr. D. Corsan to have ambulance classes formed both in Fernie and Coal Creek in the early part of January. All interested are cordially invited to become members.

MICHEL NOTES.

Competition in the grocery line is keen in Michel. Canvassers can be seen late Sunday night soliciting orders.

The C.P. Ry. Company are installing a pump with which it is intended to supply water for the tank. They do not intend relying on the irregular supply of water that the coal company has been supplying them with.

Has anybody here seen Wilson? (What Wilson?) Wilson across the Creek. (Breakfast is ready.) Don't make a noise, he's on the night shift.

Several prominent young men of Michel visited the saw mill last week to look over the new and improved machinery which has been installed down there.

The pool room below the Opera House is now open, and all day long cries of "That's me," can be heard.

Great preparations are being made for the masquade ball on the 19th. Anyone wishing for costumes should see Willie Wipple, who is agent for some of the latest just from Paris.

The skating rink is nearing completion. The only drawback is the hydrant which is on its way from Calgary. When that arrives you will all be able to get a "skate on."

We are pleased to hear that James Davidson, who has been laid up with la grippe for the past two weeks, has started to work again.

Mr. Thomas Jenkinson who is now proprietor of the Balmoral House, is going to take over the large boarding house across the Creek. Mr. Percy Johns is taking over the Balmoral House.

There will be a meeting of the Michel and District Anglers Association on the Sunday after pay day. Election of officers for the ensuing term will be part of the business of the meeting.

Charles Garner and District President Powell have been doing some good in the Prairie District. They also got one hundred men to sign the check off at Canmore. What's the matter with the International organizers who are in this district?

We are glad to learn of Miss Winnipeg's recovery and that she is able to have the splints removed.

The new drug store is fast nearing completion and will help to make Michel look a little more cheerful.

Frank Pajk, who was working in No. 3 mine, met with a nasty accident Tuesday, some timber falling and breaking his leg. This is the second accident that Frank has met with since coming to this camp last September.

Nominations for checkweighmen took place last Sunday, there being eleven aspirants for the positions. The following are those who were nominated: Frank Campbell, John Haddon, D. J. McDonald, Pete Mancuso, A. S. Julian, George Beddington, Jack Lunn, Robert Oaks, Joe Morris, Wm. Koelling and Joseph Gall.

Frank Carpenter shot a peculiar jack rabbit which had horns on its head about two inches long. Frank is sending it away to be stuffed and then intends making a present of it to the British Museum.

P. C. Bugler is now able to get around again. We are glad to learn of his improvement and hope that his ankle will soon be O.K.

No. 8 was laid idle Wednesday owing to the slack bins being full, and the demand is mostly for lump coal.

Report of Delegates attending the Sitting of the Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Education at Fernie:

To the officers and members of Michel Local Union No. 2334 U.M.W of A: We your delegates elected to appear before the Royal Commission on Industrial and Technical Education sitting at Fernie on Monday, Nov. 21st, beg leave to report as follows: That to us the whole thing appears to be a farce, or rather nothing else but a pleasure jaunt for a few political tricksters, so rewarded by their's (as well as our) master, the capitalist class of the Dominion of Canada. All persons appearing before the commission to give evidence had to give their evidence under oath or affirmation, submitting themselves to a cross fire of questions by the commissioners. In the case only two were present, the explanation for the absence of the others being that as the Dominion of Canada covered a large area and their time was limited, they had to split up the commission so as to cover two different parts of the country at one and the same time. The two commissioners visiting Fernie before whom your delegates appeared were the Rev. C. Bryce and David Forsyth, BA.. On the arrival of your delegates at the City Hall in Fernie at about 12 o'clock a.m., they learned that the commission was taking a trip to Coal Creek at 2 o'clock and would not be back till 4 oclock, and as we expressed a desire to catch the train leaving Fernie at 6.10 p.m., we were placed third on the list to appear before the commission. The sittings opened at the City Hall in Fernie at about 4.20 p.m. The Rev. C. Bryce taking the chair. In his opening remarks he informed us that they were a commission appointed by His Most Gracious Majesty King George V., Emperor of the Dominions across the seas (give ear ye slaves!) to inquire into and take evidence as to the needs of the people for industrial and technical education, and the best ways and means for providing same. Some of the questions asked your delegates seemed to us to be somewhat wide of the mark, such as: "Where were you born?" "Are you married or single?" "How many of a family have you?" and so forth. Among the questions of any importance were the following: "Does a foreman in the mines require papers?" "What are the subjects necessary for a man to have a knowledge of to procure such papers?" "Who has the issuing of such papers?" "Who holds the examinations?" "How often are the exams. held?" "Do the miners of Michel desire the establishment of a night school at Michel?" "Are the men willing to contribute something towards such in the shape of a small fee?" "Did we think the state should supply the education free of charge?" "Did we think it would be beneficial if they did?" "Had the miners comfortable houses to live in?" "Had they sewerage and water in them?" "Did we believe in organization?" ect.

The questions were answered to the best ability of your delegates, but we might say, if you had sent two delegates who were not so easily overawed by the majesty of a royal commission that they might have been answered a little different; but it is our firm opinion that is a matter of little concern to us as slaves. The master-class of the Dominion of Canada see in the near future an increased demand for better industrially and technically educated slaves and are preparing to meet that demand by creating a supply through the establishment of technical education in the schools and the placing of night schools were necessary. If we were living under a dictatorship such as they have in Mexico, or under a Czardom such as Russia, the desire on the part of the master-class for better educated slaves would have no sooner been felt than it would have been put into execution. In this, our land of a free(..!) people with a free constitutional government, it is necessary to make the desire appear to be the want of the people and also to be demanded by them, thereby enabling once again the people to be blinded as to whom the true rulers are, and also giving a pleasure trip to a few of the tried and trusted politicans of our masters. In conclusion we might say that this royal commission when they have covered the whole of the Dominion of Canada will tour the United States, and next summer will tour Great Britain and the Continent looking into the best ways and means of supplying us with this much-needed education. Their report will be given into the Federal Parliament at Ottawa by 1912,and from thence sent with the commissioners' recommendations to the several provincial legislatures for them to act upon as they deem fit.

A. S. JULIAN,
D. J. MACDONALD.
Delegates

COLEMAN NOTES BY 22

The Town Council held a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the by-law question. H. Clarke was the only absentee. After considerable debate the license by-law was passed, which it is believed will result beneficially to the ratepayers and the town in general.

This is to become effective and in force at the discretion of the Council.

Several minor matters were brought before the Council, but the hour being late it was decided to defer further discussion until the next regular meeting.

We congratulate Alex. Morrison on his appointment as J.P. for the town, and our earnest wish is that his office may be a sinecure.

If the many whisperings that are current everywhere have any real foundation in fact, Santa Claus will be playing second fiddle to Cupid around Christmas time. Wedding cake and plum pudding in sight—Yum! Yum!

One of the spectators at the skating rink who hails from the county of clogs remarked, "It's cowd, and I mun get summat to warm me up a bit," so he paid a visit to one of the thirst quenching emporiums for which Coleman is celebrated whereupon the bartender placed the ingredients in the glass that are preliminary to the making of a toddy, viz., sugar, hot water and lemon, whereupon in his anxiety to quaff the heat producing draught our Lancashire hero tasted it and said, "I axed thee for rum, and that's glod me gin,' this caused the bartender to smilingly reply, "Gin up old man; I put nothing in at all, the drinks are on you."

