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THE PROGRESS OFFICE

STILL AT IT!

Lumbermen are up in arms against the attempt of W. J. Bowser, M.P.P., to impose a tax of from $1 to $4 on all timber taken off Provincial lands. This is what will be done if the motion now before the House amending subsection 2 of section 58 of the Land Act is passed.

While we do not imagine that the government will allow such an amendment to pass, yet such irresponsible dickerings with the statutes of this province are to be strongly deprecated. Capital has in the past kept away from B. C. because of the unstable and ever changing nature of its laws; and now that confidence has to a certain extent been restored, well cannot be left alone. First came the knock-out to the Midway & Vernon, and fast on its heels comes a death-blow aimed at an industry which has tided us over many dull times. This proposal comes at a stage when lumbermen are feeling the pinch of the keenest competition; and is most inopportune. Such an irresponsible legislator should be muzzled.

The country is suffering from too much legislation of a patchwork nature—and this session has been no exception. Development of our resources will not proceed till the Land Act is consolidated and put on a surer basis; and in such a manner that we may be reasonably sure of it staying that way for a few years.

Mr. Shields, of the Kamloops Lumber Co., said, in an interview yesterday that considering the present state of the market, they could not stand a 50c tax; and if it were imposed they would be forced to close down. If the government had made it their business to cripple our premier industry, no better way could be adopted.

THE MUDDY CROSSINGS

The condition of the crossings on Cliff street at the present moment are anything but pleasant, now that we have the mud with us once again. We certainly think that something should be done to alleviate the misery of having to walk through three and four inches of mud in order to get across the various street ends; and suggest that the council get two or three loads of gravel dumped on the crossings along Cliff street, and on those of the side streets that need it. The condition of Cliff street itself is an eyesore to a self-respecting town like Enderby, and it is only the assurance that the council intend to remedy it all in good time, makes it at all bearable.

Yet this is only the commencement of the "mud" days!

This matter calls for the adoption of some temporary measures at once.

Hawkins-Horsley

The marriage of Mr. William Hawkins and Miss Edith Horsley was solemnized in St. James' church, Armstrong, on Wednesday, February 21 Both the bride and bridegroom are well known in Armstrong, the latter, until a few months ago, having been in partnership with his brother as wholesale and retail butchers.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. V. Venables, vicar. The service was fully choral, as the choir of the church (of which the bride was a member) were present in full number. The bride was given away by her brother, W. P. Horsley, and W. A Warren of Falkland acted as best man. The bride was attended by the Misses Pelly of Otter Lake.

The church was artistically decorated with flowers; and an arch of green cedar, with a huge bell of white flowers hung from the centre, reached across the church.

After the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast served at the home of the groom's brother, Mr H. Hawkins. The happy couple left on the afternoon train on their way to their future home in the Nicola valley, where Mr. Hawkins has a ranch. THE PROGRESS joins in the many good wishes of a host of friends for the future happiness and prosperity of the newly-wedded pair.

LOCAL NOTES.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Robertson took place on Saturday afternoon from the family residence to Lansdowne cemetery. A number of friends followed the cortege to the graveside, to pay their last respects to the deceased lady. The service was conducted by Rev. F. V. Venables. Several beautiful floral tributes were noticed on the grave.

The Columbia Flouring Mills Co. received an enquiry last week that was somewhat of a staggerer. Quotations were asked on 500 tons of flour for immediate shipment to the Orient. Of course, the capacity of the mill will not permit of immediate shipment of such a large amount, and it said that not a mill in Canada could fill the order under such conditions.

It would appear as if the winter of 1906 has come to an end. The snow and frost has all gone, and rain has been falling. The past winter has been a very mild one; not once has the thermometer reached zero, the lowest being three above on January 10.

The ice harvest is now in full swing, and teams are busy hauling it into town. The great majority of it is coming from Mara lake, and is not of first class quality. With the temperature above freezing point, it looks as if the ice crop will be a very light one, and that ice will be at a premium this coming summer. Cars of ice from Banff and other points for merchants down the line have been passing through this week, as ice of any quality is unobtainable.

A rancher living a little way out of town suffered a great annoyance early this week. Having several calls to make, he put his team into the shed at the back of the Presbyterian church. On his return he found that some wandering cattle had made a meal off three sacks of flour which were in the wagon, and spilling some of the contents on the ground. The number of cattle wandering about the streets is constantly increasing, and consequently becoming a greater nuisance.

