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PAY THEIR RESPECTS

Anniversary of Big Explosion Fittingly Observed by Societies

Last Wednesday, the 22nd, was the fifth anniversary of the great explosion at Coal Creek, in which 130 miners lost their lives, and the occasion was commemorated by the closing of the mines and a procession to the graveyard. A very large conclave of miners attended.

The Italian society and Slavonian organization, preceded by the Italian band, marched to the Catholic church, where a very brief service was held, after which the procession again marched to the Union Miners' hall, where they were joined by members of Gladstone union, and all marched to the cemetery on the hill.

Rev. Father Tavernier conducted the service in memory of the dead at the graveside of the Catholic victims of the disaster, after which Rev. Kempton, of the Baptist church, offered up a brief prayer near the Protestant graves, and was followed by Rev. Grant, who delivered a very brief but eloquent address.

Before the prayer of Rev. Kempton, "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung by those assembled, and at the close of Mr. Grant's address the service was brought to a close by the singing of "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

There are many, very many evidences of the tenderness with which the victims of the explosion are kept in memory by their friends. But alas, there are many graves upon which not even the names of those who sleep therein are to be found.

Rows of graves of unknown dead ones are to be seen on the hill, and those who sleep therein have been forgotten or were not known when placed in their last resting place.

SKOOKUM FIRST.

The first general meeting of the Skookum Creek lumber company was held in Fernie last Monday.

This company has an authorized capital of $100,000. The officers elected for the year are as follows:

President, A. T. Claxton, of Grenfel.

Vice-President, W. A. Mitchell, Coal Creek.

Secretary, J. B. Tunney, Fernie.

Treasurer and Managing Director, J. A. Broley, Fernie.

This company owns about 11,000 acres of timber on Skookum Creek river, a tributary to the Kootenay, and have contracted with Parker and Thorp to manufacture the timber at their mill near Wardner.

Parker and Thorp are experienced millmen, and will turn out half a million ties and from one to two million feet of lumber this season.

They began operations last week, and expect to keep their mill going until the river freezes over.

Our old teacher, McMordie, is a member of this company, and has been in town a day or two during the week attending the company meeting and visiting old friends.

STAND CUTTING BOTH WAYS.

The Western Mine Operators' association have made well out of this recent strike. The miners have received an increase; not a very large one, but it was worth while.

The public suffered the inconvenience and pays the increase, and does not complain.

But that is not all. The strike is made an excuse for an outrageous hold-up of the people of the west.

In this country where freight rates are fairly high and where many things enter into the make-up of the price of coal, it is very easy to understand that labor, though perhaps the largest single element in the price, is not the entire factor, or anything like the most important factor.

Here is what occurred. There was an increase of five per cent. on one element in the price of a ton of coal, which means, perhaps, an increase of two and a half per cent. on the entire ton of coal.

To meet this the coal men have increased the price of coal 15 per cent., and they take the difference from the public.

And in that way the western mine operators make a considerable profit out of the recent strike.

The operator grows richer on account of the labor difficulty. The miner gets an increase in wages, though not very much of an increase. The general public, which has been suffering all the inconveniences of the labor difficulty, pays the total increase, and is held up for an additional 10 per cent., or more, on the strength of it.

And that is the way that the west is being handicapped. In the province of British Columbia the government places a limit upon the price of coal at the mouth of the pit.

Some kind of protection such as this should be given to the people of Alberta.—Morning Albertan.

If the Albertan would go a step farther and undertake an investigation of the freight rates charged for hauling coal, it might find an additional cause for a kick on the cost of coal aside from the boosting of the price by the operators.

It might find that while the business of the railroads has been increasing by leaps and bounds, and the dividends growing in proportion, the freight rates keep to their goodly proportion and are still one of the chief elements in the cost of coal to consumers.

A railroad which charges about as much for shipping a ton of coal a hundred miles as it pays for that ton at the mine might be induced to make substantial reductions in freight rates, and at the same time increase the price it pays to the mine operator for its coal.

AGAIN BEFORE COURTS.

The question of the title to the coal and petroleum lands in Southeast Kootenay is to become a live one in the courts again. This arises out of the fact that legislation was passed at the last session of the legislature which validated the special licenses issued under order-in-council some years ago. The holders of these licenses are also continued in their rights so that recourse may be had to the courts to settle them.

Judge Wilson has set Monday, July 22 as the date upon which he will hear argument in the petition presented by John Watt, who claims various lots under the act. The hearing will be in Cranbrook.

Mr. Watt was one of the first to locate coal lands in the territory under dispute, and for years has been patiently waiting for a settlement of his case in order to begin work.

When the courts declared the old special license issued under order-in-council invalid, the different cases then in court were forced to be abandoned.

The legislation passed last session allows a renewal of the petitions and this is being done by Mr. Watt, who begins over again the legal work before attempted. The county court judge will first dispose of the case in point. It is likely that other holders of these licenses will await the result of Mr. Watt's application before moving in the matter.

And yet the people of this province, or at least a portion of them, endorsed the government which brought about all this litigation and delay with its accompanying expense and retarding of development in Southeast Kootenay by its stupidity—a charitable name for it. Mr. Watt has been at it for seven years in an effort to secure sufficient title to coal and oil lands in this district to justify the expense of prospecting for oil on claims taken up by him at that time. He has just succeeded in securing the privilege of testing in court whether he can have any right to these lands or not.

"Our governments move in a mysterious ways their wonders to perform."

TWAS EVER THUS.

The Nationalist convention, which met in Dublin last Tuesday to decide whether the proposed bill introduced in the house of commons on May 7 by the chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. Birrell, was acceptable to the people of Ireland, assembled last Tuesday in the Mansion house. It became known immediately that the measure as a result of that meeting of the Irish leaders would be rejected.

A resolution proposed by leader Redmond was passed, which says: "That this convention, representative of Irish national opinion, emphatically places on record its profound conviction that nothing can satisfy the national aspirations of Ireland and bring peace and contentment to our people except a measure which will give the Irish people complete control of their domestic affairs.

