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Keremeos Directory.

Board of Trade—George Kirby, President; R. H. Carmichael, Secretary.

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Town Hall—J. J. Armstrong, Mgr.

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Mails—Daily from the west via Hedley Stage; from east via G. N. Ry.; Tri-weekly via Penticton Stage from the north.

(For Mercantile and other Business institutions see advertiements in this paper.)

A Pleasant Social Event.

The concert, supper and dance given at Keremeos Centre on Friday evening, Dec. 3, was undoubtedly the most enjoyable function ever held in the valley. The gracious hostess was Miss Lowndes, and the occasion the eve of her departure from the district. It was found impossible to arrange for transportion by V. V. & E train from the west, and many friends at Hedley and Princeton were prevented by climatic conditions from attending, but the invitations were honored by a host of friends at Keremeos and by Mrs. Marlow, Princeton ; Miss McPherson, Miss McLean, Miss Bradshaw, and Messrs. MacHaffie, Chamberlain, McLean and Sproule from the west. All who had to do with the musical part of the program were skilled in that art, and certainly provided an entertainment of a high order. Every item on the following program was well rendered :

PART I.

Duet—"Husarenritt" .....Spindler
MISS LOWNDES AND MR. CHAMBERLAIN.
Song—"Only Dreaming" .....Stultz
MISS DALY.
Violin Solo—"Serenade" .....Gounod
MR. DALY.
Song—"The Bandolero" ....Leslie Stuart
MR. CHAMBERLAIN.
Song—'The Barley Sheaves"...Needham
MRS. BROWN.
Violin and Mandolin Duet—"Veritas"....
MR. AND MRS. COULTHARD.

TEN MINUTES INTERVAL.

PART II.

Song—"Light" .....Stultz
MISS DALY.
Violin Solo—"Angel's Serenade" ..Braga
MR. DALY.
Song—"The Veteran's Song" .....
MR. CHAMBERLAIN.
Song—"Thora".....Stephen Adams
MRS. BROWN.

GOD SVAE THE KING.

Mrs. J. A. Brown's musical powers are highly appreciated by her friends, and in "The Barley Sheaves" and "Thora" and "Vainka's Song" she more than delighted them. Miss Daly made her first appearance on the platform in "Only Dreaming," and was warmly welcomed as a most valuable acquisition by lovers of good music. The west was represented on the program by Mr. Chamberlain of Hedley, who with Mr. Wm. Daly and others received a well merited encore. The dance was thoroughly enjoyed. The hall was decorated with evergreens, and all the conditions were favorable for enjoyment. The supper was served at the Central Hotel and was of the best. The banquet tables were surrounded by warm friends of Miss Lowndes. At an early hour on Saturday farewells were said and good wishes were expressed for Miss Lowndes in her future home.

A. H. C.

L. W. Shatford, M.L.A., left for the coast last Friday. He will be away about a week.

A Wizard of the Crayon.

Considering the frequency of entertainments lately, there was a good attendance at the cartoon lecture given by Bengough in the Keremeos Hall on Saturday evening. To those who had never seen him before, the great cartoonist's mastery of the pencil was a source of amazement, while the considerable number who had at some former time had the pleasure of seeing and hearing him were unanimous in the opinion that his hand had lost none of its cunning and that his tongue had gained in wit, wisdom and melody.

One of his sketches was a cartoon showing the Premier after the recent election searching with a lantern for traces of the opposition. Several clever local hits brought down the house. One showed L. A. Clarke of Green Mountain in a characteristic pose on horseback in front of the half-way house—a remarkably good likeness in view of the fact that Mr. Bengough had only seen the man and the house during a short halt on the trip over from Penticton. Another sketch showed two well known citizens enjoying a quiet game of solo ; another Harry Tweddle at the door of the Central extending a Brobdignagian gladhand.

Mr. Bengough, who published "Grip" for quite a series of years and finally discontinued it as not sufficiently profitable, is of the opinion that such a publication would have a better opportunity in these latter days, and is thinking some of making another venture in the field of illustrated journalism.

Business Change.

