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THE PROGRESS OFFICE

FARMERS EXCHANGE MEETING.

A well attended meeting of farmers and others interested in the newly-formed Enderby branch of the Farmers' Exchange of Armstrong was held in the Orange Hall on Friday afternoon last.

A great deal of discussion as to the exact relation of the Enderby shareholders to the central body occupied the attention of all present for some considerable time. Mr. Jackson, the energetic secretary of the parent body was called upon several times to answer pertinent questions regarding that organization, its working and business.

All questions being answered to the apparent satisfaction of the majority of those present, the election of a board of directors to look after this end to work in conjunction with the directors of the Armstrong Exchange, was proceeded with resulting as follows:—W. Monk, G. Heggie, F. H. Hassard, J. Cook and W. Anderson, who elected G. Heggie as their President. All arrangements as to the site for the warehouse and the local conduct of the business will be left in their hands, and the members of the branch are to be congratulated upon having made so wise a choice, for under such capable direction, we feel that the start will be most auspicious and the ranchers of the district will not regret the step taken of forming the Exchange.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

To-morrow, Saturday, March the 17th, is St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint or Apostle of Ireland. He is said to have been born near the site of the present town of Kilpatrick, Scotland. Between the years 440 and 460 A.D. his religious zeal prompted him to cross over to Ireland for the conversion of the pagan Irish. His endeavors were crowned with success, and he established there a number of schools and monasteries. The historian Nennius states that the Saint's mission continued 40 years, and various miracles are attributed to him, particularly the expulsion of all venomous creatures from Ireland. He died at an advanced age. In these late days this anniversary is celebrated by a St. Patrick's concert, the programme of which consists entirely of Irish songs and ballads.

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LOCAL NOTES.

John Johnson, of Salmon Arm, is to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Annie Logan is suffering from an attack of rheumatic fever.

Ira C. Jones is advertising that he has a house to rent.

Next week will occur the vernal equinox, which is one of the points at which the sun in its annual apparent course among the stars, crosses the equator, and so called, because the days and nights are nearly equal when the sun is at these points. The second crossing occurs about September 23rd, and is called the autumnal equinox. It takes the sun seven or eight days longer to go from vernal to autumnal equinox, than from autumnal to vernal. About this time severe storms generally occur, which are popularly supposed to be caused by the passing of the sun over the line; long continued observations, however, are decisive against this popular belief.

THE WEATHER REPORT

Mr. N. H. Kenny, government observer at Enderby, furnishes the following record of the temperature, and general state of the weather for the month of February:

Date	Maximum Thermometer	Minimum Thermometer	General state of weather	Rain	Snow
1	40	32	cloudy		
2	40	31	"		
3	39	21	clear		
4	38	23	"		
5	35	13	"		
6	30	20	cloudy		
7	29	20	"		
8	32	20	"		
9	39	12	clear		
10	40	25	"		
11	41	21	"		
12	40	7	"		
13	31	7	"		
14	30	22	cloudy		1 3-4
15	34	27	"		
16	35	28	"		
17	37	29	"	.15	
18	37	32	"		
19	47	29	clear		
20	41	32	cloudy	.10	
21	45	32	"	.08	
22	49	30	clear		
23	44	31	"		
24	44	31	cloudy	.35	
25	45	27	"	.09	
26	46	26	clear		
27	49	19	"		
28	49	18	"		
29					
30					
31					

The average of the maximum temperatures for the month is 39.05, and that of the minimum, 23.73. These averages are very high for the month of February (as compared to those of any other part of the Dominion) which is generally looked upon as the coldest and most stormy month of the twelve. The number of clear days was fourteen — just half of the month; while there was rain on five days to the amount of .68 inches, and snow on one day to amount of 1.75 inches. The foregoing is yet another strong and silent testimony to the mildness of our Okanagan winter.

Church Notices

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Next Sunday. 3rd Sunday in Lent. Matins and Litany, 11 a.m.

Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, Evening and Litany, 7.30. Choir practice at 8 p.m.

