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LIFE IN FERNIE

Local Happenings in and About the City

Interesting Items About Many People You Know

T. H. Scott, of Tobacco Plains was in town today.

Dr. Bell, of Cranbrook, was in town last Friday.

R. L. T. Galbraith, of Fort Steele was in the city Thursday.

W. J Langley of Fort Steele was in the city last Thursday.

J. B. Langley, of Gateway was a Fernie visitor last Thursday.

Sergeant W. C Bryan of the R. N W. M. P. at Macleod is in the city. Sergeant Bryan is one of the veterans of the force.

Mrs. A. Berridge, of Coal Creek will receive on Tuesday, Oct. 31st instead of Thursday the 26th.

Mr. J. A. Christie, lumber dealer, of Winnipeg, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Christie's firm handled the entire cut of the Fernie Lumber Co., for the past season.

Social in the Methodist church on Thursday, Thanksgiving evening. Come and have a good time Refreshments and a good program.

Hugh B. Gilmore, Ex M. P. P. of Vancouver was in the city last Friday Mr. Gilmore is agent for the Waterous Engine Work for B. C. and reports business good in his line.

The Cedar Valley Mill Co. are logging with a crew of 80 men and this mill will be adding its share to the industrial life of Fernie in the future. The management expect to operate the mill continously next season.

A. B. Docksteader, of Nelson, representing the Sun Life of Canada is in the city. He has been over in Alberta and reports good business on the prairie. Farmers are now selling their wheat at 58 cents per bushel and oats at 25 cents

Mr. Robert Jaffray, Col. Pellatte, Mr. Wamsley and Mr. Dalton, directors of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. came to Fernie last Friday and have been looking over the Co. property and visiting the different mines during the week.

Constable Dow is in the city and reports that the westbound express ran over and killed a deaf and dumb Indian last Sunday near Wardner. The poor Indian was literally cut to pieces and the body was sent to the St. Eugene mission for burial.

Postmaster Johnson, Jim Miller, W. Forsyth, and W. Baldry returned from their hunting trip up the Elk this morning. The Kootenay Indians were ahead of them so that the chances for game were slim. They however secured one fine deer and had a good time generally.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their annual Thanksgiving entertainment on Thursday evening next. Boston baked beans, brown bread, sandwiches, etc., will be served. A good program is also being provided. Be sure and bring your Thanksgiving friends with you.

F. E. Simpson, of Cranbrook gave us a friendly call last Monday. Mr. Simpson is a hustler and is getting his Lethbridge venture in shape to do good newspaper business. He has a good field awaiting him on the prairie and everybody will be glad to see him and his partner make a success of the Lethbridge Herald.

Rev. Mr. Kempton, the new pastor of the Baptist people here arrived in the city last week with his family and have taken up residence on Pellatt Ave. Mr. Kempton labored successfully at Okotoks, Alta., for the past two years and comes to his charge here highly recommended. He is a good speaker. We welcome Mr. Kempton and family amongst us and wish him all manner of success in his mission.

The annual meeting of the Fernie Liberal Association has been called for Monday night and all those interested in keeping alive the party interest should be there. A well organized association working harmoniously can accomplish a great deal, and there is lots to do in this district if we as liberals wish to win in the next provincial contest. Let every member be present ready to work for the interests of the party.

Fred. Starkey, vice-president of the Nelson board of trade, and a prominent business man, was in town Monday. He states that the press report saying that the Nelson board of trade recommended the South Kootenay pass road to the Flathead was incorrect. The board endorsed a proposition to build a road into that country but did not recommend any particular route.

Andy Good was in town to-day and reports that he, in company with C. H. Robbins, Baptiste Lamoreaux and Sam. McAlister were out in the mountain south of Crow's Nest, last week and had some fine sport, capturing six big horns and two goats. They were out six days and had good weather all the time The game was found in a large canyon and for three days the boys had fun with them before the game got away.

Don't forget the baseball boys Friday night. Everybody should be there with his best girl. The boys are putting up the best of everything and their efforts should be rewarded by a record turn-out. A good ball team cannot be kept up without a great expense and all lovers of clean baseball sport will have the opportunity Friday night to help our ball team and enjoy a good time. The members of the club want to start the new year with a clean balance sheet and we hope they will be well supported.

Trafalgar Day

One hundred years ago last Saturday the greatest victory for the British was won on Trafalgar bay under the leadership of Lord Nelson. The celebration throughout the world of the centenary of this event showed plainly that patriotism bubbled forth in a manner hitherto unfelt by the present generation and a deep seated conviction to stand to her guns prove to the civilized world that nothing has been lost or forgotten of those great victories that placed Great Britain where she stands today—the mightiest ruler on earth.

Fearless she stands,
And, though a mighty host of vultures,
Ready at the call, wait to swoop down upon her,
Her baffled foes again will learn,
As backward to their haunts they turn,
That British pluck is still a power,
That Britishers above them tower,
And while the earth swings on thru space,
'Tis Britain leads the human race.

The Trafalgar centennial celebration was observed locally by a smoker in Stork's Opera House on Monday night.

W. R. Ross presided and set the ball rolling by one of his happy little speeches which was enthusiastically received by the audience.

"The Sailors Chorus" was well rendered by a chorus of fifteen led by Mr. Thos. Biggs.

The chairman then introduced Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey who treated the audience to a very interesting historic sketch of Lord Nelson's life and his services to his country, setting forth Nelson's proverbial disobedience of orders in his persistent obstinacy in fighting when and where he thought best.

Dr. Walkem then favored the audience with a fine rendition of Sergeant Buzfuze's speech in the famous Bardell vs. Pickwick case.

Mr. Haysom then sang the solo, "Nelson's Death" which was followed by a duet sung by Webber and Moore.

Mr. Reading then cleared the decks by a happy rendition of "The Admiral's broom."

Rev. John Robson addressed the meeting urging the selection of some suitable emblem in commemoration of the patriotism of Lord Nelson to be placed in the school.

John Hunter sang the "March of the Cameron Men" in a manner that brought down the house.

Mayor Stork spoke a few moments upon the importance of the lesson of such a life as Nelson's.

Messrs Thomas, Mott and Perkins followed with songs.

Rev. A. Dunn made one of his telling little speeches, closing with a recitation from Kipling, "Lest we Forget."

R. Coulthard sang "The Midship mite" and Thos. Biggs sang "Jolly Jack Tar" so well that he was accorded an encore.

W. H. Evans gave a recitation and a song.

J. Johnson recited the "Silver King."

Frank Bean, T. Mott and Sam Perkins sang more songs.