The sale of the Alkazar hotel, arrangements for which were made a few weeks ago, was concluded last Friday, when G. B. Bennett, one of the new proprietors, arrived from Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Bennett, and took over the business. His partner, Bert Ford (a brother of Alex Ford), will remain in Vancouver. Mr. Mark, after winding up his affairs here and in the upper Okanagan, intends to go to the coast for a time, and will probably re-enter the hotel business when he finds a suitable locations. Mrs. Mark and Vera left on Monday for New Westminster, where they will spend the winter.

W. Boyle was found dead last week in his camp near Beaverdell. He was about 50 years of age and had been foreman at the Sally mine on the West Fork for a number of years. The funeral was held at Greenwood.

Ladies' Guild Bazaar.

[Contributed.]

On Thursday, Dec. 2nd, the St. John's Church Guild held their sale of work in the Richter hall, which had previously been tastefully decorated with evergreens by various friends. The sale of work was followed by supper, which was a fine example of the culinary skill which the Guild is capable of. The evening concluded with a short program of dancing, which formed a pleasing impromptu finish to a very pleasant function.

Great credit is due to the ladies for their untiring efforts in preparing for the day of sale and carrying its various items to a successful conclusion. To mention the names of any would be invidious, as all assisted in various ways, but although what they did was not to gain thanks or praise, we are glad to be able to take this opportunity of saying how much their efforts, as well as the attendance of a good many distant and other friends, were appreciated.

Patterson To Be Governor.

The frequent announcements that have been made that Wells of Nelson or Stirling of Kelowna was to succeed Dunsmuir as lieutenant-governor were only guesses after all. An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa appointing Thos. W. Patterson of Victoria to the position.

The new lieutenant-governor was born in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, but came to Canada when a boy and lived with his parents in Oxford and afterwards in Bruce county, Ontario. A large part of his life has been devoted to railroad building. Among other roads he constructed the Shuswap and Okanagan line. He owns 1000 acres of rich farm land on the lower Fraser. In 1902 he was returned to the Legislature for the Islands, but at the next election was defeated by A. E. McPhillips. For a number of years he has lived retired at Victoria. He is a brother-in-law of John Tolmie, of Kincardine, Ont., M. P. for North Bruce.

In the course of an interview at Toronto, D. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann, stated that it was his intention to go west just as soon as the British Columbia government was in a position to confer with him, which he thought would be some time in January following the holidays. As soon as the necessary legislation is through Mr. Mann said the Canadian Northern would be ready to proceed with construction work ; five or six parties were out at present locating the routes.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual meeting of the B. C. Conservative Association opens at Kamloops to-day.

Rev. Mr. Auvache, pastor of the Grand Forks Baptist church, has accepted a call to Penticton.

This year's yield of tobacco in the Kelowna district is about 28,000 lbs. A large increase next year is expected.

The Nelson News reports that seven commercial travelers who hitherto had lived at Vancouver have moved to Nelson.

Nelson Conservatives have sent a strong resolution to the government asking that their member be appointed to one of the vacancies in the cabinet.

F. A. Ross, recently in charge of the operations of the Daly Reduction Co., is inspecting the Cinco mines in the Hostotipaquillo district, Jalisco, Mexico.

Grand Forks district shipped 22 carloads of potatoes this season and has 20 carloads more ready for shipment. Most of them go to Nelson and the Crow's Nest.

The Miners' Union at Grand Forks held a smoker on the evening of Dec. 1 in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the eight-hour work day for B. C. smeltermen.

A C.P.R. freight train had a close call near Shields on Sunday. A rock slide had torn up part of the track near the high bridge there and the engine left the track and was stopped in such a position that it was hanging over a sheer drop of over a thousand feet.

There were 2675 bodies cremated at the several crematories on the Pacific coast during the year 1908, an increase over the previons year of 25 per cent. The state of Washington showed a larger gain toward this method of disposing of the dead than any other in the United States.

A big irrigation scheme is planned in the vicinity of Oroville. It is proposed to tap the Similkameen above the falls and run the water through a high level ditch. Land owners are to be asked to turn over to the irrigation company one-third or one-half of their lands in return for getting a water service for the remainder. Chicago capital is behind the scheme.