"That while we have never wavered in our belief that it was impossible to produce any legal or workable scheme for the extension and development of popular power and responsibility in Ireland short of the concession of home rule, at the same time, we have been willing to give fair consideration to any scheme prepared by the British ministers which in their opinion would be 'consistent with and look up to the larger policy,' which they pledged.

"That this bill is utterly inadequate in its scope and should be rejected by the Irish nation, and we call upon the Irish party to oppose the bill in the house of commons and press for the introduction of a measure for a native parliament with a responsible executive having power over all purely Irish affairs."

As will be seen by our advertising columns, the Moore concert and vaudeville company will play two nights in the Stork opera house next week, Monday and Wednesday. This is a company which plays from two nights to a full week in every town they visit, and can always draw large crowds upon second visits. They are receive glowing press notices everywhere, and have earned them. Their prices are 25, 50 and 75 cents, which include admission to the dance given after each performance.

ALMOST MURDER

Man at Jaffray Slugs Companion--One in Jail, Other in Hospital

Provincial Constable F. R. Morris brought George Congdon down to this city Thursday morning and turned him over to the authorities here. He is being held until Monday next pending result of injuries received by H. Gonderson.

It appears that Congdon, who is a sawyer in the employ of the North Star Lumber company at Jaffray, had an altercation with Gonderson, a filer employed in the same mill, and in the melee he struck Gonderson across the head with a steel instrument used by sawyers and filers, inflicting a very serious wound.

Gonderson is in the Cranbrook hospital under the care of Dr. King.

JUST LIKE NELSON.

While we are all pleased to learn of the termination of the coal strike, we cannot help feeling that a few more strikes will have the effect of forcing the government to assume control of the coal mines. That is a desideratum we in common with the Socialists dream of, but it certainly will not be attained so long as the Crow's Nest company have the dead immortal cinch on the public, and are subsidizing a certain newspaper not a hundred miles from Nelson.—Slocan Mining Review.

The Review must be driving at the Daily Canadian.

WORD OF OLD FRIEND.

With the present week Rev. R. F. Stillman closes his three-year term as pastor of the Chilliwack Methodist church, and will leave today or Monday with family for the east. On account of ill-health he has been granted a year's leave of absence, and his many friends hope that at the end of that time he may be able to resume his chosen work. For a time Mr. and Mrs. Stillman will visit their old homes at Campbellford and Omemee, Ont., and later in the summer may return to British Columbia.—Fraser Advance.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman's many Fernie friends will learn with regret of the illness of their old pastor and wish him speedy recovery.

APPOINT COMMISSION.

An order-in-council has been passed by the Alberta government appointing

Hon. Arthur L. Sifton, chief justice of the supreme court of Alberta, Lewis Stockett, manager of the Bankhead mines; W. H. Haysome, president of the Coleman miners' union and a working miner at Coleman, commissioners to investigate and report on all matters concerning the relations of employers of laborers to the laborers employed in the coal mining industry in the province, and more especially in relation to the wages paid to the laborers; the length of time constituting a working day, the conditions sanitary and otherwise under which such labor is performed; the precautions that are or should be taken to avoid injury to persons so employed and compensation of such persons or their dependants or representatives in event of their injury or death while engaged in such employment, and in this connection to investigate and report upon all circumstances tending to the elucidation of differences between operators and men.

The commission is also authorized to investigate all circumstances which may throw light upon or explain the scarcity in the coal supply which existed throughout the west during the past winter. The commissioners are given power to summon witnesses to give evidence upon oath and to produce any document that may be required and they shall have the same power as exists in any court of record in civil cases in the province.

E. Trowbridge, Edmonton, will be secretary.

BUSY IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 20.—Several warrants were issued today for the arrest of men employed as stevedores who had season contracts. This action was taken under the civic by-laws concerning breaches of contract and warrants were issued by the recorders.

The longshoremen's trouble assumed a new phase today, which culminated in the departure for Quebec of F. A. Acland, the representative of the Federal labor department.

On Saturday night the longshoremen's union officially took a hand, but were refused consideration by the shipping federation, which then withdrew all its offers. This morning, through Mr. Acland's influence, negotiations were reopened and the federation renewed its offer to meet half the demands of the dock laborers out, and to submit the other half to arbitration. This offer was refused by the general meeting when the union officials withdrew from all connection with the strike, the president of the union resigning from the position of the strikers. The dock laborers now stand firm for the full demand of five cents, and the outlook is for an extended contest. Before leaving, Acland informed both parties that he was ready to return as soon as he could be of any service in the negotiations.—Press Dispatch.

What has become of that new conciliation act? Mr. Acland should have had it in his pocket.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Beginning with our issue of June 1 we will inaugurate street delivery of The Ledger in Fernie proper. Those who desire to have their paper delivered at their door early Saturday morning will kindly leave address at this office during the coming week.

INVESTIGATE THE INVESTIGATION.

The Calgary Chinook, after quoting a long statement by Mr. Taylor about the investigation of the lumber combine at Ottawa, makes the following comment:

The above is a strang, bold, fearless statement, and on account of Mr. Taylor having been present at the lumber investigation and also knowing the ins and outs of the lumber business, he evidently knows what he is talking about. Is is not the duty of the investigation committee and the attorney-general to take action in this matter at once? Is it possible for men to give false evidence under oath, before a government committee, and go Scott free?

The Chinook is not saying that those men did commit perjury, but we do say that Mr. Taylor's statement should be investigated. It is no use beating around the bush in this matter. Public opinion demands justice. If those men are guilty of perjury, why were they allowed to leave Ottawa before this matter was cleared up? A poor man giving false evidence would be prosecuted at once. Why not the millmen and lumber dealers?

What are our members doing in the matter at present? Are they going to wait and let the combine rob the people still further of millions of dollars? Every newspaper and every board of trade in Canada should get to work and assist in smashing this damnable piece of robbery.

By all means investigate Mr. Taylor's statement, and if that investigation does not pan out, investigate the statement of any fellow who makes statements about the investigating of Taylor's statements being tainted with perjury, but keep as far away from the real cause of the difference between the price the millmen gets for his lumber and the price the consumer of lumber on the prairie has to pay. That would stop the investigating machine and locate the trouble just where it belongs.