The Friendly Order of Eagles have decided to hold their annual social and ball on New Year's Eve, and a strong committee has been appointed to see that all arrangements are made.

The Socialist Locals will occupy the Miners' Opera House on Dec. 30 for a social and ball when an excellent entertainment will be provided and a large attendance is anticipated.

A word to our merchants:

Be wise
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In the "District Ledger."

The Coleman hockeyists intend making every effort to retain the cup which they hold at present. It may be mentioned that every member of the team is a local man. A meeting will be held to arrange senior and junior teams, but more of this anon.

CORBIN NOTES

Miss L. Kennedy, of Hosmer, is visiting friends here this week.

Spurred on by the success of last week our doughty Nimrod, Tom Brace, returned to the happy hunting ground Although he took "luck" with him, he returned empty handed.

Tommy Furney arrived back in camp this week. Tommy is still wearing his broad smile.

The Corbin Social Club has purchased a beautiful pianolo from the Mendelssohn Piano Company.

We are pleased to note that James McCullock was successful at the recent mine managers examination in Alberta, and from accounts received he passed with a high percentage. James is now the proud possessor of two first class certificates.

Mr. Carter, secretary of the U.M.W. of A. was in town on Thursday.

Monthly Report of Corbin Public schools—The average for the above school during the last month was 36.27 out of a possible 44, Corbin boasts of one of the best disciplined schools in the pass, which reflects great credit to the schoolmaster, Mr. James Hall, B.A., R. U.I. Prescribed school days, 22; days school was in session, 22; total daily attendance, 798; total actual attendance, 793; average daily attendance, 36.27; average actual attendance, 35.59; pupils actually attending school during the month, 44; boys, 24; girls, 20.

There is one matter which I wish to be brought to the attention of those in authority, that is, the poor postal facilities. We do not know where the fault lies, and therefore will not blame any particular person, but would ask you at that end, who have naturally more knowledge of such subjects, to endeavour to get the matter so regulated that we shall not feel that we are completely out of the world, and that letters or papers mailed in Fernie on Friday night may reach us before Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week.

Corbin Lodge, No. 64 I.O O.F., was duly instituted by D. D. Bro Riglesworth, assisted by P D. D. Bro. Beck of Fernie. The institution took place in the afternoon, and the lodge was closed until the special train arrived from McGillivray with the degree team of Michel, Lodge No. 54, who put on the work. Lodge opened at 9 oclock, and N. G. Murray, of Michel, took charge and instructed the candidates in the mysteries of the degrees of Oddfellowship. After the degree work was completed, the District Deputy, Bro Wriglesworth installed the officers for the following term Bro T H Williams; Warden, Bro J Benson; Conductor, Bro., J. B. Thomas; Rec. Secy., Bro F S Haines; Fin. Secy Bro. N Howells; Treas., C. Dawson; R.S.N.G., Bro G B Crooks; L.S.N.G., Bro T Brown; R.S.V.G, Bro J Wade; L.S.V.G, Bro R Jones; R.S.S., Bro Robt Wallace; L.S.S, Bro H. Stevens; Chaplain, Bro. B. J. Lewis; Inside Guardian, Bro. T. Davis; Outside Guardian, Bro. J. W. Redhead. Later in the evening, N.G. Bro. Sproule took charge of the lodge and called on several of the brethern for a little talk, after which the lodge closed at 4 am.

After the closing of the lodge the members spent a very enjoyable time in songs and recitations and speeches. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. H. Allan for the very able manner in which the refreshments were served. Bro. Mast, of the Michel Lodge No. 54, deserves great credit for the way in which he handled the degree work as captain of the degree team.

Several members of the Big Game Association spent several days cruising the woods for deer. The president, J. Hill, accompanied them, but returned with the same story, "All I saw was 'tracks.'"

Geo. Locks and Tom Brace secured a fine buck at Cold Springs last week. Tom said they could have got more only Geo. would not help to carry them to civilization.

Harry Allen made a business trip to Hosmer on Tuesday last.

John Vido was in Fernie on business on Wednesday last, and reports things busy in the city.

HOSMER NOTES.

The Hosmer Fire Brigade's dance took place last Friday in the Opera House, and proved to be a success.

The amusement palace, now being completed, Robert Gourlay is running a nightly moving picture show.

Hosmer Locals have received a donation of beer and soft drinks from the Elk Valley Brewery Company for the smoker to be held on December 13th, and desire to take advantage of the columns of the Ledger to express their appreciation and thanks for same.

The North Star Lodge, No. 41, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: C.C., A. McAuley; V.C., C. Hills; Prel. W. J. Simonds; M of W, A L. Fortier; K.R.S., W Balderstone; M. of E., R Rogers; M. of F., E H Bennett; M at A., W White; I. G., A Pednault; O. G. J Donnehie.

The Hosmer Knights of Pythias will hold their annual ball on Friday, Dec. 30th

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Public notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision for the purpose of correcting and revising the municipal voters list of the City of Fernie, B. C., will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Fernie, on Saturday, the 10th day of December, 1910, at the hour of eight o'clock p.m.

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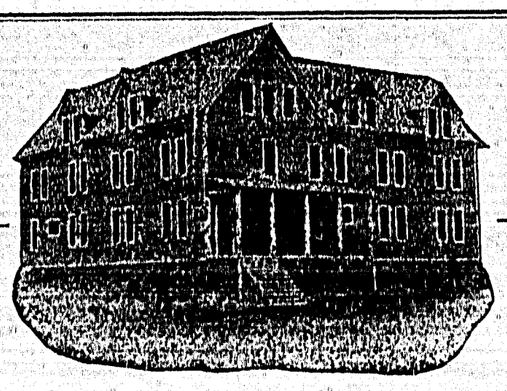

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The Prevention of Various Coal Mine Accidents

Classes of Accidents. Accidents Caused by Explosions are Subdivided Into Those Due to Powder, Dust and Gas

By E. H. Coxe

For the purpose of discussion coal-mine accidents are divided into: Accidents caused by explosions; accidents caused by falls of rock or coal; accidents caused by machinery; and miscellaneous accidents of various kinds. Accidents caused by explosions are subdivided into those due to powder explosions and those due to dust and to gas explosions.

Explosions of powder are caused by carelessness on the part of the miner, either in making his cartridge or handling his explosive, as in the case of a miner handling black powder with his cap in his hand or in a position that the air can carry a spark from his lamp to the powder. Accidents of this nature could be prevented by proper discipline on the part of the officials who, when making their rounds, undoubtedly observe carelessness on the part of the men. The man who is careless in handling powder should be discharged or severely disciplined as he endangers the lives of his fellow workmen.

Premature blasts are frequently occasioned by miners firing what is known as a "skinemback" that is a short fuse, and an improperly tamped charge. This is sometimes done on account of the holes being wet, but should not be allowed, and the men guilty of the practice should be discharged. because either the shot goes off before the man can seek safety, or it results in a windy shot due to the improper tamping.