Canada's revenue is heading for the hundred million mark this year. It is practically certain that the high water mark of two years ago of 97 millions will be passed. During the first eight months of the fiscal year the customs revenue was $39,110,-567, which is an increase of $8,141,-323. During the month of November collections totaled $5,092,761, being an increase of $1,408,708. Canada's total revenue last year from customs and from all other sources was $85,500,000. At the present rate of increase in the customs revenue that item alone will almost span the difference between last year's figures and the hundred million mark, and nearly all other sources of revenue are also showing increases.

An Indian named Andclap, while out hunting at Kirchner a few days ago, missed his footing while on top of a high mountain and actually slid to the bottom of the big hill. It is stated by onlookers that the Indian shot like an arrow fully a quarter of a mile down the mountain side. Strange to say, he was not hurt in the least, except for some scratches on his knee.

Judgment was rendered in the supreme court at New Westminster last week against Bill Miner, alias G. W. Edwards, in favor of A. D. McIntyre, a well known lawyer of Kamloops, for $500 and costs. Judgment will be effected against Miner through his account in the treasury at Ottawa, it being stated that he has $500 to his credit, the money having been sent to him by friends during his confinement in the B. C. penitentiary previous to his escape several years ago. McIntyre defended Miner together with two companions at their trial at Kamloops in 1906, and it was for his services on this occasion that he brought suit.

Charles Pearce, an employee of Hoy & Son's bakery in Vancouver, was instantly killed by a death-dealing electric current as he was delivering bread. He was entering the back yard of Glencoe lodge, with his wire basket hanging over his arm, when a broken telephone wire struck the basket. The wire had broken earlier in the day, but no one thought enough of the matter to see that it was placed out of reach. Somewhere in its path it had come in contact with a wire of higher voltage, and instantly the wire basket touched it the current was of sufficient power to cause a death shock through the carrier and swiftly carried through the damp body of Pearce to the ground.

To fall five stories while walking in his sleep and to still live was the remarkable experience of Victor Johndro, a New Westminster architect and builder. Mr. Johndro fell from the roof of the Dominion Trust building, which is six stories high, down the air-shaft in the centre of the building, and the only injuries he received were a broken leg and a severe shaking. Mr. Johndro has rooms in the upper story of the Trust building, and it was some time during the early part of the night that he got up and walked along the halls until he came to a small ladder leading through a man hole to the roof, and up this he climbed, and it is presumed walked around for some time before falling down the central air space of the building. The victim was conveyed to hospital, and will recover.

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J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

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A Useful Body.

In addition to its usefulness as a regulator of railways and of the relations of railways with the public and with each other, the Railway Commission has, during the six years since it was instituted, furnished an instructive object lesson of what a court of justice should be, and has shown by contrast and example how needless are many of the encumbrances of our legal system as exemplified in the ordinary law courts. The Railway Commission, though not a court in name, is one in reality. It was created for the hearing and trial of a class of cases so numerous and of so diverse a nature that it was realized in the beginning that the only way in which it could possibly handle the business that would be brought before it was by working with hands free from the numberless fetters and entanglements of ordinary court procedure. The Commission was empowered to get at the facts of a case by the rules of common sense when that was more feasible than by adhering to set rules of evidence. Further, the understanding was that in most cases its decision was to be final, leave to appeal being granted only when a doubtful question of law was involved or when the interests at stake were very great.

The result of the Commission's freedom of action has been that a quantity of business that would have swamped a dozen ordinary courts has been disposed of with a celerity unheard of before. Its promptness, its certainty, its inexpensiveness, its finality of action, have won it universal confidence and esteem. No one doubts that its decisions have been as just as those of the most elaborately conducted court.

The Commission is a "poor man's court." An applicant is not obliged to employ costly counsel to steer him through a maze of technicalities end formalities. Essential facts are considered rather than forms. It is easy to bring a case before the Commission and easy to get a hearing. Easy litigation is a favorite bugaboo of the upholders of legal formality. Like many another bugaboo, it loses its terrors when confronted with common sense. A trained jurist can very soon tell whether there is any merit in a case that is laid before him, and can very quickly dispose of it if he sees that it is trivial or ill founded.

