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Leaves Penticton on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 a. m., arriving in Keremeos at noon.
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Church Services.

PRESBYTERIAN—Divine service alternate Sundays, Keremeos Town Hall 11 a. m., School House 7.30 p. m. Rev. A. H. Cameron, Pastor.
ANGLICAN—Services as announced from time to time.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS.—In Town Hall each Sunday at 10 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Shaw, Superintendent.

Trains.

V. V. & E. train arrives daily, except Sunday, at 10.30 a.m.
Leaves daily, except Sunday, at 3 p.m.

Best in the Province.

D. F. Jelly was in Nelson a short time on Tuesday. Speaking of his visit the Daily News says:

"D. F. Jelly, rancher of Keremeos, was in the city yesterday on a brief visit relative to the disposal of the produce of his valley through the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Jelly has new potatoes from 1½ to 2 cents a pound at Keremeos. He has tomatoes just ripening and also apples. The Keremeos has an earlier season than Kootenay and Mr. Jelly is doing his best to take advantage of the situation,

"Speaking of the Keremeos Mr. Jelly was enthusiastic. He had only been there two years but was more than satisfied with the prospects of the country. The Keremeos valley was sage brush, about 20 miles long by an average width of a mile and a half. In other words there was available about 18,000 acres of land which, Mr. Jelly claimed, was the most easily cleared and the most highly productive of any in a highly fertile province.

"The land could be cleared for $6 an acre and plowed for another $4. It had to be irrigated but the water supply was plentiful. Besides the Similkameen river running through the valley there were also the Keremeos and Ashnola creeks.

"The land would grow anything but was especially good for grapes and for peaches. There were growing the Black Hamburg and Tokay varieties, two of the best varieties known to grape growers.

"There were several old ranchers in the valley, one of them, Frank Richter, having been there for 45 years. He had, indeed, made his money in cattle but had grown an orchard which was highly productive. A few years ago W. H. Armstrong of Vancouver, acting with his brothers located in Winnipeg, had taken up 1,600 acres, and putting water on the land, had proceeded to subdivide it in 10 acre lots selling at $200 an acre. Nearly all this land had been sold and there were from forty to fifty families already settled. Now the valley is awaiting the subdivision of other farms.

"The only matter troubling the people of Keremeos is the building of the railway throvgh to the coast. The line had been completed as far as Keremeos and trains had been running for the past year. The line had been graded 20 miles further, as far as Hedley. Bofore the Hope mountains were reached another 50 miles would have to be graded beyond Hedley.

"But there was through connection with Nelson via Marcus, yet now was the time, maintained Mr. Jelly, to come into the valley. Land was far cheaper today than it would be at other times. The interests of the valley, its season being earlier than that of Nelson, were not inimical to this district. On the contrary the one country was complemental to the other and that was the reason why he was trying to establish business relations which would be of mutual benefit to both places."

LOCAL NOTES.

Harry Bulger, of the Hope country, is visiting at Mr. Barcelo's.

Jas. McAdam of Sumas is buying horses in the vicinity of Keremeos.

Archdeacon Beer will conduct services in the hall next Sunday morning and evening.

Constable Ewart, who has been on a trip to the coast with a string of horses, has returned.

Norman Morrison, for some time clerk of the commissariat office here, has left and gone to Hedley. His successor is Gilbert Mowat, who comes from No. 1 camp.

John Thompson went by special to Penticton on Wednesday on his way to Vancouver. Mr. Thompson will return in the winter to ereet suitable buildings on his fruit lot.

Richard Cawston, a former well known resident of this district, and now of Stratford, Ont., is on a visit to his brother George, of Keremeos, and other friends in the town and vicinity.

A quantity of fruit trees ordered last year by H. Walker have arrived, but it is not likely that delivery will be accepted. They are now not even good for firewood. The C.P.R. carried these trees to Vernon and Penticton, where they remained for weeks. Why the railway shipped dead wood in a refrigerator car to Keremeos is beyond the comprehension of the printer's devil.

During his recent trip to the coast Constable Ewart found on the Hope trail, near the summit, two fine does that had been shot, apparently from mere wantonness, and left to rot. Strong suspicion points to a man who had been in that vicinity a short time before, and it may be even yet that he will be convicted and subjected to the heavy penalties that the law very properly provides for such a deed.