The transportation companies and those unselfish retail dealers could then scrap it out amongst themselves.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

The Fernie Aerie, No. 561, F.O.E., at their meeting of Friday, May 10, passed the following resolution of condolence to the widow of departed brother, A. B. Alexander:

"While we feel that we have sustained a severe loss in the death of our beloved brother, A. B. Alexander, we recognize that it is the will of a Divine Father to call him hence, and we must humbly bow to our Father's will. We extend to our sister our sincere sympathy in her bereavement, and feel that while we have lost a warm friend and brother, our sister and children have lost a loving and kind husband and father. We therefore in this meeting assembled, pass a resolution of condolence to our sister, with the assurance that the memory of our dear departed brother will ever remain with us.

Signed on behalf of the order:

R. H. MOORE,
President.

A. R. McLEOD,
Secretary.

The Rev. Grant will give an address on "Western Experience" on Monday evening, 27th inst., in the Methodist church. Time 8 p. m. All are heartily welcome.

Alex. Potter, brother of our city engineer, will be in the city in a few days. This gentleman has had much experience in sewer building, and his advice will be valuable to the city.

HAVE A BIG DAY

Coal Creek Celebrates in Grand Style and Pulls Off Good Sports

The weather was on its good behaviour yesterday and gave everybody a bright, sunshiny day in which to celebrate Victoria Day. Many Fernie people went by train to other places, many went fishing, and a few stayed at home.

The 10 o'clock train to Coal Creek was full to overflowing with people who went up to the mine town to spend the day.

A long programme of sports was provided, and the committee were busy all day attending to the many events which were pulled off. Lots of Fernie kids were in evidence, and they took a lively part in the programme. There were numerous entries in each race, and it was a "boys' day all through except when the girls had a run of their own.

The lovers of quoits kept the iron rings going all day, some very close contests taking place in that good old sport.

In the hop-step-and-jump contest there was a very nice exhibition of skill and muscle by Wm. Mitchell and Mr. Wilson of the Bank of Commerce, Fernie. Mitchell won the first prize in this by a record of 38 feet, Wilson secobd in 37 feet 8 inches, and W. McFegan third at 36 feet 11 inches. But in the running broad jump Willon evened up with Mitchell, covering 18 feet 10 inches to Mitchell's 18 feet 6 inches.

Those who had expected to see a good game of football between Michel's crack team and the Coal Creek boys were disappointed, as the mines at Michel did not stop work for the day and the team did not come down. However, a very good game was played between Coal Creek number one and number two teams. The number one boys in the first half of the game had the wind to usher locks and a down hill pull of it but failed to score before half time was called.

In the second half their opponents made a goal by playing over time.

The Coal Creek team show much skill, and will be making other teams work for their records during the season.

There was lots of fun for everybody except the boys who carried the water pails on their heads in the wet race. Several runs had to be made, and each time the boys "git it in the neck" as they ran down the course with their pails on their heads.

The potato race was short but sweet, six boys trying to put the spuds in the pails quickets.

The sack race was another amusing race to those who looked on. The boys in the sacks did the hard work.

In the obstacle race it looked as though all the boys in the crowd were in the fun, and when they dived into that heap of caps, each fellow bound to get his own first, the mix-up of arms, legs, heads and hands looked like a regulation tussle at rugby football. They all had to be strained through the holes in a ladder, and then passed through bottomless gunnysacks before getting to the end of the course. The Ledger Kid had more fun looking at them than any one of them had, unless it was the lucky ones who pulled down the cash prizes.

The Ledger boy had to go home to spell out his lesson before all the fun was over, and so did not get the results of all the contests or see all the fun.

The Coal Creek athletic grounds are well graded and will be put in the best of condition for the season's sports.

The big tipple was idle, and everything about the big machinery wore a sanctimonious Sunday air.

Below we publish a list of prize-winners in most of the contests up to the time of the reporter's departure:

Boys' race, 15 years and under—1 Tom Martin, 2 Seaman, 3 Mike Hudoc.

Girls' race, 15 years and under—1 Louise Wild, 2 A. Seaman, 3 Gervaise.

Potato race—1 John Seaman, 2 Seaman and Palmer tied.

Wet race 1 George Yeager, 2 M. Gorrie, 3 A. Fasto.

Sack race, 15 years and under—1 Seaman, 2 D. Martin, 3 Murray.

Sack race, 15 to 20—1 D. Martin, 2 Redhead, 3 Murray.

Hop-step-and-jump—1 W. A. Mitchell, 38 feet; 2 Wilson, 37 feet 8 inches; 3 W. McFegan, 36 feet 11 inches.

Running broad jump—1 Wilson, 18 feet 10 inches; 2 W. A. Mitchell, 18 feet 6 inches, 3 Walter Dick, 17 feet.

Football dribbling contest—1 McGechie, 2 Gibson.

W. F. LUXTON HAS PASSED ON.

W. F. Luxton, the father of journalism in Manitoba and the west, passed away at Winnipeg on Tuesday. It was in 1872 that W. F. brought his plant to Port Garry, now Winnipeg, from St. Paul by the old familiar route of ox team. The plant arrived in good time and a paper was issued under the name of the Nor'wester. In 1878 Louis Riel caused Luxton to publish Le Manitoba, the organ of the new republic of which Riel was president. On the downfall of Riel the paper was published under the name of the Free Press. Late in the nineties the C. P. R. ousted Luxton from the control of the Free Press, and the old man was never the same thereafter—he had lost his heart's delight. Later he started a paper under the old name Nor-wester, now the Telegram, but it never in his time seriously competed with the Free Press. W. F. became in his old age too bitter on his enemies and the public turned him down. He then accepted a minor position on the Nor'wester, which he held for a few years. Afterwards he was appointed business manager of the St. Paul Globe, but returned later to accept an appointment under the Roblin government, which he held till his death by paralysis.