Two men on Saturday night last attempted to gain admission into Mayor Bell's house. They knocked at first, and on being asked who was at the door, said they wanted to come in. On their request not being complied with, the men tried the windows and doors: but all were fortunately securely fastened. Both Mrs. Bell and Miss Race were badly frightened, as they were in the house alone, Mr. Bell being then at the coast. The identity of the men cannot be established. It is surmised that they came in from the woods a few days ago, and have now left town.

Mayor Bell returned on Monday from Victoria, where he attended a meeting of the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities. Mr. Bell says that the affairs of the Vernon & Midway are the sole topic of conversation at Victoria. Many are the speculations as to the attitude which Price Ellison and the members from the Similkameen and Boundary will adopt towards the Government, should the motion depriving the railway of it bonus be persisted in. The great value of this road when built is strongly recognized at the coast, and the consensus of opinion is, that the bonus should be paid. Messrs. Wood and Smailes, of Greenwood, the holders of the charter, assisting in the fight.

Mr. G. T. Marter of Toronto visited Mr. G. McCormick the early part of the week. Mr. Marter was one time leader of the Conservative party in the Ontario Legislature, after the retirement of Hon. W. P. Meredith; and was succeeded himself by the present premier. Mr. Marter continued his journey to the coast on Wednesday.

Found A SUM OF MONEY

Enquire of A. E. Broderick.

COUNCIL MEETING

At the Council Meeting held on Wednesday night, February 21st, there were present Mayor Bell, in the chair, and Aldermen Barnes, Bradley, Evans, Kenny and Worthington.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

In regard to the assessing of the city, it was decided that the committee to assist the assessor (F. H. Barnes) should consist of the other members of the council, and that three should be a quorum. The first meeting was held last night.

Ald. Evans reported that he intervied Matthews & Evans, as requested by the council, in reference to them acting as pound keepers. They were willing to undertake the work at the old figure. It was moved and seconded by Aldermen Evans and Bradley that Matthews & Evans be appointed pound keepers. Carried.

Mayor Bell reported on his visit to Victoria in respect to legislation affecting municipalities, the substance of which is given in another column. His Worship said that the visitors were royally treated both by the government officials and the Mayor of Victoria.

A letter was received from the Education Dept., with reference to the extension of the city school district. The council was advised to raise the money required for this year on the old basis, and in the meantime the school board should submit a memorandum as to the territory proposed to be covered.

The clerk reported on the dog tax. Quite a number not having paid, their names were handed to the constable, in accord with the decision of the council at their last meeting.

It having become known that objection was being made to Victoria re the outlet of the Mill street drain being above the intake pipe of the Columbia Flouring Mills, some discussion on the matter ensued. It was argued that the water which would come through the drain would not be at all contaminated

Mr. G. McCormick left for Arrowhead on Monday.

Enderby's Bank is a fine institution. The staff is as obliging as one could wish; but still, why is it that we do not go there more often than is absolutely necessary? Because of the disgraceful condition of the "road" at this corner. Can nothing be done, temporarily at least, to remedy it?

Messrs. Morris and Holtby of Armstrong were in town on Friday negotiating for the purchase of several thousand brick, with which to erect fire guards between the store of C. T. Daykin and the post office, and between Ratledge's barber shop and the new store erected by B. Francis. This is to be done so as to reduce the fire insurance premiums, which on the buildings affected amount to 7 1-2 per cent.; this will be reduced to 3 1-2 when the brick walls are erected. Mr. Morris leaves shortly for Alberta, where he will open up with a stock of hardware in the rising town of Stettler at the end of the branch of the C. & E. railway running east from Lacombe.

Rev. G. A. Taylor of Nanaimo, naturalist, Mr. Mitchell, superintendent of the salmon hatchery at Tappen, and Mr. Seward, Fisheries Commissioner of New Westminster, spent a few days in town this week. The visit was for the purpose of collecting data regarding the run of salmon in recent years; whether the amount of fish taken at the coast has diminished their numbers or not; and if so, the effect it has on the food suppy of the Indians. A Fisheries Commission is now sitting in the Royal City.