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THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT

The second session of the tenth Dominion Parliament opened at Ottawa on Thursday last week. In the speech from the Throne several measures of importance were foreshadowed. Tariff revision is postponed until a special session, to be held in November 1006. The estimates were presented to the House last night and totaled sixty-seven million. Among the items are improvments on the North Thompson river, $1,000; Columbia River improvements, $30,000.

On account of the division of this parish, whereby Armstrong and district becomes a separate charge, there will be Divine service in St. George's chuurch twice every Sunday in future, at 11 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. Notice will be given of all early celebrations of Holy Communion, and such notices will always appear in this paper. Rev. Mr. Davis, late of Manitoba, was inducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Beer into the pulpit of All Saints' Anglican Church, Armstrong, on Sunday last.

A Social Evening was held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday.

Dr. K. C. McDonald, dentist, of Vernon, accompanied by his assistant, is in town at J. C. English's store, and will remain here for a few days.

Friday morning opened fine and warmer: the wind has gone around to south, and the sun has gained the ascendancy.

An interesting report of the organization of a local Women's Christian Temperance Union arrived too late for insertion in today's paper, but will appear in our next. Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month. The first will be next week.

Mr. Gracie, of Glasgow, came in on Thursday to join Mr. Wylie, who arrived earlier in the week to take possession of the Fortune Ranch.

A construction gang came in on Thurday, and are now busy laying another spur in the yard of the Kamloops Lumber Co. Looks as if the Company were thinking of moving away from Enderby!

A meeting of local supporters of the Liberal party in Canada was held last night, and an Enderby Liberal Association was formed. Mr. N. H. Kenny was elected President, Mr. D. Nairn, Vice President, and Mr. H. H. Worthington, Secretary Treasurer. Mr. K C. McDonald, of Vernon, was present, and made some interesting remarks.

R. M. Palmer, of the Bureau of Information of Victoria, spent a few hours in town on Wednesday. Mr. Palmer's visit was in connection with the orchard which will be planted at the Stepney Ranch, coming in to assist Manager Heggie in his choice of the varieties to be planted. Mr. Palmer is full of his reminiscences of his visit to London, England, where he went in charge of the British Columbia Fruit Exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Show last December. He says that the dealers over there thought that our *fruit was fine and were all anxious to* secure large consignments of this year's crop.

After enjoying one of the mildest winters for years, we are now wrapped in the coldest spell of the season. Accompanying the cold was a biting wind from the north-east. The weather has been very stormy at the coast, and on the Prairies a heavy blizzard has been their lot. Locally it has not been marked by anything of a startling nature. The anticipation that a record would be established by the river not freezing over at all during the winter which is rapidly drawing to a close, was not realized, for itsuccumbed on Monday to Jack Frost. The enjoyment of skating and curling have returned, and with the bright and cloudless weather, many are tempted out doors. No damage to the fruit trees has yet been reported, nor is it expected there will be any. In fact, the apple will be benefitted, because the weather has been for several weeks too mild, which has been liable to induce premature growth. The alarming statements of some the sensational coast papers—to wit, the Province and the World—that the fruit trees have suffered severely from the cold wave, are to be depreciated, especially as there is no truth in them.

COUNCIL MEETING

The usual weekly meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday. His Worship the Mayor and all the Aldermen being present.

At the request of the Educational Department of Victoria, that the Council define the limit of the proposed extension of the city school district, the following boundaries were submitted:

Southward, to the northern boundary of Lansdowne School district; northward, to the southern boundary of the district recently organized by your department; eastward, about three miles and westward about two miles.

The following bylaw, introduced by Ald. Bradley, was given its first reading:

BY-LAW NO. 28.

A By law relating to the collection of taxes in and for the City of Enderby.

Whereas in section 146 of the Municipal Clauses Act 1897 power is conferred on City Municipalities to name and appoint a day or a date upon or before which persons who pay the annual rate of tax assessed and levied on land, or on improvements, will be entitled to a discount or reduction of one-sixth of the tax for prompt payment.

Now, therefor the Corporation of the City of Enderby, in council assembled doth hereby enact:—

That any person who is legally liable for the payment of any Municipal tax upon land or improvements within the corporate limits of the City of Enderby shall be entitled to receive a rebate or discount of one-sixth of the total amount of such tax, provided payment is made to the collector therefor, on or before the hour of 9 p.m. on the fifteenth day of September next, following the date of the levying of such tax.

