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TRIBUTE TO REAL HERO

Last Respects are Paid to One Who Gave His Life for Others

On Tuesday afternoon, with the sun shining beautifully, the remains of Fred D. Alderson, who so bravely sacrificed his life at the recent disaster at Bellevue, were laid to rest in the cemetery at Hosmer

The funeral services were first conducted by the Rev. A. B. N. Crowther, of the Anglican Church., Then the Masonic fraternity, of which the deceased was a member, took charge, and a very large number of craftsmen followed to the grave side. Through the courtesy of Mr. R. Reading, the C.P.R. agent at Fernie, a special train conveyed the officers and members of the local lodge at Hosmer. As a mark of respect the business houses in Hosmer were closed during the time of the burial.

Alderson was 35 years of age, and a native of Durham, England, he also held his membership in the A. F. and A. M. in the old cathedral city. He has been in the employ of the Hosmer Mines for 16 months, during which time his sterling qualities and manifest capabilities resulted in several promotions. He held the esteem of both his employers and fellow workers, and as evidence of this, the huge flag of the company was kept at half mast, and a beautiful wreath from the local lodge of the U.M.W. of A, as well as several others adorned the coffin.

One of the pathetic features in connection with this hero's death was the fact that the day prior to his death he had forwarded a collection of toys to his children (of which there are four) in Durham. It was his intention to have the family out in Canada in the spring of next year, and now that he has been so rudely snatched from those he loved while obeying the call of duty, the government of the province in which he lost his life will surely give some substantial aid to this bereaved family. Sympathy is felt by all who knew him, and although the sorrow of the family must indeed be keen, the knowledge that he calmly gave up his life to save another may, it is hoped, tend to assuage their grief.

A committee has been formed at Hosmer for the purpose of raising funds for the widow and four children of the unfortunate hero, which it is hoped will result in some substantial recognition being made of the noble deed of the departed husband and father. The committee appointed is as follows: Mr. W. T. Watson, chairman; A. Mathieson, secretary; W. Fowler and J. Brownrigg, trustees. Mr. W. Robson was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the districts between Coal Creek and Lethbridge, and it was decided that all monies received should be deposited in the Bank of Montreal, Hosmer, in the name of "The Alderson Fund."

"MY WIFE'S FAMILY" AT THE GRAND THEATRE

Mr. W. L. Stewart presents Miss Leah Stoddard and her own clever company in Stephen's and Linton's merry musical mix-up "My Wife's Family.' Miss Stoddard is well and favorably known in this city and it is safe to say that no actress that ever visited here has made such an impression or gained the confidence and friendship of so many as has this charming lady. All her friends will be anxious to see her on this occasion, and also of witnessing the merry rollicking and invigorating musical melange, "My Wife's Family,' with Miss Stoddard in the role of the "wife." Miss Stoddard has some new innovations in beautiful gowns. Better think it over.

FERNIE NIGHT SCHOOL

The school recently instituted under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of affording foreigners an opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of the English language, commenced on Monday last in the Central Public School building. There were 20 in attendance, and all who are anxious to join the classes should do so with the least possible delay so that proper arrangements can be made.

The classes will be held under the direction of the local members of the Order of Knights of Columbus, and the school will be open for the purpose on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

FERNIE OPERA HOUSE AND SUNDAY SHOWS

The public is hereby notified that the petition of the managers of the Fernie Opera House to the City Council for the purpose of keeping open on Sunday evenings was not authorized by the Church of the Holy Family; also that the said managers have not kept to their promise of donating a stated amount to the Catholic Church for the privilege of running their Sunday show under its patronage, which, in the future, shall be entirely withdrawn from them.

(Signed) The Pastor of the Holy Family Church.

BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday last the opening ceremonies were celebrated at the Baptist Church, Rev. Dimmick delivering the sermon on the morning, assisted by the Rev. Grant, the evening service being conducted by the Rev. Thompson. Special services of song were rendered by the choir both at the morning and evening services.

On Monday the Ladies Aid held their usual tea, when a large crowd attended and a goodly sum was added to the exchequer of this worthy society.

LETTERS AND TELERAMS OF SYMPATHY AND THANKS

"The West Canadian Collieries, Limited, whose mine at Bellevue was visited by such a terrible calamity on the night of December 9th last, hereby wish to extend their deepest gratitude to, and to express their highest and magnificent efforts of the many brave men who assisted in the rescue work on that dire occasion. Above all do they wish to make mention of the gallantry and fearlessness of Fred Alderson, of Hosmer, who lay down his life in that most noble of all causes, the saving of human life.

"The Company also beg to thank the managements of the various mines in the Pass, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the manner in which they responded to the calls for assistance which were sent out.

West Canadian Collieries, Limited,
R. W. COULTHARD,
General Manager

"The Mayor, Bellevue.

'His Excellency the Governor General has heard with deep sorrow of the terrible calamity at Bellevue. Please convey his heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of deceased. He trusts rescuers have succeeded in releasing men imprisoned in mine, and would be glad to be informed of progress of work.

"MALCOLM,
Gov. Generals Sec.

"Taber, Alta,
Dec. 14th, 1910.

"District Ledger,—

"Please accept the sincere condolence on behalf of those called to mourn over the loss of their loved ones caused by the awful calamity at Bellevue Mine. We weep with those that weep and trust the day will speedily arrive when the mine inspectors will be chosen from among the Members of District 18.

"Signed on behalf of the members,
ABR. BATEMAN,
President.
S. FOTHERBY,
Vice-President.
ED. BROWN,
Fin. Secretary.
HY. BROOK,
Cor. Secretary.

THIRTY-ONE LIVES THE DEATH TOLL

On Saturday morning, while at breakfast we received word that there had been an explosion at Bellevue, and upon hastening up to the office, met several miners coming off the Coal Creek train, who asked if the news was true; but not knowing the real state of affairs, we continued on to the office with a view to obtaining telephonic communication, and conversing with some of the Union officials. This, however, proved to be of no avail. We learned afterwards that all the District Officials as well as several Board Members, had gone to the mine and offered their services in the rescue work.

Upon arrival at the telegraph office the rumor was confirmed, but details were lacking. On the station platform, we found a number of the officals and employees of the C.N.P. Coal Co. from Coal Creek, who were taking the Draeger oxygen apparatus that arrived so opportunely. Upon arrival at Hosmer, the party was joined by Superintendent Musgrove and Alex. Kinsman, and another young Scotchman whose name we do not recall at the moment, each bearing oxygen helmets. We were then informed that it was the afternoon shift that was at work when the explosion happened, and ascertained that a special train had been sent to the scene of the disaster from Fernie, picking up additional volunteers en route. At Michel a tremendous throng gathered awaiting the incoming train, anxious to learn if any particulars had been obtained, but we could not furnish any; on the contrary, we gleaned then that it was a certainty there was a large casualty list, a grave fear was entertained that it would be sensibly increased owing to the report that practically the entire rescue party had been overcome by the deadly after-damp, and had fallen martyrs at humanities call. This depressing information still further intensified the desire of those aboard the train to reach the point where they could aid in relieving the unfortunates At Crows Nest, where the train stopped for ten minutes, and the West-bound was met, the last distressful information was again repeated, and that after sixteen bodies had been brought out of the workings there were some twenty-five of the rescue party, for whom but little hope was entertained. At Coleman the passengers, anxious to reach the scene of the catastrophe, and many of them with friends and relatives working at Bellevue, were so numerous that every seat was occupied, and many were compelled to stand in the aisles. A few more, both at Blairmore and at Frank boarded the train, all on the same mission bent. Hillcrest was reached, but as the mine is about half a mile further east, and there was so much apparatus to be transported, and so many desirous of reaching the scene to render aid at the earliest possible moment, Conductor Niblock, who was in charge of the train, made a stop within a few feet of the Companys office. We immediately repaired to the door of the wash house, which was surrounded by a crowd eager to obtain information of their loved ones, but there were no signs of those hysterical incidents that have been so widely bruited all over the continent by correspondents, evidently more anxious to send readable copy than to furnish the correct details. The Royal North West Mounted Police man, who stood at the entrance to the wash-house, informed us that he had positive orders to allow no one to enter; but at this juncture, Doctor E. W. Snyder, of Lille, who had been busily engaged on the medical staff, came out, and accompanied by him we returned to the Company's offices where we were informed by Mr O E S Whiteside, of Coleman, that the timekeeper would furnish us with the names of all those who were on shift at the time of the disaster, and knowing that this information was being anxiously awaited by residents through out the pass, we copied off the list of the time keeper which was segregated into three different headings, the dead and the injured, the living and the unaccounted for. This information was immediately phoned to our office, and soon thereafter made public in all the towns west of Bellevue; it was, moreover, the first and most authentic report published by any newspaper on Saturday, the day following the disaster. Secretary Carter had already apprised the office of the outcome of the rescue parties experience, which was not without foundation, insofar as they had ben knocked out was concerned, but luckily all escaped death save and except the unfortunate and heroic Hosmer Fire Boss, F. D. Alderson (the description of whose funeral appears elsewhere in our columns). For the report of the experiences of this rescue party, we will let one who was a member of it, tell the story in his own language.

"It was a pretty close shave just the same, and we can thank our lucky stars that we came out as well as we did. I don't remember just all of their names, but I do recollect seeing Tom Mathers, Jack Carter, Charley Garner, Jack Johnson, Bill Powell Clem Stubbs, Bob Strachan, Evan Evans, and a tall, white haired old gentleman (this we stated to our informant was undoubtedly Manager Ashworth), Jack Powell, the superintendent, Dr. McKenzie, and several other fellows whose voices I knew, but could not just recall their names. It certainly is a funny sensation the way that gas affects you. The first thing I noticed I was stumbling, and my feet seemed too heavy to lift. Then my knees got shaky, just about like it is when you run up the steps (these steps 97 in number have to be mounted in going one way from the mine up to the town of Bellevue). Then there was a kind of whirring noise in my ears, and red blobs came before my eyes. There was no pain, but on the other hand it made me feel as though I wanted to laugh, and I really don't know but what I did laugh, to see the other chaps staggering about something like a calf did that I was trying to lead away from the old cow when a boy on the farm. The sleepy feeling came over me, and there was nothing that I can say that passed through my mind regarding the seriousness of the situation. You have asked me if I can tell you of any particular man that was extra brave. Well, I don't know that I can mention anybody particularly, because every man jack of us were doing just as we would expect other chaps to do for us in like circumstances. If I were to mention anybody in particular, I think it would be just as well to give a list of every man that was there. There is one thing sure, Jack Powell, that's the superintendent, certainly seemed as if he possessed the strength and endurance of three men,

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PRACTICAL SYMPATHY

Bridgport, Ohio,
Dec. 11, 1910.

A. J. Carter, Hillcrest, Alta.

"Regret to learn of terrible disaster at Bellevue; extend to relatives of our dear brothers my sympathy in their terrible affliction. Will forward five hundred dollars to-morrow immediate relief.

(Signed) T. L. LEWIS.

Edmonton,
Dec. 11, 1910.

J. H. Cochrane, Hillcrest, Alta.

Convey most heartfelt sympathy to the miners union, Bellevue, and contribute $100 to relief fund.

(Signed) C. P. HILL.

Arrangements are under consideration by District 18 U. M. W. of A. for the establishment of a relief fund for the benefit of the widows, orphans and dependents of the victims of the recent disaster at Bellevue. Any donations will be gratefully acknowledged by A. J. Carter, Secy. U. M. W. of A., Fernie, B. C.

It was decided on Sunday last by Bellevue ocals that the relatives of one of the victims, who was not a member of their organization, would be given the same consideration as the others.