Gottfriedson & Cameron, who were sentenced at Vernon on Tuesday before His Honor Judge Bole to five and two years' imprisonment respectively for burglarizing the Hudson Bay Store there, passed through on Tuesday for Kamloops jail in charge of a special constable.

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NOTES

Some few weeks ago the Victoria Week characterized the action of the farmers and others of the Okanagan in protesting against the killing for supposed infection of glanders apparently healthy horses, able to do many a day's work, as unselfish and unreasonable. That we are not alone in this attitude attributed to us by the Week is indeed cheering to learn; and combined with it the satisfaction of knowing that the "kick" has come a "little" nearer home.

In the Province we read that at a meeting of the Eburne farmers' institute held a short while ago, a strong resolution was passed, practically condemning the reliability of the Mallein test; that without other evidence or indications of glanders being present, should not be acted on further than to isolate or quarantine the animals. That the slaughter of horses otherwise known to be healthy is unjust on the strength of the said test. That the regulations under which the veterinary inspectors are working are ill-advised and unreasonable, and that the objectionable clauses should be amended at once."

We can safely say that the foregoing is entirely in accord with the sentiments of the people throughout this valley. Healthy-looking horses have been destroyed after what was considered to be an inadequate and unconvincing test. We still adjure horse owners to demand for their horses a *fair* and *careful* test.

It being granted that dissatisfaction exists, the action of the Eburne Institute should be endorsed by the Okanagan. By concerted action a desired end is more likely to be attained.

A meeting of farmers and horse-owners of B. C. will be held in the City Hall, Vancouver, this afternoon to discuss the question.

If you want to succeed as a community help out your local paper. It fights for you, and is really the summary of the ideas of the best people in your midst. A newspaper is entitled to some measure of success, even as you are successful. It has its part to fight out, even as you have yours. Its effort is the measure of your effort to the outside world.

A public bill to provide for the extermination of wild horses has been introduced by Price Ellison. The measure affects only the interior country east of the Cascades, and prescribes that licenses may be issued by all government agents for the shooting of unbranded horses running wild—the right only to destroy wild stallions having previously existed. It is explained that bands of wild ponies of constantly increasing numbers, are a veritable scourge of the whole interior, these animals being uncommonly voracious, as wild and as sure-footed as goats, impossible to break if captured, and at present a dangerous agency of spreading the glanders through the country.

Considering the stir that has been caused by the measures adopted by the Dominion authorities in stamping out the scourge of glanders, any measures making for this end create no small amount of interest. There is no doubt but what these wild horses are infected, carrying the disease wherever their wanderings lead them; and as they are of no possible value commercially, this bill providing for their destruction should meet with general favor.

The returns of Canada's foreign trade cause one to experience a feeling of elation and pride and satisfaction at the rapid rate with which our Dominion is reaching for the front rank of the producing countries of the world. It has been truly said that the last century belonged to the United States, and that the present one is Canada's.

The returns just issued show that the January imports increased by $4,518,428; the exports of domestic produce by $5,652,427; and exports of foreign produce by $4,309,567.

The Dominion's coal trade with the outside world for the seven months of the current fiscal year amounted to the record figure of $323,616,803, a gain of $44,261,143 over the corresponding period of last year.

The imports were $160,908,645, an increase of $12,992,223; the exports of domestic produce were $150,834,433, an increase of $25,603,940, and the exports of foreign products $11,873,725.

An especially pleasant feature of the return is that every important branch of the Canadian exporting industry is shown to be participating in the present prosperity. In the exports of domestic produce, agriculture shows a gain of $13,500,000; animals and animal produce, $4,500,000; fisheries, $3,500,000; manufactures, $1 750,000 and forest product a like amount, and minerals more than $500,000. The trade outlook for 1906, as gathered from the reports of the Canadian commercial agents, is decidedly encouraging, and justifies the confidence that we have in our country.

UNION OF B. C. MUNICIPALITIES

On Wednesday last week the municipal committee of the legislature met to receive representatives of the above organization and hear their views on the Municipal Clauses Act now before the House. The deputation consisted of Mayor Bell of Enderby, ex-Mayor Stevens of Kamloops, and Aldermen Mann and Fell of Victoria. The former supported changes in the law advocated by the B. C. Municipal Union as follows:

That trade licenses, other than those relating to the sale of liquor, should be based upon rental values. It was not asked that it should be on rents, but that the assessor should fix the rental value of the business places.