Moved by Ald. Barnes, seconded by Ald. Evans:

"That the Constable be, and he is hereby instructed to notify the owners of all buildings coming under the provisions of the Fire Escape Act, to comply with the requirements of same." Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9.40 p.m.

H. Barnes returned on Wednesday from a trip to Arrowhead. Mr. Barnes says it was 42 degrees below zero on Tuesday at Laggan.

It is learned that the C. P. R. contemplates extending the Crow's Nest Pass line westward from Midway to Penticton. This will complete another link in the direct line from Dunmore to Vancouver, which is believed to be ultimately contemplated. It will divert a great amount of tourist and freight traffic from Kootenay to the Okanagan.

Albert E. Johnston, walking boss for the Kamloops Lumber Co., came in on Friday night with his outfit. Mr. Johnston says that they are through with their logging for this season, having taken out eleven million feet this winter.—Vernon News.

Mr. Wm. Postill, an oldtimer of the valley but now resident at Red Deer, Alta., passed through on Wednesday on his way home. Mr. Postill has been spending a short holiday with Mr. Lee Patten, of near Armstrong, another oldtimer of the Okanagan. Several of Mr. Postill's friends of the early days recognized him as the train walted at the station, and their reminiscences of the early days were very interesting to the tenderfoot.

After a long experience with Chinese labor, extending over several years, the Chemainus Lumber Company has decided to employ nothing but white labor. The company claims the latter is the cheapest in the long run. With Chinese labor there is little prospect of Chemainus ever becoming any larger. As many as ten and fifteen Chinamen live in one house.

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Notes and Comments

A large majority of our citizens are looking forward with expectant interest to the publication by the city council of their plans for street improvements this coming summer. An impression is abroad that a sufficient amount of money should be borrowed with which to grade and ditch the city streets, and lay on gravel, and construct sidewalks where needed, and repair those which have—well—passed their period of usefulness. Claiming, that by making a "City Beautiful" we shall attract to Enderby homeseekers from the prairie, who, on seeing the level roads and wide sidewalk extending in every direction, declare that this a place after their own heart's desire, and decide to locate here forthwith. Then again, others think that the place is too small to permit of the adoption of such a course—at least, this year. They are in favor of spending on the streets what proportion of the current year's revenue can be spared over and above all other expenses of running the city, and estimated about $1200. With this sum to spend on such improvements, it is thought that by the excision of strict economy a decided change for the better can be made in the condition of the city highways. If the scheme, as outlined in our last issue, of giving Enderby an electric light and waterworks system goes through, we think that a bylaw to borrow money for street improvements would be voted down.

Whichever means of making public improvements is adopted, the people are certainly in favor of a radical and general improvement being made in the condition of the streets and sidewalks. Though their condition today, perhaps, is no worse than that tolerated in years gone by, yet the fact remains that incorporation was voted for so as Enderby, through her elected representatives, could spend her own money in her own way. And the way to spend it, first and foremost, is on the streets. There will be time in a year or two to indulge in a little of the "frills and fancies" in municipal government. But at the present time it is straight public improvements that count, and what the people want. That's the sentiment!

The citizens of Vancouver, Kamloops and Nelson have clubs for the purpose of boosting their respective places till a certain number of a population is reached. Why can't we form one here, to put forth our united and whole-hearted efforts to attain a population for Enderby and district of say five thousand. A great deal can be accomplished by united efforts along the idea suggested. Outside of our commercial and fruit-growing and general farming prospects, Enderby has many other inducements to offer, which, if made more generally known, would be of incalculable benefit to the town. Among these is the attraction which the district offers to tourists and sportsmen. At what more delightful place could one wish to make a camp than along the shore of Mara lake, with its pure water, lovely stretches of sandy beach, tree-clad slopes and rushing mountain torrents. It is indeed a sylvian retreat, where perfect rest among nature "pure and undefiled" can be obtained with the comforts of civilization close at hand. Then the opportunities for mountain climbing that this district offers to those who indulge in this exhilirating pastime are many. Within walking distance of the town is a bluff to reach the top of which needs energy enough to suit the most exacting taste; but the view obtained when the top is reached is magnificent, and well worth the toil. And so we could go on telling of the many and varied attractions of the district. To the sportsmen, equal opportunities are offered.