O'BRIEN'S BILLS ARE SHELVED

For some time past there has been considerable discussion in the Edmonton Legislative Chambers relative to a Fortnightly Wage Bill, which many of its supporters were under the impression would shortly become a part of the law of Alberta. They, however, are doomed to disappointment, and the method prevailing of paying monthly will continue.

The following telegram was received just as we go to press:

"Editor, District Ledger, Fernie.

"Fortnightly Wage Bill, also amendments to Coal Mines Act, killed in committee of whole house.

(Signed) C. M. O'Brien."

As a result of the request made by H. A. Mackie, of Edmonton, legal representative of the U. M. W. of A., when the jury on the Bellevue disaster was impanelled, Premier A. L. Sifton as stated that the fullest investigation will be made, and Attorney General Mitchell has delegated Attorney Campbell (McLeod) to act on behalf of the Crown at the inquest which will be held on Monday, December 19th. As a result of this investigation it is expected that a commission will be appointed early in 1911 for the purpose of making a thorough investigation into the condition of all the Alberta mines, which it is earnestly to be hoped may obtain such data that may enable them to advise the adoption of remedial measures whereby such calamities as the recent one at Bellevue may be entirely obviated in the future.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS TO DATE

The steadiness of the electoral, so marked since the polling began, was further manifest at Tuesday's election, the returns from which were received to-day (Wednesday). The 43 results show only two changes from the returns of last January. One went to the Unionists and the other to the Laborites. The totals were:

Government (Coalition)	
Coalitionists	353
Unionists	257

The standing of the parties on Thursday evenings was as follows:

Liberals	240
Irish Nationalists	64
Ind. Nationalists	9
Laborites	40
Total	353

Opposition	
Unionists	257
Coalition majority	96

Sixty constituencies yet to be heard from.

CHINESE THINK BAGPIPES MUSICAL

Consul General S. S. Knabenshue learns at Tientsin that the only foreign music that the Chinese masses have ever shown any interest in is the skirling of the bagpipes of the Cameron Highlanders, when they were in garrison there a couple of years ago. He therefore advises an Ohio piano concern that the market for their instruments is practically confined to foreign residents. Some few instruments have been sold t owealthy Chinese, but simply as pieces of furniture, there being no teachers of instrumental music for Chinese ladies and no demand for them.

COLEMAN POLICE ASK

John Martin who was killed recently by a falling tree while at work in Anderson's Camp near here, was practically unknown, having only been in the camp about a week before the accident happened. So far it has not been possible to locate any of the deceased's relatives and thinking that possibly this may catch the eye of some of them, the following is all that is known of him. He was believed to have been working about 6 miles from Brandon, Man., before coming to Coleman; he was Canadian born and raised, possibly of French Canadian extraction, although he did not speak the language. Age about 28; hands exceptionally small for a man who had presumably been a manual worker all his life. Height, 5 feet 6 inches, dark curly hair, heavy moustache. The only piece of property found upon him was a three-bladed H. Boker jack knife. Other papers please copy.

Again we say to all and sundry—SHOP EARLY.

Look out for the special Christmas rates of the C.P.R. in next week's issue.

Vension has been quite plentiful during the current week, thanks to the local Nimrods.

We regret to learn that it has been found necessary for Mrs. Sherwood Herchmer to go East in order to undergo an operation. It is sincerely to be hoped that it will be beneficial.

George C. Egg, representative of the International Correspondence Schools, will hold a display in the store of Carmichael and Edgcombe, at Fernie, from Monday to Wednesday inclusive.

Mr. Walter Gregory, formerly engaged as provision merchant at Shales Moor, Sheffield, England, but latterly of Calgary, is at present a guest at the King Edward, and is making a tour of B. C. with a view of selecting a suitable spot in which to engage in business.

Friends of Mrs. H. Pearson, late of the Creek, now located in Fernie, will be sorry to learn that she has for some time been confined to the Fernie Hospital, and that she will shortly undergo an operation which it is to be hoped will have the effect of completely restoring her health.

On Friday morning a public school examination was held in the Central Public School, and a large crowd of the growing generation were decked out in their best bib and tucker. Proud parents were also in attendance, as well as a goodly number of Fernie s representative citizens.

We understand that one of our citizens is making great headway in the deductive theory so well executed by Sherlock Holmes. Seeing lingerie on clothes line, deduces water; this leads him to arrive at the conclusion that this may be obtained surreptitiously; sequel—expostulations and lachrimae.

COLEMAN AMBULANCE CLASS

An ambulance class will start in Coleman next week. The I. C. and C. Co. will furnish all the necessary equipment gratis. The secretary pro tem. is J. Hilling, who will be pleased to have those who intend to join the class call and leave their names at the earliest possible date. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

ELECTION OF CHCEKWEIGHMEN AT MICHEL

John Haddon	201
D. J. McDonald	197
Pete Mancuso	180
Frank Campbell	150
A. S. Julian	67
George Beddington	53
John Lunn	59
Robert Oakes	37
Joe Morris	59
Wm. Koynning	42
Joe Gall	129

There were 31 spoiled ballots.

The successful candidates for the positions are therefore John Haddon, D. J. McDonald and Pete Mancuso.

Mr. A. Kennedy has obtained the contract for the supply of the Christmas tea for Old Michel.

TO LET—Two front Rooms, partly furnished, for light housekeeping. Location: Recreation Ground, Dalton Avenue. Apply "C," Ledger Office. 20-3t

LOT with three-roomed House and Shack: $380 cash. Apply, Box 1011, Fernie. 20-3t

WANTED—Situation as General Servant or going out day work. Apply, Miss Shaw, Box 279, Fernie. 20-1t

LOST, STOLEN or STRAYED—A large St. Bernard Dog; black and white, with white breast, weighing 130 lbs.; age about 2 years. Was wearing plain leather collar. Anyone furnishing information that will lead to its recovery will be suitably rewarded. Two weeks after date, any person found retaining possession of the dog will be prosecuted. Ely Hardy, c.o. Ledger Office.

BOARDERS and ROOMERS wanted Good location; excellent home; terms moderate. Address, Box 503, Fernie. 20-3t

ACCIDENT WAS FATAL

Termination of the Unfortunate Shooting Near Hosmer

Charles H. Bomford, the Englishman who was accidentally shot at No. 3 Camp, Hosmer, an account of which appeared in our last issue, we regret to learn succumbed on Wednesday night. Deceased was 45 years of age, and a native of Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. We understand that he made a further ante-mortem statement completely exonerating Constable McCuish who feels intensely his position as the innocent cause of his chum's death.

BOULTON CASE

The case of George Boulton, the ex-City Clerk, came up before Judge Wilson this morning. The prisoner elected for speedy trial before Judge Wilson, and the case was adjourned until Tuesday of next week. Mr. Fisher, for the accused, asked for a reduction of the amount of bail and pleaded the Christmas season as a time when leniency should be shown His client, he said, had proved by his conduct since the charge against him was first made that he had no intention of eluding the trial, and as it was difficult for him to obtain bail in such large amount, considering the nature of the charge against him, he thought his honor might reduce the amount to a more reasonable figure. Mr. McTaggart, for the crown, objected on the grounds that no further evidence in favor of the accused had been deduced since the bail was fixed in the first instance, and on this argument the court decided that it should remain as at present, viz., $5,000 on his own recognizance, and an equal amount in sureties.

Up to the time of going to press we are unable to state definitely whether or not Boulton was successful in securing the bail.

TRUNK STEALER SENTENCED

J. J. Kitchen, alias Owens, brought up before Judge Wilson this morning on a charge of stealing a trunk at Michel, some weeks ago, was sentenced to jail for 18 months. The prisoner put up a most interesting story in explanation of his conduct in the matter, and had it not been for the fact that he was at that time living under an assumed name, it is possible that the case might have been disposed of in a different manner. We regret that lack of space precludes further particulars of this interesting defense. Mr. Fisher appeared for the accused, and Mr. McTaggart for the crown.

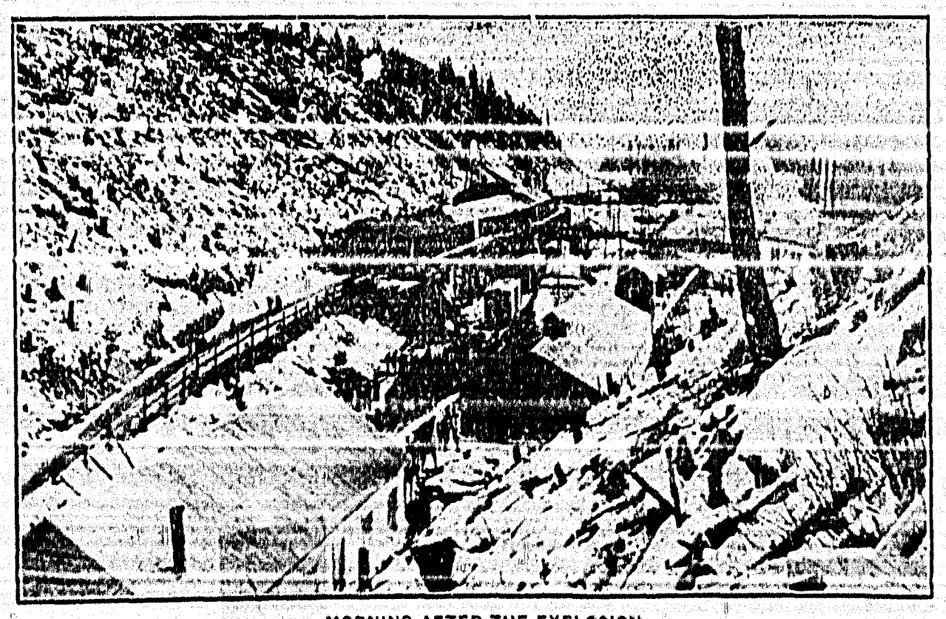
THE POSITION IN SOUTH WALES

At a meeting of the Conciliation Board held in Cardiff, the owners agreed to concede a general advance of 1¼ per cent. in wages, raising the current wage to 51¼ per cent. over the 1879 standard.

No change has as yet taken place regarding the disputes in the Rhondda Valley and Aberdare districts, nearly 30,000 miners being still on strike.

STRIKE AT LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT

Recently a 'travel talk' extolling the beauties of California, caused many to exclaim "How fine it would be to live there." The sunshine, however, is not without its shadow. The worker who must find a job dispenser is just as likely to find good cause for kicking in California as he has in Canada, evidence of this is the fact that at the present time warnings are in the labor press that there is a strike on in Los Angeles among the aqueduct workers. The price of board was increased, but higher wages refused.



MORNING AFTER THE EXPLOSION

BRINGING OUT THE DEAD AT BELLEVUE

COAL CREEK BY 174.

Last Friday afternoon while at work in No. 9 Sam Heney was knocked down by a fall of rock, and such injuries inflicted that it was found necessary to amputate his left foot on Tuesday.

Bernard and John Caufield rendered first aid before the unfortunate man was removed to Fernie Hospital, where he now lies in a serious condition.

No. 2 and No. 9 mines have been idle since last Friday.

Harry Kingwood received such injury to his right foot that he will be be incapacitated from working for a week at least.

The concert and dance held under the auspices of C.C.L. and A.A. was an unqualified success.

The news which brought anxiety to many up here of an explosion at Bellevue was received by Superintendent Shanks at 11.30 on Friday night, and immediately he notified Inspector E. Evans, who was one of the first to enter the ill-fated mine.

Great sympathy was expressed when the details of the terrible calamity creating so many widows and leaving so many little ones fatherless became known.

John Smith is back from Spokane, where he says there are hundreds out of work.