That the mayor be the chairman and that the city council should select an alderman who should act on the licensing board.

That the present Municipal Clauses Act be recast along the lines of the Ontario Baldwin Act by classifying cities into first, second and third class.

That municipalities be empowered to appoint their own coroner.

That the destruction of noxious weeds be made compulsory.

That councils be empowered to pass a bylaw to impose frontage tax for laying water mains in front of improved property.

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4. Commencing at a stake one half mile from the mouth of Shuswap River on east bank of Mabel Lake, thence 40 chains east, 160 chains north, 40 chains west, thence 160 chains to point of commencement.

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tackle alone. He, in his turn, looked at me in some interest and then at the door, as if he were half inclined to try the effect of a struggle.

"First and foremost, do you know where you are and who I am?" I asked him.

"No," he said, "I can't say as ever I set my eyes on yer afore last night, and I don't know yer bloomin' name or what yer are and I don't want to."

"Politeness is evidently not your strong point," I commented. "Just look at that!"

Taking a sheet of note-paper from the rack upon my table I handed it to him.

He did so, and I saw a look of surprise steal over his face. He looked from it to me and then back again at the paper.

"Fairfax," he said. "The d—— Tec, the same as got poor old Billy Whitelaw scragged last year."

"I certainly believe I had that honor," I returned, "and it's just possible, if you continue in your present career, that I may have the pleasure of doing the same for you. Now, look here, my man, there's some one else at the back of this business, and what I want to know is, who put you up to try your hand upon me? Tell me that, and I will let you go and say no more about it. Refuse, and I must try and find some evidence against you that will rid society of you for some time to come. Doubtless it will not be very difficult."

He considered a moment before he replied.

"Well," he said, "I don't know as how I won't tell you, a secin' you're who yer are, and I am not likely to get anything out of the job. It was a rare toff who put us on to it. Silk hat, frock-coat, and all as natty as a new pin. He comes across us down in the Dials, stood us a couple of drinks, turfed out a suvring apiece, and then told us he wanted the gentleman at Rickford's hotel laid by for a time. He told us 'ow yer were in the habit of going about the streets at night for walks, and said as 'ow he would be down near the hotel that evenin' and when yer came out, he would strike a match and light a smoke just ter give us the tip like. We was to foller yer, and to do the job wherever we could. Then we was to bring your timepiece to him at the back of St. Martin's church in the Strand at midnight, and he would pay us our money and let us keep the clock for our trouble. Oh, yes, 'e's a deep un, jest take my tip for it. He knowed that unless we 'outed' yer properly, we'd not be able to get at your fob, and then 'e'd not have paid out."

"I see, and not being successful on your first attempt, you followed me again to-night, of course by his instructions as before?"

"That's so, guvner," the man replied, "but I reckon we ain't agein' to see any money this trip. If I'd ha' knowed who you was, I wouldn't a taken this job in hand, not for no money."

"That is where so many of you go wrong," I said. "You fail to make sufficient inquiries before you commence business. And I understand you to say that the gentleman who put you up to it is to be at the back of St. Martin's church to-night?"

"Yes, sir, that's so," said the fellow. "He'll be there all right."

"In that case I think I'll be there to meet him," I continued. "It's a pity he should not see some one, and I suppose you will not keep your appointment?"

"Not if I knows it," the man answered. Then he added, regretfully: "A regular toff—he was—free with his rhino as could be, and dressed up to the nines. He chucked his 'arf sovereings about as if they were dirt, he did."

"It is sad to think that, through your folly, no more of them will find themselves into your pocket," I said. "You should have done the trick last night, and you would now be in the full enjoyment of your wealth. As it is you have had all your trouble for nothing. Now, that's all I want to say to you, so you can go and join your amiable companions as soon as you like. Just one word of advice, however, before you depart. Don't go near St. Martin's church to-night, and, when you want to kick another unoffending citizen to death, be sure of your man before you commence operations."

As I said this I rang the bell and told Wilson to show him out, which he did.