Blown-out, or windy, shots are due to improperly tamping the hole or to using too heavy a charge of explosive. If a shot blows out the tamping instead of breaking down coal, there is projected from the hole a long tongue of flame, that may reach at times to a distance of 100 feet, and at the same time cause a wind concussion that will blow doors open in distant parts of the mine. If there is any dry dust in the vicinity of the shot it will be stirred up and possibly ignited, in which case a serious explosion may occur. Without the presence of gas or dust this might not be particularly serious, although windy shots have been known to do considerable damage without any evidence of dust being present. If there happens to be any quantity of explosives on the side of the heading or room, in the path of the flame of the windy shot, this will be liable to explode and the suggestion recently made by the State Mine Inspector that no explosives be kept within 150 feet of a working face is a very good one, and mine-foremen should make this rule and see that it is observed. All shots should be properly tamped and not overcharged. This is a very hard rule to enforce as it is possible for one man or several men, to see all the holes loaded, if however, when a man is caught neglecting to use common safety precautions he be disciplined, it will go a long way toward making others careful. Probably the surest preventive for explosions of dust or gas from windy shots is in the use of "permissable explosives." Neither concussion nor heat alone will explode them, so that a percussion cap, giving a combination of the two, must be used, hence their handling is much less dangerous. Except when in excessive quantities, the flame from the explosion of safety powders is not sufficient to ignite either gas or dust. Two pounds to a charge is the safety limit placed by the manufacturers on these explosives. In order to ascertain whether bituminite and carbonite would fire coal dust, the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co. sent samples of dust from the Pratt field; the Blue Creek field; the Blocton field, and from Whitwell, Tenn., to the government testing plant at Pittsburg, Pa.

This portion of the testing plant consists of an iron tube made of boiler plate about 6 feet in diameter and 100 feet long, at one end of which is a heavy nickel-steel cannon embedded in concrete. At intervals of every 5 or 6 feet there are small heavy plate glass windows on the side of the gallery and port holes with heavy lids on the top to relieve the pressure when explosions occur.

The method of conducting the test is as follows: The dust to be used is distributed along the bottom of the gallery, and also along the sides of the gallery on shelves, as it would be found on the gob or on the walls of a mine. After making a test to determine how much of the explosive is to be used as equivalent in strength to 227 grams, or 8 ounces of 40-per-cent. dynamite, which is the standard charge, this amount of explosive is then charged into the cannon and tamped with 1 pound of dry clay and set off with electricity. The first test was made with 295 grams, or a little over 10 ounces, of carbonite No. 2 with 20 pounds of dust from Johns, in the Blue Creek field. There was 2 per cent of gas introduced into the tunnel where the shot was fired. The flame from the shot was scarcely perceptible at the first window; the dust was not ignited and there was no explosion.

The next test was made with 313 grams, or about 11 ounces of bituminite No. 1, with conditions the same as in the first test, and the result was the same.

The third test was made with 500 grams, or 17 ounces of black blasting powder, which is equal in strength to the above charge of bituminite and carbonite, all other conditions of the experiment being the same, except that in this case to avoid the possible claim that the explosion was caused by gas, there was absolutely no gas introduced into the chamber. In this test there was a long tongue of flame which stirred up the dust and ignited it, the flame extending for a considerable distance out of the tunnel, and threw dirt from the ground against a heavy iron sheet, suspended about 50 feet distant from the mouth of the tunnel. The flame was visible in all of the windows of the chamber and issued from 12 port holes on top. Three of the hinged port-hole doors remained open, but the others were thrown open with such force that they rebounded into position. Dense volumes of black smoke issued from these port holes and from the end of the tunnel. Coke was formed in large quantities from the dust, some of which was gathered for our examination.

The result of other dust tests were the same in each case, bituminite and carbonite producing practically no flame, while in every case, the black powder ignited the dust without the assistance of any gas whatever. I was advised by the engineer in charge that dynamite produced about the same result as black powder.

This then proves conclusively, that black powder or dynamite will produce dust explosions without the aid of gas. Explosions are not impossible when the so-called safety explosives are sed in excessive quantities. The permissible explosives so far tested ar two grades of Aetna coal powder; five grades of Du Pont carbonite; two grades of Potts Powder Co. coalite, three grades of Sinnamahoning colliery dynamite; masurite, meteor dynamite and monobel.

You will note that bituminite manufactured by the Jefferson Powder Co. is not on this list, but, on inquiry, we learned that bituminite and some other explosives were not received in time to be included in the list, but will be included in a supplementary list to be shortly issued by the government experimentalists.

The Tennessee company uses permissible explosives exclusively, except on two divisions where the opposition of the men has ben strong and where it has been seemingly impossible to produce as good grade of coal with black powder. But we are experimenting at these places and endeavoring to instil in the men a spirit of co-operation, by showing them that our one object in wanting to use these explosives is to protect their lives as well as our property.

Undercutting will lessen the amount of explosive necessary to break down the coal as it gives the ammunition a better opportunity to do its work, and hence lessens the probability of a blown-out shot, but the cuttings should be removed from in front of the hole before blasting, for fear there should be one.

By introducing a large quantity of air and a rapidly travelling air-current during dry or cold months of the year, a considerable quantity of moisture is absorbed from the walls of the mine, which renders the excavation dry and dusty, if it was not so already. In such cases the moisture must in some way be restored.

It is stated that in a mine producing 1,000 tons of coal per day and properly ventilated, 20,000 gallons of water were absorbed daily by the air-current during the winter months, all of which is picked up from the bottom or the ribs of the mine. This seems almost incredible, but, while we have not checked the figures we have reason to believe that they are correct.

Now, to avoid explosions the dry impalpable dust must be removed or wetted sufficiently to render it harmless. Of course we can remove some of the dust, but it is absolutely impossible to remove it all, especially that which is lodged in a thin coating on the timbers, the ribs and the gob.

Sprinkling with a hose is not regarded as very efficient for the reason that if there is any quantity of dust present the water only damps the top and does not penetrate and saturate it. A very much more effective method of keeping down dust is to use sprayers. The ordinary copper or brass spray nozzle, such as is used on garden hose, has furnished fair results, but there are now several other very effective sprayers being manufactured for this purpose. Our company is trying a sprayer manufactured for mine purposes by the American Moistening Co., of Boston, Mass., which we have decided after trials to be the most effective, and we are therefore introducing it in large numbers in all our mines. This sprayer produces a mist which thoroughly saturates the atmosphere, and moistens the dust with which it comes in contact. The operation of the sprayer being practically continuous, the moisture is replenished as fast as removed by the air.

The first line starts from the reservoir on top of the mine extending down the slope a distance of 1,500 feet with a valve and hose connection every 100 feet.