J. R. Macphearson was Coal Creek's delegate from Gladstone Local at the funeral of our departed brothers at Blairmore.

COLEMAN NOTES BY 22

Mr Jack Johnstone is the recipient of a fine Christmas present in the shape of a daughter. Never fear, Jack, the pasture is good, likewise the rum butter, true to Cumberland. Mother and child are doing fine.

The F.O.E. elected for the next term of office J. Johnstone, P.W.P., W Smith W.P., W. Thompson, V.P., T. Brandon secretary. The evening closed with a splendid social.

The I.O.O.F—The officers for the term will be as follows: C. Dunlop, P.G.; J. Swan, N.G.; J. Hadfield, V.G.; H. M., McCloud, R.S.; G. Benson, F.S. There will be a good time at the installation, with a fine programme and refreshments.

Mr. Perdy Porter has gone for a trip to the old country. This is had on Percy, after such a short experience of married life. It would have been fine to have made it a honeymoon trip.

The news of the Bellevue disaster was received in Coleman with something akin to consternation, and the deep sympathy of the whole community goes out to the relatives of the unfortunate men who have lost their lives. In view of this recent calamity letters like the one appearing in the "Ledger" some weeks ago by "The Man in the Moon," are of exceptional interest, and should appeal to the common sense of the mine workers of the Pass.

MICHEL NOTES.

The Hotel Venezia was opened on Saturday night last, and quite a number of the boys were feeling jubilant on this account.

T. G. Harries, President of the Michel Local, M. D. McLean and Robert Oakes went to Blairmore to attend the funeral of the victims of the Bellevue disaster.

Albert Allan and Wm. Warren are visitors in town from Corbin. The changes that have been made in this city are quite a surprise to them.

Sacred to the memory of the Michel News, which departed from us on the 3rd inst., after a long period of sickness. The funeral of the News took place at Hosmer, and was very well attended by a large crowd from Michel, who mourn their subscriptions to the paper. We learn that the relatives are grief stricken, and even la Gourlay gin fizzes will not console them.

A director's meeting of the Elk Valley Brewing Company was held at Mr. Crahan's Hotel on Tuesday last, when the following were present: Messrs. Crahan, Steadman, Pollock and Myers.

Mr. S. Dragon, the genial proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, Fernie, was a visitor here on Tuesday of this week. He was accompanied by his friend, George Dorenbecker, Fernie cibar manufacturer.

A steam heating apparatus is being installed at the Great Northern Hotel, which will be a great improvement on the previous method. Other prominent places are following this example. One thing that is lacking is an electric lighting plant. If this were available New Michel would be one of the most up-to-date cities of the West.

Mr. Chas. Garner and District Secretary A. J. Carter, paid a visit to Michel on Tuesday, where they attended a special meeting of the Michel Local.

The Top Notcher, otherwise Ted Trafford, has removed from Balmoral House to take up his abode in the Hotel Venezia. His phone No. is 23.

It is reported that financial difficulties is the cause of the death of the "News." This is rather surprising, as it is only a little while since this sheet was foretelling of the great wave of prosperity that would sweep over the Kootenay when the Ross government was declared.

The drug store is now nearing completion. This is the last place of business that is going to be allowed in Michel. This is on the Q.T.

Messrs. Harvey Wallace, Albert Allen and Wm. Warren went for a sleigh drive to the brewery. On their return journey the horse, in some inexplicable manner, escaped from the shafts, and the boys had to do the journey home on foot.

The Scrutineers of the District, and International Elections are stilll hard at it to-day (Wednesday), and will not be able to give a correct report until Thursday. The result of the voting at Michel is as follows:

For President	
Powell	531
Harrington	250
For Vice-President	
Stubbs	360
Tupper	294
Evans	165
For District Board Member	
Krovenski	75
Smith	139
McLean	559

The result of the election for the Board of Examiners is: W. Whitehouse 17, George Wilde 35, James Sharp 22.

Two children belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Krol, House 135, died this week from diphtheria, one of them being taken ill on the Saturday and dying on the Sunday morning. Great sympathy is felt for the parents in their bereavement.

Mr. Moses, one of the accountants in the Coal Company's office here, was out hunting on Tuesday last, and reports that game was plentiful though he did not get anything. Wm Yates was more successful on Sunday when he brought down a large doe. Mr. Terrian also was fortunate in bagging two, which makes four for Pat this season.

For suitable Christmas Presents see the Trites Wood Co. Their stock of goods this season surpasses anything that has been seen in Michel yet.

CANMORE

Messrs James and Brovey, International Organizers, have been in town for the past four days, rounding up the boys and giving several meetings in the interests of the organization.

They succeeded in adding some thirty or forty new members to the present membership of this Local.

They left on Monday morning for Bankhead, where they will hold a mass meeting on Monday evening.

It is to be hoped that this Local will receive more attention from the District Officers in the future than it has done in the past, as it is surely needed.

IGNORANCE AND IMMORALITY

SPOKANE.—Sex education in the public school course was favored by Henry B. Dewey, in his remarks at the McKinley school during a parents meeting held under the auspices of the Spokane Society of Social and Moral Hygiene recently.

"This subject must be taught in the near future," said Mr. Dewey. "The only question at this time is the manner in which it shall be presented to the schools. It will become part of the school course just the same as instruction in agriculture.

"The subject is not improper which deals with the relation of man and woman. We must agree that it certainly is high time to find the best manner in which to present the subject. Vice is prevalent and unchecked. As a result of the ignorance of the present generation much misery and suffering will prevail in the future.

The subject has never been worked out and 10 years ago it would have been considered an impossible one in the public schools. At the present I do not know what points we want but as soon as the subject is taken up by more of the thinking people the problem will soon be solved.

"I will agree that the subject has been tabooed in the churches and homes, and it seems that the time is here when the teachers must be trained so as to present these matters in a scientific manner to the children."

The remarks of Mr. Dewey followed the address given by Judge Huneke, who bitterly criticized the immorality of school children, which he considered in the main part due to ignorance. He especially criticized the officials for not enforcing the curfew law and for permiting young children to loiter on the streets and in the public parks at night.

Miss Johnson, dean of the State Normal school at Cheney, indorsed the work of the society in her remarks, and said that the work would be placed before the teachers at Cheney.—The Daily Province.

SOUTH AMERICAN COAL

Rich Deposit Found in Peru and Elsewhere

The discovery of new rich deposits of coal in Peru will largely contribute to promote the economical development of that country, which is destined to play a leading part on the Pacific coast of South America. It is true that coal is also found in Argentine, Brazil, Chile, but in rather small quantity, and the quality being inferior to that recently discovered in Peru.

Until now the entire Pacific coast of South America was dependent on England and Australia for its supply of coal, a fact that contributed to make navigation a rather expensive business in that region. The yearly consumption of coal of a good quality for steamers, on the western coast of South America amounts to approximately 1,500,000 tons, and as English coal costs there about $10 and Australian $9 per ton, the advantage Peru will gain by being able to supply with coal the entire Pacific coast of South America can be readily seen.

Important coal fields were discovered some years ago in the vicinity of Huancavelica and Cerro de Pasco, as well as at other places in the mountain region, but their exploitation did not promise to be remunerative owing to the exceedingly high transport rates to the coast, and in consequence the coal extracted there could supply only the mining and smelting establishments located in the neighbourhood, where it is greatly appreciated. The Cerro de Pasco Mining Company burns coal found on the land occupied by its own works. The consumption of coal by this company amounts on the average to 170,000 tons per annum.

UNDER THE BAN

A report purporting to come from St Boniface, Man, is circulated through the medium of the press that Archbishop Langevin has forbidden the faithful of his flock from reading "La Patrie," "La Presse," "Le Canada," of Montreal, and "Le Soleil" of Quebec, and recommended instead "Le Devoir" and "L'Action Sociale" of Quebec.

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Mr. C. E. Sanford, of Weston, King's Co., N.S., a Justice of the Peace for the county, and a Deacon of the Baptist Church in Berwick, says: "I have used Zam-Buk for piles and found it a splendid remedy. It cured me."

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EXTRACT FROM BY-LAW No. 3.

A by-law of the Town of Coleman to provide for License Fees and the grant of Licenses.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Coleman enact as follows:

1. That no person shall keep for hire any of the chattels, or conduct, or carry on within the Town of Coleman, any of the businesses or callings hereinafter mentioned, or sell or dispose of any goods in connection with any such business or calling, without having first a license therefor.

2. That such license shall be issued and granted by the Secretary Treasurer upon the payment of the fees herein provided in respect of any such business or calling.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

3. The following shall be the businesses subjected to licenses with the fees payable in respect thereof.

Business	Annual Fee
Auctioneers	$ 15.00
Bagatelle, Billiard or Pool table each	15.00
Bagatelle, Billiard or Pool table each additional	5.00
Real Estate Agents (resident)	15.00
Real Estate Agents (Transient)	100.00
Insurance (Residents)	25.00
Insurance (Transient)	35.00
Bowling Alley, first alley or bed	15.00
Bowling Alley, each additional alley	5.00
Cab Hack, etc., not covered by livery license	15.00
Cab Hack, each additional	10.00
Circus, per day	50.00
Dray, truck, job or express wagon, one horse	15.00
Ditto each additional	8.00
Ditto two horses	20.00
Ditto each additional	10.00
Transient or temporary team per week	1.00
Exhibition or waxworks, or other curiosities, per day	25.00
Ditto each additional day	15.00
Hawker or peddlar per annum	50.00
Hotel	200.00
Wholesale liquor license	200.00
Ice Cream parlor, season	20.00
Ice Cream parlors, special license per day	5.00
Intelligence offices or employment agency	25.00
Petty chapman or other person including book agents, going from place to place selling by sample, cards, specimens, or otherwise directly to the consumer	50.00
Laundry	25.00
Menagerie, first day	25.00
Ditto each additional day	15.00
Merry-go-round, per day	10.00
Photographers	5.00
Restaurant or lunch counter	10.00
Livery, feed and sale stable	20.00
Licensed opera house	25.00
Transient trader per month	25.00
Piano and organ agents, unless local representatives	50.00
Dogs	1.00
Bitches	2.00
Milk Vendors	25.00
Butchers	25.00
Boxing or wrestling exhibitions, per exhibition	100.00
Theatrical Entertainments, moving pictures or other shows not otherwise provided for herein, where admission fee is charged, not held in licensed opera house or theatre, first performance	3.00
Each additional performance	2.00
Monthly	30.00
Yearly	75.00

17. Any person, persons, or association which shall transact any business, trade, or occupation, or profession for which a license is required by this by-law, without first obtaining such a license, shall be deemed guilty of the violation of this by-law, and shall on conviction therefor, before the Mayor of any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction therein, upon the evidence of one credible witness, forfeit and pay a fine not less than the amount which under this by-law he shall have paid as a license fee, but not exceeding One Hundred Dollars for such offence, together with the costs of prosecution and license fee, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, may be imprisoned for axy term not exceeding thirty days, and not less than ten days, unless such fine and costs be sooner paid.

20. Any person or persons guilty of an infraction or breach of any of the provisions or enactments of this by-law not herein or otherwise provided for shall on conviction therefor before any Police Magistrate or Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the town, forfeit and pay a fine or penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars exclusive of costs for each offence, and in case of non-payment of such fine and costs inflicted for any such breach, it shall and may be lawful for the Police Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, convicting as aforesaid, to commit the offender or offenders to imprisonment in the lock-up house of the Town, if any, or in the nearest common goal, not exceeding thirty days, with or without hard labor, unless such fine and costs, including the costs of committal are sooner paid.

Done and passed in Council this 29th day of November, A.D. 1910.