But the Commissioners, while they are not subject to all the law-court rules, are still subject to some of them, and naturally they show a disposition to adhere in some ways to legal tradition. For one thing, they are disposed to grant appeals rather freely where their rules allow it. In so doing they mar one of the best features of the Commission. In former times people who were aggrieved felt that it was better to suffer loss in the first instance than to impoverish themselves by going to a court when they had no assurance that the decision of the court would be final. It was held that the Railway Commission would obviate that difficulty, and that the case would be settled quickly, without much cost, and settled finally. Usually that has been the case, but the practice of allowing appeals appears of late to have been growing on the Commission.

In order to check this tendency and further to simplify the court, a bill was introduced in Parliament early this session by Mr. Lancaster further restricting the class of cases where appeal might be allowed. Of course Mr. Lancaster's bill was killed, since it emanated from the heterodox side of the house. Nothing else was to have been expected. But it served one useful purpose in drawing from Mr. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, a speech that shows vividly the warping effect of a narrow professionalism on the legal mind. Mr. Aylesworth says:

"But I am sure it is the experience of lawyers, and I think it is the experience of litigants, that the same judge who is sitting in a court for the trial of small claims, where he knows that he is absolute, is very likely to be a much more arbitrary man and very likely to pronounce decisions of a very different character from those which the same man under the same circumstances would pronounce if the amount involved were a little larger so that his decision would be liable to review."

The Minister expresses his "contempt of court" very candidly. One would expect the exact opposite of his view to be the correct one, and that a good judge would be specially careful to be just if he knew his decision was final. But whether he is right or wrong on this point, Mr. Aylesworth maks another statement that is nothing less than revolting:

"In conferring upon a dissatisfied litigant any right of appeal from this board I fully concede an advantage given to the rich as against the poor; but that, after all, is only the advantage which, in every walk of life, the man of wealth has, by reason of his wealth, over the man who is without resources. No matter what piece of business a man may desire to enter into, if he is possessed of large means it is a great advantage to him, and I venture to question whether it would be right to take that advantage from him."

Mr. Aylesworth is an able minister, but he holds the wrong portfolio. The title Minister of Injustice would fit him better than the one he now bears.

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OLALLA.

The "beautiful" is falling as I write, laying down a soft carpet of pure white fluttering units which come floating merrily down from the universal storehouse above, or, in the old folk-lore of Devonshire, "the old woman is picking her Christmas goose." The atmosphere is warm and almost balmy, quite a welcome change from the cold of last week, when the thermometer dropped as low as 2 above zero.

It is strange how waters running in creeks vary. Here we have two creeks, Olalla creek, coming down from the western hills, and Keremeos creek flowing from the north. Two weeks ago, at the first touch of the Frost King, Olalla creek froze up tight, and is covered with ice from four to six inches thick, while Keremeos creek flows on quite free and untrammeled, with no ice even at the edge. It seems the more peculiar, this difference between the two creeks, because Olalla creek is a tumultuous brawler, making a lot of fuss and noise enough to scare away Jack Frost, and according to the rules of the game ought to be too active to be caught, while Keremeos creek is much slower in gait, almost placid in places, and more open in every way. The water of Olalla creek is hard, limy and intensely cold. Keremeos creek water is softer, better flavored, and more pleasant to the palate. Its resistance to frost must lie in its constituent ingredients.

The new addition to J. Pritchard's store is now complete and is a very creditable job. Both the builder and the proprietor are to be congratulated. The addition of a four-foot platform along the whole front of the building is a great improvement too. The new building is to be the hardware department. H.W. Conkling of Keremeos carried out the work, assisted by Jas. Riordan.

There are now five men working at the Bullion, two each on day and night shift, and one sharpening Work is still being carried on in the No. 2 tunnel.

J. R. Cranston, a mining man of Rossland, spent two or three days here last week. He visited two of the best known claims in the camp and took samples of the ore with him. He was greatly pleased with the showings, and said they were as good as anything he had ever seen.