Rev. Mr. Bartlet made a very interesting little speech full of the ring of patriotism and the very pleasant entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of Rule Britannia and God Save the King.

Back from Winnipeg

Mr and Mrs. A. McDougall of the Fernie Lumber Co., returned last week from a trip to Winnipeg. Mr. McDougall found business in good condition and the demand for lumber improving. He states there is a shortage of separators in Manitoba which is retarding the threshing operations. Bad weather, if it should set in, will cause some damage to outstanding grain and the farmers don't take time to stoop.

Mr McDougall is one of the veteran mill men in this valley and his company has spent lots of money here which has helped to build up the trade of the city.

Football Smoker

The Football Smoker on Saturday evening next in the Miners' Union hall under the auspices of the Fernie Football Club, bids fair to be a pronounced success. These smokers are popular and as the proceeds go to help along a deserving sporting element in the city, a big turnout is confidentially expected.

STAND PAT

Fernie Expects Every Man To Do His Duty

DON'T BE WALKED OVER

In July Mr. Lindsey modestly asked the city to buy his old hydrants and to supply any new ones that might be necessary. A few days ago he stated that he would be willing to supply twenty new ones now and more as they might be required, at the expense of his company. This is favorable progress for the city and the people need not be alarmed about his doing this whether he gets an agreement or not. We wish to emphasize the fact that according to good authority his company is under obligations to supply hydrants, and to keep them supplied with a sufficient quantity and pressure of water for fire protection purposes in any organized Municipality or any unorganized community, where he sets up in the business of selling water to the people under his company's charter.

The silly contention that the city would be compelled to buy the whole of the company's water system if this agreement is not ratified, and that 30% would have to be added to the price, might be answered by saying that if so, the city would then be in a position to sell the Coal Co. water for the coke ovens, at its own price. We believe Mr. Lindsey has business sagacity enough to prevent such a condition arising, and the city of Fernie will never be allowed a chance to buy or control in any way the water supply for the coke ovens. The inventor of this scare-crow must be a scare-crow of colossal proportions himself, but according to the best legal opinions there is no way by which the company can force a sale of their plant upon the city unless they first get some kind of an agreement with the city, hence the one now before the people. Let us go carefully over this proposed agreement once more. Whereas, number one recites that the company has constructed and is extending a water system in Fernie and that it wants the exclusive right to operate for the term of ten years, whereas three and four simply recite that it is necessary to submit the agreement to the voters in the shape of a bylaw and that it is desirable that the city should own the system within the city limits at the end of ten years. The next paragraph recites that in consideration of one dollar and other considerations mentioned further on that the company will agree as follows:

Clause or paragraph one recites that the company will have installed by the 1st of December an up-to-date water system within the city limits with at least 80 pounds pressure.

Clause two says the company will permit any and every citizen to connect with the system at the street line and to supply water at a rental equal to the present rates charged, and that no water shall be supplied from below the mines at Coal Creek.

Clause three states that the company will put in twenty hydrants free of charge and to supply more as the requirements for fire protection may demand.

Clause four states that the company will supply water for sewers, the amount necessary to be determined by a competent engineer who is to be chosen by the parties.

In clause five the company agrees to furnish water for street sprinkling at $10 per month.

Clause six recites that for the $1 and other considerations above mentioned, the city grants to the company the exclusive right to supply water within the city limits for ten years dating from the first day of next December.

Clause seven grants the right to the city to buy the system at the end of ten years, provided notice in writing be given two months before the end of that period. The price to be paid is to be agreed upon by arbitration, the arbitrators to be governed by the law provided in such cases, and the amount agreed upon must be paid the company before the end of ten years.

Clause eight ties the hands of the arbitrators mentioned in clause seven by stating that the price to be paid shall be determined by the then value of the system as a going concern, THAT IS THE PRICE AT WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY COULD INSTALL A LIKE SYSTEM AS THAT BEING TAKEN OVER AT DATE OF ARBITRATION, BUT IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY ALLOWANCE FOR THE VALUE OF THE FRANCHISE,

Number nine clause is the daisy of the whole boquet. In this the company repeats the easement promise, so as to allow the city to lay mains to connect pipes with the COMPANY SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH THE CITY CAN INJECT FAIRY CREEK WATER INTO THE COMPANY SYSTEM, provided the city give written notice to the company within twelve months stating where the Fairy Creek water is to be brought across Elk river and at what point the supply pipe is to be CONNECTED WITH THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM.

This last clause will need a great deal of explanation before people having the interest of the city in mind, will be persuaded to vote for it at all.

There are two sides to this proposed agreement. The Power Co on its part agrees to sell the city water at the same old rate; to supply water for fire protection free; to put in 20 hydrants at its own expense; to supply water to flush sewers to a limited extent; to sell the city water for street sprinkling at $10 per hydrant, per month; to allow the city to lay water pipes across its land to connect with its own system free of cost, and to sell its ten year old, wood pipe system to the city at the price it would cost to put in a new one like it. The city is asked to give the Power Co an exclusive franchise for 10 years and to pay one dollar for the privilege; to maintain the hydrants, and to show the Company just where they want to turn the Fairy Creek water into the Company's system, within the next year. This is rather a one-sided bargain when it is remembered that the rates charged here are higher than in any other place similarly situated, and that if the Power Co. were to charge up to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. its due proportion of the cost and maintenance of the plant, these rates should be less, rather than more than in other places

Viewed in the light of Mr. Lindsey's refusal to agree to remain out of the water business in Fernie after the purchase of his worn out system, he cannot complain if the people look upon the ambiguous wording of that ninth clause with a great deal of suspicion.

We do not wish to be understood as saying that Mr. Lindsey in framing clauses, seven, eight and nine, did so with the intention of paving the way to a perpetual control of the water supply to the city of Fernie, but we do say that in our opinion, these clauses are so constructed as to allow of double construction and to lend to as much trouble at the end of the proposed ten years as we are having now. It is not at all improbable that at the end of ten years Mr. Lindsey may not be manager for the Power Co., or that the present directors may have been replaced by others, and in that event, what is there in this agreement to prevent the Power Co. or their friends from setting up the same claim to continue in business and to oppose the city of Fernie going into the water business as are now being used. Let us once more refer to clauses seven and eight.