ALEX. CAMERON,
Mayor.
JOHN SARGENT,
Secretary-Treasurer

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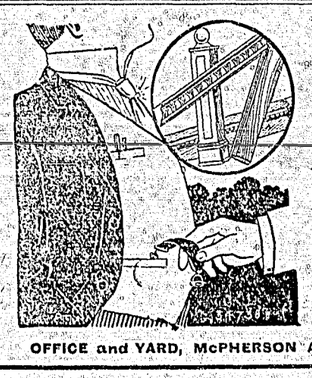

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Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of thirty days from date, I, David Eckersley, intend to apply to the Honorable, the Chief Commissioner of Lands, for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands situated within lot 4593, Group 1, Kootenay District. Commencing at a post planted 200 feet north of the northwest corner of lot 1653, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Located this 27th day of October, 1910.

DAVID ECKERSLEY, Locator.
Per Wm. Plegon, Agent.
Witness—F. A. Stone. 15-6t

Ledger Ads Pay

Subscribed to the "District Ledger."

Alberta Explosion

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for he was the first in, and then after he was knocked out, as soon as he recovered, nothing would stop him from going back again, as he said "My place is inside, boys, and I am going to stay in just as long as I think I can do anybody any good." (Here our unknown hero said, "Whatever you do don't mention my name, because if you do, first thing Jack Powell will do when he sees me he will give me a swift kick in the seat of my pants.")

So far as Superintendent Powell is concerned, he is recognized as one of the ablest mining engineers in the country, and it is only fair to him to state that he had only been in charge of this mine for a few days prior to the accident.

We have no compunction about paying tribute to the bravery exercised by the different individuals that our modest friend mentioned. We cannot let the occasion pass without mentioning David Roberts of Coleman, better known as "Dy," to whose cool-headedness and forethought the rescue party undoubtedly owe their lives. He it was who with Ed. Barnes, noticed in the distance by the swaying to and fro of the lamps that there were some men approaching him who were fast being overcome by the noxious fumes. He immediately sent out his partner, Ed. Barnes, who rushing into the engine house, told the engineer what had occurred in the mine, and he thereupon sounded the alarm whistle which was the occasion of the rumor being circulated that a second explosion had taken place. The purpose of this signal was to call additional aid from the town. Willing volunteers quickly rushed to the rescue, thereby preventing the death list being very sensibly increased.

There were 46 men engaged in the mine at the time of the explosion. Of this number sixteen managed to escape with their lives, while the other 30 were sacrificed on the altar of profit. Below we give the names and particulars of the dead miners:

Italians

Mike Gera, single, age 40.

Peter Gera, married, age 45, leaves wife.

Joe Bonato, married, age 37, leaves wife and 3 children.

Frank Roberti, married, age 35, leaves wife and 1 child.

Bruno Tripodi, married, age 45, leaves wife and 6 children.

M. Quintillio, single, age 31.

Antonio Quintillio, married, age 38, leaves wife and 3 children.

Antonio Martini, single, age 23.

John Basso, single, age 19.

S. D'Ercole, single, age 30.

Sam Cimmetti, married, age 30, leaves wife and 1 child.

Finlanders

Peter Paul, married, age 25, leaves a young widow and 1 child. This man was the president of the Bellevue Local, and his remains were sent by that body to Welsh, near Medicine Hat, Alta., where his aged father and mother reside. His widow accompanied the remains to the home of the deceased's parents.

Gus Robo, married, age 32, leaves wife tnd three children. This deprives the local of another officer, as Robo occupied the Vice-President's chair.

Hans Wellberg, married, age 50, leaves wife and 3 children.

August Ountock, married, 27, leaves widow.

Charles Lehti, married, age 43, leaves wife and 4 children.

John Ulvinen, single, age 28.

Vaino Kuncimen, single, age 24.

Andrew Saari, married, age 50 leaves wife and 4 children.

Herman Teppo, married, age 32 leaves wife and 3 children.

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This last named was a pit boss, and when found was surrounded by 18 of his fellow workers, whom it was evident he had gathered together and was leading on towards the mouth with a view to their salvation, so that evidently he gave his life in his efforts, which were unfortunately without avail, to save his comrades. He had been engaged for several years with the company, and had gradually worked himself by dint of perseverance and hard study to the position of responsibility which he held when death overcame him.

Slavonians

J. Drevenski, married, age 35, leaves wife and 1 child.

Mike Serezupok, single, age 27.

John Bodner, married, age 29, leaves wife and 2 children.

Gus Kindiatystyyn, married, age 42, leaves wife and 2 children.

John Doskoe, single, age 30.

Mike Korman, married, age 38, leaves wife and 2 children. This man was a member of the "Jednoty," a Slavonic society, but we did not learn to which lodge he belonged.

Josyf F. Belgun, married, age 35, leaves wife and 3 children.

Albert Belgun, married, age 32, leaves widow.

We may say in explanation that the difference in spelling between the timekeeper's books as shown by our first report and the way in which they are written above, is due to the fact that in the first instance they were on the Company's pay roll as near as the English speller could pronounce them, whereas the above names were practically all taken from the roster of the Bellevue Local, U.M.W. of A., and secretary, James Burke.

The following will ever remember the fateful 9th day of December, and the close call they had from the Grim Reaper, who so ruthlessly garnered in so many of their co-workers. Out of a total of 46 who went bright and smiling to their work on that ever eventful Friday afternoon these sixteen alone escaped.

A. Pynno.
J. Bassino.
R. Emmerson.
C. Ozust.
Harry Fisher.
James Ford. (Received severe injuries to his head, but when last heard of was progressing favorably.)
N. Nichfori.
Joe McGough.
Fred Heal.
Andrew Matson.
Nils Macki.
Isaac Hutton.
D. Hutton
V. Dubec.
Arnold Varley.
Fraser Patterson.

On Saturday evening Coroner Pinkney, of Lille, empanelled the following as a jury:

Sam Fisher, A. McKinnon, Thomas Burnett, G. Walters, Albert E. Cameron, Phillip Hunt.

After the usual formality Albert Cameron was selected as foreman. This done, H. A. Mackie, of the firm of Cormack and Mackie, of Edmonton, said that he was the legal representative of the United Mine Workers of America, District 18, and that in consequence of the necessary amount of labor that would be entailed in this instance, he would ask that the government should appoint a duly qualified stenographer to be sworn, and that he would furnish copies of the evidence to the coroner and each of the jurors. He also informed the body that request would be made to the crown that a representative thereof should be in attendance at the inquest, and sent a telegram to His Honor C. R. Mitchell, Attorney General, at Edmonton, of which we append below a copy:

"Bellevue, Alta,
Dec. 10th, 1910.

Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Attorney General, Edmonton, Alta.

Re Bellevue Mines Accident.—We would deem it a favor if the crown were represented at the Coroner's inquest to be held here on Monday, the 19th. Please reply to Bellevue.

(Signed) W. B. POWELL,
President, District 18, U.M.W. of A.

The Coroner and jurors then proceeded to the wash-house where at this time were lying 27 corpses, and recognition of each individual was effected by the assistance of Secretary James Burke. It was then decided that the inquest should be held on the date above mentioned, viz., Monday, December 19th.

The arrangements of the funeral of the miners slaughtered in the Bellevue disaster were exceedingly well executed by the various committees under the able guidance of Clem Stubbs, Vice-President, and Jas. Burke Secretary of the Bellevue Local U. M. W. of A.

Seven of the Slavonian brothers were interred on Monday at Passburg, Father Lajatte conducting the funeral service of the Catholic Church to which all of the deceased members belonged.

A large concourse was in attendance.

Tuesday twenty-one of the unfortunates were buried at Blairmore and over a thousand people attended to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed. The burial service of the U. M. W. of A. was read at the graveside of the Finlanders and addresses in the native tongue were also delivered by their sorrowing comrades.

Six of the men were buried in the Catholic cemetery as they were adherents of that faith, and at the graveside of the remainder services were conducted by Rev. T. D. Jones of Bellevue, Rev. Murray of Coleman, and Revs. Langlois and Hunter of Blairmore.

In addition to large representation from the U. M. W of A., practically all the locals along the Pass sending delegates, the members of the F.O.E. and other societies were numerous.

The remains of John Doskar, the last body to be brought out, was interred on Wednesday.

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2 Hudson's Bay Native Port
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1 Hudson's Bay Tom Gin
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1 Hudson's Bay Old Irish
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1 Hudson's Bay Special Scotch
1 Hudson's Bay Old Pale Brandy
1 Hudson's Bay Old Irish
1 Hudson's Bay Finest Old Sherry
1 Hudson's Bay Finest Old Port
1 Hudson's Bay Jamaica Rum
1 Hudson's Bay Ginger Wine
1 Hudson's Bay Club Claret
2 Hudson's Bay 7-year-old Rye
1 Hudson's Bay Cherry Whiskey
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1 Hudson's Bay Special Rye
1 Hudson's Bay Special Scotch
1 Hudson's Bay Booth's Tom Gin
1 Hudson's Bay Finest Pale Brandy.
1 Hudson's Bay Finest Dark Brandy
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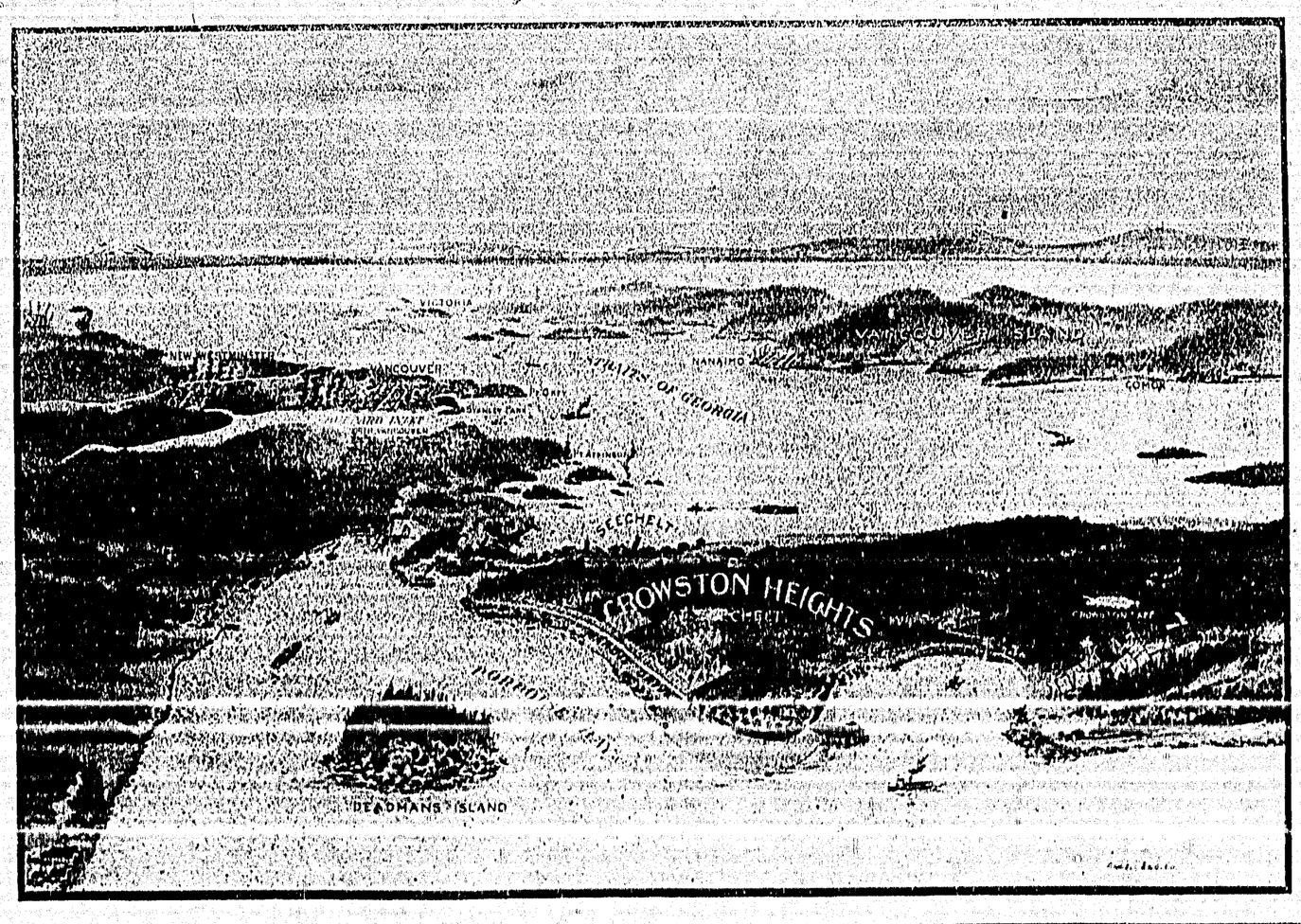