With the tourist traffic along the main line of the C. P. R. increasing every year, it seems as though the Canadian Rockies are destined to become the Mecca of a multitude of pleasure seekers. We have an hostelry in our midst which a place many times the size of Enderby would be proud, fitted up for, and quite capable of catering to this trade. Therefore, with nature on the one hand aiding us, and on the other a first class hotel, why should not efforts put forth to attract tourists to this district be successful? This, and a hundred other things would come within the scope of a "Five Thousand Club," a Progressive Association, or an organization of a similar nature.

Forget It.

If you see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd,
A leader of men, marching fast and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded, and kept from the day,
In the dark; and whose showing, whose sudden display
Would cause grief and sorrow and lifelong dismay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile or the least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

—Ex.

A PROVINCIAL AUCTION SALE.

The catalogue of the spring stallion show and the animals to be sold at the first annual provincial auction sale of pure bred live stock, to be held at Queen's park, New Westminster on the 21st and 22nd instant, under the auspices of the B. C. Stock Breeders' Association, is now ready for issuance.

In accordance with an increased grant from the live stock branch of the Dominion department of agriculture, as well as the sum of $50 contributed by P. Burns & Co., Vancouver, as a gift to the British Columbia Stock Breeders association; the directors, at a meeting held February 28th, decided to hold a spring stallion show. This will be held in connection with the auction sale, and at the same time and place. This show will give owners of stallions an excellent opportunity of showing their animals, as there will be a large number from different parts of the province attending the sale.

For the convenience of those wishing to attend the sale, arrangements have been made with the C.P.R. to purchase return tickets to New Westminster at single first class rates. Station agents will receive instructions to this effect. Other transportation companies will make similar concessions.

Owners of live stock to be exhibited or sent for sale are particularly requested to study the following regulations provided by the association for the shipment of same:

Registered live stock are carried by Canadian railway at one half the ordinary rates, provided that a registration certificate is presented when shipping bill is asked for. Owing to the fact that only registered stock is to be sold the general freight agent of the C.P.R. has cancelled this restriction upon stock being shipped to this sale.

Two or more contributors are allowed to co-operate in shipping their live stock and thus obtain carload rates. The rate from Victoria to New Westminster on carload lots will be two dollars per head.

The association agrees to deliver stock purchased, at the purchaser's nearest railway station, between New Westminster and Kamloops, on the C.P.R. line, at three dollars per head; from Kamloops east as far as Okanagan Landing at four dollars per head.

They also agree to deliver any stock purchased at the purchaser's nearest railway station on Vancouver Island at $2.50 per head.

Purchasers are expected to render every assistance in caring for the stock and loading them for shipment after the sale is over, and if they are to be delivered to them by rail, will be expected to take charge of stock as soon as the association car reaches the destination of such animal.

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BY GUY BOOTHBY.

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Much to my gratification she replied that such a gentleman had certainly arrived within the past half-hour, and was now at supper in the coffee-room. She inquired whether I would care to see him. I replied in the negative, stating that I would call next day and make myself known to him.

"We are old friends," I said, "and for that reason I should be glad if you would promise me that you will say nothing to him about my coming to-night."

Woman-like the idea pleased her, and she willingly gave the promise I asked.

"If you want to see him you'd better be here early," she said. "He told me when he booked his room that he should be wanting to get away at about ten o'clock to-morrow morning."

"I'll be here well before that," I replied. "If all goes right, I shall call upon him between eight and nine o'cock."

Feeling sure that, after what I had said to her, she would say nothing to Hayle about my visit, I returned to my own hotel and retired to rest.

Next morning I was up betimes, had breakfasted, and was at Foxwell's hotel before eight o'clock had struck. I proceeded straight to the bar, where I discovered my acquaintance of the previous evening, in curl papers, assiduously dusting shelves and counter. There was a fragrance of the last night's potations still hovering about the place, which had the dreary, tawdry appearance that was so different to the glamour of the previous night. I bade the girl good morning, and then inquired whether she had seen anything of my friend. At first she did not appear to recognize me, but on doing so she volunteered to go off and make inquiries. She did so, to return a few moments later with the information that the gentleman "had rung for his boots, and would be down to breakfast in a few minutes."