A better friend of the printer never put foot in shoe leather than the same W. F. Luxton. Numerous old-time printers of Manitoba, now scattered throughout British Columbia, will feel that they have lost one dear to them on reading of the death of W. F. Luxton, the man who stood by them in their struggles for better conditions of trade and also in their pleasures.

Bon voyage, W. F.

The funeral of W. F. Luxton took place in Winnipeg yesterday at 2 p. m. The pallbearers were Hon. R. P. Roblin, Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. Wm. Hespler, James Fisher, Sheriff Inkster and Professor McDermid.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Miss McKinley went to Elkmouth yesterday.

Inspector Morgan spent a portion of the week at Michel.

Mrs. E. R. Wriglesworth went down to Elkmouth yesterday.

R. A. McMordie and J. B. Turney went up to Wardner Thursday.

Land Commissioner McEvoy spent a day or two at Michel this week.

Miss McLaughlin, of Macleod, is visiting her cousin, Miss Oliver, this week.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was received in audience by President Dalleries at Paris yesterday.

Dr. Green, of Cranbrook, has hung out a green card labeled measles. Wouldn't that make you sick.

C. P. Hill refuses still to sign the new agreement with the Hillcrest miners, and the mine is still idle.

Two weeks work has been done and still a full jury has not yet been secured before which to try Haywood.

The W. C. T. U. intend holding the third contest in the medal contest series early in June. Full particulars next week.

Robert Grant, who was so seriously injured in No. 5 mine Michel, last week, is doing well under the care of Dr. McSorley.

J. S. Clute, Dominion customs inspector for British Columbia, came in on the eastbound express Thursday evening, and returned west on the C. P. R. to Kingsgate yesterday.

H. G. Watson is selling his household furniture, and W. G. Barclay, manager of the Crow's Nest Trading company, will occupy the house as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Watson vacate it.

Mrs. Terry and Miss Patterson left by the delayed G. N. train Tuesday evening bound for the coast on an outing tour. They will visit Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo while away.

Mrs. P. Hughes and child, wife and daughter of the popular wine clerk at the Waldorf hotel, arrived on Wednesday from Scotland. They will remain permanently in Fernie, and are guests at the Waldorf at present.

The citizens band are doing lots of practice work under the direction of Mr. Mazinoldie. It now numbers more than twenty members, and is making rapid progress, as nearly all the members are practical musicians.

Baldy Morris, while in town the other day, got gay and undertook to cast chilling reflections upon Fernie weather. Assuming the air of "the man from Mass," he pointed at the lofty peaks of the Lizzard range and asked what that white stuff was.

"Don't you know what that is?" replied the Kid. "No, I don't know what that is" retorted Baldy.

"Well, those are feathers out of the wings of the white angels that hover over and guard Fernie," said the Kid. You don't seem to be familiar with the angels, Mr. Baldy," and B. admitted that he was not.

Then the Kid began to sing softly, "Then forth rode one Baldy Morris:"

"Cut it out, cut it out," cried the banana-belt tenderfoot," or I'll run you in."

WILL IT BE NEW ONE?

Question Now is Will City Build a New School or Enlarge the Old One.

At the school board meeting held last Saturday in Dr. Corsan's office, the accounts for the month were passed and the estimates for the current year were struck as follows:

Teachers' salaries	$5,280
Janitor	550
Sec.-Treas.	100
Heating	350
Improvements and repairs	866
Furniture and fixtures	100
Insurance	204
Total	$7,800

It will be seen that the items of heating, insurance and improvements and repairs foot up a total of $1,316, a big item which should be reduced.

The heating bill is a heavy one for this building, and if it sufficed to heat the building not so much objection could be raised, but so large and barnlike a building with so much window surface makes it impossible at times in very cold weather to keep the temperature at anything like a comfortable stage, and the schools have to be closed.

The insurance on such a structure is also a heavy expense.

In view of these conditions, the board took into consideration the advisability of preparing to build a new and larger building which will be of brick or concrete blocks, with better sanitary arrangements, and which would not cost more than half as much to heat and to keep insured, and which would cost little or nothing for repairs or additions for years to come.

The matter will be gone into more fully soon and some definite proposition be submitted to the ratepayers through the city council.

Principal Pollar's resignation was accepted and the secretary instructed to advertise in coast papers for a successor.

The next meeting of the Provincial Trustees association is to be held in New Westminster during fair week.

The secretary is corresponding with the provincial department regarding assessment of property in the district outside of the city limits. He was also asked to request the provincial education department to defray the expense of educating non-resident pupils.

NAY, MASTER, WE ARE FIVE.

The Mayor, Aldermen Gates, Trites and Tuttle were present at the regular council meeting Thursday night.

After passing the minutes of previous meeting, the resignation of Alderman Stork was read and accepted.

The estimates of the school board asking for $7,800 were read and accepted.

The school board also stated in its communication that the council would be asked to submit a proposition to the ratepayers to vote a sum for a new school building.

The new sewer plans as submitted by City Engineer Potter were adopted.

Scott and Ross asked permission to remove the Club cigar store building to lot A block 17. The matter was laid over to next meeting.

The amended bill of Connell and Ross for extras on addition to fire hall contract was passed as amended.

The time for opening of bids on the sewer building was extended to today at noon.

Council then adjourned to meet at noon today.

STICK LABEL OR GET STICKER.

The International Typographical union furnish a neat little return sticker free to all who desire to use them. Printed on this little sticker is the union label and the words "Demand this label on all your printed matter."

Get some of these and when you see a dodger or other printed matter without the label just stick a sticker and send back the printed matter to the print shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson entertained a small number of friends at a very pleasant card party last night.

Ross Ruttan, son of R. L. Ruttan, manager of the North American lumber company, is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

As a result of the labor troubles up west, the Eagles' convention, which was to have been held in Fernie next month, has been postponed till next year.

Cold or heat, or rain or sleet—
Why should we fiercly flout it?
No matter what the weather is
We cannot do without it.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In the shop or in the street
There is no doubt about it;
No matter what the weather is,
We sure do kick about it.

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D. V. MOTT, Editor, R. G. MARSHALL, Business Manager

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1907

NOW ALL BE WISE.