The next line starts at the pump located near the bottom of the slope and extends down the mine a distance of about 900 feet where there is a spray to dampen the slope which is dusty at that point. From there on to the twenty-third west entry slope is plenty wet enough, but from there spray connections are made with the pump in the twenty-third west and another pipe line starts from the pump in the twenty-fifth west having two sprayers and additional hose connections and additional sprayers will be added as needed There is also a branch line going into the thirtieth and twenty-ninth west that are also dry

To minimize the dangers from gas or dust explosions, even when other preventive measures have ben adopted, the blasts should be fired after the men have left the mine Shot firing by electricity has been carried on successfuly at the Sunnyside Mine, Utah, for a number of years and has lead to its adoption at the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co's No 5 Pratt Mine

The shot firing wire, which starts at the power house with No 6 insulated wire, running from there to the check-office and continuing to the air-shaft, down the air-shaft to the bottom, from which No 6 wire extends to thirtieth east entry From there to the hea dof the slope and in the various side entries No 12 wire is used, and from the entry to the face of each room a No. 14 wire is used. This wiring system is double throughout. is connected with switches in the power house and the check office, both of which are in boxes securely locked. The switches are kept open at all times, there being only one key to the boxes and this in the hands of the shot firer. There is also a switch which is kept locked, where each entry branches off so that any one entry can be cut off from the rest of the system.

There are two men in the daytime and one at night, called "shot inspectors" or "shot firers." In the daytime each one takes a certain part of the mine. In the morning their time is spent in inspecting the wiring and making the necessary extensions and at noon they commence their inspection, going to the working faces and carrying with them sufficient exploders to fire all the shots and giving to each miner as many exploders as he has shots to fire which meet with the inspector's approval. After the inspector has finished his rounds, which is about quitting time, he comes to the surface, closing the switch at each entry as he comes out. He then goes to the check office where the timekeeper is stationed, this timekeeper's duty being to carefully check every man in and out of the mine. When he has ascertained to a certainty that all the men are out, and not until then, he goes to the power house and requests the engineer to close the switch at that point, watching him to see that it is done. He then goes to the check-office, unlocks his box there and closes the final switch which fires the shots, leaving it closed only a few seconds, it is then opened and left open and the box locked again. He then goes to the power house to see that the switch is opened.

When the night inspector goes into the mine he opens all the switches leading into the various entries so that there is no danger of any accident by the power accidently being turned down the line. He then performs the same duties as day men.

The proper tamping of the holes and connection of the exploders to the wire in the room is left to the miner, instructions being given to him by the shot firer.

The expense of installing this system, which covers a large territory was about $2,500, including all labor and material and the cost of operation is about $9.30 per day.

Accidents due to the Falls of Rock —In many cases accidents from falls of rock or coal are due to not properly timbering the working places or to not properly supporting the coal which is being undermined, or to carelessness when pulling down coal, or to digging out a standing shot. Many of these can be prevented by inspection on the part of the mine foreman. Frequently the mine management fails to provide necessary timber, and, when it is provided it is left to the judgment of the miner as to how close it shall be set, or whether it shall be set at all. From this negligence, especially in districts where the roof is bad, men are severely injured and sometimes killed, and it is the duty of the mine foreman to see that men who are too ignorant or foolhardy to protect themselves, are made to do so.

Defective or Improperly Protected Machinery or Appliances.—Accidents from machinery happen on the surface as well as in the mine, and a great many of them could be prevented by properly fencing off the gear wheels or any rapidly moving parts.

In cases where high-voltage electric current is used, the wires, where possible should be insulated, and as in the case of trolley wires which cannot be insulated, they should be shielded by a 6-inch board, the bottom of which is 3 or 4 inches below the wire and fastened with an iron bracket between the clamp holding the wire and hanger.

Shields of this description or some others are of the utmost importance where high voltage is used on account of very long transmission lines. These boards should be placed not over 4 inches apart so that a man raising his head could not get it between them and thus come in contact with the wire. A shock from a current as high as 50 volts usually proves fatal. A still better precaution is to use lower voltage, not over 250, which is not fatal, except in rare cases. In fact the shock from 250 volts is usually not serious unless it is continued for a considerable length of time. High platforms should also be protected by hand rails to keep men from falling off.

A great many accidents can also be prevented by proper inspection on the part of the mine foreman, master mechanics, and their representatives. In many cases there is too great a tendency to allow things to get out of repair, and many accidents caused by breaking machinery, breaking of hoisting and haulage ropes or car couplers, can be averted by keeping them in proper condition.

All other Accidents.—There are too many kinds of these accidents to subdivide them, but they are, as a rule, due to lack of proper organization, lack of proper discipline, and carelessness on the part of individual employes, and also to the failure on the part of the employer to furnish proper facilities and protection for employes. For instance, men are frequently hurt on the roadway on account of there being insufficient room for the moving trip to pass. To guard against this class of accidents there should be provided either a separate manway for the men to go to and from their working places or a sufficient width of haulway for a man to walk without danger of being struck by a passing trip. When either of these are provided, they should be kept free from obstructions of all kinds. Travellingways can be kept in condition by supervision and discipline. If separate roads with width are not practicable safety holes should be cut in the rib every 20 or 40 feet and kept white washed and free from dirt or rock.

Derailments, caused by defective tracks, bent axles, or any of the numerous causes are usually the result of poor inspection of the rolling stock and track.

Let me state in conclusion that not only in this, but every coal-producing state in the country, the superintendent, mine foremen, and assistants are trying to reduce costs. In the effort to mine and handle coal the machinery is the vital part of the plant, and must not be neglected, nor must the safety of the men, therefore it becomes good management to systematize departments so that fixed charges may be kept at a minimum.

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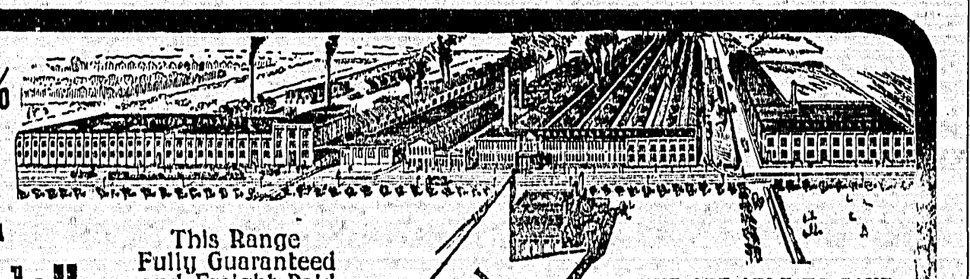

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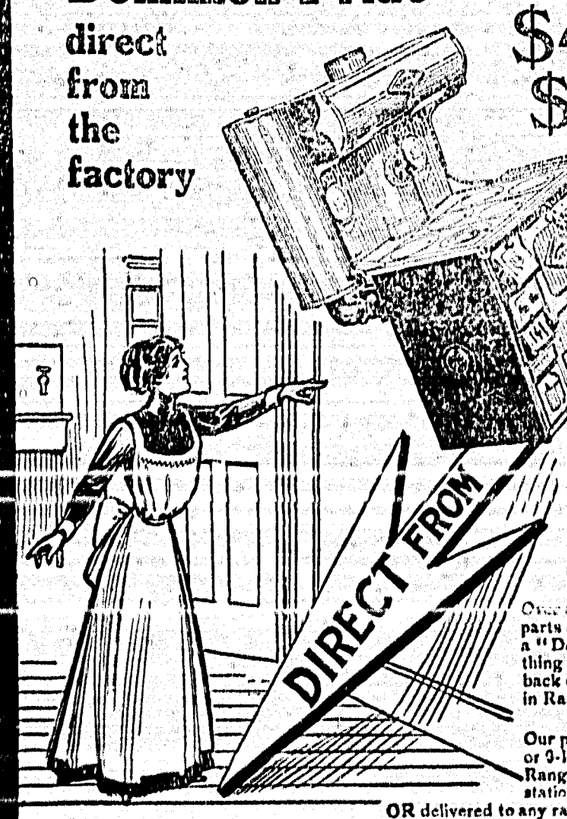

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Sunday last a new timecard went into effect and below we give the changes that affect this point:

312—9:20 a. m. Local, eastbound.