"I wonder what you will have to say for yourself when you see me, Mr. Hayle," I muttered. "You will find that I am not to be so easily shaken off as you imagine."

I accordingly made my way to the dining-room, and seating myself at a table ordered a cup of coffee and an egg. The London egg is not a favorite of mine, but I was prepared to eat a dozen of them if necessary, if by so doing I could remain in the room long enough to find myself face to face with Gideon Hayle. Several people put in an appearance and commenced their morning repast, but when a quarter of an hour had elapsed and the man I wanted had not presented himself, my patience became exhausted and I went in search of my hourie of the bar.

"My friend's a long time coming down," I said. "I hope he has not gone out to breakfast?"

"You must be mistaken," she answered. "I saw him come downstairs nearly a quarter of an hour ago. He went into the dining-room, and I felt sure you must have seen him. If you will follow me I'll show him to you."

So saying she led the way along the dingy passage until she arrived at a green baize door with two glass panels. Here she stopped and scanned the dining-room. The boots, who had just come upstairs from the lower regions, assisted in the operation, and seemed to derive considerable satisfaction from it.

"There he is," said the girl, pointing to a table in the furthest corner of the room; "the tall man with the black mustache."

I looked and was consumed with disappointment. The individual I saw there was no more like Hayle than he was like the man in the moon.

"Do you mean to tell me that he is the man who arrived late last night in a cab, and whose luggage consisted of a small brown bag and a traveling rug?" I asked. "You've been having a game with me, young woman, and I should advise you to be careful. You don't realize who I am."

"Hoighty toity," she said, with a toss of her head that sent her curl-papers dancing. "If you're going to be nasty, I am going. You asked for the gentleman who came late last night with a bag, and there he is. If he's not the person you want, you mustn't blame me. I'm sure I'm not responsible for everybody's friends. Dear me, I hope not!"

The shock-headed boots had all this time been listening with the greatest interest. He and the barmaid, it appeared, had had a quarrel earlier in the morning, and in consequence were still far from being upon the best of terms.

"The cove as the gent wants, miss, must be 'im as came close upon 11 o'clock last night," he put in. "The toff with the bag and blanket. Why I carried his bag up to number 47 with my own 'ands, and you know it."

The girl was quite equal to the occasion.

"You'd better hold your tongue," she said. "If you don't you'll get into trouble."

"What for?" he inquired. "It's a free country, I 'ope. Nice sort of toff 'e was, forgot all about the boots, and me a-doin' 'is browns as slap-up as if 'e was a-goin' out to dinner with the queen. But p'reaps he's left a 'arf-sovereign for me with you. It ain't likely. Oh, no, of course it isn't likely he would. You wouldn't keep it carefully for me, would you? Oh, no, in course not? What about that two bob the American gent gave you?"

The girl did not wait to hear any more, but, with a final toss of her head, disappeared into the bar.

"Now, look here, my friend," I said to the boots, "it is quite evident that

"WHAT IS IT?" I INQUIRED. "ANYTHING WRONG?"

you know more about this gentleman than that young lady does. Tell me all about him, and I'll make it worth your while."

"There ain't much to tell," he answered. "Leastways, nothin' particular. He was no end of a toff, great-coat with silk collar, neat browns, gloves, and a bowler 'at."

"Mustache?"

"Yes, and waxed. Got a sort of broad-arrow on his cheek, and looked at ye as if 'is eyes was gimlets, and he wanted to bore a hole through yer; called at seven, breakfast at half past, 'am and eggs and two cups of corfee and a roll all took up to 'im in 'is room. Ordered a cab to catch the nine o'clock express to Southampton. I puts 'im in with his bag and blanket, and says: 'Kindly remember the boots, sir,' and he says: 'I've done it.' I said I 'adn't 'ad it, and he told me to go to—, well, the place as isn't mentioned in perlite company. That's all I know about 'im."

He paused and shook his head in the direction of the bar, after which he observed that he knew all about it, and one or two other things beside.