Much labor is being spent and many editorials written bearing upon the late labor troubles in this district. Public opinion, as expressed through the editorial columns of the press has been focussed from almost every viewpoint upon the situation, its cause and the cure suggested or remedies to be applied to prevent future trouble.

One of our weekly contemporaries published in a coal mining district has made some sage remarks which for originality and wisdom are marvels in their way. First he takes the railroads to task for not supplying an adequate amount of rolling stock, and suggests that if they are not able to accurately gauge the requirements of the coal trade, that the railway commission should step in and do the estimating for them and see that the roads carry out their recommendations. This is what he has to say on the subject:

"The railroads ought to be able to calculate the number of cars required to handle the output of the mines. If they are not, the railway commission should step in and solve the problem for them. Then the railways should be compelled to supply all the cars necessary, and if they failed to do so a heavy penalty ought to be imposed. It is time the railroads were made to realize that the people were boss of affairs in this country."

Just how a railway or a commission are going to arrive at how much coal will be called for in any one year is not explained. That is left to the railway and the commission.

The railways are further behind in their equipment for handling the increasing traffic of all classes than they ever were, and are doing all in their power to catch up, but it seems almost like a hopeless task.

Then our new man of wisdom lectures the operators for not being more humane in their treatment of their employees, and endorses Sir William Mulock's suggestion of constant work succeeded by a good vacation. This is what he says:

"The trouble with the mine operators, as well as the heads of other of our great industrial concerns, is that they fail to consider the interests of their men from the humane standpoint. Instead they look at everything from the standpoint of the almighty dollar. Would it not be worth while experimenting in a new way with the toilers? Why not give them a holiday, as Sir William Mulock says, and not force them to lay off for a day every week or so. That makes the men dissatisfied. On the other hand, if they were offered a week's vacation and treated like the men who work in stores and offices, would they not be better satisfied with conditions? Would not the possibility of industrial troubles be lessened?"

"Would not the Crow's Nest Coal company have been better off if it had paid a slightly smaller dividend to its shareholders and used their employee a wee bit better?"

The employee is favored with a lecture as to his duties to his employer, and he is condemned for trying to force everybody into the union. This is the way he puts it:

But it is in the following paragraph that he sums up his wisdom and puts it in a practical form and in a very small dose, which, if taken as directed, we have no doubt would solve all labor troubles for all time. Here is the remedy ready for use:

"If the employer and employee were to exchange places now and again there would be a far better understanding in the industrial world."

If this remedy were to be applied here at Coal Creek for a few weeks the Ledger would become one of the most interesting papers in the country as it from week to week laid before its readers the results of this remedy as they developed.

If Lindsey, Drinnan, Cox, Jaffray, Pallette, et al., were to take their little lamps and dinner pails and board the mine train every day on shift time and go down into the working faces and dig out their little tons of coal while Frank Sherman, John Galvin and all the other boys were to take possession of the elegantly furnished and finished offices down in the big office, there would be some fun.

There is not much doubt about the miners liking the change; in fact we think they would like it more than once in a while.

On the other hand, we believe that before the first payday came around there would be organized a new miners' union with such closed shop principles as nobody has ever seen before. There would be a strike on the like of which would make old strike veterans sit up and wonder.

With Lindsey as president of the union, with such a lot of high privates at his back as would be the ex-employers under such conditions, there would be walkouts, boycotts and other kinds of fun galore.

Such a strike as they would inaugurate would beat all previous records.

But we don't believe it would avail to drive General Manager Sherman and his staff of employees out of their jobs if once they were allowed to firmly settle themselves in these soft places.

No, this scheme of exchanging places would not work. The men would be more dissatisfied than ever with their dark holes in the ground, and the employers would not want to change places more than once in a lifetime, and that once to be of very short duration.

The coal miners have never asked for such a change, but what they do ask for is better pay and better treatment. They ask the public to look into the situation and inform themselves upon the conditions which surround the life of a miner and then use their best judgment in assisting the miner to secure all that is coming to him for his risks of life, lack of facilities for bettering his and his family's condition, and to secure an equitable share of the products of his labor.

When the public, the great consumer of the product of the mines, finds out that the miner is, after all, a part of itself, it will be more lenient in its judgment of him, and we have faith enough in that public to believe that it does not want coal at the cost of comfort and real necessities of those who have to dig it for them. There are many things which enter into the cost of the coal to the consumer besides the wages of the man who digs it, and these elements of cost should be thoroughly investigated.

The result of such an investigation will be to locate the blame for strikes and lockouts where it properly belongs, and it will be found that the public have the least cause of complaint against the laboring man.

Our critic winds up his article by saying that the weakness of a great many unions, like industrial concerns is that they are frequently directed by men who are narrow and selfish. They only look at things from the one point of view.

This remark can not apply to the trouble in the unions at Lethbridge last winter, or to the late controversy.

In both those instances the miners received, and justly, the warm commendation of the government officials for their broad-minded and public-spirited actions.

Besides, the action in the late walk-out was not the result of any leadership. It was the individual, unanimous action of the miners themselves and no official or leader could have stopped it.

The narrow mindedness must have proceeded from other parties than those representing the miners.

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All so-called "soothing" syrups and most of the powders advertised to cure childhood ailments contain poisonous opiates, and an overdose may kill the child. When the mother uses Baby's Own Tablets she has the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine contains no opiate or narcotic. They can be given with absolute safety to a new-born baby. They cure indigestion, constipation, colic, diarrhoea and the other minor ailments of children. Mrs. G. Collins, Hirkella, Man., says: "Baby's Own Tablets are the most satisfactory medicine I have ever used for the minor ailments of children. I always keep the Tablets in the house." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 c a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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SPORT

The Coal Creek Rugby football team having heard that Fernie boasts of a similar team, desires to invite the Fernie gents to play the Coal Creek artists for $100 a side, for a supper or for marbles.

A quoit match is to be played at Coal Creek on Monday, May 27, for $50 a side between William McKay, the popular dispenser of refreshments at the club, and Dick Ray, of No. 2 mine, who claims to be able to pick coal near the peg all the time, and incidentally says he is champion of Cumberland.