313—10:00, Regular passenger westbound.

7—11:40, Flyer, westbound.

314—18:10, Regular passenger, eastbound.

311—20:38, Local, westbound.

8—24:39, Flyer, eastbound.

The Week's News for Our Foreign Brothers

STAGNATION DE LA POPULATION EN FRANCE

Les conditions de l'agriculture et des classes agricoles forment un point noir pour l'Angleterre qui traine encore a ses pieds le boulet de l'Irlande. La supériorité sociale de la France en ce qui regarde la distribution de la richesse atteint une proportion énorme. Les grandes fortune moyennes sont beaucoup plus nombreuses en France parmi ceux qui possedent la terre les titres de rentes sur l'Etat et sur les autres valeurs mobilieres.

On ne saurait enfin juger de l'evolution économique de la France sans tenir un compte tout particulier d'un élément—le premier—qui entre dans le total des nombres indicateurs: la population. L' accroissement rapide ou lent de la population constitute un facteur automatique de la plus grande importance dans l'évolution d'ensemble de la richesse nationale. Il est le signe d'une augmentation dans le travail, la production, la consummation, les importations et exportations, etc. Si la population s'accroit plus vite que la richesse, le quotient de la fortune moyenne des individus pourra diminuer en produisant une impression de malaise social; mais la richesse totale de la nation augmentera toujours.

En comparant l accroisement de la population de la Grande-Bretagne et en France, on a vu que le nombre indicateur pour la premiere passe de 100 a 150 entre 1840 et 1897, et celui de la seconde de 100 a 113. En chiffre absolus, a l'époque des recensements, la population de la Grande-Bretagne, s'est élevée entre 140 et et 1900 de 27,188,000 a 42,045,000 celle de la France de 32,400,000 a 38962,000. Sans aucun doute, si l'accroissement de la population francaise eut égalé celui de l'Angleterre, la République aurait vu augmenter sa richesse plus rapidement et dans une plus forte proportion.

Aussi bien est-ce ici que s'éleve bien haut la voix de ceux qui sonnent le glas de la décadence latine; il reconnaissent et signale avec un rare accord dans cette baisse de la natalité le signe le plus certain de la décadence francaise et meme le présage d'une mort progressive; la France a perdu ainsi la place qu'elle occupait il y a soixante ans; elle a passé en Europe pour le population du second au cinquieme rang.

Nous n'avons pas ici a discuter meme sommairement sur les causes de cette diminution de naissances; j'estime la discussion superflue parce que pour ma part, je n'hésite pas a voir dans ce fait un cas de malthusianisme bien entendu; ce phénomene ne semble conscient, voulu, et non un effet de modifications biophysiologiques.

Que signifie cette diminution de la natalité et quelles en seront les conséquences? Les anthropo-sociologues se plaisaient a y voir un mal inhérent a la race—non a la prétendue race latine—puisque la natalité reste élevée en Espagne et en Italie; mais depuis qu'on a constaté qu'elle diminue encore plus rapidement chez les Anglo-Saxon de la Grande-Bertagnes des Etats-Unis et de l'Australie, il fallut convenir que si la France dégénere parce que sa natalité décroit, tous les Anglo-Saxon s'acheminent a une dégénérescence identique.

La vérité, c'est que la diminution des naissances correspond a une certaine phase de l'évolution des sociétés, phase qui me parait en progres sur les précédentes. La France a précédé les autres nations dans la manifestation démographique, parce qu'elle leur a ouvert la voie de la civilisation.

Celui qui parle de la dégénérescence francaise déraisonne donc et ne mérite aucune créance; ou il ignore l'histoire et les conditions actuelles du pays ou il ne sait pas apprécier les phénomenes qui marquent un recul ou un progres, ou bien entrainé par une passion politique et des préjugés ethniques, il calomnie a son insu celle qui fut et qui reste une grande nation, un phare de civilization et de liberté.

Napoléon Colajanni,
Prof. de statistique a l'Université de Naples
De Génération Consciente.

ORRORI AMERICANI

Se la tratta delle bianche, la infame industria del postribolo, e cosa orribile, che dire del traffico dei bimbi, di cui si fa strage nelle cosi dotte "Baby Farms"?—si domanda "La Gazzetta del Massachusetts."

A Boston, una giovinetta, concepito un proibito frutto d'amore, penso quando si fu sgravata, di affidare la sua creatura ad una casa di maternita pagando la retta mensile.

Dopo il secondo mese la giovane madre si reco allo istituto per pagare la ratta scaduta, ma le fu risposto che il bimbo era stato inviato in una "baby farm" e non le avrebbe procacciato piu fastidi. La giovane madre fu cosi scossa da questa notizia che poco dopo ne moriva accorata.

La cosa si divulgo, e poiche su questi asili campestri dei derelitti nati illegittimamente circolavano gia le piu sinistre voci, cosi Miss O'Reilly, figlia del ben noto poeta bostoniano, John Boyle O'Reilly, si interesso della cosa e volle vederci a fondo.

Travestita in un modo da non essere riconosciuta, ed assunto il nome di "Mamie McGoldrich" essa comincio a visitare l'una dopo l'altra, tutte le "baby farms" situate nelle campagne di Boston, finche giunse a quella cui mirava, ove era stato portato il bimbo della povera morta. Questa "baby farm" e nel villaggio di Nasbud, e la presunta "Mamie McGoldrich" vi si reco insieme con un giovanotto certo Jimmy Lokie.

La "baby house' situata in un desolato luogo, remoto e lontano sopra un burrone che si sprofonda nel fiume che scorre giu sotto a piu di cento piu piedi in basso. Mette paura a vederlo, e gela l'anima ad entrarvi.

La pretesa "Mamie" era stata avvertita dal pericolo che incontrava osando di entrare in quel luogo del delitto; ma essa, non temette, ne ricorse alla protezione della polizia.

Presi accordi con "Jimmy" essa entro e potette visitare l'orribile stabilimento. Vi trovo cinque bimbi delleta di appena un mese; emaciati, e vicino a morire

In un camerino trovo il cadavere di un altro con tutte le apparenze che la morte fosse causata da inedia

Miss McGoldrich dice di avere trovato dovunque lo stesso stato di cose.

SALVATION ARMY IMMIGRATION PLAN

Proposal to Bring Children From Five to Twelve Years Old to Canada.

The transferring of orphan children from Great Britain to selected homes in this country is the next line of philanthropic activity that will be adopted by the Salvation Army, according to an announcement of Col. Lamb, director of the immigration and colonization work of the army from its London headquarters.

The colonel was in Ottawa a few days ago in company with Commissioner Coombs and Colonel Mapp. At the Capital they waited upon Earl Grey, who has ever shown sympathy with the endeavours of the army to populate Canada, and who expressed hearty approval of their latest proposition.