Clause seven provides that in case a price cannot be agreed upon, the arbitration machinery as provided by law shall be applied. This would result in a price being fixed upon the plant at what it would actually be worth at that time But all that machinery is rendered useless, so far as setting a price is concerned, by clause eight which specifies that the price shall be exactly what it would cost to install one like it. To the average mind there is no two meanings to be placed upon this provision, and the city, if it agrees to such a provision must be prepared to pay the Co, for a new plant in place of the old one and then have to pay for a second one with the probability of having to make the same fight that it is now engaged in before it could hope to exercise its right to supply its own water.

Mr. Lindsey nor any of his directors can have any grounds for complaint against the citizens of Fernie if they refuse to ratify such an agreement, especially in view of the fact that he has refused, point blank to agree to remain out of the water business in Fernie after the expiration of ten years.

When the city of Fernie was organized it was well known that one of the reasons, the main one in fact, which induced the people to ask for a charter was that they might own their own water system, and in answer to questions along those lines, Mr. Lindsey stated that the business of his company was the mining of coal and the making of coke and that they would not oppose the city buying the water plant. Last June the city asked him if his company would sell their plant to the city, and if so at what price. His answer was that they did not wish to sell. Every move that has been since made by the company has rendered it more difficult for the city to purchase the plant if it is so desired and we as a city are today compelled to fight for our civic rights against a company, some of the pretended friends of which have said would use all the coersive power possible to force upon us an agreement which as a city we do not want.

No intelligent citizen of Fernie desires to oppose either the Coal Co. or the Power Co. in any undertaking which is exclusively within their own rights or which does not conflict with the interests and rights of the city, and we fail to see in what way the citizens have deserved to be called unreasonable or unfair in making a stand for rights to which they are fairly entitled under the law and the agreement entered into at the time of incorporation. The silly twaddle indulged in by some newly converted friends of the Coal Co. to the effect that the officers of that institution would do unwarrantable things to the city if the were opposed in the water agreement, reflects very little credit upon the intelligence of the authors or a very low estimate upon their part, of the intelligence of the average Fernie citizen. These opponents of the proposition now before the people are acting clearly within their rights of citizenship, and we mistake very much their temper if they do not resent any insinuations from whatever source that bears the least semblance of a threat. No one need fear for one moment that the Power Co. or the Coal Co. are going to be so short-sighted as to met out vengeance upon the citizens of Fernie because they differ from them upon a matter of business which so vitally concerns the Municipality.

In closing this article we wish to note that someone has been prompted by over much zeal to state that D. V. Mott is a champion of municipal ownership when it suited his convenience but a monopolist when his own interest was in the way.

Whether this be true or not it can have no bearing upon the question now before the people, but it so happens that Mr. Mott was about the only man at the public meeting between the board of trade, and the representative of the Power company when the basis of the agreement between the parties, for incorporation was laid, who stated, that while he thought that municipal ownership of the water system would be right at some time, yet he would favor arranging with the company for the supply of water until the city was in a better position to install a plant, provided a mutually satisfactory agreement could be made. No satisfactory proposition has ever been submitted to the people and rather than favor the present proposition, the editor of THE LEDGER will continue to work for and advocate municipal ownership of the water system instead, but if the Power company will submit a proposition in which they agree to supply water at the rates that are at least no higher than the rates in other places, and also agree to allow the city the exclusive right at the end of our agreed term of years to put in and operate its own system without opposition from them there would be a proposition with two sides to it and it is quite likely that many people that oppose the present jug handled arrangement would support it even though Mott might continue to be obstreperous. This zealous person also desires to convey the idea that Mr. Mott is also favoring municipal ownership of the telephone system but he will have a hard time finding that man's name on a petition asking the city dads to go into the telephone business or to cite a single individual who has ever heard him say he was in favor of such a proposition. We would feel like asking pardon of our readers for taking up time in personal explanations, were it not for the fact that these statements are hinged upon an absolute falsehood which if not denied might, as it is evidently designed to do, prejudice some unthinking person whom it is desired to reach through personal feeling, against the real interests of the city. Such tactics are always employed by people who are short on real arguments and have a very low estimate of the intelligence and motives which actuate the people to whom they talk or write.

Running Down the Scale

First suggestion: The city to buy all the old hydrants, and as many new ones as needed.

Second arrangement: The city to buy all the new hydrants.

Third agreement: The company to buy new hydrants and the city to take care of them.

The fourth to be submitted later.

Sliding Down the Scale

First argument in favor of first proposition: "Better accept it, for the company is in a position to do as it pleases, and might refuse to do anything."

Second argument in favor of second proposition: "A great concession has been made by the company in consenting not to force the city to buy the old hydrants and a deal should be made at once before everything freezes up.

Third argument in favor of last agreement: The company has made a greater concession and will put in and pay for new hydrants if the city will accept proposed agreement, NOT OTHERWISE."

Last, the Co. is putting in the hydrants WITHOUT ANY AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND. The Power company has slid all the way down from demanding that the city should buy their 20 hydrants, to actually putting in new ones at their own expense. Now if the matter is left just where it is the company will finish the job and furnish water as in the past and the city will retain in its possession its right to put in a plant of its own. The company will have gained no new power or privilege. New powers and new privileges is what has been aimed at all the time but nothing of value has been offered for these powers except what the company are obliged to give without any agreement.

The city is under no obligation to buy anybody's plant unless they agree to do so, and they should never agree to do so with any body who flatly refuses to sign an agreement to stay out of the business when their plant has been taken over by the city.

The Law In the Case

We would caution the electors against the ingenious attempt that may be made again by the would be friends of the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light & Power Co. and those favoring its proposition, to delude them by holding that the said company has any exclusive right or franchise to equip and operate a waterworks system in the city. We know that it was at the beginning of the controversy urged in behalf of the company that the city was powerless inasmuch as it was claimed that that company possessed statutory rights giving it an exclusive privilege which could not be taken away, except by consent of the company itself. At a public meeting held in the opera house, this contention was shown to have no legal or other merit. In fact the matter was dropped as other contentions, when shown to be false, have been dropped by the advocates of the proposed agreement now before the electors.