"Now," I said to myself after he had gone, "this looks like developing into an affair after my own heart. I am most anxious to discover who my mysterious enemy can be. It might be Grobellar, but I fancy he is still in Berlin. There's Tremasty, but I don't think he would dare venture to England. No, when I come to think of it, this business does not seem to belong to either of them."

I took from my pocket the watch which was to have played such an important part in the drama and consulted it. It was just half-past eleven, therefore I had exactly half an hour to get to the rendezvous. I called Wilson and congratulated him on the success which had attended our efforts of that evening.

"It's a good thing you came out of it so well, sir," he said. "They were a nasty pair of chaps, and would have thought as much of 'outing' you as they would of drinking a pot of ale."

"But thank goodness, they didn't succeed," I replied. "As the saying goes, 'a miss has never killed a man yet.' And now, Wilson, you'd better be off home to bed. Turn out the gas before you go. Good night!"

"Good night, sir," he answered, and then I put on my hat and left the office.

I found when I stepped into the street that the character of the night had changed. Thick clouds obscured the sky, and a few drops of rain were falling. At first I felt inclined to take a cab, but on second thoughts I changed my mind, and putting up my umbrella strode along in the direction of St. Martin's church.

The theaters were over by this time, and the streets were beginning to grow empty. I passed the Gaiety where a middle-aged gentleman, decidedly intoxicated, was engaged in a noisy altercation with a policeman, who was threatening to take him to Bow street if he did not go quietly home, and at last approached the spot for which I was making. I took up my position on the darker side of Holywell street, and waited. So far I seemed to have the thoroughfare to myself, but I had still some three or four minutes to wait.

At last midnight sounded, and as I heard it I concealed myself more carefully in my doorway and watched. I was not to be kept long in suspense, for the new day was scarcely three minutes old when a hansom drove up to the other side of the church, and a man alighted. He paid off the man and wished him good night, and then came along the roadway at the back of the church. From where I stood I could see his figure distinctly, but was not able to distinguish his face. He was dressed in a black cloak, and wore a deer-stalker hat upon his head. That he was the man I wanted I felt sure, for what would anyone else be doing there at such an hour? That he was surprised at not finding his bravoes awaiting him was very certain, for he looked up the street, down the street, peered into Holywell street, where, thank goodness, he did not see me, then along the Strand in a westerly direction, and afterwards came and took up his position within half a dozen paces of where I was hidden. Presently he took a cigar case from his pocket, opened it, selected a weed, and struck a match to light it. The flame illumined his face so that I could see it distinctly. If I had not had myself well under control, I believe I should have uttered an exclamation of surprise that could not have failed to attract attention. The man who had set those rascals on to try and get rid of me was none other than Mr. Edward Bayley, the managing director of the Santa Cruz Mining company of the Argentine Republic!

Here was a surprise indeed! What on earth did it all mean?

CHAPTER V.

I must confess that the discovery I had made behind St. Martin's church, and which I described at the end of the previous chapter, had proved too much for me. What possible reason could Mr. Bayley have for wanting to rid himself of me? Only the morning before he had been anxious to secure my services in the interests of his company, and now here he was hiring a couple of ruffians to prevent me from doing my work, if not to take my life. When I reached my hotel again, and went to bed, I lay awake half the night endeavoring to arrive at an understanding of it; but, try how I would, I could not hit upon a satisfactory solution. Upon one thing, however, I had quite made up my mind. As soon as the city offices were open, I would call at that of the Santa Cruz Mining company, and put a few questions to Mr. Bayley which I fancied that individual would find difficult and rather unpleasant to answer. This plan I carried out, and at ten o'clock I stood in the handsome outer office of the company.

"I should be glad to see the managing director, if he could spare me a few moments," I said to the youth who waited upon me in answer to his question.

"He's engaged, sir, at present," the lad replied. "If you will take a seat, however, I don't fancy he will be very long."

I did as he directed, and in the interval amused myself by studying a large map of the Argentine Republic, which hung upon the wall. I had practically exhausted its capabilities when the door opened, and a tall

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military-looking man emerged and passed out into the street.

"What [illegible] I say, sir?" inquired the clerk, as he [illegible]ted from his high stool and approached me.

"Fairfax," I replied, giving him my card. "I think the manager will know my name."