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ALBERTA'S GREATEST DISASTER—THE BELLEVUE MINE EXPLOSION

ON Saturday morning a report reached town of another of those frightful colliery disasters seemingly indissolubly associated with the coal mining industry. We use the word "seemingly" because, although realizing that to eliminate all accidents is not possible, we do know that it is undoubtedly within human scope to decrease very sensibly the fearful toll of life and limb that is exacted in the production of fuel on this continent. The fatuous boast of newspaperdom, echoing the reactionary and grossly materialistic thoughts of the dominant class in present day society, screechingly proclaim "Prosperity and Progress," but their interpretation thereof is essentially narrow and sordid, and limited to a very small percentage of the community in whom egoism has reached superlativeness.

The vast difference between the mortality of the toilers under the earth, on the European and on the American continent, has called forth comments from writers, but despite their iterated and reiterated statements regarding the subject, there is no appreciable change effected. To accomplish the object desired will necessitate not only the stirring into action of public opinion, enlightened through the medium of the labor press, but a strenuous determination on the part of those immediately involved to refuse absolutely to enter these death traps and incur the risk of immolation of themselves and the consequent misery to those dependent upon them for support.

Let us cease from generalization, and deal exclusively with the Bellevue catastrophe, the worst up to date in the annals of Alberta.

The following is an extract from the report that appeared in our issue of November 5th, under the caption of "Fortunate Explosion—Nobody Hurt—Material Damage Only."

"On Thanksgiving Day an explosion occurred in No. 1 Mine . . . . The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained, but it is very significant that the fan was stopped over Sunday, which would no doubt contribute to the mischief. It has of late become quite a practice to allow the fan to remain idle over Sunday, and as there is only one fan for No. 1, the mine must of necessity fill up with gas."

"It is interesting to note that there are only two outlets to this mine, Nos. 45 and 81 chutes respectively. . . . . The distance from No. 81 to the face of the entry is approximately 2,450 feet. The fan, which is of the "Pusher" type, is located some few hundred feet from the mouth of the mine and is approximately two and one half miles from the face of the entry."

We would call the attention of our readers generally, and those versatile pen artists of the press who feel it incumbent upon them, regardless of their ignorance of mining engineering, to attribute the blame to the carelessness of the miner, as they pass judgment of an unthinking mind, that in the explosion above referred to there was nobody inside the mine at the time, hence it could not have been "the recklessness of some foreigner striking a match to light his cigarette or pipe." These corporation-hypnotized sycophants, if not utterly devoid of a scentilla of analytical acumen, are urged to examine the following FACTS, which are a matter of record and not surmise.

An explosion takes place on Thanksgiving Day, when there is not a single human being within the mine.

Now read the copies of the communications which passed between Bellevue and Edmonton.

Bellevue, Dec. 3, 1910.

J. F. Stirling, Provincial Inspector of Mines, Edmonton, Alta.

Bellevue Miners' Union desires the presence of the Inspector immediately.

(Signed) JAMES BURKE.

Edmonton, Dec. 3, 1910

James Burke, Bellevue, Alta.

For what reason is Inspector required at Bellevue. Wire immediately

(Signed) JOHN STIRLING,
Provincial Inspector of Mines.

Bellevue, Dec. 3, 1910.

J. F. Stirling, Provincial Inspector of Mines, Edmonton, Alta.

There is gas in considerable quantities in the mine since explosion.

(Signed) JAMES BURKE

Edmonton, Dec. 4, 1910

James Burke, Bellevue.

Your wire received. Have instructed Inspector Heathcote to make investigation at Bellevue immediately.

(Signed) JOHN STIRLING,

The outcome of these telegrams was a visit on December 7th, and concrete evidence of this is posted at the mouth of the mine on a notice which reads:

"This is to certify that I, Elijah Heathcote have examined No. 1 seam and found the timbering, ventilation and general condition to be good, and did not find any gas present."

(Signed) ELIJAH HEATHCOTE.
Dec 7th., 1910.

The above, given by a government official, who is supposed to be duly qualified, is in plain language, and informs both miners and officials of the company that the mine is safe, yet, within 48 hours an explosion occurs and 31 men are hurled into eternity!

The layman must be forced to the conviction that gas does not recur spasmodically at such short intervals as above quoted, viz., Dec. 3, gas; Dec. 7th, no gas; Dec. 9th, EXPLOSION!

REFORM IN OUR CONVENTION

Bay City, Mich.
December 1st.

Editor Mine Workers' Journal

I notice some of the writers are suggesting ways whereby time and expense might be save in holding our convention. I think it is a question of much importance and should be given a great deal of consideration by the miners of the organization. I think Brother O'Leary is along the right lines and his plan suits me as far as it goes, but I would like to see still more of a change than he suggests.

Now we have a delegation of somewhere about twelve or thirteen hundred attending our convention. Is there any sane person who believes that amount of delegates can transact business in a busines like way? If it should happen that some convention was composed of all talkers who insisted on talking on every question that came up they never would get through. Now, isn't it a fact that the business and work of our conventions or any other convention for that matter is done by a few. All of the important business is handled by the various committees and I think seven-tenths of the work is approved by the convention.

Now I would like to se the constitution changed in regard to sending delegates to a national convention, and [illegible] this line say one delegate for every two thousand or fractional part to be elected by the district; that would give District 21 two; District 12, thirty-five or forty, and so on; that would be outside of district presidents and the National local officers. Then instead of twelve or thirteen hundred we would have between two and thre hundred. That seems to me to be sufficient to transact the business of this organization. There is some who will say if we only sent that many the operators would think we had lost interest. Let me say that they know pretty well all the time how much interest you take. My opinion is they would consider we were getting down to business methods. Take a pattern, so to speak, off some of the big organizations. You never heard of the steel trust or the Standard Oil Company call in all of the shareholders to a meeting. Just a few of the directors seem to be sufficient.

Another will say that won't do; you might get them all elected from one end of the district. I want to say that if we want to make a change along this line and want to be honest with each other it won't be much of a job to work out the details so that the delegates would be sent from different parts of the districts. Then the locals throughout the country could send their resolutions direct to headquarters and they could be turned over to the convention when wanted.

I think this is a question that should be started right at the local meetings and we should have something to work from. I would like to see some of you writers who are strong on getting up resolutions give us something along this line. I would like to see every local that sends a delegate to the convention instruct them to vote for or against what they may have for consideration on this proposition, then the success or failure cannot be laid at the door of the officials or on a few of the delegates, but will be placed where it belongs, on the men who pay the bill. Come on now, boys, get busy. Heed the appeal of Brother O'Leary. Hearken to what the editor said a short time ago, that the convention was betting so large something would have to be done. There must be a change sooner or later. Why not now?

The miners are working steady here at the present time, but we still have the same old complaint, a very slow turn. Winter has set in and we have about four inches of the beautiful to walk on; expect a northeaster any day to sweep over the bay and whisper to the boys to lay away their glad rags and tan shoes and get their furs and arctics.

Our sister city, Saginaw, has been in the grasp of small-pox of the most virulent form. There has been over fifty deaths up to date, but I guess it has about run its course. Let us hope it has.

Most everyone up there has been vaccinated and the majority of the people here have also submitted to vaccination to help stamp out this dread disease.

There are more scabs in the mines here now than any time in the history of the district. They were not imported by the operators, however. The doctors turned the trick this time.

VALE

MINERS DESIRE QUALIFICATION LAW

The enactment of a miners' qualification law, patterned after statutes now in force in Illinois and other states, will be urged by labor organizations at the coming session of the Indiana legislature. The proposed law would remove incompetent and unskilled miners from all Indiana mines, the primary object being to minimize accidents caused by incompetent workmen.

Labor leaders who are active in furthering legislation for better conditions for workmen, it was said recently, are expected to aid in bringing the bill before the next general assembly and it is understood that this will be one of the maters to which organized labor will give its attention. Henry W Bullock, who has acted as legal adviser for the Central Labor Union and who has been active is interested, said the miners qualification bill will be one of the pieces of legislation which the organized workers will endeavour to obtain.

May Increase Inspectors

Under the provisions of the proposed law a mine examiner is to be appointed in each county or district where coal is produced. The examiner will be given authority to examine into the qualifications of applicants who desire work in the mines. The inspectors, under the provisions of the proposed law will be given power to reject all who cannot pass such an examination and to prohibit the employment of those whose qualifications are not deemed sufficient.

It is also possible that steps will be taken to increase the number of mine inspectors employed by the state. In one or two other states where coal is produced extensively there are several mine inspectors and those who desire to become mine examiners must be examined by the mine inspectors. It is not known yet what provisions will be made for the appointment of the mine examiners under the proposed Indiana law, but it is possible that the judges of the circuit courts will be given appointive powers.

It is said that a great many accidents are caused in Indiana mines by the lack of proper knowledge among workmen. — United Mine Workers' Journal.

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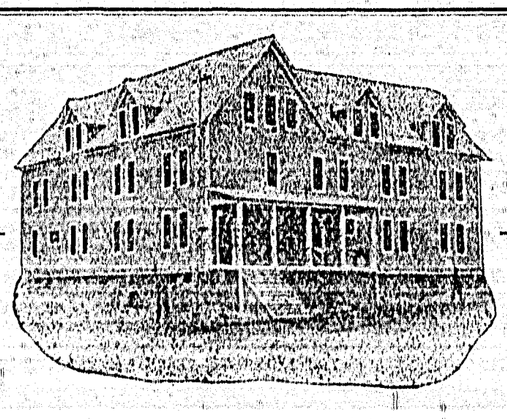

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MINE FIRES

Lessons from Disastrous Fires in the Past::Precautions Dealing with Fires

By Thomas K. Adams

While the death rate resulting from mine fires in this country in the past has not been high compared with those resulting from other causes, yet it is sufficiently high to warrant us in devoting some time to the proper consideration of such a subject.

We are cognizant of the fact of the direful effect both in the loss of life of the working men and the destruction of valuable property, large expense, and general annoyance to the mine owner.

The cause and effect of mine fires, and their preventatives, are all reasonably well known to every intelligent, thoughtful and practical mining man. Such disasters ought to be classed as being preventable.

In looking over the accounts of some of the mine fires which have happened in this country, which have startled the general public more than others, I was forcibly struck with three of them (Avondale, Hill Farm and Cherry), especially in the general aspect at least of the similarity of their cause and effect, and of the cycle of years betwen each. The Avondale Mine was a single shaft opening. The structural material used in the shaft lining, partitions, derricks, and breakers, was composed of wood. The fire originated at the bottom of the shaft, caused by the carelessness of the furnace man in lighting the furnace fire, thereby setting fire to the wooden partitions, etc. This fire occurred in the month of September, 1869, and in it 109 lives were lost. As you remember no adoquate means were at hand with which to extinguish the fire.