WHO'S LOOKING FOR US?

The gentlemen who are doing their utmost in the city of Fernie to build up the art preservative and incidentally make an honest dollar supplying the public with tasty job work and good reading, will be pleased to meet the exponents of some other line of preserves in a good old-fashioned game of baseball, where nothing but a car of coal can hold down the score. The printers, editors and "kid" have received a juicy offer from the manager of the burlesque show appearing here on July 1, and if we can find another trade aggregation in Fernie which knows as little about baseball as we do, our fortunes are made. Kindly forward all challenges to W. J. Thompson, care of Ledger, who has been instructed to pick out the easy ones.

The Ledger Kid will be in the game.

SPOKANE EMIGRANTS.

A conference that lasted most of Saturday afternoon between Mayor Herbert Moore, of Spokane, Corporation Counsel L. R. Hamilton, Police Justice J. D. Hinkle, Police Commissioner J. T. Omo and Chief of Police Ren Rice, the new administration issued its first order in the matter of reform to the police department Saturday night, and mapped out other plans to be put into effect during the next few days.

The first general order to the police department was for all male parasites and vagrants to leave the city within 24 hours. It was estimated that between 150 and 200 men are affected by the order. Among these male consorts of depraved women, Americans and French men predominate. Most of the men frequent saloons and pool rooms in the lowest part of the city.

Direction was given to the members of the police force to notify saloons where these men hang out that they are to quit the city within the next 24 hours, and, where possible, the men were given personal notice. The general tip went through the lower part of the city with such rapidity, however, that general notice was not necessary.

"Have we any here in Fernie?"

A RHEUMATIC WRECK.

After Hospital Treatment Failed Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Him.

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These words were spoken by Clifford L. Forbes when interviewed at his home in Port Maitland, N.S. Mr. Foebes is a fisherman and had always been very healthy until some three years ago while fishing off Newfoundland he was seized with a very severe attack of rheumatism. In his own words he says: "I was fishing on the Grand Banks in the spring of 1903 when I was stricken with rheumatism. I could not work or sleep, and the pain was almost unbearable. My case became so serious that I had to be landed, and for weeks I lay in a Cape Breton hospital as a cripple. The hospital doctors prescribed different remedies, but they did not cure me. I then left the hospital and was taken with rheumatism apparently completely fastened upon me. Day and night, I suffered. Nothing I did for the trouble seemed to help me, and I became despondent and downhearted. Then a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was skeptical, but my friend praised the pills so highly that I determined to try them, with the result you see today. I am fully cured and have not since had even a twinge of that dreaded affliction. I cannot say too much in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I urge all rheumatic sufferers to try them."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured Mr. Fortes because they struck straight at the root and cause of his crippling rheumatism. They don't act on the mere symptoms like ordinary medicine. They don't act on the bowels. They do only one thing, but they do it well—they actually make new blood. In that way they root out all common blood diseases like anaemia, headaches and backaches, rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia and the secret ailments of girls and women who suffer inexplicably when the richness and regularity of their blood becomes disturbed. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers in medicine, or sent by mail at 50 cents a box or 6 boxes for $2.50, by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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DO IT SOME MORE.

It is reported that the C. P. R. has granted an increase in the price paid to the coal mining companies of the Pass district for the fuel supply it obtains from them. The increase amounts to ten cents a ton and runs to the companies which have contracts as well as those which have not. The companies affected are the Canadian-American company at Frank the West Canadian Collieries of Lille and Bellevue, and the International company of Coleman.

Under present conditions there is no reason why the railway companies should not pay $2 a ton for coal at any mine in the Pass. The reported increase of 10 cents is a step in the right direction, but not far enough.

The increase, while it does not put the price up to the figure most people believe it should be, is nevertheless an important item, as it virtually means the difference between operating at a profit or otherwise. It is fairly well known that with one exception none of the companies of this district have ever made much money, but have just about broken even, and the increase in the wages of the miners under the new agreement made it rather a strenuous matter to accomplish even that result. As the C. P. R. takes three-quarters, or perhaps more, of the total output of the district, the advance, though small, means that the mines will operate under much more favorable circumstances.

The news of the increase will be gratifying to all persons interested in any way in the district as increased prosperity for the coal companies spells increased prosperity for the district in which they are operating.

Chief Fuel Agent A. D. McTier, of Montreal, accompanied by his assistant, R. Barnwell, of Winnipeg, visited the Pass Monday and Tuesday to look into the fuel situation. Mr. McTier, when questioned relative to the increase, acknowledged that an increase had been granted, but declined to go into any details concerning it.

The increase is to be paid from the time the mines resumed operations after the signing of the new agreement.

The haulage rates charged for shipments of coal over the road is at a figure which will justify a higher price to the producer without seriously increasing the cost to the domestic consumer.

LET THEM COME.

The Socialists of Austria have gained a great political victory. The marked unrest in the continental countries of Europe presages trouble for the hereditary monarchs of these unhappy kingdoms. No wonder His Majesty the Kaiser of Germany regards with misgivings the marked developments of the times and is determined to resist disarmament.—Victoria Times.

Yes, and the same kind of unrest among producers of all classes on this side of the ocean causes the captains of frenzied finance to have misgivings about the prospects for them in the near future.

The despotism of commercialization is worse than political despotism and the financiers of the Harriman class have been very busy during the last ten years making practical demonstrations and furnishing unanswerable arguments against the modern method of getting rich out of the use of money placed in their hands for the purpose of making other people rich. That the better part of Socialism is gaining a tremendous foothold in what we are proud to call our own free country is apparent.

There are many things connected with the Socialist propaganda of today that the people at large do not sanction, but the principles which underlie Socialism, and which have done so much to awaken the sluggish mind of the public as a whole are live problems of vast interest to all the common people, be they Socialists or not.

The battle which is raging between the oppressed and the oppressor in the industrial and commercial world is not confined to the party which styles itself Socialist. It is spreading to all parties and is being felt by everybody.

The great changes which have been wrought in the mechanical world during the last half century are to be followed with as great changes in the political and social world, and it looks as though they will be as rapid in their development as have been the great mechanical changes.