The clerk disappeared to return a few moments later with the request that I would follow him. Preparing myself for what I fully expected would be a scene, I entered the director's sanctum. It was a handsome room, and was evidently used as a board-room as well as an office, for there was a long table in the middle, surrounded by at least a dozen chairs. At the furthest end a gentleman of venerable appearance was seated. He rose as I entered, and bowed to me.

"In what way can I be of service to you, Mr. Fairfax?" he inquired, after I had seated myself.

"I am afraid there has been a mistake," I answered, looking about me for Mr. Bayley. "I told the clerk that I desired to see the managing director."

"You are seeing him," he returned with a smile, "for I am he."

"In that case I must have misunderstood the gentleman who called upon me two days ago," I replied, with some surprise.

"Do I understand you to say that a gentleman from this office called upon you?"

"Yes, a Mr. Bayley, a tall, good-looking man, of between 38 and 40 years of age."

The old gentleman stared, as well he might.

"But there is no Mr. Bayley here," he said. "We have no one of that name in our employ. I fear the man, whoever he was, must have been playing a trick upon you. I sincerely trust he has done no damage. Might I ask what he called upon you about?"

"He called on me on behalf of your company," I answered. "He informed me that for some time past you have ascertained the gravest suspicions concerning the manager of your mines in the Argentine. He said that information had reached your ears to the effect that the man in question was in league with a notorious swindler in New York, and, though you could not bring any proved charge against him, you were equally certain that he was robbing you in order to fill his own pockets. He appeared to be most anxious to persuade me to go to the republic at once in order that I might inquire into matters and report to you. I was to be away three months, and was to be paid £500 and my expenses for my trouble."

"My good sir, this is really preposterous," the old gentleman returned. "I can positively assure you that there is not a word of truth in his assertion. Our manager in the Argentine is an old and valued friend, and I would stake my life on his fidelity. Nothing would induce us to think even of sending a detective out to spy upon him."

"I am beginning to believe that I should like to meet Mr. Bayley again," I remarked. "He has a fine imagination, and, from what you tell me, it seems that I should have looked a fool had I gone out to South America on such an errand."

"It would have been exceedingly inconvenient not only for you, but also for us," said the manager. "I shall report this matter at the board meeting to-day. We must endeavor to discover who this man is, and also his reasons for acting as he has done. Should we hear anything further upon the subject, we will at once communicate with you."

"I should be glad if you will do so," I replied. "I should like to get this matter cleared up as soon as possible. There may be something behind it that we do not understand."

I thanked him for the interview, and then took my departure, more puzzled by it than I had been by anything for a long time. When I reached my office I took the card from a drawer, which Mr. Edward Bayley had sent to me, and dispatched it by special messenger to the office of the famous mining company. That afternoon another surprise was in store for me. Shortly after lunch, and when I was in the middle of a letter to Kitwater, a message was received through the telephone to the effect that the managing director of the Santa Cruz Mining company, whom I had seen that morning, was on his way to call upon me.

"Something has evidently come to light," I reflected. "Perhaps the mystery surrounding Mr. Edward Bayley is about to be cleared up, for I must confess I do not like the look of it."

A quarter of an hour later the manager was ushered into my presence.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Fairfax," he said. "I have come to ask you, if you will permit me, a few questions, and also to tell you that I think we have discovered who it is that is masquerading as the occupant of my position. You gave me this morning a rough description of the individual who called upon you. Can you recall anything particular about his appearance? Any strange mark, for instance. Anything by which we should be able to swear to his identity?"

TO BE CONTINUED.

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TOWN & DISTRICT . NOTES .

What about a Bachelors' Ball.

Ira C. Jones returned on Monday from a business trip to Calgary.

H. McCormick paid a flying visit to Enderby on Monday.

J. Bell of Mara spent 'tween trains in the city.

A. Johnson returned from a trip to the camps at Mabel lake on Saturday.

Mrs. J. Bunce left for Vancouver on Friday, where she intends to reside in the future.

Mr. F. H. Hale returned on Monday from a trip to Fernie and other Crows' Nest line points, where he went to look after his business interests there.

A court of revision for the municipality of Salmon Arm will be held in the Orange Hall there at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, to hear appeals against the assessment.

The estimated revenue of the city council, based on a 1 per cent. rate, is $3,000. It is hoped to make the school self-supporting by including in the city school district property adjacent to its boundaries not included in any other district, from which children attend this school.