A charge was laid before Magistrate Coleman a few days ago by Frank Surprise against Mac McAuley of rustling some of his cattle, but owing to Mr. Coleman being suddenly called away, the hearing was postponed to next Monday. Mac says the charge is absurd; that he was after an obstreperous steer and employed the common device of bunching him with a few quiet cattle who were near by in order to coax him on the way; that this was in a public place and on a common range, and being a long established custom in the cattle country, should not be objected to.

A new lead of coal was struck last week by the Diamond Vale Co. on the prospect some little distance east of the main workings in the Nicola valley.

We understand that the two acres purchased by the committee from the Keremeos Land Co. for a cemetery is now surveyed, and parties wishing to secure lots may do so by applying to Mr. Stoess.

James Ross, a wealthy land-owner of North Yakima, Wash., who has resided in the United States for years, was deported from Seattle for refusing to pay his head tax at Blaine when re-entering U. S. territory after a short visit to Vancouver. He paid the tax later, and now expresses his intention of selling out his large interests in Yakima and removing to Canada without delay.

The Okanagan exhibition will be held in Vernon September 16, 17 and 18. The association is giving larger prizes than ever before. $2,600 in the exhibition classes and $1,750 for races. Several valuable cups have also been donated. A new exhibition building, new poultry houses and a new machinery building have been erected and the directors intend making this the most successful fair ever held in the valley. A good programme of sports has been arranged including lacrosse, baseball and football matches.

Constable Sproule of Hedley was in town yesterday on his way to Kamloops with a prisoner, a half-breed named Jimmy Jamieson, under sentence of six months' imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly. Jimmy is an old offender and was once before sent up for four years, but was released on parole after serving a short time. This time he got on a rampage and among other things put up a fierce fight before the constable, assisted by Nigel Ewart, effected his arrest. It was necessary to bat him over the head with a gun, and to tie him down with ropes after handcuffs had failed to secure him. During the struggle, too, he gave Mr. Ewart a nasty bite in the arm.

LOCAL NOTES.

Peach harvest is on. It is a peach.

J. R. Greenfield, post office inspector, was in town last week. He went west and returned by stage on Tuesday.

Mr. Keeler has engaged a cook in his restaurant, a Chink who has for some time been employed on the Lowe ranch.

Miss Loudon, of Loomis, after a visit of a week with her sister, Mrs. F. Richter, went south by V. V. & E. on Monday.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. C. Cummings on Saturday. Miss Baby Cummings is doing well.

Ezra Mills is building a 16x20 ft. addition to his residence on Eighth Avenue. D. J. Innis is also building a kitchen to his house.

One of the army of tramps, in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Armstrong at Summerland, took possession of their house, used their supplies, etc. A few days in the cooler would suit such tramps.

Chas. Rennie of Calgary is in town for a short time helping Mr. Armstrong of the Keremeos Commercial Co. at the big store. Also he is taking advantage of the opportunity to learn something of the Similkameen and to look after the fruit lot at the lower end of the town owned by his uncle, S. Sylvester of Calgary, and at present in charge of Celestial gardeners.

H. B. Stanton of Molson was in town on Tuesday on business in connection with his supply of materials for the new church. In the absence of two members of the church building committee, there was no definite settlement of the matters in dispute, but a temporary arrangement was made by which the balance of the material for the church must be delivered here on July 25th.

Messrs. Willy and Clark, of New Hampshire, McMillan of Seattle, and Forbes of Hedley, with a four-horse special, drove from Keremeos by way of Olalla to the Apex mineral claim in the vicinity of the Nickel Plate early this week. After inspecting the buildings, development work, ore, etc., they returned to Keremeos. It was a strenuous day's work. This week the work on three miles of a branch road from the present freight road to the Apex will be laid out, and in a short time work at the mine will be on the docket.

Saturday's Vancouver Province says: Mr. L. W. Shatford, M. L. A. for the Similkameen, is down from the upper country and will visit Victoria after a day's stay at the Hotel Vancouver. Mr. Shatford reports that the small fruit in the Okanagan this season yielded the biggest crop ever recorded and that there is every likelihood that the production of peaches and apples will also prove phenomenal. He states that growers who shipped to the prairie provinces made substantial profits. Mr. Shatford anticipates that a large portion of peach, apple and plum crop will be marketed in Vancouver, in view of the satisfaction afforded by last year's shipments.