Dr. White Cloud, an Indian vendor of quack medicines, well known throughout Ontario, is in jail. While performing in a hall at Sudbury he claims to have been disturbed by small boys. One of the "doctor's" tricks is rifle shooting, and failing to quiet the small boys he shot one of them. After lingering a night and a day the boy died in hospital. White Cloud was arrested for wounding and will now have to answer a charge of murder.

Doings at Salmon Arm.

There have been great "doings" down Chinatown in Salmon Arm during the past week. On Friday night Chong Dong ran down the street looking for Constable Thompson. Blood was streaming down his face where another Chinaman, Quin Gee, had gone after him, "lady fashion." By the time the constable had arrived on the former scene of hostilities, Quin, like a good little boy, had gone to bed. Both Chinks were brought up before the magistrates on Saturday, and as Chong had tried to let a little daylight into his opponent, using a corkscrew for the purpose, both were called upon to help out the municipal treasury to the extent of $5 each. From what the constable saw while in the Chinaman's shack he felt justified in bringing Sam Kee, the keeper, up on the charge of running a gambling house. He was fined $20 and costs. Picking up from the Chinese cuss words with which Sam told the bench that he was not the only frog in the puddle, Constable Thompson on Sunday night raided the premises of Yip Yen and discovered a game in operation in the loft over the laundry. The witnesses brought up didn't know anything whatever about any game being on, but the constable had succeeded in securing some of the paraphernalia and money, which was sufficient to convince the bench. The sum of $40 and costs was realized, Wing Lee and Quin Gee putting up the collateral.—Salmon Arm Observer.

Local and General.

The Church Aid will give a pink tea in the town hall on New Year's eve, Dec. 31. Everybody cordially invited to attend. A spicy program will be rendered.

Premier McBride, accompanied by Mrs. McBride, left on the 1st inst. for California on a two weeks holiday. During his absence Hon. W. J. Bowser will be acting premier. The vacant portfolio of finance will not be filled until the premier's return from the south.

Dreadnaught Bowser is pretty nearly qualified now for a change of the nickname to Pooh-Bah Bowser. He is acting Premier, Attorney General, Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture, and Commissioner of Fisheries. He is also in active legal practice.

The new Court of Appeals for British Columbia has been instituted as follows: J. A. Macdonald of Rossland, former Liberal leader, to be chief justice; Mr. Justice Irving, Mr. Justice Martin and Mr. W. A. Galliher, ex-M.P. To take vacancies in the supreme court, Col. F.B. Gregory of Victoria and Dennis Murphy of Ashcroft are appointed.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED.

Samples From Central Farm to Be Sent Free to Farmers.

By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a distribution is being made this season of samples of superior sorts of grain and potatoes to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution has been secured mainly from the experimental farms at Indian Head, Sask., Brandon, Man., and Ottawa, Ont. The samples consist of oats, spring wheat, barley, peas, Indian corn (for ensilage only), and potatoes. The quantity of oats sent is 4 lbs., and of wheat or barley 5 lbs., sufficient in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn, peas and potatoes weigh 3 lbs each. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution :

OATS.—Banner, Abundance, Danish Island, Wideawake, White Giant, Thousand Dollar, Improved Ligowo—all white varieties.

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BARLEY.—Six-rowed : Mensury, Odessa and Mansfield. Two-rowed: Invincible, Standwell and Canadian Thorpe.

FIELD PEAS.—Arthur and Golden Vine.

INDIAN CORN (for ensilage)—Early sorts: Angel of Midnight, Compton's Early, and Longfellow. Later varieties : Selected Leaming, Early Mastodon, and White Cap Yellow Dent.

POTATOES.—Early varieties : Rochester Rose and Irish Cobbler. Medium to late varieties : Gold Coin, Carman No. 1, and Money Maker. The later varieties are, as a rule, more productive than the earlier kinds.

Only one sample can be sent to each applicant. The samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time from the 1st of December to the 15th of February, after which the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Applicants should mention the variety they prefer, with a second sort as an alternative. Applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, so long as the supply of seed lasts. Farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes should bear in mind that the corn is not usually distributed until April, and that potatoes cannot be mailed until danger from frost in transit is over. No postage is required on mail matter addressed to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director of Experimental Farms.