Colonel Lamb said that negotiations were now being conducted with the Dominion authorities and the steamship companies in regard to the securing of their co-operation in this class of immigration, and that it was expected that special provision would be made by the steamship officials for the transference of children, and for their proper care while on the ocean.

Children of five to twelve years of age would be brought across said the colonel, though the army would concentrate its energies mainly on the removal of those of seven to nine years. Homes would be secured for them in advance, and the army officers already had applications from persons who desired to adopt boys and girls. Country homes would be selected, and a constant supervision of these proteges would be maintained by the officers of the army.

The country districts, he found, were in need of help. As a rule the children of the farmers drifted away from home to the cities or to the west at an early age, and many agriculturists were desirous of adopting children who would prove of great help as they grew older. All the children brought over would be carefully selected, and only those of the best physique would be chosen.

POZOR

Ponevac praca ide teras slabo na Coal Creek uhlodoloch muzova ste upovedomeni aby ste sa stranily od Fernie na tento cas.

AVVISO

Minatori ci preghiamo di informarvi di stare via di Fernie B. C., quelle che siete fuori, essendo che nel tempo presente sono molta gente disoccupata. ....

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2 IN 1 FAMILY

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Mrs. Elliott, 139 Sherbrooke St., Peterboro, telling of Zam-Buk's effect on her younger son Walter, says: "He slipped and caused a wound on his right hip, which developed into a running sore. From this smaller sores spread until his lower limbs were covered with ulcers. These proved very alarming and I feared blood-poisoning! I began the Zam-Buk treatment, and it really seemed to aid like magic! In a remarkably short space of time the raw running sores were all healed. I am very grateful indeed for his cure, and I strongly recommend all mothers to keep Zam-Buk always handy."

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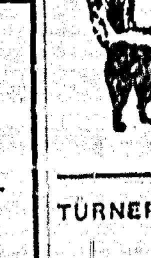

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TURNER AND BRACE IN NEW YORK

Ben Turner, President of the General Union of Weavers and Textile Workers, and William Brace, President of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain fraternal delegates to the A. F. of L. Convention at St Louis were accorded an ovation on Wednesday, Nov 30th, at the Women's Trade Union League Hall in New York.

These two British labor leaders, who are accompanied by their wives, sailed on December 1st for England

List of Locals District 18

Corrected by District Secretary up to November 19, 1910.

NO.	NAME	SEC. AND P. O. ADDRESS.
29	Bankhead	F. Wheatley, Bankhead Alta.
481	Beaver Creek ..	W. Watson, Beaver Creek, via Pincher.
431	Bellevue	J. Burke, Bellevue, Frank, Alta.
2163	Blairmore......	James Turnbull, Blairmore, Alberta.
949	Burmis	Thomas Gregory, Burmis, Alta.
1378	Canmore	J. Neil, Canmore, Alta.
2633	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2227	Carbondale	G. M. Davies, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
2378	Cardiff	L. Huckins, Cardiff, Alta.
2877	Corbin	R. Jones, Corbin, B. C.
2178	Diamond City ..	George Dobson, Diamond City, Lethbridge.
2388	Edmonton	M. Bonic, 434 Lorne street, Norwood, Edmonton.
2314	Fernie	D. Rees, Fernie, B. C.
1263	Frank	G. Nicol, Frank, Alta.
2497	Hosmer	J. Ayre, Hosmer, B. C.
1058	Hillcrest	J. O. Jones, Hillcrest, Alta.
574	Lethbridge	George Hincliffe, Diamond City, Lethbridge.
1233	Lille	W. L. Evans, Lille, Frank, Alta.
2829	Maple Leaf	M. Gilday, Maple Leaf, Bellevue, Alta.
2334	Michel	M. Burrell, Michel, B. C.
2352	Passburg	Harry Smith, Passburg, Alta.
2589	Royal Collieries.	James McKinley, Royal Colliery, Lethbridge, Alta.
102	Taber	William Russell, Taber, Alta.
1959	Taber	E. Brown, Taber, Alta.

FERNIE UNION DIRECTORY

Lizard Local General Teamsters No. 141. Meets every Friday night at 8 p. m. Miners' union hall. J. Jackson, President; E. Marsham, Recording Secretary.

Bartenders' Local No. 514: Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2.30 p.m. Secretary J. A. Goupill, Waldorf Hotel.

Gladstone Local No. 2314 U. M. W. A. Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday Miners Union hall. D. Rees, Sec.

Typographical Union No. 555: Meets last Saturday in each month at the Ledger Office. A. J. Buckley, Secretary.

Local Fernie No. 17 S. P. of C. Meets in Miners Union Hall every Sunday at 7.45 p.m. Everybody welcome. D. Paton, Secretary-Treasurer.

Amalgamated Society Carpenters and Joiners:—Meet in Miners Hall every alternate Thursday at 8 o'clock. A. Ward, secretary. P. O. 307.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.—Local 1220. D. J. Evans, President; F. H. Shaw, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The Southern Central Railway company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act:

1. Authorizing it to construct the following branch lines—(a) from a point at or near where the main line crosses the North Saskatchewan river in the Province of Alberta northwesterly, crossing the Athabaska river, thence to a point on the Peace river at or near Dunvegam, thence to Parsnip river, thence southerly to the Nechaco river, thence southwesterly to Dean's Channel, or to Gardiner's canal, and (b) from a point on the Elk river in the Province of British Columbia by the most feasible route easterly to the Waterton river, thence eastern to a point on the International boundary near Coutts.

2. Extending the time within which it may construct its line of railway from the city of Vancouver northerly and easterly by way of the Kootenay Pass to some point on the Old Man river in the Province of Alberta, thence northeasterly through the Province of Saskatchewan to some point on the shores of the Hudson's bay at least one hundred miles north of Fort Churchill on the Churchill river.

3. Authorizing it to connect with foreign railroads.

4. Authorizing it to increase its bonding powers; and for other purposes.

ANDREW T. THOMPSON,
Solicitor for the Applicant.

Dated at Ottawa this 8th day of November, A. D., 1910. 16-5t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the District Court of the District of Calgary

In the Estate of Stephen Coughlin (Deceased)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the order of His Honor Judge Winter, dated the 24th day of November, 1910, that all persons having claims against the estate of STEPHEN COUGHLIN, late of the City of Spokane in the State of Washington, one of the United States of America, who died on the 10th day of March, A.D. 1909, at Fernie, in the Province of British Columbia, intestate, are requested to mail by post prepaid or delivered to the undersigned Solicitor for Harry E. Shenfield, to whom administration of the said estate was granted by the said court on the 23rd day of September, 1910, their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims in writing, and of any security held by them (such particulars to be verified by a statutory declaration) on or before the 31st December, A.D. 1910, after which date the administration will administer the assets of the said deceased, and will not be liable for any part thereof to any person of whose claim he shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Bowden, this 15th day of November, 1910.

JOHN BARNETT,
Innisfail, Alberta,
Solicitor for the Administrator

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The Home Bank of Canada

Quarterly Dividend Notice

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum has been declared upon the paid-up capital stock of the Home Bank of Canada for the three months ending the 30th day of November, 1910, and the same will be payable at the Head Office or any branches of the Home Bank on and after Thursday, the First day of December next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th day of November, 1910, both days inclusive.