Old systems will not fit the new conditions, and changes are inevitable. Let them come!

THEY ALL READ IT

The following from the Fernie Ledger will be read with interest by the members and friends of the city fire brigade:

"The fire brigade racers have been out twice with their little race cart this week, making runs Monday and Tuesday evenings. It looks good to see the boys sprinting down street again, and this useful sport will attract many spectators and rekindle an interest in the brigade. J. W. Nunn, W. Warren, J. Kenny, C. C. Wright, Milt Kastner, Bert Black, J. Doyle, Edgecombe, H. A. Wilkes, H. Cattell and others are taking part, and out of such sprinters we will have a team which, with last year's experience and training, will be equal to the best."

From reading the above we are forced to the conclusion that the Fernie brigade will be at Cranbrook on Labor Day, with goods that will be "all wool and a yard wide" to wrap up the cup—well, the goods won't spoil if they have to wait another year.—Cranbrook Prospector.

PAYS TO BE SILENT

Ottawa Free Press: "Lost, stolen or strayed in London, England, one colonial premier. The people of British Columbia would be glad to be advised of the whereabouts of Hon. Richard McBride, who went over to attend the Imperial conference." Has anybody heard of him?" The last heard of the premier was at the London Canada club's dinner to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on April 30, at which he was a guest, or at least his name appears among the list of those present on that occasion.

Don't be alarmed, Hon. Richard will turn up in time to put in his bill of expense.

There were upward of 25,500 immigrants who arrived at ocean ports for the month of April, 1906, an increase of 52 per cent. The outlook at the present is that immigration for the current year will reach the 250,000 mark. Last year it was 215,000

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Yarmouth, N. S.

Gentlemen—In January last, Francis Leclare, one of the men employed by me, working in the lumber woods, had a tree fall on him, crushing him fearfully. He was, when found, placed on a sled and taken home, where grave fears were entertained for his recovery, his hips being badly bruised and his body turned black from his hips to his feet. We used MINARD'S LINIMENT on him freely to deaden the pain, and with the use of three bottles he was completely cured and able to return to work.

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Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be required by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of $5 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 an acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent on the sales.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5 renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

TIMBER NOTICES

District of North East Kootenay.

TAKE NOTICE that David S. Podley, of Wasa B. C., occupation Timber Cruiser, intends to apply for special timber licenses for the following described lands situate on the north fork of Pallisar River and its tributaries in North East Kootenay District:

No. 1. Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Lynx creek about one mile from its mouth; thence north 80 chains; thence West 80 chains; thence South 80 chains; thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres of land more or less.
May 7, 1907

No. 2. Commencing at a post planted at the South East corner of application No 1; thence North 80 chains; thence West 80 chains; thence South 80 chains; thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres of land more or less.
May 7, 1907.

No. 3. Commencing at a post planted at the North East corner of No. 2; thence East 80 chains; thence South 80 chains; thence West 80 chains; thence North 80 chains, to point of commencement and containing 640 acres of land more or less.
May 9, 1907.

No. 4. Commencing at a post planted one and one half miles north of Lynx creek from mouth on west side; thence North 120 chains thence West 40 chains; thence South 120 chains thence East 40 chains to point of commencement, and containing 480 acres of land more or less.
May 8, 1907

Dated this 10th day of May, 1907.
m18-5 David S Podley

CITY OF FERNIE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll of the City of Fernie for 1907 will be held in the city offices on Monday, May 27, 1907, at 8 p.m.

J. W. Nunn, City clerk

Fernie, B. C. May 18, 1907

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NEWS OF THE CITY

The flowers that bloom
In the spring, tra la,
Have nothing to do
With this weather, ha, ha.

A. McCallum, of Fort Steele, was in the city this week.

Foster has predicted rain until the end of June. Which June?

Mrs. R. W. Wood left Monday to join Mr. Wood at the coast.

A.T. Claxton and Miss Claxton left for Grenfel Thursday evening.

Mrs. D. Davies received for the last time this season on Thursday last.

Mrs. C. O. Demaurez has gone to Helena, Montana, to visit her parents.

A. T. Claxton, Miss Claxton and Miss Mott went up to Wardner Thursday.

Some of the Fernie people have gone to Cranbrook to attend the "hop" given by the Cranbrook Club

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Pinkham returned to Cranbrook last Monday morning, after spending the week-end with Mrs. McEvoy.

A. F. Krapfle, manager of the North Star Lumber company at Jaffray, was in the city for a short time Wednesday afternoon.

Coroner Bleasdell went to Michel Monday evening to hold an inquest upon the death of E. Delucco, who was killed in the mine at that place.

Montalbetti had his preliminary hearing at Frank on Tuesday and was sent up for trial on the charge of perjury. Bail was accepted at $9,000.

A man named Quest was removed from Jaffray to Elko Tuesday who is supposed to have smallpox. The government is taking steps to have the case isolated.

Mrs. R. W. Wood and little son Jack left for Victoria on Monday morning via G. N. They expect to spend two or three months in the city of flowers.

Bob Moore, of the Waldorf, keeps up to the times. He now has Miss Morris at the clerk's desk in that popular hostelery, and his business is flourishing.

The case against Robert Kerr for failure to account for monies received, which was up before Magistrate Whimster Thursday was postponed to next Wednesday, the 29th.

J. D. Quail is putting in a gasoline lighting plant in the post office block and soon Bleasdell's drug store, Blundell's grocery store and the post office will be lighted with gasoline lamps.

Charles French, an old-time prospector who lives at Blairmore, has been in town several days this week. He puts in most of his time passing uncomplimentary remarks about early spring weather in May.

Miss M. Adcock, of the Galt hospital, Lethbridge, has taken the position of matron of the Home hospital here. Miss Adcock has for several years had charge of the operating room under Dr. Mewburn at Lethbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bricker came down from Frank on Thursday. Mr. Bricker is spending a day or two in town with old friends before journeying north to look over the territory to be opened up by the building of the G. T. P.