A display of the northern lights was witnessed on Sunday evening. This is an unusual occurrence for this latitude, and is looked upon as the forerunner of cold weather, but up to Thursday night had not made its appearance.

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Miss M. Gibbs was a visitor to Vernon on Thursday.

The construction of the loop to do away with the big hill at Field will not be undertaken this year.

W. H. Hill stopped off here Tuesday on his way down the valley.

We learn that one of the general stores at Armstrong is on the market.

Taxation having been struck at 15 mills general rate and 5 mills school rate for 1906, says the Kelowna Courier, the gross revenue to be raised will be about $5,000. The taxable valuation of Kelowna is about $262,000. The rate appears high compared with the provincial assessment, which is four-fifths of one per cent., equal to 8 mills, but if we want improvements we must be prepared to pay for them.

The final shipment of flour to complete the order from Kobe, Japan, left the warehouse of the Columbia Flouring Mills Co. on Friday last.

The fond hopes of the curlers that a bonspiel could have been arranged for this week have been shattered by the soft weather. 'Tis a pity!

Messrs. S. and W. Kernaghan of Mathers, Man., passed through on Friday last to see for themselves what our valley and climate is like. Both gentlemen expressed themselves as delighted with our winter weather, contrasting it in a must favorable light with what they left behind on the prairie. Both were neighbors of Mr. Brookland on the prairie before they located here.

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The scene was a bright one, the costumes being shown off to great advantage by the great improvement made in the lighting of the rink.

The prizewinners were as follows: Miss S. McCormick, Fencing Girl; Miss McDonald (Armstrong), Highland Lassie; Miss Murray (Armstrong), Little Red Riding Hood; Miss Verner, F. Franklin, John Bull; R. Hancock, Uncle Sam; A. Bell, jockey; and C. Johnson, clown. Men's race, G. Johnson; Boys' Race, B. Moffet; Fancy Skating, B. Gardom.

Besides the prizewinners there were noticed among the many taking and well dressed characters: From Armstrong, Miss Francis, college girl. From Enderby: Miss Mowat, Winter; Miss Logan, nurse; Mrs. A. Johnson, flower girl; Miss J. Smith, Canada; Miss McQueen, ——; Mrs. J. Evans, Indian Princess; Miss Tinckstrom, Chinese Lady. C. Johnson and F. Hawes, clowns; S. Gorle, nigger wench; G. Mohr, coon; W. Johnson, Chinaman; F. Young, sailor; J. Colhart, cowboy.

City Police Court

Andrew J. Carefoot was brought up before A. Shields, J. P., on Saturday last, charged with unlawfully assaulting Peter Emory, an old man.

It appeared that the prisoner and Emory, who are partners, had been drinking and were much the worse for liquor. In the course of their carousal a disagreement arose in reference to money matters, and prisoner struck Emory a violent blow in the face, blacking his left eye.

The case was summarily disposed of by Mr. Shields, who sentenced the prisoner to two months' imprisonment with hard labor, or the alternative of paying a fine of $20 and costs.

The fine was paid.

Alex. Dale returned home on Monday from the south.

We are sorry to learn that Engineer Van Antwerp is not making very rapid steps towards recovery from the attack of blood poisoning. Last week a second operation had to be performed when a portion of the affected hand was removed in the attempt to stop the spread of gangrene. We hope to hear of the operation having a successful issue.

A party of sports journeyed to Sicamous a short while ago on pleasure bent. The ice being good, they challenged the employees of the C. P. R. to a game of hockey. After three and a half hours of strenuous and exciting play the game was left drawn. Though at times checking was hard, the game was free from roughness, the best of good feeling prevailing. Though the press was not represented, we gather: That Chess Armstrong, the popular C. P. R. conductor, surprised the audience with his lightning dashes, showing something of his Stanley Cup form, he being a member of the Ottawa team which captured this championship trophy in 1896; That Dave McManus, the genial agent at Sicamous, just fresh from a trip to Edmonton, showed a phenomenal turn of speed; That W. H. McCormick's rushes were startling and effective; That Freddy Breedon would look well on any ice; That A. Shields in goal could only be compared to a stone wall, from the effective way in which he stopped shot after shot; That S. G. Fladgate made an impartial referee.

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