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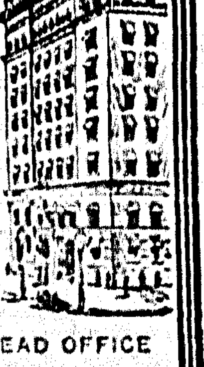

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THE PRELIMINARY HEARING IS ON

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had received a tax notice this fall billing the Company for unpaid taxes for 1908. As a result he looked up his voucher and found the cheque. He did not know who brought the cheque to the city. He had a receipt from Mr. Boulton for the payment, and would produce it.

On Wednesday James Miller produced a voucher from the P. Burns Co., which was accepted by the accountant of the Company as a receipt from the City Clerk of 1908.

Robert Duthie, sworn, stated that he owned certain real property in the city. He had paid his 1908 taxes by cheque. He had recently showed the cheque to the City Clerk. It amounted to about $54.18. He had received the discount. He had given the cheque originally to Geo. Boulton.

Mayor Herchmer, again on the stand, examined a Relief Fund cheque and voucher and stated that in his opinion the endorsement and voucher signature were those of G. H. Boulton. The cheque had apparently been deposited to the credit of the City of Fernie. He was satisfied that endorsement on a number of cheques that had been put in as exhibits was the signature of G. H. Boulton. Others bore his stamped signature. In his opinion one cheque had been cashed or deposited in the Bank of Hamilton, or Home Bank to the credit of the city.

E. F. Ambery, accountant, was secretary of the Fernie District Fire Relief Co. He had had the Relief Fund cheque in his possession since March 1.

He had lately been employed by the city in connection with part of the account of G. H. Boulton. He had prepared a part of a statement of items of taxes paid that were not entered in the cash book. The cash book was produced. In December, 1909, a debit item of $50.33 appeared. In Mr. McDermids statement this appeared as $52.33. There was a difference of $3 in another item; $7.60 in another. Mr. Ambrey could not say that the items were intended to correspond. He had not checked over the road tax receipts. He had found no entry for $630, customs rebate, in the cash book. Neither had he found an entry for the "Relief" cheque mentioned above. For a large number of cheques on exhibit he could find no entries in the cash book. Some entries were made for less than the amount Some for more.

Mr. Ambery gave evidence to show that several items of taxes paid for which receipts had been presented, were not entered in the cash book. under cross-examination he stated that he had heard that the police were running a mess for prisoners after the fire and that the police administered the mess themselves, having food, etc., charged to themselves. Under the circumstances cheques received by Boulton for the keep of provincial prisoners were turned over to the police direct and no entry would be made in the cash book. Witness had not audited the boks. So far as he knew items that appeared short might be credited to other accounts than those he had examined. Apparent discrepancies between some cash entries and receipts issued might be accounted for by the cancellation of a previous receipt, or by a later blanket entry for a number of uniform receipts such as dog taxes, in which the difference between the cash entry and general receipts might be included. In two other cases—sanitation department—a discrepancy could be accounted for if the collector who turned the money into the treasury received back a commission on their collections. Witness had not checked road tax receipts.

Q. If the receipts for July 1908, were estimated, in the sense of being guessed at, without certain amounts being credited, as has been suggested, then, if they had been credited, should not those receipts have been estimated at that much less?

A. Yes; I would consider that they should.

Q. The amount of cash received, entered in the cash book as "estimated,' of $56 and $575, should be reduced by any credits that were omitted?

A. Yes.

Witness: While I was in the City Clerk's office the City Treasurer was not the only one who handled the cash. I think the system was unfair to the City Clerk. If the same system obtained during Mr. Boulton's time as while I was there, more than one man had access to the cash drawer I would not permit this if I were in charge of the office.

The system of paying accounts out of cash and issuing a blanket cheque to cover, I do not consider a proper system.

Mr. Fisher here commenced to produce exhibits of cheques, receipts, vouchers, etc., items which the defense claimed should have been credited to Mr. Boulton but which had not been entered in the cash book. Mr. Ambery passed opinion on these documents, stating that all except one $5 item should be credited to Mr. Boulton. They amounted in all to about $500. The line of evidence was continued yesterday morning. So many exhibits were filed that the course of the alphabet was gone over twice and the magistrate switched from "letters' to "numbers.' Strange to say, the last exhibit was numbered "1."

Referring to the school board ledger and the bank pass book, Mr. Ambery stated that a difference of $50 between an item in the account and in the pass book should be credited to Boulton. Another bank credit of $10 was not credited in the ledger. Again from Mr. Womack's entries in the ledger it would appear that Mr. Boulton was short $337.39. From this apparent shortage Mr. Ambery would deduct the $50 item and the $10 item. Certain items had been subsequently allowed to Mr. Boulton's credit. Mr. Ambery's statement would be that Mr Boulton was short on that account $35.59. Had Boulton been given credit for his last half month's salark there would have been a balance in his favor of $39.11 for the year 1910.

Pocket Diaries at Bleasdell's.

After Christmas Day the next event of importance "Agatha."

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Finish up the year by taking advantage of the exceptional offers made by Miss Euler.

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Have you chosen your Christmas Annuals or Gift Books. If not see Suddaby's; a most complete stock to choose from. 17-tf

It is rumored that "Agatha," who was lost will be found December 26th. Call and aid in the discovery.

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CHURCH OPENING

The re-opening services of the new Baptist church will take place next Sunday, Dec. 11th. Rev. Grant of the Knox Church and Rev Dimmick, of the Methodist church, will assist at the morning service. their congregations foregoing their own services in the morning. The pastor, Rev. Thomson, will preach in the evening.

On Monday evening following the Ladies' Aid will give the customary tea. and at which a program suitable to the occasion will be carried through An admission of 25 c. will be charged.

FERNIE, B. C.—SPOKANE, WASH.

Manager Dunlop of the Kootenay Telephones line informs us that the communication with Spokane and other U. S. points is effected, which means a great boon to the business element at both ends of the line.

Mayor J. P. Fink, of Cranbrook, was the first to use the line from that point to Spokane, while the initial conversation from Fernie was voiced by S. L. Dunlop.

MINING NEWS IN TABLOID

Extract from U M. W. Journal

Two hundred men escape from burning mine belonging to Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., near Canyon City, Col.

Tom L. Lewis opposes demand of Machinists 'Organization that machinists in mines shoall be under the jurisdiction of the Western Federation.

The question of where the convention next January shall be held has been referred to the International Executive Board members of the U. M. W. of A. because St. Louis which had been voted for cannot accomodate them

The 14 month strike at Clifton Colliery, Nottingham, has been settled

A grant of £100 has been voted to the miners of Lanarkshire thrown out of work by the closing of the shaft at No 2 pit of Dixon's Colliery.

There is a strike on at the Blackband seam of Camp Colliery, Motherwell, pending an increase of ton rates.

The negotiations looking to settlement of dispute at Chapelhill Pit, Hurlford, Ayrshire, have ended without success.

The shift men at the Walkinshaw Pit, Paisley, some time ago made demand for higher wages and as it has not been conceded a strike is imminent.