SAM PIERRE CAPTURED.

The Notorious Indian Corralled by Chief Bunbury.

The following account of the capture of Sam Pierre, the Indian desperado, which was accomplished last week by Chief Bunbury,is given by the Oroville Gazette :

Last Monday Sheriff Thorp met C. J. Bunbury at this place and they quietly slipped off on a still hunt for the Indian fugitive Sam Pierre, who has a string of crimes to his credit long enough to tie him up in the penitentiary the balance of his natural life. The officers were mum regarding their mission, and the real object of the combined endeavor was not known until the two drove down from the north with the prisoner. It seems that Sheriff Thorp had a hunch that Pierre was at his home, a short distance below Oroville. A visit there proved a water haul. Officer Bunbury thought he had the man staked out on Sheep Creek, near Penticton, where Pierre was supposed to be working on a ditch with others of his flesh. From Penticton the party drove as close to the scene of the ditch digging as possible. Here Mr. Bunbury, the Canadian official, started afoot, and coming suddenly upon Pierre at work in the ditch, covered him and invited him to throw up the job. Pierre was taken completely off his guard, and had no chance to resist. He was very docile, and had no chance to give the officers trouble. Sheriff Thorp left on the stage with his man Thursday morning for Riverside, from whence he will reach Conconully.

Sam Pierre is probably the toughest red man in this upper country. He will halt at no crime, and especially if under the influence of liquor. He served a term in the penitentiary for a criminal assault upon his own grandmother. He is one of those ghouls cursed with the blood lust, and is cannibalistic in his viciousness, as he has bitten chunks of flesh out of several Indians. He says when he is worked up to a frenzy he wants to see and taste blood. Some months ago he stabbed a young Indian in a drunken brawl at the Similkameen bridge. He was arrested and broke jail. In his flight he attempted an assault on a white woman, and was foiled in his brutal plan by the approach of travelers. Deputy Sheriff Mills and Marshal Case got a few shots at him some weeks afterwards, but the wily Indian got away.

As illustrating the willingness of Pierre to take desperate chances, Officer Bunbury states that at Okanagan Falls he slept in the same room with the Indian, who was of course manacled. When they went to the room Pierre lay down on one of the beds, and the officer, who had removed his revolver, threw his belt and scabbard on the foot of the other bed and his coat over them. Bunbury then turned to the dresser as though to make his toilet, and could observe Pierre's movements in the looking glass. No sooner was the officer's back turned than with the noiseless snake-like movements traditional with Indians Pierre rose up and reached over for the belt, supposing the revolver to be in the sheath. As his hand touched the belt Bunbury let out a gay haw haw, and the foiled Indian fell back with a curse. Had the gun been there the Indian got hold of it, the friends of Bunbury probably would be wearing weeds to-day.

Jeff Wilcox of Greenwood, who attempted to take his life on Nov. 13 by drinking a bottle of laudanum, was sentenced to eight months in Nelson jail.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that Frederick P. Sadler, of Cambridge, England, Inspector of Inland Revenue intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of lot 1761, group 1, Osoyoos, thence north 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, 80 acres more or less.

FREDERICK PERCY SADLER
By his Agent,
W. C. BATE.

5th October, 1909.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that H. A. Barcelo, of Keremeos, occupation Farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about one and a half miles east of the south-east corner of William Cohen's pre-emption, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, 40 acres.

HENRY ALLAN BARCELO.

27th October, 1909.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that Manuel Barcello, of Keremeos, occupation Farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of lot 289, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement, 80 acres.

MANUEL BARCELO.

26th October, 1909.

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LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. R. H. Carmichael entertained friends from Princeton and Hedley at luncheon on Saturday.

A meeting of St. John's Guild will be held at Mrs. Coleman's on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. John Mattice is making fair progress toward convalescence, and there is every prospect of his complete recovery.

George Milburn left via Penticton stage on Monday for Victoria, where he will spend Christmas with relatives and possibly remain the greater portion of the winter.