I gave him a shilling for his information and then left the house. Once more I had missed Gideon Hayle by a few minutes, but I had received some information that might help me to find him again. Unfortunately, however, he was now well on his way to Southampton, and in a few hours might be out of England. My respect for that astute gentleman was increasing hourly, but it did not deter me, only made me the more resolved to beat him in the end. Making my way to Waterloo, I inquired when the next train left for Southampton. Finding that I had more than an hour and a half to wait, I telegraphed to the man I had sent to Southampton to watch the docks, and then took the electric railway to the city, and made my way to my office, where a pile of correspondence awaited me on my table. Calling my managing clerk to my assistance, I set to work to examine it. He opened the letters while I perused them and dictated the various replies. When he came to the fifth he uttered an exclamation of surprise.

"What is it?" I inquired. "Anything wrong?"

In reply he handed me a letter written on good note paper, but without an address. It ran as follows:

"Mr. Gideon Hayle returns thanks for kind inquiries, and begs to inform Mr. Fairfax that he is leaving England to-day for Algiers."

"If he thinks he is going to bluff me with that sort of tale, he's very much mistaken," I said. "I happen to be aware of the fact that he left for Southampton by the nine o'clock train this morning. If I might hazard a guess as to where he was going, I should say that his destination is the Cape. But let him go where he will, I'll have him yet. In the meantime, send Williams to Charing Cross at once, Roberts to Victoria, and Dickson to St. Paul's. Furnish each with a description of the man they are to look after, be particular about the scar upon his left cheek, and if they see him tell them that they are not to lose sight of him, happen what may. Let them telegraph should they discover anything definite, and then go in pursuit. In any case I shall return from Southampton to-night, and shall call here at once."

Half an hour later I arrived at Waterloo, took my ticket and boarded the train for Southampton. When I reached the port I was met at the station by my representative, who informed me that he had seen nothing of the man I had described, although he had carefully looked for him.

"We'll try the various shipping offices first," I said. "I feel positively certain that he came down here by the nine o'clock train."

We drove from shipping office to shipping office, and made the most careful inquiries, but in every case without success. Once we thought we had discovered our man, only to find, after wasting a precious hour, that the clerk's description was altogether a wrong one, and that he resembled Hayle in no sort of way. We boarded the South African mail-boat, but he was not among her passengers; we overhauled the American liner, with an equally barren result. We paid cursory visits to the principal hotels, but could hear no tidings of him in any one of them. As a matter of fact, if the man had journeyed to Southampton, as I had every reason to suppose he had done, he must have disappeared into thin air when he got there. The whole affair was most bewildering, and I scarcely knew what to think of it. That the boots at the hotel had not been hoodwinking me I felt assured in my own mind. His anger against the man was too real to allow any doubt upon that point. At last, having exhausted all our resources, and not seeing what I could do farther, I returned to my subordinate's lodgings, where it had been arranged that telegrams should be addressed to me. On my arrival there a yellow envelope was handed to me. I tore it open eagerly and withdrew the contents. It proved to be from Dickson, and had been sent off from Dover. I took my code-book from my pocket and translated the message upon the back of the telegraph form. It ran as follows:

"Man with triangular scar upon left cheek, brown bag and traveling rug, boarded train at Herne Hill, went through to Dover, and has booked to Paris. Am following him according to instructions."

"Then he slipped me after all," I cried. "He must have gone on to Waterloo, crossed to Cannon street, then on to London bridge. The cunning scoundrel! He must have made up his mind that the biggest bluff he could play upon me was to tell the truth, and, by Jove! he was not very far wrong. However, those laugh best who laugh last, and though he has had a very fair innings so far, we will see whether he can beat me in the end. I'll get back to town now, run down to Bishopstowe to-morrow morning to report progress, and then be off to Paris after him on Monday."

At 8:45 that night I reached London. At the same moment Mr. Gideon Hayle was sitting down to a charming little dinner at the Cafe des Princes, and was smiling to himself as he thought of the success that had attended the trick he had played upon me.

CHAPTER VII.