Another ingenious attempt to draw the wool over the eyes of the people consisted in stating that the local legal opinion was in error, just in the same way as local legal opinion was ignored in fighting the telephone company with a result which is well known and will never be forgotten. Those who know him will credit Mr. J. A. MacDonald, K. C., of Rossland, with being a gentleman standing high in his profession, and one whom nothing could induce to give an opinion which is not in accord with what he believed to be sound law. That eminent counsel was asked for an opinion on the subject and in giving it stated as follows:

"I may say generally, however that I believe your opinion set forth in the letter is correct There is only one point which seems to me to be arguneable against that conclusion and that is this: Until incorporation of the city, the power company could not have its undertaking purchased by anybody. Its charter, however, made it subject to the conditions mentioned in part 4 of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act. Among these conditions is one that upon incorporation of a municipality the municipality shall have the right to purchase the water works. The Fernie Incorporation Act provides that the rights of the power company shall not be derrogated from by reason of the incorporation of the city. Now the power company might contend that as it had the right to carry on its business without being subject to purchase, so long as there was no municipality there, that the incorporation of the city must derrogate from that right. The answer to this, however, in my opinion is, that the power company's water works being subject always to purchase on the incorporation of the city, the words referred to in the special act have no application. If it were intended to take away from the city when incorporated a power given by the general laws of the land to purchase existing water works, it should have been so stated in clear and express terms."

Notwithstanding that the law seems perfectly plain and that the Company is powerless and within the grip of the City, yet we find its advocates pretending that the reverse is the case. The appeals made in this direction are calculated to lead astray the people, who are rapidly becoming educated to look after their own interests and it will be difficult to catch them with chaff.

Coal Output.

The Coal output for the week ending Friday, Oct. 20, was as follows:—

Coal Creek	5,772 tons
Michel	5,481
Carbonado	1,981
	13,215

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER.

Mr. O. L. Boynton, manager of the Elk Lumber Co., arrived in town from St. Paul yesterday morning and is busy at work arranging for the completion of the new mill.

The boiler-house is about completed. The steel trusses for the roof are in place and the roofing will all be on in a day or two. The new mill will be 50 feet by 140 feet. The lower story will be of concrete and the upper frame will be of wood sided with corrugated iron sheeting, the roof will also be of metal. A double cut band mill will be installed which will have a capacity of 75,000 feet per day of 10 hours, and the mill is so constructed as to permit of a second band or circular being added thus forming a double mill as was the first one.

The new mill will be strictly up-to-date having all the latest improved saw mill machinery and no expense will be spared in equipping the plant with all the latest labor saving devices known to the wide awake mill man. Mr. Boynton expects to have his mill enclosed within six weeks and to have the bridge and track ready to haul the new machinery directly to the mills from the C. P. R. main line when it arrives. Mr. Boynton made good time building the first plant but with much practise he is gaining speed as a builder of mills and he is breaking all previous records in getting the new mill in shape for business. Upon his arrival home yesterday he found a good fat check awaiting him, the second payment on the loss on the mill in September.

Mr. Fred Waters has a gang of 32 men at work at the new bush camp over the river getting out logs and expects to increase the gang later on.

This wide awake milling company is proving a valuable asset to the city of Fernie and every one rejoices to see these people building up such an extensive industry so near the city.

A COMPARISON

Every voter in the city should read clauses 7, 8 and 9, in connection with the clause as submitted by the city, and which Mr. Lindsey emphatically refused to sign.

"And that should the city purchase the said water works system of the Co. at any time, under the powers herein contained, the company shall not at any time or times thereafter, directly, by itself, or in connection with any other company or corporation, carry on or operate any waterworks or system of waterworks, or supply or attempt to supply any person or persons, corporation or corporations other than the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., within two miles of the present boundaries of the city of Fernie, nor shall, nor will; at any time thereafter, do or cause to be done, any act, matter or thing whereby or by reason, or by means whereof, the said city shall or may be injured or damnified in the operation and maintenance of the said water works system to be purchased hereunder, or in the sale or supply of water to any person or persons, corporation or corporations within such radius."

7. The city shall have the right at any time after the expiry of nine years and before the expiration of the said ten years for which this privilege is granted, upon giving to the company two months' notice in writing of its intention so to do (the giving of such notice shall bind the city to complete the purchase) to purchase at the expiry of the said 10 years and to then take over own and operate the whole of the said waterworks system, situate within the limits of the said city, and the company shall be compelled to sell the same, provided the price to be paid therefor as agreed on or determined by arbitration shall be paid by the city to the company before the expiry of the said ten years for which this privilege is granted. The price to be paid shall be fixed by arbitration, if the parties cannot agree, such price or valuation to be determined by the award of three arbitrators, the city and company to name and appoint each an arbitrator, and the said arbitrators to appoint a third arbitrator, such arbitration to be conducted under the Arbitration Act or Acts of British Columbia for the time being and the said Act or Acts shall apply in all respects to the said arbitration.

8. In fixing the price to be paid for such water works system the arbitrators shall take as the basis of valuation the then value of the system to be taken over as a going concern, that is, the price at which the municipality could install a like system as that being taken over at date of arbitration, but irrespective of any allowance for the value of the franchise.

9. And the company hereby agrees in the event of the city purchasing the water system of the company as hereinbefore provided, to give an easement to the city to enable them to lay mains to convey water from Fairy Creek to connect with the water system of the company provided the city will, within twelve months from the date hereof furnish to the company in writing a statement as to where the Fairy Creek water will cross the Elk River and at what point it is desired to connect the supply pipe with the company's system.

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OIL AND GAS

Five weeks ago a sensational dispatch went the round of the papers to the effect that a gusher of oil yielding 8,000 barrels a day had been struck on the property of the Rocky Mountain Development Company in Alberta. The dispatch was dated from Oil City, which is the cabin location of that ambitious enterprise. We took occasion to point out at the time that there is no telegraph station within 40 miles of Oil City, and that the dispatch contained other inherent evidences of being faked. For instance, on the same day as the gusher was supposed to have been struck the sender of the dispatch was able to confirm its importance by the expressed opinion of a Philadelphia expert who was not in the district. Today the Tribune publishes a statement by a gentleman who happened to be in Oil City on the 11th of September, the date of this marvelous dispatch. He is a man of such integrity that no one who knows him will question the absolute accuracy of his statements, and he says that the whole dispatch was a pure fake. Neither then nor at any time has a gusher been struck upon the property of the Rocky Mountain Development Co. or upon any other property in Alberta or in the Flathead district. A little oil, the seepage of the rocks, has been pumped at intervals over the last two years, but the quantity is insignificant and absolutely valueless except as an indication of the possibility of larger deposits. One cannot too strongly deprecate the methods adopted not only by the company under consideration, but by practically all the companies owning oil reservations in the Flathead and Southern Alberta districts to boom their properties. For absolute fabrication the reports which have been circulated by the companies from time to time are easily the most outrageous ever published in Canada. As a rule when a rich find is spoken of in connection with mining there is at least some float picked up, but these oil people have boosted their properties on absolutely nothing except such indications as were referred to by Dr. Selwin 20 years ago, viz., slight seepages of oil. Nothing that has been done since has improved the prospects of finding pay oil in the slightest degree, and while we have no desire to discourage the legitimate exploitation of possible oil fields, we shall do all we can to discourage the investment of money if it is to be controlled by men who habitually make such reckless statements as those referred to in the dispatch from Oil city. It is no help to the country, but it makes it harder to get every dollar which is required for legitimate enterprises when so many thousands of dollars are extracted from the pockets of the public by misrepresentation and fabricated dispatches.