One of our local fishermen had a sorrowful experience a few days ago in plying his gentle art in the waters of the Similkameen. Selecting a likely looking spot, he took up his station there just as the sun was dipping behind the mountains, cast his line, and soon had a pull that nearly yanked him into the current. There were no whitefish except White & Mackay's special, and no bass except Bass' stout, but the trout—well, the trout whose acquaintance he made might easily be mistaken for young whales. After a severe struggle he landed three, and hauled them up on a sandbank, there to flop their lives away while he rested from his labors. As darkness was stealing o'er the landscape he rose to gather up his spoils, but what was his consternation to find that they had vanished. Jerry was not at hand to smell them out, and searching in the dark proved in vain. A searching party armed with bullseye lanterns was also unsuccessful, but at dawn the following morning part of the spoil was found where it had struggled to, some distance from the spot where it was first placed. The largest one of the fish, however, had escaped. Its weight can only be roughly estimated, but some notion of its size may be had from the fact that when it was pulled out the river instantly fell four inches.

Just received, a nice fresh consignment of Armour's choicest hams and bacon.—Keremeos Commercial Company.

Accident at Camp McKinney.

[Boundary Times.]

Duncan A. Cameron, brother of Hugh Cameron, and one of the pioneers of Camp McKinney, suffered a very serious accident on Tuesday night, and was brought on Wednesday to the Sisters' Hospital here. Mr. Cameron fell from a ladder leading to a loft, fracturing his leg above the ankle. The break is a bad one, the bone being badly broken and the ligaments torn. The patient is in charge of Dr. Oppenheimer, and the bone is being set today. Hugh Cameron and Ed. Hatton, who made the long trip down from camp McKinney with the injured man, left yesterday afternoon for Camp McKinney. Both Hugh Cameron and his brother were among the first men in the Camp McKinney country and are widely known over the district.

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Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that JOHN M. YOUNG, of Keremeos, B.C., occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted about 66 feet south of the south-west corner of D. Innis's ranch, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east to point of commencement, and containing 40 acres, more or less. The land applied for is known as the graveyard flat, and adjoins Lot No. 2821 on the west.

JOHN M. YOUNG.

July 11, 1908. 25

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

Take notice that I, Percy Marks, of Keremeos, hotel keeper, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Eighty acres. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of lot 2993, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement.

PERCY MARKS,
Locater.

Dated June 17th, 1908. 20

Notice of Forfeiture.

To R. B. STACK and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred any interest in the "Black Diamond" mineral claim, situated in Olalla Camp, in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District.

YOU are hereby required to take notice that I have expended for assessment and for recording certificate of work on the above named claim $102.50, being the expenditure necessary to enable me to hold said claim, and you are hereby required to contribute your share or proportion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising. If you fail or refuse to contribute such amount, including advertising, within ninety (90) days of first publication of this notice in the Keremeos TRUMPET, your interest will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the "Mineral Act and Amending Acts."

Dated this 14th day of May 1908.

20 L. M. LYON.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To CHARLES RICHTER and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his one-third interest in the "Eldorado" mineral claim, situated in the Olalla Camp, in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District.

YOU are hereby required to take notice that I have expended for assessment and for recording certificate of work on the above named claim $102.50, being the expenditure necessary to enable me to hold said claim, and you are hereby required to contribute your share or proportion of such expenditure, which amount to date is seventy-three dollars ($73.00) together with all costs of advertising. If you fail or refuse to contribute such amount, including advertising, within ninety (90) days of first publication of this notice in the Keremeos TRUMPET, your interest will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the "Mineral Act and Amending Acts."

Dated this 14th day of May, 1908.

20 L. M. LYON.

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Not Clever Enough.

A despatch from Grand Forks says: A clever swindler has been brought to justice. The man is W. S. Carter who for a while resided in this city. For some time past Carter has been working his game in the States, but the officers of the postal department, getting onto someone using the mails for fraudulent purposes, he thought it best to come over to this side of the line. It appears that Carter would come into a town, and getting acqainted with some young man who had parents who were well to do in the east, would write to them telling them that their son was sick and in need of money to defray medical expenses. His last victim was a lady of Cherryvale, Kan., whom, it is stated, he had done out of a considerable sum of money. McKeenan has been at work on the case for some time and by means of decoy letters, Carter was lured over to Danville, Wash., a few miles south of this city, where he was promptly collared by deputy United States marshal Wray, who was assisted by postoffice inspector Wilmer, on the charge of using the United States mails to defraud. Carter had nothing to say.