Hill Farm Mine fire was the direct result of a very thoughtless act on the part of the mine superintendent in directing the work of cutting into a drill hole adjacent to the main slope, which was 520 feet deep, with explosive gas and water in it, and doing this work on the day shift when men were at work beyond the location of the bore hole toward the bottom of the slope; the said hole being penetrated by the miner's pick, released its contents, consisting of water and explosive gas, and the boy Hays, standing nearby, seeing the immediate danger, he, with manly presence of mind, thought of the men at the bottom of the slope, and while he was on his thoughtful mission in passing the location of the fateful bore hole, with his open light to warn the miners below, he ignited the gas, the flame therefrom set fire to the brattice cloth in turn set fire to the wooden overcast, the men beyond the fire were trapped and their means of escape cut off. This mine fire happened in April, 1890, 21 years after the Avondale disaster; Thirty-one persons were lost, and now, with 19 intervening years, the public was almost paralized by the effects of the Cherry Mine fire.

The Cherry Mine disaster the effects and details of which you are all more or less familiar with, originated at the No 2 seam landing of the escapement shaft, and was caused by the ignition of hay from the flame of a crude, improvised, unprotected illuminating contrivance. The flame from the hay was communicated to the overabundance of wood supporting material at the landing, and adding thereto the inadequate means available to successfully deal with a fire of such magnitude, with the ill-judged actions of the inexperienced men at the bottom, the trap was complete and the men caught therein, so we have now to record the greatest and most disastrous mine fire in the history of the coal mining industry of this country, so far as the loss of life is concerned. Two hundred and sixty-eight lives were lost in the Cherry Mine disatser.

After the Avondale disaster it became very plain even to our law makers that two openings, separated and apart, were necessary to every seam of coal to afford a reasonable measure of protection to the workmen in the mine in the event of mine fires at shafts or slopes.

The Hill Farm Mine disaster made again evident to our legislators the additional necessity of providing better means of exit to and from mines for the miners, and the elimination under certain conditions, of the use of combustionible material in the erection of overcasts and permanent stoppings, and providing additional passages for travelling ways, etc.

Now that the Cherry Mine disaster has passed into record with its baneful effects, keenly felt by all sane men, will the lesson to be learned therefrom be remembered and heeded by us?

The coal mining operations are visited by other mine fires, from other causes than those mentioned, and which are destructive in their effects, such as fires at mule stables, at oil shanties, electric and gasoline pump houses, from blasts firing explosive gas and fine coal at the face of the workings of the mines, fires at trap doors, fires on intake and return aircourses, probably from carelessly constructed and unprotected electric cables or wires, etc., and gob fires caused by reason of leaving fine coal and other combustible matter in them.

It has always appeared to me that the causes of mine fires were so apparent to the thoughtful and intelligent mining man that their occurrence and their ill effects were unnecessary, and an unnecessary burden to be borne by the coal mining industry of this country. The prevention of mine fires lies in the removal of the causes, which are well known, and the knowledge of means and methods to be employed for their elimination, being within the range and scope of the ability of the ordinary mine official, the wonder is that they do happen. To secure freedom from mine fires I believe lies almost entirely within the intelligently directed administrative powers of the mine management, and in my opinion if the mine officals are careful, alert and capable men, immunity from them can be secured.

When the people engaged in the coal mining industry realize that the mining of coal is surrounded by many hazards, when they settle down to a more sober reflection and learn to reason out the fact that certain causes will produce certain effects, that life is more than meat, more safe and sane methods in operating the coal mines will prevail in this country.

Preventive Measures

There should be employed at every mine a competent, thoughtful, careful, and ever-vigilant mine foreman to have exclusive control of the employes and the workings of the mine; and a part of his duties should be to see that all employes are instructed and trained in the use of all fire-protective appliances, to keep the mines free and clean, as far as practicable, of all refuse combustible matter, and that other protective regulations, through the maintenance of rigid discipline among all employes in the mine, are observed, and that the details of the operating system relating thereto be strictly attended to.

Every coal mine should consist of two separte openings, and one of them should be used exclusively for an escapement, and these two openings should be separated by at least 500 feet, if practicalble. The escapement shaft, if over 100 fet in depth, should be equipped with safe and efficient hoisting apparatus. The structure at the hoisting shaft should be built of steel, and the engine and power house should be built of concrete, brick or masonry; the shaft linings to be concrete, and the shaft bottoms, if needing supports for the roofs, should be of steel I beams, concrete, or brickwork; doors between main shaft and the escapement shaft should be so located as to be easily accessible to the workmen from all parts of the mine by convenient travelling ways, other than those which lead directly to the bottom of the hoisting shaft; mule stables, if not entirely prohibited, in the mines, should be built of incombustible material, and illuminated with protected incandescent electric lights, all oil, electric and gasoline pump houses should be kept free from combustible material, and be built of concrete, brickwork, or masonry. When the main workings of a mine have advanced 5,000 feet in length and the remaining extent of the property and the other conditions warrant it, an auxiliary escapement opening should be provided and equipped with efficient and necessary machinery; a water system under sufficient pressure, and men of the different languages instructed and trained in its use, should be installed at all important mines, and the said system should be carried into the interior of them, and the whole equipment tested frequently to prove its efficiency and all parts and connections kept in first class condition and ready for use at all times; all electric cables or wires, etc., should be well supported and insulated, and not allowed to come in contact with combustible material. In the blasting of coal, permissible explosives should be used; mines should be patrolled by experienced and reliable miners after shots have been fired; all combustible material should as far as practicable be removed from gobs or abandoned parts of the mines and then kept as well ventilated as possible; a telephone system should be provided at important mines so that communication can be had between persons outside, and at all important stations inside of them; refuge chambers, efficiently constructed and equipped and conveniently locat ed should be provided in all large and dangerous mines.

Mines should be provided with a powerful reversible fan and it should be placed on a separate shaft, cased in steel, and fitted with relief doors opposite the direct tunnel or shaft, and so situated as to be out of the direct line of the possible dynamic forces which may result from explosions.

Dealing with Mine Fires

In dealing with mine fires time is an important factor. A mine fire must be quickly and accurately located and dealt with promptly. The first thing to do after a fire has been discovered is to warn the men in the interior of the mine and have them removed as expeditiously as possible. Never forget this safety measure, no matter how trifling the fire may appear at its inception, especially if the fire originates at a dangerous location in or about the mine. Prepare to fight the fire with the means at hand, and at once. The air currents must be kept under perfect control by the parties dealing with the fire. The main point to keep in view in the control of the air-currents is to so conduct them as not to carry the smoke to the workmen or to carry the explosive gas to the fire, if there be any accumulation of it at hand. The smoke must be carried directly to the return air-course. Whether or not the fan has to be reversed, or the air-current reversed or short-circuited, will depend on the location of the fire and the surrounding conditions. This matter will be determined by the persons having control of the work. The men dealing with the fire must fight it from the direction of the intake air-current, keeping the current always under control by means of temporary brattice work. The workmen must use safety lamps while doing the work. The fire must be fought persistently by means of the hose and water and extinguisher, and the fight must never be given up while hope lasts, or until it is certain that the fire has passed the stage of control.

The utmost care should be exercised by those engaged in such work to protect themselves from any dangerous gases which may be produced while dealing with the fire. If the well-directed efforts put forth to extinguish the fire have failed, it should be sealed off promptly so as to exclude the air, at the same time observing the necessary precautions when building the dams to provide them with the escapes so that accurate readings can be had from time to time of the condition of the enclosed atmosphere and of the temperature and nature of the gases in the fire zone. After a reasonable time has been allowed, if the exclusion of air has not accomplished its purpose, the burning area must be filled with water and allowed to remain flooded until there is no doubt of the fire having been extinguished.

In making preliminary inspections to determine the exact location of a mine fire, we would advise the persons while doing so to use the rescue apparatus or oxygen helmet, and when going to make tests to ascertain the conditions surrounding the fire that they should use such apparatus by all means.

To successfuly deal with mine fires the human factor engaged counts for more than anything else. The ideal man to cope successfully with mine fires must have decision of character, good judgment, and general intelligence; be physically strong, and not afraid to use his strength, courage, and great tenacity and persistency; and above all, when conditions are well considered, decisions made, and plans and methods agreed upon, do not allow anything emanating from irresponsible parties to intervene in the carrying out to a finality the plans agreed upon.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES ACT —DEATH OF WORKMAN

In an action by the window and administratrix of a workman who was killed while in the employment of the defendants, to recover damages for his death, the jury found that the defendants were guilty of negligence that caused the accident, that the death was caused by a defect in the construction of the ways and plant, and also by reason of the negligence of the superintendent, whose order the deceased was bound to obey and did obey, while acting in obedience to such order; and that the plaintiff was not guilty of contributory negligence. In addressing the jury, counsel for the plaintiff told them that they should find what was equal to the wages for three years of any person in the same grade as th plaintiff, which would amount to between $2,200 and $2,400, and that from this they should deduct $1,000 for insurance, which the plaintiff had received. The trial judge (Mr. Justice Clutey in his charge to the jury, endeavoured to correct this statement of plaintiff's counsel, which the judge regarded as a misapprehension of the law, and upon the jury returning a verdict of $1,200, the judge thought that they had deducted the $1,000 for insurance, but did not say so in the verdict. Thereupon he asked them if they meant to find that $2,200 was the amout of the damages and from that had deducted $1,000, leaving $1,200 as the verdict, and to this they all answered that that was what they meant. The judge was of opinion that there was no doubt upon the evidence that the damages would amount to at least $2200, and the question to be decided was whether the verdict should be entered for $1200 or $2,200 He was of opinion that had the damages in the case been assessed under Lord Campbell's Act, without the limitation imposed by the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act it could scarcely be doubted that having regard to the earning power of the deceased, his age and that of the plaintiff, a very much larger verdict would have been given. By statute, in England (8Edward, 7 chapter 7) it is provided; that in assessing damages, under Lord Campbell's Act, there shall not be taken into account any sum paid or payable under a contract of insurance, whether before or after the passing of the Act. This is a charge in the English law by the statute named. Section 7 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, which limits the amount of compensation, also provides that such compensation shall not be subject to a deduction or abatement by reason or on account of or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever, save such as is specially provided for under section 12 of the Act, and section 12 has no reference to insurance. Having regard to this section the judge was of opinion that the jury having found the damages to be $2,200, ought not to have deducted the $1,000 for insurance, and, there being no dispute as to their having found the amount of damages he considered he was entitled upon their answers to direct judgment to be entered for the plaintiff for $2,200, which he accordingly did, with costs of action.

(Dawson v. Niagara and St. Catharines Railway Company)

PROTECTING INFANTS

By Agnes H. Downing

There is a great deal of loose talk about child labor. Few people realize what a telling tragedy it really is.

The Pacific Electric Railway Company, a powerful corporation in Los Angeles, employs many boy workers. Needless to say, most of these boys are driven by the need in their own family by the lash of hunger.

When such a boy applies for work he is put through a humiliating category of questions. It might be appropriate that the company ask him about his experience and his ability to do the work which they want done. But that is not the thing on which they lay emphasis. The stress is laid on another point.

Does he belong to a trades union?

Has he ever belonged to one?

Will he agree never to join one in the future?

Those questions satisfactorily answered robs the child of all protection which association with his fellows would give him. His employers have their associations, of course, but he must agre not to unite with his fellow workers. They must be alien to him and as strangers, or he will not be employed.