The above from the Nelson Tribune of the 17th inst., comes with a bad grace from a man who can so gracefully treat an absentee as he has done in the case of John Houston. We reproduce the article headed "John Houston's Resignation" in another column and we wish to commmend it to our readers as a just and fair estimate of Mr. Houston. But why the editor of the Tribune should run wild and make such unjustifiable strictures upon the officers and management of the Rocky Mountain Development Co, as he has, in the above editorial, we are at a loss to know. He calls the buildings, boring plant, and pumping machinery, together with other improvements made by that company, "the cabin location of that ambitious enterprise" and bases the whole article upon a four line local, a statement of a well known rancher at Pincher Creek, who says that the "gusher dispatch" stating the well was flowing at the rate of 8,000 barrels a day was a "fake dispatch." The LEDGER cut the fake dispatch from the Winnipeg Tribune and printed it in the issue of Sept. 13th, but took the precaution to wire one of the officers of the company as to the genuiness of the report and was informed that there was no truth in the dispatch. We closed the article by saying, "As we go to press we received a wire from our special correspondent at Pincher Creek stating there was no truth in the above report." There is only one meaning to be conveyed by the Tribune article, and that is an absolutely unjustifiable one. The officers and chief owners of the stock of the Rocky Mountain Development Co. had absolutely nothing to do with the fabrication of the fake dispatch, and are engaged in a perfectly legitimate undertaking, having already expended over $75,000 in boring for oil and building tanks and in refining operations. They have a complete boring plant, a pumping plant, 12 oil tanks of a capacity of 50 barrels each, a small refining plant, and are now constructing two stone tanks of 500 barrels capacity each, to be lined with cement. They have the machinery bought and on the road for a refinery of 50 barrels capacity which will be put in operation as soon as it can be got up. It will be seen that the company will soon have a storage capacity of 1,000 barrels of oil and can refine 50 barrels a day. Oil is being refined as fast as the small plant now available can take care of it. At present they are turning out gasoline, coal oil, head light oil, two grades of lubricating oil, cylinder oil and coal tar. About 3% of the crude oil is saved in the shape of coal tar and about 15% is gasoline. The Calgary electric light plant is using this oil on their dynamos and are pleased with results.

If the Tribune wishes to get the real facts as to what the Rocky Mountain Development Co. are doing at Oil City where their "Cabin" is located all he has to do is to go to Pincher Creek where he will find free transportation awaiting him to and from the cabin, the latch string of which will be found on the outside. He will be sure of courteous treatment and will come away knowing that the management of the company are in very great earnest about the property and are spending their time in real prospecting and developing. They are not worrying over fake dispatches for which they are in no way accountable and don't want to divide the proceeds of sales with promoters or other parties, in order to unload their property. They have had faith enough in the undertaking to put $75,000, mostly their own money, into it, and will continue the work hoping to have for their reward a valuable property.

Mr. John Lineham, the president, and by far the heaviest stock holder, was for ten years the representative of the High River district in the Northwest assembly and is well known all over the country as one of the most successful business men in the west. It is owing, in a very large measure, to his energy, coupled with his faith in the ultimate success of the enterprise that so much has been accomplished. People of East Kootenay will rejoice to see the hopes of Mr. Lineham and his associates realized, and it is very unfortunate that such very unfair criticism should eminate from the part of the country which will be so greatly benefited by the establishing of so important an enterprise as is aimed at by the Rocky Mountain Development Co.

In closing we wish to say that we are well acquainted with the prominent rancher upon whose statement the Tribune bases its unjust criticism, and can state that he is a man of unimpeachable truthfulness, but there has been a misunderstanding somewhere as to the facts surrounding that famous fake dispatch.

An Important Land Deal which Means Much to Fernie

We have been devoting a little space each week to calling the attention of those people who are thinking of going somewhere and starting fruit farms, to the advantage of the Kootenay Valley, so near our doors over more distant sections.

Mr. T. G. Proctor has about consummated a deal with wealthy Chicago parties by which about 20,000 acres of the Kootenay Valley land lying between Canal flats and Fort Steele will be secured by men who have money to invest, and who will at once begin arrangements to irrigate the land and sell it to small holders. A large portion of the land to be conveyed belongs to the Kootenay Valley Co. and the remainder to the C. P. R. Co. An irrigation system, costing $50,000 will be put in operation so that all of these lands needing water will be supplied. The parties taking up this enterprise may be depended upon to make it a success and we will have a large settlement of producers of fruit, vegetables and dairy products just at our doors.

All of these settlers will be to some extent, customers of our merchants and reciprocity in products and goods will be the result.

There are still thousands of acres of land south of the C. P. R. and nearer to our city than the land spoken of above that can be had in tracts to suit purchasers ranging from $2.50 to $15 per acre according to quantity and quality desired. Time will be allowed on all deferred payments at 6% so that it is within the reach of almost anyone who earns wages to secure a piece of this land before it goes into the hands of some large corporation or capitalist to have a profit on the investment.

The people of Fernie should be alive to this opportunity of building up the business of the town by widening the field of operations in merchandise and trade and making Fernie the commercial centre of a populous district.

Calgary Water Rates

In answer to an inquiry Mr. H. E Gillis, city clerk of Calgary has given us the following information regarding the cost of running and maintaining the water system of Calgary.