Mr. Day, of Baltimore, Maryland, is in the city, and will likely remain with us permanently. Mr. Day is adjuster for the Maryland Accident Insurance company, which does such a volume of business here that it is thought best to keep Mr. Day at this place permanently.

The Trites-Wood company are cutting a new entrance into their big store in order to better facilitate entrance to the gents' furnishing department. This will be a decided improvement which might be extended to the grocery department on the north side of the main entrance.

The Elk river is on its good behaviour now and only drinks enough snow water every day to keep about half full. This makes the millmen "smile" as they pass the bars, and if the present stage of sobriety is kept up for two or three weeks more the danger of a full-fledged drunk will be past.

W. J. Thompson, on behalf of the printers, who are challenging any nine to play ball with them, wishes to say that it is to be understood that the team accepting the challenge shall play in uniform. The gate receipts are to be donated to the Ladies' Benevolent society, and the loosing team to pay all expenses of the game.

President Sherman, Vice-President Galvin and Secretary McDonald are at Lethbridge. The local committee of the Lethbridge union met Manager Naismith and President Nanton, of the A. R. and I. company on Wednesday. The officers of the coal company refused to meet the district officers and the local district officers are applying for a conciliation board before which to place the Lethbridge situation.

P. Carosella is transfering his hotel license for the Roma hotel to Alexander Rizzuto.

The mud slide on the G. N. below the Cedar Valley mill has been removed, and trains are running on time again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mott came up from Elkmouth last Friday night and returned to the sawdust factory by Tuesday's delayed G. N. train.

Mrs. Rochfort arrived in town by Thursday's delayed westbound train. She reports Mr. Rochfort as progressing very satisfactorily after his severe attack of appendicitis.

Ernest Deluccia, rope rider in No. 5 mine, Michel, was killed Monday while on duty at the foot of the slope. Two timber cars which were being hauled up the slope broke loose and ran back down the incline, catching him and crushing him so badly that he died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

Some bad boys have been playing the hoodlum out in the north end of the city by throwing eggs at houses after dark. Some of these boys have been seen, and the police should get busy on their trail. Boys who have nothing better to do than to throw eggs at dwelling houses after dark should be found employment at the jail.

The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. McEvoy last week was enjoyed by everyone present. When the mellow notes of the "Home, Sweet Home" waltz floated on the air very few were ready to go. The verandah was enclosed by canvas and the young people found many cozy corners where they could rest until their partners found them for the next dance.

The appeal of the Elk Lumber company vs. the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company was decided by the supreme court at Ottawa. The decision of the lower courts were sustained by all the court except the chief justice, who dissented. This is the case arising out of the Hosmer mill site controversy, and which has been pending in the courts for over a year.

Miss Claxton, of Barrie, Ont., who has been teaching in the musical department at Columbia college at New Westminster for the last two years, has been visiting Mrs. D. V. Mott during the week. Miss Claxton's health would not permit of her staying at her task longer, and she has resigned her position to take a much needed rest. Mr. A. T. Claxton met Miss Claxton here and was also a guest of his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Mott.

A special meeting of the city council was held last Monday, at which the early closing by-law, No. 45 received its final consideration, and now the city has two early closing laws, the former one setting the hour of closing at 7 p.m., not having been repealed. You can pay your money and take your choice. There were present at the meeting the Mayor, councillors Gates, McIntyre, Trites and Stork. The law was put into effect the same day it received its final consideration, although it does not state, as the statute requires, upon what date it is to be effective.

SUMMER EXCURSION RATES EAST.

On June 6, 7, 8, the Canadian Pacific railway will sell at Rossland Nelson, with corresponding rates from all Kootenay points, first-class round trip tickets to all eastern Canadian and United States points. Rate to Winnipeg, Port Arthur, St. Paul, Duluth, Sioux City, $52.50. St. Louis, $60; Chicago, $64; Toronto, $78.50; Ottawa, $82.55; Montreal, $84; St. John, $94; Halifax, $101.50. Tickets are good for three months to stop over east of Fort William or St. Paul and good via any recognized direct route; good via lake route, including meals and berths on Canadian pacific lake steamers, or good to go one of these routes and return another. For rates to any point and berth reservations, standard or tourist sleepers or lake steamers, apply to local agents or write J. S. Carter, D.P.A., Nelson.

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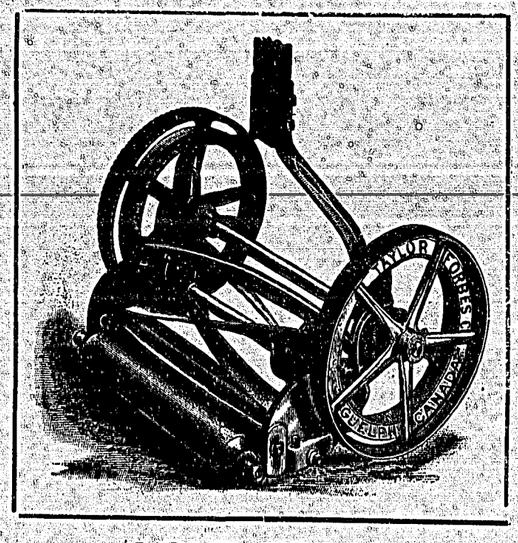

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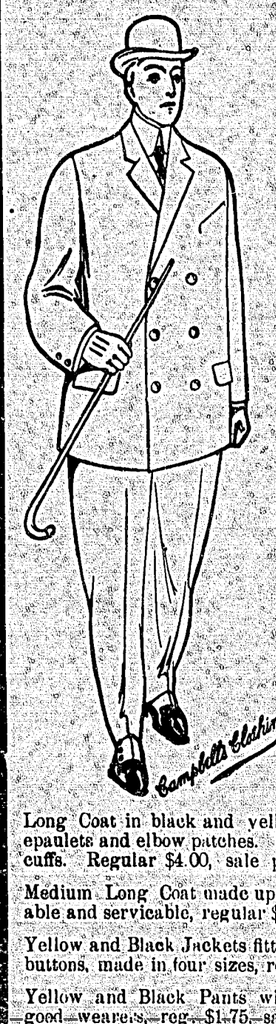

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