When I reached the charming little Surrey village of Bishopstowe, I could see that it bore out Kitwater's description of it. A prettier little place could scarcely have been discovered, wih its tree-shaded high road, its cluster of thatched cottages, its blacksmith's shop, rustic inn with the sign on a high post before the door, and, last but not least, the quaint little church standing some hundred yards back from the main road, and approached from the lych-gate by an avenue of limes.

"Here," I said to myself, "is a place where a man might live to be 100, undisturbed by the rush and bustle of the great world."

That was my feeling then, but since I have come to know it better, and have been permitted an opportunity of seeing for myself something of the inner life of the hamlet, I have discovered that it is only the life of a great city, on a small scale. There is the same keen competition in trade, with the same jealousies and bickerings. However, on this peaceful Sunday morning it struck me as being delightful. There was an old-world quiet about it that was vastly soothing. The rooks cawed lazily in the elms before the church as if they knew it were Sunday morning and a day of rest. A dog lay extended in the middle of the road, basking in the sunshine, a thing which he would not have dared to do on a weekday. Even the little stream that runs under the old stone bridge, which marks the center of the village, and then winds its tortuous course round the churchyard, through the Squire's park, and then down the valley on its way to the sea, seemed to flow somewhat more slowly than was its wont.

Feeling just in the humor for a little moralizing, I opened the lych-gate and entered the churchyard. The congregation were singing the last hymn, the Old Hundredth, if I remember rightly, and the sound of their united voices fitted perfectly into the whole scheme, giving it the one touch that was lacking. As I strolled along I glanced at the inscriptions on the various tombstones, and endeavored to derive from them some notion of the lives and characters of those whose memories they perpetuated.

"Sacred to the memory of Erasmus Gunning, 27 years schoolmaster of this parish. Born 24th of March, 1806, and rested from his labors on September the 19th, 1876." Seating myself on the low wall that surrounded the churchyard, I looked down upon the river, and, while so doing, reflected upon Erasmus Gunning. What had he been like, this knight of the ferrule, who for 27 years acted as pedagogue to this tiny hamlet? What good had he done in his world? Had he realized his life's ambition? Into many of the congregation now worshiping yonder he must have driven the three R's, possibly with the assistance of the faithful ferrule aforesaid, yet how many of them gave a thought to his memory! In this case the assertion that he "rested from his labors" was a trifle ambiguous. Consigning poor Erasmus to oblivion, I continued my walk. Presently my eyes caught an inscription that made me halt again. It was dedicated to the "Loving Memory of William Kitwater, and Susan, his wife." I was still looking at it, when I heard a step on the gravel-path behind me, and turning round, I found myself standing face to face with Miss Kitwater. To use the conventional phrase, church had "come out," and the congregation was even now making its way down the broad avenue towards the high-road.

"How do you do, Mr. Fairfax?" said Miss Kitwater, giving me her hand as she spoke. "It is kind indeed of you to come down. I hope you have good news for us?"

"I am inclined to consider it good news myself," I said. "I hope you will think so too."

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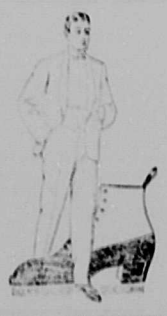

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TOWN & DISTRICT . NOTES .

Saturday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day.

The voters' list of the Okanagan Electoral District closes on March 20, the Court of Revision will be held on May 7th. Residents of the district should see that their names are on the list, and so be entitled to vote at the coming Provincial Elections.

A Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessment will be held at Salmon Arm on Wednesday next, March 21st.

That enterprising institution, the Bank of Montreal, has opened a branch in Mexico City.

The Vets made a third visit to Enderby Monday, testing four horses at the Livery Stable. Two passed the test with flying colors, and the other two are to be tested again but it is not expected that either will react to the malein. And yet an Armstrong paper said that glanders seemed "very bad in Enderby!". Let they knew about it.

It appears that a number of our subscribers did not receive the Progress last week. We take the opportunity of saying that it was not intentional on our part to omit sending it. Last week we initiated a new "devil" into the devious paths of country newspaperdom which accounts for these papers not being sent. We do not know whom we missed so cannot even put one in the office for them, but if they will call at our office we shall be pleased to give them one.