General expense and fixed charges $3185.00. Pumping system, maintenance and expense $2 675.00 Fuel account $1,815. Maintenance of street sewers and repairs $418.00 Total $8103.00

The rates are based upon the number of rooms and occupants of a house and run from $10 a year for a house of four rooms and two occupants to $57 a year for a 20 room house with 39 occupants. A house of 7 rooms with five occupants pays $13 a year for one tap, and for an additional charge of $2 per year making a total yearly charge of $15 or $1.25 per month, a house of 7 rooms and five occupants can have a bath and water closet service. A house of ten rooms and ten inmates can have tap, bath and water closet service for $20.00 per year or $1 66 per month

Thus it will be seen that water costs the consumer a great deal less in Calgary than in Fernie. This is accounted for, as we suppose, by the fact, that in Calgary the water is pumped through the pipes, while here in Fernie the water runs down hill through them causing great friction and consequent wearing out of the pipes, for which the consumer must expect to pay, notwithstanding the fact that it costs $4190.00 for pumping expenses, that do not enter into the cost of water here. The consumption is, of course, a great deal larger in Calgary than here, but the extra expense of pumping and of fixed charges on the large expenditure of installing so large a plant will offset the difference in revenue.

Who Pays for the Cigars

The insurance investigations at New York still continues to bring forth startling and unexpected testimony.

A few days ago, President McCrudy, of the Mutual Life, stated that it was not the object of life companies to make money for their policy holders to spend in cigars and other foolish things.

From the evidence so far adduced, this is correct. It seems to be the object of these companies, as now managed, to make money out of the policy holders to be spent for expensive cigars and other foolish things by the managers and hangers on of the companies

Mr. McCurdy and his family need not worry about the price of cigars, so long as they can continue to draw hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the policy holders of the Mutual Life.

The real object of life insurance is, as president McCurdy states, to protect those dependent upon the policy holder for support, in case the insured should die, thus cutting off the support, and these investigations are bringing to light the fact that entirely too much has been charged for this protection, and the over charge has gone into the pockets of such men as McCaul, McCurdy, Hyde and others, who have been entrusted with the administration of these funds.

The investigation fever is spreading and will finally reach to all parts of the globe where insurance companies exist. The result will be beneficial in just so far as the examinations are thorough and complete.

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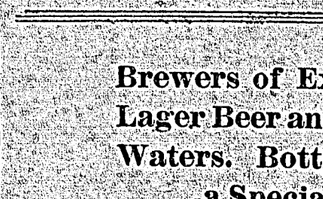

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[The Frank Paper]

The zinc smelter of the Canadian Metal Co. under construction here and now nearing completion—that is, as to the original plant—is destined to be of vastly greater importance to the community and to the mining interests of the west than has hitherto been dreamed of, highly as that importance has been estimated. This, for the reason that with the plant not yet quite ready for operation, the volume of business in sight is so great that the company has decided to enlarge the capacity of the works to more than double that originally planned, and in consequence, when the plant is finally completed, Frank will not only have the first zinc smelter in Canada, but the most modern and up to date, as well as the largest institution of its kind on the American continent.

The decision of the company to increase the capacity of the smelter, was announced by General Manager, J. C. Fernau, who returned a few days ago from British Columbia where he has been for some time completing the negotiations for the acquisition by his company, by the Pilot Bay smelter and the Blue Bell mine in addition to the mines previously acquired at Ainsworth. While in the Kootenays Mr. Fernau was joined by Messrs. Edward Riondel and O. Liegeart on their return from Goldfield and a conference was held. It was recognized that with the ore the company would produce from its own mines and the large volume of custom business Mr. Fernau had received assurances of from other Kootenay mines the capacity of the initial plant would be entirely inadequate. The decision to enlarge was made and Mr. Fernau and his associates came on to Frank, orders for the proposed enlargement were issued to Works Manager Jones the day of their arrival here and Monday morning the work was started. The clearing of the ground for the added plant is now in progress and within a few days the laying of the foundation will be under way.

The plans for the enlargement of the smelter contemplate the extension of the main building 200 feet on the west end and 120 feet on the east end which will give the main building a total length of 670 feet. This will give room for seven more furnaces or a total capacity of 3000 retorts, and six more roasters or a total of ten. It will considerably more than double the capacity of the present plant and as stated when completed, the combined works will constitute the largest zinc smelting institution on the continent. The enlargement will involve the construction of another great flue like the one already built which runs nearly 3000 feet up the mountain and the mountain will be crowned by two gigantic stacks instead of one. The construction of the addition to the plant will be in all respects similar to that now built, being entirely of stone, brick and steel.

The Pilot Bay smelter is to be renovated and refitted for concentrating and will have a magnetic separator for enriching zinc ores containing too much iron. It will also operate a lead stack and roasting furnaces and the bulk of the lead ores will be treated there, only enough being brought here to supply the amount required to mix with the zinc ashes.

With the final completion of the works now provided for and the ultimate materialization of its plans, the ensemble of the Canadian Smelting company's equipment will probably be the most complete of any concern of the kind in existence. It will operate mines of its own which will supply a large portion of the ore for its smelter; with the acquisition of the Pilot Bay smelter, it will have a plant with a water haul for all crude ore, which will concentrate the crude ores for shipment to the smelter here for final treatment, thus reducing to a minimum, the freight charge; it will have its own smelter, and finally will operate its own colliery, by reason of which, coal will be delivered immediately from the coal mine into the works at a price no other zinc works can enjoy and at a cost no greater than if it had natural gas for fuel.

While the mines of the company will furnish a considerable portion of the ore treated by the smelter, the plant was built in the first instance for the treatment of custom ores and that intention will be adhered to and the plant will be so complete that the company will buy ores of any description except copper.

The importance to Frank, of the Metal company's decision to enlarge the smelter, will be very great, as, whereas the original plans contemplated the employment of about 75 men when the plant should be in operation, the institution will now afford employment to something like 200 men when it shall be in full operation and the volume of business that will be done through Frank by reason of the location of the smelter here, will be very greatly increased. The importance it will be to the mining industry of the west, will be quite as obvious.

The expenditure of money entailed by the construction of the works here will total something over $700,000.