If he is injured in his work and the blame can in any way be laid to the other workers, they are then his fellow servants, for the purpose of protecting the employer from a liability for his injury. But for the purpose of protecting himself he must have no connection with them. He must stand alone.

Of course, being under age, he is considered an infant at law, and he has the protection of his parents. But in dealing with the opulent corporation even this is denied him. For before he can engage in their service his parents must sign an agreement which contains: the following conditions: This son "may engage in any capacity he may select, or to which he may be assigned by the company, and in consideration of his employment by said company, we agree that in case of injury to said son, he alone shall have the right to sue therefor, and we expressly waive all claim to his wages or earnings, present or future, it being the intention hereby to fully emancipate said son, and to have him considered, to all intents and purposes, as an adult."

Notice that the parent is cut out from interfering in the nature of employment given the boy. He may be put into a dangerous place, for his youth makes him easily imposed upon, and his parents are prevented from protecting him, and if he is injured they may not sue in his behalf. The child must forego suit until he is twenty-one years of age, or apply to the capitalist controlled courts to appoint a guardian ad litum for the purpose of the suit.

His parents cannot sue for his wages so if a dispute arises it goes as in the case of damages. His parents are prevented by the agreement from bringing the suit, and the boy is prevented by his age.

Cut out from his union with his fellow workmen, driven by the hard bargain of the all-powerful employer from the natural protection of his parents and his home, he stands alone and helpless before his masters who have more power than many kings. Before the law he is an infant. This name "an infant' suggests to our minds protection and love and care, such as all infants need, but the name is but a mockery until the law protects infants from the rapacious brigands who now exploit them.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the Crow's Nest & Northern Railway Company to the legislature assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to extend the time for the commencement of the construction of its railway, and for the extension of the capital of the said company as provided by sub-section (5) of section 44 of the British Columbia Railway Act.

BODWELL & LAWSON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 19th day of October, 1910.

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,
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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 ecurity 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.

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Seguendo la serie dei fatali incidenti individuali della mine di carbone dell' Alberta, nuove notizie purtroppo potete avere da Bellevue.

Sono notizie terribili; notizie che hanno gettato nella piu tetra costernazione un numero grande, troppo rilevante di famiglie, un numero infinito di poveri minatori, e diro, sicuro di essere interprete dell' opinione generale, nuove che hanno arrecato nel cuore di tutti i minatori del Pass, tristezza, lutto, scoraggiamento, e, sopra tutto disgusto; SI, DISGUSTO!

Erano le otto (8) di sera (9 Dec., '10) il fischio, sempre di mal augurio quando si fa sentire fuori tempo, annunciva ai vivi che qualche catastrofe, forse irreparabile era successa.

Unanime, ahime! sempre sono unanimi i cuori dei lavoratori in simili frangenti, tutti corsero a prestare il lors aiuto, forse l'ultimo ai fratelli annientati dall'immane esplosione.

Era troppo tardi, molti avevano gia pagato il loro tributo all'umanita ed i pochi che furono potuto salvare, od almeno estrarre viventi lasciano molto a temere per il recupero della loro salute.

Sono le 5 p.m. 24 ore dopo l'esplosione e si hanno i seguenti risultati:

Estratti vivi 16.
Do. morti 27

Nella mina vi sono ancora 4 persone per i quali non v'e piu speranza.

Fra i morti de nostri connazionali noto:

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A. F. Tripodi.
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F. Roberti.
John Basso.

Sia pace a loro, pero, vadan pure i nostri encomi ed i nostri elogi ai coraggiosi venuti da tutti i paesi limitrofi per prestare aiuto, l'ultimo forse, ai fratelli disgraziati.

Teniamo far conoscere al mondo l'eroico atto compiuto dal Fire Boss Fred Alderson, di Hosmer, B. C., accorso al primo appello telefonico, insieme ad una squadra di soccorso arrivata per speciale da Hosmer. L'Alderson, era munito di un elmetto di salvataggio (troppo scarsi) se ne privo a beneficio di un fratello e..socombette ..."Umiltas premium pacis."

Lo spazio manca per la critica dovuta, quello che e certo si e che fu un macello, fu orribio fa pieta e, delle nostre Autorita nessuna, gli italiani sono nulla anche per i loro agenti consolari—"Veritas."

YKSI LISAA NOITA KAUHEITA TAPATURMIA!

Jotka tuottavat karsimyksia joukolle lapsia ja valmoja! Ja suuren kummastukson tosille, seka kaipion. Per jantaina jalkeen puolisen neljostukymnesta kuudesta miehesta jotka menivat kaivantoon ollen terveita, vakevia ja iloyna elamen halua kolmekymmenta yksi niista owat nahnet aurinkoa enna!

Wiela yksy joka tull toisista kaupungista auttamaan ja pelastamaan naita kawannossa oleyia, myoskin menetti henkensa.

Taman Itsinsa uhranneen machen nimi oli F. Alderson, Hosmerista.

Han jattan myos jatkeensa surevan lesken ja orpoja lapsia.

Tama tapaturma on taasen tehnyt paljon, orpoja ja leskia.

Sourraava on luettelo mista jotka menottivat henkensa tassa tapaturmassa.

Herman Teppo, C. Lehti, Peter Paul, John Robo, Valno Kunslmon, J. Ulvinen, Hans Wellberg, Aug. Ountock, Andrew Saari.

THE WORLD AROUND

An alternating current of electricity plunges back and forth through the filament in an incandescent lamp 10 times a second

The value of the output of Quebec's mines has more than doubled in ten years, from $2,546,076 in 1900 to $5,552,062 last year.

The Witwatersrand district of South Africa is said to be the greatest gold producing centre of the world at the present time.

A large proportion of the so-called Holland flowering bulbs imported into this country every year in reality come from the south of France.

The surface soil and rock have been removed from a big Pennsylvania anthracite mine and the coal now is easily taken out by steam shovels.

A distinguished Vienna physician has attributed the increase in disease of the respiratory organs to the growing practice among men of going clean shaven.

Experts have estimated the waters of the state of Washington as capable of producing 8,00,000 horse powe- of which but 163,000 horse power has been harnessed.

The Hawaiian island of Lanai, which has been practically barren for several years, will be reclaimed by a water conservation system and devoted to sugar beet culture.

Next to the Washington monument, the new Pilgrims' monument on Cape Cod, Mass., which is 272 feet high, is the loftiest structure of solid masonry on this continent.

The British Weights and Measures Association is receiving much encouragement in its campaign for the abolition of the 112 pound hundredweight in the United Kingdom.

Both Harvard and John Hopkins universities are trying to find out whether the education of animals is accomplished by the gift of imitation or the force of instinct.

Timber is protected from dry rot and insect attacks by boiling it and allowing it to cool in and absorb a saccharine solution by a new process that comes from Australia.

Although one-fourth of the area of Saxony is weeded the kingdom seldom has a serious forest fire because of the vigilance of the foresters and rigid laws for the prevention of such fires.

A new portable electric desk lamp is provided with a hook so that it may be hung on the head of a bed or on other furniture to serve as a reading lamp.

An automobile street sweeper in use in Paris is provided with a water tank for sprinkling just ahead of the broom, which is revolved by the motor instead of by the rear wheels as usual.

The increasing use of oil fuel in the British navy has so polluted some of England's harbors that special regulations have been adopted governing its use while a vessel is in port.

Australia raises nearly 10,000,000 acres of wheat a year.

Alaska has 4,000 miles of waterways navigable for steam vessels.

A non-inflammable moving picture film has been brought out in Germany.

An average of three new comets a year are discovered by astronomers.

India now ranks next to the United States as a cotton producing nation.

Detroit soon is to be furnished with electric power from Niagara falls.

In the amount of its shipping Singapore is the eight greatest port in the world.

REMOVE PROTECTION ON BEAVERS

Animals Have Multiplied During Close Season—Are Nuisance in Some Localities

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Provincial Game Warden Williams says it is probable that the restriction on hunting beaver will be raised next fall and the following year in certain sections of the province. The closed season of the last six years has resulted in a rapid increase of the animals and in some places they have become such nuisances as to lead to special permission to destroy them. The government action when suspension of the closed season ends next November, will be directed to conserve beaver colonies where the dams are doing no injury and will be aimed at the prevention of increase so as to cause damage. The animals will never, however, be allowed to get to the low point when the present restrictions were framed.

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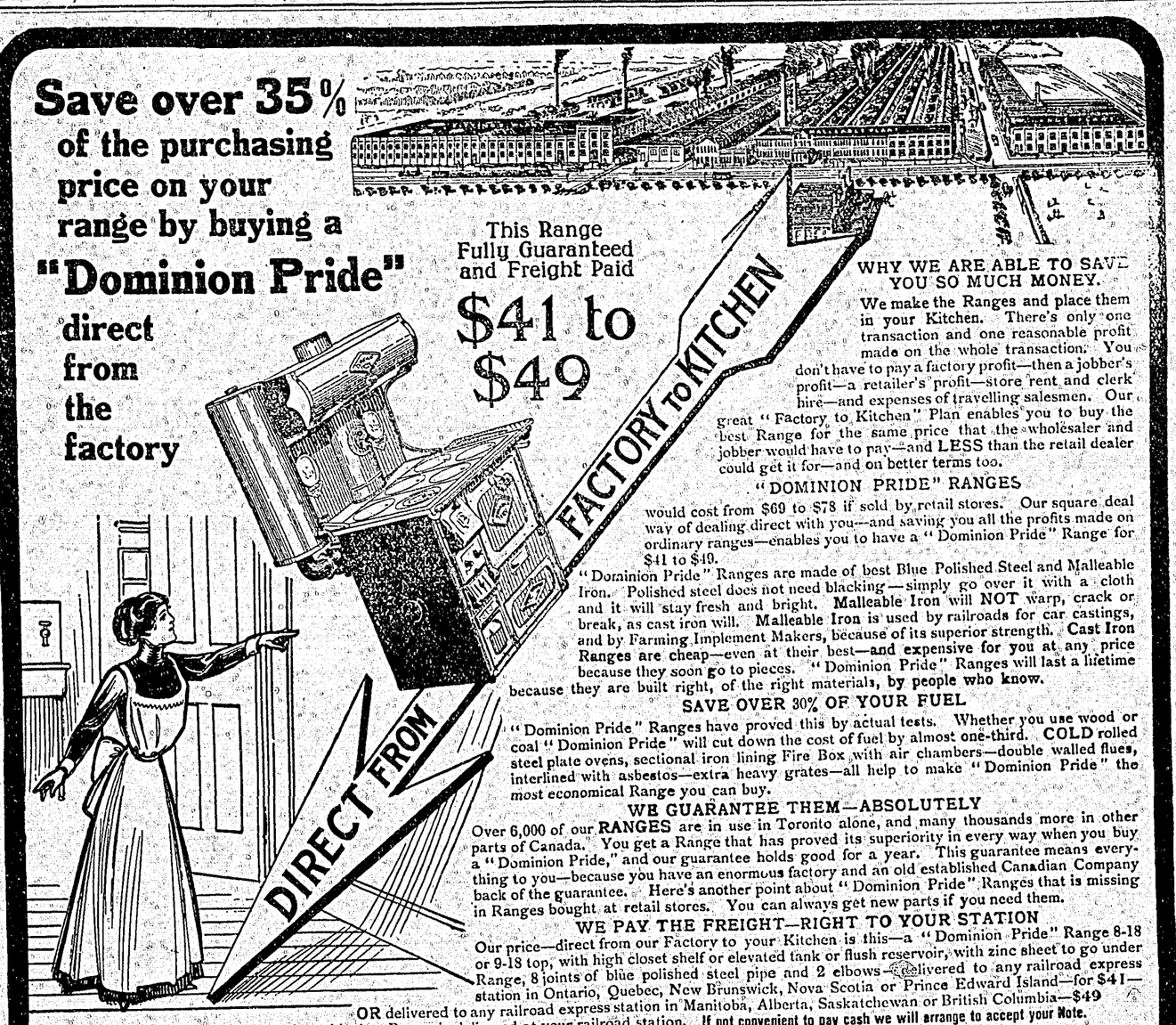

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Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum has been declared upon the paid-up capital stock of the Home Bank of Canada for the three months ending the 30th day of November, 1910, and the same will be payable at the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

By order of the Board.
Toronto, October 26th.