The bazaar held by the Ladies' Guild on Thursday of last week netted them upwards of $140. A large number of fancy articles were sold suitable for holiday presents.

A meeting of the Fruit Growers Association of Keremeos will be held in the Keremeos Land Company's office on Monday afternoon, Dec. 13, at 2 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. James Elmhirst was the hostess at a pleasant afternoon tea given in honor of Miss Lowndes, who was leaving the following day to take up her residence in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knudson and two daughters arrived on Saturday from Nelson and are staying for the time being at Ezra Mills's. Mr. Knudson is fitting up part of his building on Seventh street as a residence.

The school children are holding up the populace for four bits a head for tickets to the Christmas tree entertainment to be held on Dec. 23, which is an improvement on last year's method of passing a subscription list.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to Keeler's dining room or to the store please call and settle, as we have our bills to pay and must have money. An early settlement will greatly oblige. Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Keeler.

J. R. Rowell, the local representative of the B. C. Fruit Land Co., left on Monday for Calgary, where he will spend Christmas with friends. He expects to spend the winter at the company's office in Vancouver and resume his job here in the spring.

Jacob Meyers, who has been U.S. collector of customs at Chopaka for the past two years, was transferred to Laurier last week. He is succeeded at Chopaka by Collector Grube. Mr. Grube paid a visit to Keremeos on Wednesday between trains.

The approach of the holidays is recalled forcibly to shoppers these days by the festive appearance of the shop windows. J. R. Shaw's window is one that strongly attracts the longing eyes of the youngsters with its tempting display of toys and other dainty but more useful articles. A very tasteful display of artistic ornaments is also shown at G. G. Keeler's.

Frances, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, Keremeos Centre, is suffering from abscess on the head. Fears of it reaching the brain are entertained, and the only hope of recovery rests in sending her away to a hospital for an operation.

Although we are not exactly Cheap Guys, we do believe in the Golden Rule, and that it is right "to live and let live." Fifteen cents is not considered much in this country, but it will surprise you to see what it can buy in Keeler's window on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Rev. Dr. White, Superintendent of Methodist missions in B.C., gave an address, with limelight views, to a fair sized audience in the church on Monday evening. The views were mostly of scenes in the coast country, and the address descriptive of the speaker's experiences and of the various missions in the province.

J. A. McMullen, Inspector of Provincial Police, accompanied by Chief Bunbury of Greenwood, was in town on Wednesday in the course of a trip of inspection through the valley. Mr. McMullen complimented the local division of the force on the good order that has prevailed during the work of construction on the railway.

Torrential rains caused widespread damage in the coast districts last week, estimated altogether in millions, most of which occurred in Washington. The railroads especially suffered heavily from washouts, the C.P.R. main line being blocked and trains stalled at a number of places. In the Similkameen the water was unusually high, but no damage occurred, and our share of the general visitation was confined mostly to delayed mails and cloudy skies.

A strike of switchmen to the number of several thousand on the Great Northern and other roads is causing considerable disturbance in trade, and now a far more serious movement is threatened. About the middle of this month the railroad men on most of the roads of the continent will present a demand for a uniform increase of 10 per cent. in wages, which may be followed by the greatest strike on record, involving more than a million men.

Thos. S. Drennan of Vancouver came in on Saturday and spent a few days at Keremeos looking after his affairs here, leaving again on Tuesday for the coast via Nicola. Mr. Drennan, it will be remembered, bought a tract of fruit land here and last summer put it under cultivation, besides breaking up and otherwise improving the lots of several other recent purchasers. This fall he has spent in Saskatchewan, where he is interested in wheat farming. The season there has been a highly favorable one for the grain growers in every way—good harvest and threshing weather, heavy crops, and good prices. Mr. Drennan had intended to move here this fall, but has been too much engaged otherwise. His present intention, however, is to come early in the spring, build a home, and settle permanently.

NOTICE.

TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE.

I, Percy Mark, intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police, F. S. Hussey, Victoria, B.C., for permission to transfer the retail liquor license held by me, in respect of the premises known as the Alkazar Hotel, Keremeos, to George Burton Bennett and Chester Bert Ford.

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