John Houston's Resignation

[Nelson Tribune]

John Houston has resigned the mayorality of Nelson. His opponents have been hoping for this, and his friends hardly expected it. It has been said by those who know him best that one could never tell what he would do, and it is admitted that his idiosyncrasies are so numerous and so marked that he might do almost anything. Our own feeling is that he has done the right thing, under the circumstances, and in doing it he belies the expectations of those who said that he had not the grace to do the right. His enemies are welcome to his resignation, and if it affords them any satisfaction we do not envy their feelings. John Houston has made mistakes, some of them so serious that in the case of any ordinary man they would deserve to be visited with severe censure, but against these mistakes has to be set fourteen years of unremitting effort to make Nelson a city and to advance its interests. This was not always done in a way which would commend itself to the critical observer, but he succeeded and it is no exaggeration to say that outside Kootenay, Nelson is known chiefly through its association with the erratic but original man who represented it in the local legislature. It is a striking fact that the only word of censure to be found amongst the hundreds of newspaper comments which have been made during the last two months, is contained in dispatches emanating from the city in which he lived. All outside comment has borne testimony to the ability and high purpose of the man. All have admitted his vagaries, but have excused them upon the grounds of temperament and public service, and we do not hesitate to say that in spite of his shortcomings, there are far more people in Nelson today who would range themselves on his side than on the side of his detractors. John Houston was his own worst enemy. He had a temperament derived from French ancestry which rendered him very excitable, and his rough early life, without much restraint, has tended to develop lack of self control. If he had been able to master himself he could have mastered the country. The general public only saw the worst side of a rash, impetuous, willful man. But those who were admitted to the small inner circle of his acquaintance knew that three parts of his gruffness was assumed and that his natural instincts were kindly generous and sympathetic. He has befriended many who needed help, and never turned one away whom it was in his power to assist. In the dispatch which we publish elsewhere he says that if he is successful in his new sphere he shall discharge every one of his financial liabilities, and it is no slight testimony to his real character that everyone who knows him will believe this statement implicity. Nelson will go on without John Houston as it would without any other public man who might be removed from our midst, but unless we are entirely mistaken, Nelson will miss the one man who has shown himself able to form a party and lead it to unbroken success for fourteen years, who has been able to organize and carry out important public work, and who leaves at the moment when his greatest work is within measurable distance of successful achievement. He may never return to Nelson, although we sincerely hope he will. If he does, his mistakes will be forgotten and forgiven, the more readily perhaps because after all he himself is the greatest sufferer. But whether he returns or not he leaves the memory of a strong personality, a disinterested career, and a measure of public service for the city of his adoption which is not, in the minds of reasonable men, appreciable clouded by the manner of his leaving.

"Nothing extenuate, nor aught
Set down in malice."

JOHN LINEHAM, PRESIDENT

John Lineham, president of the Rocky Mountain Development Co. of Alberta, passed through the city last Friday, on his way to Oil City from Portland. Mr. Lineham has been taking a little holiday at the Lewis & Clark fair and reports a good time.

Mr. John Lineham was representative of the High River district, Alberta, for a great many years and is one of the oldest residents of the prairie province. He was, for a long time, engaged in the lumber business having a mill at Okotoks and timber limits on High River and Sheep Creek. He sold this property a few years ago in order to devote his time to the development of the oil property at Oil City. Mr. Lineham is a very conservative man in his business methods and does not allow himself to be carried away by fine looking prospects, but has always had faith in his oil property and manifests it, not by extravagant statements, but by keeping constantly at his development work and spending his time and his money in the enterprise. We have known Mr. Lineham very intimately since 1889 and no more honorable or reliable business man is to be found than he has proved to be. We wish him every success in his great undertaking.

The Derby Race

The Derby purse race last Thursday at Spokane was an exciting event witnessed by the largest crowd ever assembled at the race track. The race was won by "Follow Me" ridden by Williams. "Salable" ridden by Chandler came in second, half a length behind the leader, and "Royalty," the pokane favorite, ridden by Sherwood, was a close third.

The betting was 10 to 1 against "Follow Me" but they had to follow just the same.

Thursday's attendance was the largest in the history of the Association and the receipts of the fair at the close of the day equalled the total expenditures. The receipts of Friday and Saturday represent profit to the Association.

Senator Fulford Dead

Senator Fulford, of Brockville, Ont., died at Newton Mass., Sunday afternoon from the affects of an automobile accident one week ago Monday.

The late George Taylor Fulford was a native of Brockville, Ont., where he was born August 8th, 1852. He came of United Empire stock, a descendant of the Fulfords, of Dunsford, Devonshire, England. He was appointed to the senate by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1900.

Railway Earnings

Dunn's Review for September is at hand. From it we glean the following interesting facts. Gross earnings of the greatest railroads for the fiscal year ending June 30th.

Pennsylvannia	$73,216,397
New York Central	54,491,056
Pitt. C. C. & St. L.	17,047,314
Canadian Pacific Ry.	12,557,673
Grand Trunk	7,876,624

From the above it will be seen that the C. P. R. is fourth on the list as an earner of dollars and cents.

Asst. Fire Brigade Chief

Chief Tuttle of the fire brigade has appointed Charles Bulger assistant chief of the department. This is a good selection, as Mr. Bulger has always taken great interest in the fire brigade and is always on hand when needed. He already occupies a room in the fire hall, and will be a permanent roomer at that place. This is a good start, and several other boys are, or will be occupying rooms in the hall, and will become members of a permanent brigade.

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CONSECON, May 30th, 1904.

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That sliced boiled ham at Blundell's is delicious.

Jos Stephens, of the Australian hotel, Morrissey, was in the city Tuesday.

For Furniture and Pianos, use only Liquid Veneer 10 and 50 cents a bottle from N. E. Suddaby.

Mr. E. B. McDermid, of the firm of McDermid & McHardy, Nelson, is in the city.

Go to Wright the jeweller, for that watch you've been promising yourself. Prices are greatly reduced.

Next Sunday Rev. John Robson will preach a Thanksgiving sermon in the morning making appropriate references to the occasion.

Carmichael, the tailor, has just received the nobbiest stock of Tweeds for Fall suits and overcoats ever brought into Fernie.

You know you have to get that ring. Why not buy it now when bargains are going at Wright's the jeweller.

The ball in Stork's hall on Friday night should be the largest of the season. Everybody will be there.

Let us make you a fancy vest from one of those choice new patterns. Come in and see them. J. Carmichael, the tailor.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving social at the Methodist church tomorrow night. Good things to eat and a good program.

The King Edward Hotel occupies a prominent position in Fernie only a step or two from the C. P. R. depot, and convenient to business houses in the city.

Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, will arrive in Macleod tomorrow and will address the electors at that place on Friday evening.

Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisiment of the six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn telegraphy and be assured a position.

Scott & Ross have been appointed local agents for the Bankhead anthracite coal and have a car of it now ready to deliver. Mr. Ross states that he will deliver this coal in small quantities to parties wishing to try it.