JAMES MASON,
General Manager.

Pollock Wine Co., Limited

Special Holiday Hampers

In compliance with the demand of our patrons in the choice of Liquid Holiday Cheer, we are again putting up

SPECIAL HOLIDAY CASES

containing six select assortments of high grade goods in plain packages for shipment or home delivery. Orders for Christmas Eve delivery must be in the evening of the 22nd inst. Orders for New Year delivery will be accepted up to the night of Dec. 29th. All orders filled in rotation as received, so file yours early.

HAMPER No. 1—PRICE $3.00
(Weight 30 lbs.)
1 A. R. V. Sherry
1 St. Aubin Claret
1 Sauterne B. & H.
1 Cherry Wine
1 Marsella Wine
1 Old Port
6 Bottles

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1 Jules Coadon Cognac
1 St. Aubin Claret
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1 Scotch Whiskey Lochericht
1 Rye Whiskey, G. & W.
1 Old Port
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(Weight 50 lbs.)
2 Rye Whiskey, G. & W.
3 Old Port
2 Claret
2 Cherry Wine
1 Jules Coadon Brandy
1 Old Mellow Scotch Whiskey C & K
1 A. R. V. Sherry
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1 Oporto, Morgan Bros
1 A. R. V. Sherry
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1 J. Remy Cognac ***
1 Rye G. & W.
1 O'Brien Irish Whiskey ***
6 Bottles

HAMPER No. 5—PRICE $10.00
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1 McPherson Scotch
1 Walker's Rye Whiskey
1 G. & W. Rye Whiskey
1 Old Port Wine, B. N. Co.
1 Tom Gin, Wilson's
1 Rum, Toreador
1 Sherry, A. R. V.
1 St. Julien Claret
1 Brandy, Le Grand ***
1 O'Brien Irish *** Whiskey
1 Black Cherry Wine
1 Sauterne B. & H.
12 Bottles.

HAMPER No. 6—PRICE $12.00
(Weight 50 lbs.)
2 Pints Champagne
1 Shirley's Special Scotch Whisky
1 G. & W. Rye Whiskey
1 Lolten's Whiskey
1 O'Brien's Irish Whiskey ***
1 Oporto, Morgan Bros.
1 Gonzalez's Sherry
1 Brandy, Rouvier ***
1 Whitely's Perfection Scotch
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1 St. Aubin Claret, French.
12 Bottles.

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The CROW'S NEST TRADING CO., Limited

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Merry Xmas!

A beautiful asortment of "Gift Merchandise" both useful and ornamental; articles for old and young, together with a range that will please the most particular buyer, awaits your inspection. Our reputation for good values and reliable merchandise is a guarantee that all gifts purchased here will prove equally satisfactory and pleasing to the recipient.

Nothing in the way of Ladies' Wearing Apparel is more satisfactory for a gift than a pair of Kid Gloves
Finest quality Kid, lined with a heavy wool fleece trimmed with fur, two dome fasteners and wrist straps, gussett fingers, per pair.....$1.75
Ladies' plain French Kid Gloves with plain and embroidered backs, in tans, browns, greys, black and white, per pair $1.25

We are showing the season's latest novelties in many articles suitable for Christmas Gifts. These are put up in three groups, the groups include Hair Receivers, Cushions, Hat Pins, Match, Pipe and Tie Holders. Made of silks, satins, moreen silks with hand painted decorations. Your choice .....35c., 50c. and 75c.

We are offering special values in our Handkerchief Department, we having a large and more complete range than in any previous season.
Ladies' plain Linen Handkerchiefs in a good sheer cloth with wide and narrow hems. Extra value 10c.
Ladies' fancy Lawn and Muslin Handkerchiefs with plain centres trimmed with Valencennes lace and insertion, in a variety of spots and bars .....15c.
A large assortment of fancy Linen, with plain and fancy edges; trimmed with French Valencennes and hand-made lace, each.....25c. to $2.00

Nothing more appropriate and appreciated than a piece of fancy Neckwear for Christmas giving. Our range consists of the newest and dantiest assortment of Ties and Fancy Collars.
Ladies' fancy Collars, made from nets, chiffons, silks and satins; trimmed with Persian, gilt braids, Valencennes and Applicque, in a large assortment of styles and colors, including black 35c. to $2.50

Fancy Holiday Linens, very acceptable for Christmas giving; a selection to please the most fastidious.
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Ladies' Silk Shawls, Motor Scarfs and Fascinators. These are made of all pure silk in a variety of patterns. In cream, white and black .....$1.25 to $4.50

A Wilton, Axminster or Brussels Carpet Square makes a Christmas Gift that will long be remembered and appreciated. Conventional and exclusive designs in red, green and fawn grounds; specially priced for the holiday season.
9 x 9 Wilton, regular $27.50, Special $22.00
9 x 10-6 Wilton, regular $32.50, special $26.00
9 x 12 Wilton, regular $37.50, Special $30.00

SANTA CLAUS, commencing Saturday, will be with us for two or three days. We have received from him a wireless message to the effect that his parcel of toys are bigger and better than ever. Dollies that laugh and close their eyes; dollies that are dressed ready for their walk, others undressed ready for bed; story books, games, tea sets, together with a host of other good things make up Santa Claus' parcels for the girls. Railroads, magic lanterns, steam engines, mechanical toys, horses, tool sets, are a few of the good things he is bringing for the boys.
Santa Claus will reach our store about 1 p.m. Saturday. Watch for him.

FANCY CHINAWARE
An Ideal and Useful Christmas Gift

Our original purchase sufficient, as we thought, for the holiday season, lasted but a few days. A wired order, to be shipped "Rush Freight," will, we hope, bring to our display tables a new assortment before this notice reaches you. We invite your inspection of this dainty and beautiful display, the prices of which fully maintain our reputation as "The Store of Good Values."

A piece of Furniture makes a useful and greatly appreciated Gift.
Sea Grass Chairs in a variety of beautiful designs. Strong and durable; a chair full of comfort, and very suitable for either den or parlor .....$5.75 to $6.75

Morris Chairs, with or without automatic attachment; quartered oak, genuine leather and velour coverings, spring seats; early English and Golden
From $14.75 to $35.00

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Ladies Desks, quartered oak. Veneered Oak and mahogany. Beautiful designs.
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Music Cabinets in quartered oak and mahogany; latest designs.
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"Fit Reform" Clothing is priced before leaving the factory and sold at such figures at all agencies, whether located in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or elsewhere.
Over-buying and a backward season forces us to extreme measures to dispose of a portion of our immense stock. Prices are cut, regardless of all cost and profit; in many instances even below factory cost. We invite your inspection, knowing that you will more than appreciate the exceptional "values" here awaiting you.
Fit Reform, regular $25.00, Special $19.50
Fit Reform, regular $22.00, Special $17.25
Faultless, regular $18.00, Special $13.75
Faultless, regular $16.50, Special $12.25
Faultless, regular $12.50, Special $ 9.50
Faultless, regular $10.25, Special $ 8.25

Men's fine Dress Gloves, a seasonable and acceptable gift that will add very considerably to the wearer's comfort. All the popular shades in mochas, fine kid and dog skin, silk, wool and fleece lined..$1.50 to $2.50

The average man would be more than pleased to receive a couple of suits of Stanfield's "silk and wool" Underwear for a Christmas offering. Warranted unshrinkable and soft and pleasing to the most sensitive skin. Per Suit .....$4.25 and $4.50

An unusually attractive range of men's Neckwear at a specially low figure for Christmas giving. Figured and solid grounds in a range of most attractive patterns. Special .....50c.

Christmas Handkerchiefs for the men. We have them in silks, lawns, linens and exceldas, both plain and initialed .....10c. to 65c.

Christmas Fancy Groceries priced at the little prices that make this store known as the biggest and best value givers.
Genuine Russian Caviar, per tin .....45c.

French Peas, Beans, Mushrooms and Macidoines (in glass); superior quality 45c. and 55c.

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Fruit. Sultana and Pound Cake, 1 lb. tins 30c., 2 lb tins .....60c.

Christmas Crackers make a heap of fun and all contain a suitable souvenir. Per box .....25c. to $1.00
Fancy Boxes of Chocolates, containing a pleasing assortment of new, fresh confections.
Per box .....25c. to $1.00

California Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Celery, Sweet Potatoes.

Roqueifort Cheese, the finest imported, per lb. ..45c.

Fancy Table and Cooking Apples, per box $1.75

Pinesapples, Pomegranates, Japanese and Navel Oranges, Bananas, Pears.

Fine Ontario Geese, Turkeys and Ducks.

Huntley and Palmer's Fancy Biscuits.
Shortbread, Alaska Wafers, Macaroons, Philippine Plantation, Acorn ..... per lb. 50c. to 75c.

GROCERY SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY
6 Tins Preserved Fruit.....$1.00
(1 Tin each raspberries, strawberries, plum, peach, pear, pineapple.)
1 lb. Tin Old Country Tea, regular 50c., Special 40c.
Old Dutch Cleanser, 3 tins .....25c.
1 lb. Crocks Hartley's Pure Jams, each .....20c.

For a Lady or Gentleman
Shoes and Slippers make very acceptable Christmas Gifts.
Ladies' High Felt Slippers, turned leather soles fur trimmed, assorted colors; very suitable for Christmas Gifts, pair $2.25
Ladies' Wool Bedroom Slippers, assorted plaids; extra value at $1.00
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Men's Leather sole Wool Slippers, assorted plaids; ranging in price from .....$1.15 to $1.60
Men's All Leather Slippers, very strong and durable; extra value .....$1.60 to $2.90

Pocket Diaries at Bleasdell's.

Xmas and New Year Cards—the latest designs—at Bleasdell's.

For high-class chocolates call at the Todd Block Candy Store.

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

Music lovers are requested to keep December 26th in their mind as there will be a treat in store for them.

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.

An appetite for sweets can be gratified at the Todd Block Candy Store.

A large and well assorted stock of the best just received at the Todd Block Candy Store.

Q. Where can I get first quality candy?
A. Todd Block Candy Store.

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Coats and Skirts

Crum's Prints and Dainty Goods for evening wear.
One dozen Ladies' Coats, colors Black, Brown, and Navy; note the quality and fashionable shades $5.00
One Dozen Ladies' Coats, Black, Brown and Navy; regular $15 to $18, Saturday special $10.00

A SPECIAL LINE OF LADIES' SKIRTS

Cloth, Voile and Panama—Extra good quality at greatly reduced prices.
9 yards Crum's Prints, guaranteed not to fade; dark and light shades $1.00
6 Baby White Bear Coats; regular $1.75 and $2.00, Saturday special $1.25
6 Baby "Bear" Coats; regular $2.00 and $3.00, Saturday special .....$1.50 and $1.75

HATS—SPECIAL VALUES

12 Ladies' Hats, stylish, special $5.00
12 Ladies Hats, ready to wear $3.75
12 Misses' Hats, ready to wear $3.75
12 ends Veiling, 1½ yd. lengths, in fashionable hues.....35c

See Window Display

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