Conductor Powers, of the main line is doing duty on the S. & O., vice Chas. Armstrong, who has gone on a holiday trip to Mexico.

The Venerable Archdeacon Beer of Kaslo, preached an interesting sermon in St. George's Church on Sunday evening to a large congregation.

Mr. Wylie, of Glasgow, Scot., accompanied by Mrs. Wylie, arrived from the Old country on Monday. Mr. Wylie has purchased the A. L. Fortune ranch and has come to make arrangements as to the future conduct of the place and will stay here about a month.

A number of C.P.R. officials were aboard last Friday's train, travelling in Mr. Kilpatrick's private car. Many matters of moment were attended to, among which being the laying of a pipe from the water-main along Cliff Street, thus giving the ever-genial station agent the many conveniences which come through having water laid into the house.

Supt. Kilpatrick has promised to have that old building which stands alongside of the station house pulled down, and that the platform is to be extended to Mill Street. This is greatly appreciated by Messrs Bell & Murphy mine hosts of the King Edward Hotel, especially the removal of the old hen house which has been an eyesore for a long while. The extension of the platform will also be a great convenience.

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It is not given to all of us the bump of ingenuity so strongly developed whereby we are enabled to design and make appliances or articles which at once become of universal demand, and —for a time—wonder, and by which, as in innumerable instances, the lot of mankind is made easier. And when shown to a person of average brain power, the remark is made, "How simple; I wonder it was not thought of before!"

Such we thought when Mr. James McMahon brought to THE PROGRESS for inspection two, what seemed to us to be, very simple tools. Though simple in shape and character being, as a matter of fact, articles found in every home and workshop—yet the working out of the inventor's idea represented months of brain work and manual labor.

The idea occurred to Mr. McMahon to reduce the weight and bulk of a prospector's outfit of tools, which, as all know, consists of a pick, hammer, axe, adze and mattock, and that he has been rewarded by his efforts is easily apparent when one sees what Mr. McMahon calls a "combination tool."

The invention is in the shape of a single head, having at one end a pick, and the opposite end so constructed that a variety of tools can be attached thereon in a moment. To permit of this, the head is recessed, and the various tools are provided with a neck, terminating in an enlargement of circular form, which enlargement is adapted to rest in the recess in the head. The tool is held in place by a set screw, by which movement of the neck and the enlargement of the recess is prevented, and all tendency of the tool to work in a plane in line with the handle is thus obviated.

Such then is a brief description of a little device, whereby the weight and bulk of a prospector's outfit is reduced seventy-five per cent. Its advantages in this direction are readily seen. Strength, durability and lightness are demanded, which essentials are to be found in the above device. The weight of an outfit of separate tools is about 35 pounds, while the combination set weighs but eight and a half pounds. As compared to cost, there will, we are told, be a saving of one-third in favor of the combination-tool.

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Though mainly invented to provide a lighter and more compact kit of tools for the prospector and tourist, it will, we can safely predict, when placed on the market, be found of equal utility to the farmer, surveyor, bridge-builder, trail-maker, tiemaker and bushman. In fact, it will become a household article.

In a recent letter Mr. Walker, (late proprietor of this paper,) says that "You seem to be having a very mild winter there and it has been very pleasant here. There may be finer places to live in than Los Angeles, but I never found any of them. Enderby is to be congratulated on having so good a record to show of it's first year's incorporation. And it is to be still further congratulated on having re-elected its first mayor and so conservative a board of aldermen. I enjoy reading the Progress and to note the many signs of progress on the horizon."

H. Blurton, of Mara, was in town on Friday last buying supplies for a trip up the mountain on a trapping expedition. Mr. Blurton brought in with him several beautiful skins of marmot and marten which he obtained on his last trip. He says that he experienced some very bad weather during his last trip. On his way down he encountered a blizzard, which delayed him some 30 hours, during which time he was without food. He says that he saw plenty of caribou within four miles from Mara, which was different from last fall, when in company with a party of English sportsmen, he went 25 miles across the mountains between Mara and the C.P.R. main line without getting a single shot at caribou. Mr. Blurton left for Mara again the same day with the intention of making another trip to inspect his traps, of which he has sixty set out.

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