Good News for Moyie

From the Leader

That the close down at the St Eugene will not be as long as was at first expected comes as the best possible news for Moyie. "We shall start up again much sooner than we expected," Mgr. Cronin informed the Leader yesterday. "By Nov. 15th we expect to have a full crew at work again, and we shall endeavor to have the mill running by Dec 1st. The smelters are running short of ore, the price of lead is good and we are anxious to do business"

The blacksmith shop is practically completed and the hoist which was brought over from Rossland is being installed and will be ready for use in a few days. Work in the shaft will be resumed next week. The new hoist will be here and installed by the first of the year. The terminal building and ore bin at the upper end of the gravity tram are nearly finished.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The library committee of the Moyie Miner's Union at a recent meeting decided to go ahead with the establishment of the library and reading room notwithstanding the disadvantages caused by the recent partial shut down of the St. Eugene mine. The library is to be run under the auspices of the Miners' Union, but will be free to the general public of Moyie. The committee in charge are now arranging for reading tables, book cases, etc., and have already given a large order for the leading magazines and newspapers of the country, and inside of the next two weeks they expect to have the hall of the Miners' Union turned into a warm, cosy room, where the whole people of Moyie are invited to spend their long, winter evenings to profitable and social advantage. The committee will at all times be grateful for any contributions of either literature or money.

Signed: Charles A. Mackey, James A. McDonald, Thomas E. Kelley, John Blackburn, P. T. Smith.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

King Edward

Stewart H. Lees, Hamilton, Ont., A J Sanders, Rossland, C H Evans and wife, Medicine Hat, C H Lockhart, Elkmouth, R C Black, Nelson, J Davies, Michel, Rev H L Kompton and wife, Okotoks, Miss Agnes McQuinn, Okotoks, W J Coultier, Calgary, J Smith, and N. Pearson, Cranbrook, A Anderson, Ureka, T Mellott, Wash, R Bookout, Hunts, Wash, C L Sparling, York A J McGuire, Morrissey, Mrs H Kennedy, Master W Kennedy, Trout Lake, J Elderson, Amherst, N B, D Kennedy, Trout Lake, S E Sailsbury, A Evans, Charleston, Wash, J S Taggart, Cranbrook, C Dawson, Moyie, H Kimball, Sparwood, Otto Hughes, Elko M Stonelake, E Hunt, Miss Jean Murray, Morrissey, G B Carine, F Flamgan T Waddingham, High River, M Golden and wife, Chicago.

Napanee

Miss M Fitzgerald, Chicago, A Good, Crows Nest, J Mushook, Victor Scott, Jaffray, D Hadden, R Cunningham Pittsburg, A. Hanson, Wash, G Gillispre, Alberta, O. Kindall, Sparwood, C J Benson, Spokane, A Sim, R Gillispie, High River, F Whiteside, W Farcinor, S Boulare, H. Gillispie, Spokane, W H Doven, G Foulkes, Spokane, G W Gordon, Chicago. M Simpson, T. Wells, Calgary, J C Walling, J C Cooper, Ida Matlerk, W R Walling and family Spokane, David Baker, G W Thorp, Edwal, Wash.

ELKO

From our own correspondent.

Mrs. Krapfell came out from Brandon Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnew returned from a trip to Brandon on Monday.

Mr. McInnes was up from Elkmouth Tuesday.

W F. Hanbury went to Cranbrook Monday night.

Mr. Geo. Scott, of Roosville, went through Elko on his way to Fernie.

Mrs. Geo. McKee and Miss Mary Todhunter were in Jaffray on Sunday

Mrs Langley and two children, of Ft Steele, came down Monday night and left for Spokane Tuesday morning.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT LOTS.

AN auction sale of lots in Block 46 Fernie Annex, opposite the Great Northern Railway Depot, will be held at the Office of the County Court of East Kootenay at Fernie on Saturday the 4th. day of November at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Terms one third cash, one third six months, one third twelve months with interest at six per cent from day of sale.

Cranbrook, 21st. October 1905.

J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Government Agent.

Liberal Association Meeting.

THE Annual Meeting of the Liberal Association will be held in Stork's Hall, Monday, October 30th 1905, at 8 p. m., for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

AUCTION SALE OF SCHOOL LANDS.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that auction sales of School Lands will be held in the Province of Alberta as follows:—

Edmonton, Wednesday, Oct. 18th., 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
Leduc, Monday, Oct. 23rd. 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
Wetaskiwin, Thursday Oct. 26th, 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
Lacombe, Monday Oct. 30th. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m.
Innisfail, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
Didsbury, Monday, Nov. 6th, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m.
Calgary, Friday, Nov 10th, 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
High River, Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 1905, at 10 o'clock, p. m.
Pincher Creek, Thursday, Nov. 16th. 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
Macleod, Monday, Nov. 20th. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m.

These lands are situated, speaking generally, within a distance of from twelve to twenty miles of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and of the Crow's Nest Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Where any of the lands are under lease the sales will be subject to such lease until its expiration on the 30th November, 1905, and the lessee will have the privilege of removing any fencing or other improvements he may have on the land. Where any parcel offered is crossed by a public highway or railway, the sale of such parcel shall be subject to the reservation of the land covered by such highway, or that may be required for the right of way or other purposes of the railway.

The sales will only convey the surface rights and will be subject to the usual reservations in favor of the Crown.

TERMS OF PAYMENT.

One-tenth in cash at the time of the sale, and the balance in nine equal annual instalments with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on the balance of the purchase money from time to time remaining unpaid, except in cases where the area of the land does not exceed forty acres, in which case the terms of payment shall be one-fifth in cash and the balance in four equal annual instalments, with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum.

Upon a parcel of land being knocked down, the purchaser shall immediately deposit One Hundred Dollars with the Clerk of Sale, otherwise the parcel will at once be put up again. For this purpose intending purchasers should provide themselves with marked cheques on chartered banks of Canada made to their own order and payable at par at the point of sale, or with bank notes of as large a denomination as possible. The balance of the cash instalment must in every case be paid before the close of the sale, failing which the deposit of One Hundred Dollars will be forfeited and the land withdrawn from sale.

NOTE:—Cheques will not be taken in payment unless marked "accepted" by the banks on which they are drawn.

Lists of the lands to be sold may be had on application to "The Secretary, Department of the Interior, Ottawa"; or to any of the Agents of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta.

By Order,
P. G. KEYES,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
OTTAWA, 16th October, 1905. —14

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Police Court

R. Reading of the C. P. R. was fined $5 and costs, in the sheep head case, this morning. The police are looking for the Indian who sold the heads.

Wm. Jack was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 23rd. but was let off on suspended sentence.

Two men, Wallace and McCarthy, were fined $5 and costs for fighting on the street.

J. Menzie was assessed $5 or ten days for being drunk and disorderly.

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