At the monthly meeting of Ayrshire miners, held in Kilmarnock, it was decided that in those collieries where the wages had not averaged 6 shillings a day that a fight would be made to have them made up to that amount.

Signs of improvement reported from West Lothian Three-fifths of the men are getting in ten to eleven shifts a fortnight

Coal machines are to be introduced at Forbane Pits, Armadale district and in the Mill and Ball seams

The reduction of 3d. a ton at the Guardrum Colliery, Shieldhill, Stirlingshire, caused such dissatisfaction that the manager agreed to accept 1½d, and submit the other 1½d, to be decided by arbitration This the executive would not entertain but expressed willingness to have the whole question submitted to arbitration

The men in the Fifeshire district are only working about half time, although it was expected that the fact that the Welsh miners are out would have resulted in more orders being sent to Fife, but so far there is no appreciable increase resultant.

Fife Coal owners are the first in Scotland to introduce rescue training stations A team of trained miners from Yorkshire gave a demonstration at Cowdenbeath.

It has been decided to erect a monument in memory of the late John Weir, Secretary of the Fife Miners' Association.

SAYS UNIONS ARE TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL BODIES

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Justice Warrington gave a ruling in the Chancery Court to-day which has an important bearing on the recent Osborne judgment, which declared it illegal for trades unions to employ funds for paying members of parliament. Osborne, a railway man, who brought the original test case, was expelled from the Railwaymen's Union. His action, which resulted in the famous judgment which bears his name, applied for an injunction restraining the union from enforcing the expulsion, which was declared illegal. The matter is somewhat complicated, but the ruling of the judge in effect is that the union technically is an illegal society, inasmuch as the rules contemplated doing what is contrary to public policy, namely restraining members freedom in regard to employment. The appeal for the injunction resulted.

SHALL FEDORENKO GO BACK?

Extract from the "Manual for Police Officers." compiled and published by Councillor Molleries of the St. Petersburg Interior Department:

"They may lawfully participate in the preparation of crimes." and "that their legal responsibility to crime appears to be exceedingly doubtful."..

In view of the above it behoves every lover of liberty to show in positive language his abhorrence at the thought of Canada being a party to the surrender of a political refugee to the fiends incarnate of the Russian despot.

Send your letter of protest to-day to to A. B. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice Ottawa, Ont., and every man in the Kootenay Constituency should likewise write A. S Goodove, M.P., Ottawa. Ont.

PENNSYLVANIA MINES CLOSE DOWN AS LAKE SEASON ENDS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 2—Shipment of coal to the great lake has about suspended from this district, as the boat owners state they are compelled to take too many risks to discharge coal at the upper lake ports. The insurance on most of the boats has been withdrawn.

Many boats that are to winter in the northern ports are being loaded with coal and during the coming week will proceed to the head of the lakes, where they will lay up. Many boats will go into winter quarters with coal in their holds This will make it possible for the companies to supply the are unable to have coal reach the northwest by rail.

Mines in this section are slowing down as the result of the closing of the lake season, and many miners have been compelled to hunt for work elsewhere.

Coal prices are being maintained with little difficulty, and it is said they will be boosted soon as the result of curtailment.

FOR RENT—ROOMS.

TO LET—Four-roomed house Victoria avenue; rent, including water, $16.50. Apply J. J. Hughes, Box 120.

TO LET—Six Rooms, Basement; water and Sanitation, $17.50. Apply, W Minton, Linsay Avenue, Fernie Annex. 17—3t

TO RENT.—Two Furnished Rooms; Bath; Electric light and 'Phone. Apply, Box 246. 19-1t

TO RENT or Sell, House and 2 adjoining lots in the Annex extension, opposite Macaroni Factory. Apply on premises or to T. Kynaston, Fernie Steam Laundry.

HOUSE TO RENT IN West Fernie, 4 rooms; rent $10. Apply, P. O., Box 1019, Fernie.

WANTED—A competent Book-keeper, lady or gentleman, for the Fernie Co-operative Society, Limited. Applications to be made in writing, address to Secretary, P.O. Box 564, Fernie, not later than December 6th.

Boy, 14 years of age, honest and industrious seeks employment. David Thornton, Old Recreation ground. f-ad

FOR SALE—A Edison Gem Phonograph and 70 records all as good as new; $40 or the nearest offer. Apply by letter to William Forshaw, P.O. Fernie. 17—3t

FOR SALE or to Rent, a two-roomed plastered House. Will accept reasonable offer. R. Wright, West Fernie. 17-6t

PIANO, now at railway station near here, will be sacrificed for $250 cash; never been used; lady unable to keep it. Apply in first instance, Mrs. A. G. Mungean, 2040 Columbia Street, Vancouver, B.C. 19-1t

The CROW'S NEST TRADING CO., Limited

The Store of Good Values

The particular housekeeper appreciates the superior quality of our table supplies, while our low cash prices enable her to effect a considerable saving on her every day purchases.

Royal Household Flour, specially priced for Saturday selling. If you are not a regular user of "Royal Household" test it Saturday. We guarantee it superior to all other flours, while the special low price for the day is the inducement offered to have you try it.

100 lb. Sacks $3.40
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Raisins, Currants, Sultanas, Peels, Dates, Figs, Glace Cherries, Shelled Almonds and Walnuts; also all the other incidentals and necessaries needful for your Christmas Puddings and Cakes.

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Canada First Cream, the best by government test and placed within your reach at a reasonable price.

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Lowney's Chocolates, all the popular flavors, including Apricot, Vanilla, Coffee, Orange, Lemon, Strawberry, Raspberry.

Regular, 50c. per lb
Saturday, Special, per lb. 25c.

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Regular, 40c. per doz.
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Special values in the Furniture Department for the Holiday Season.

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The Marshall ventilated sanitary Mattress. the only hygienic and actually sanitary mattress in the world. Next in importance to ventilation is comfort in a mattress, and here is where the Marshall is superior to all others. The multitude of little coiled springs of which it is composed, allows the mattress to conform to the shape of the user, thus supporting at all points without any undue pressure on any one part of the body, giving a most luxurious sensation of comfort. The springs being made of steel, at once return to their full length once the weight is removed from them, thus the mattress never sags or gets lumpy but always presents the same delightful soft and level surface to the user. It is recommended by physicians for invalids as better than a water bed.

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New season's models and cloths in all the popular colorings, grays, browns olives, blues and blacks

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Fancy Cushion Tops in a variety of patterns and colorings.

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40 Pieces of Silk Ribbon, suitable for hair ribbon, sashes and belts. Full 6 inches wide, all colors.

Saturday. per yard 20c

Ladies' heavy and medium weight wool Vests and Drawers; in natural white and cream.

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Boys' Heavy Wool Stockings: a splendid stocking for winter wear. All sizes.

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Regular ..... $3.50 to $3.75
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Ladies' heavy Flannelette Blouse in dark and light grounds; spots and figured.

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Wilton, Brussels and Axminster Carpets greatly reduced in price, making them an ideal Xmas Present for the home. Exclusive patterns and designs in a great variety of colorings. sufficient to please the most exacting and particular. We invite your inspection, knowing that you will appreciate both our immense range and the special low holiday prices.

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12 Ladies' Hats, stylish, special $5.00
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