A Costly Bungle.

The majority report of the Quebec bridge committee was adopted by 103 to 52.

The majority report declares that the company fully complied with the terms of its agreement of 1903, when the government decided to guarantee the bonds of the company. The report concludes that when the bank of Montreal paid the sum of $3,773,223, being the amount of the claims outstanding against the company on April 30 last, in connection with the advances made on the guaranteed bond issue, an undivided lien was given on the substructure of the bridge and the approaches, including a large amount of delivered material, amounting in all to over $3,000,000.

The minority report declares that the company was incompetent and utterly unfitted for the work. It also says that it was the duty of the government to have taken over the property and completed the enterprise, but, instead, it guaranteed the company's bonds up to $6,680,-200, on conditions some of which were never fulfilled.

The goverment's present liability and outlay on account of the project is $6,332,000, and the assets consist of some stone piers and abutments, some iron material and some land approaches.

A Remarkable Barn.

A farmer at Lloydminster has a remarkable barn. When he built it he used green willow posts at the corners and along the sides, and the following season he discovered the willows had struck root and were growing. At the end of that year the floor of the barn had risen three feet above the ground. A year ago last spring the barn was on stilts 9 feet high, so the farmer put in another floor and converted it into a two-story building. At the beginning of the present year the new floor was seven inches above the ground, and the farmer looks forward to the time when a third—and possibly a fourth—storey may be added to his very remarkable barn.—Saturday Sunset.

Seasonable Work in Orchards.

Prune the cherry trees soon as the fruit is picked, as much as necessary. This applies especially in the Coast sections. Let sunshine and air into the centre branches to mature and create plump fruit spurs for the next season. There is nothing to be gained by growing useless wood from now on. Also by removing a certain per cent. of the foliage to that extent the cambium making force is reduced and more thoroughly ripened wood with less chances for gumosis is the result.

Mow the strawberry bed, rake off the foliage and burn if infested with any kind of fungous or pest. Otherwise leave for mulch and add barnyard compost dressing wherever obtainable. In places where crown borers have been at work spray the plants with lime and sulphur or Bordeaux, and make the bed unpalatable for the beetles which deposit their eggs at this season producing the larvae which does the injury to plants next spring.

Thin apples where too thickly set, even at this late date, one fruit to a fruit spur and four to six inches apart will produce the largest and most salable specimens.—Northwest Horticulturist.

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J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

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Notes and Comments.

The commissioners of the Okanogan county, Washington, have voted $2,000 for a county fruit exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition to be held at Seattle next year. The Similkameen, with a far more valuable chance of advertising its resources—that afforded by the Dominion Fair at Calgary—was too apathetic to seize the opportunity. The Valley is making steady progress—from its in intrinsic advantages it cannot help doing so—but the rate of progress could and should be greatly accelerated by concerted action in making those advantages known to the people in the outside world whom it is desirable to attract.

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It is stated that the Prince of Wales, on his visit to Quebec, will bring a peerage for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A newly created peer has the privilege of choosing his title, and it is a question of some interest how Sir Wilfrid's taste will incline—whether he will elect to be Lord Laurier or choose some other title more ornate and less euphonious. If the honor had come to him ten years ago the Earl of Sunnyways would have suggested itself at once as an appropriate name; in this year of grace Duke Despot would be more fitting. And, by the way, while the Prince is about it he could do a popular stunt by giving us a Baron Borden as well as a Lord Laurier.

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It is proverbial that outsiders see the most of a game. Thus we find each of the political parties in the United States shocked because its opponent has come under the domination of a dictator, and apparently serenely unconscious of its own condition. The thoroughness with which the parties have become "imperialized," so to speak, would seem to indicate the operation of some natural law in political development. The same tendency is apparent in Canadian politics, the present Premier wielding an authority much more absolute than was that of any of his predecessors. It is likely, though, that in a community of such high average intelligence as Canada, such a state of affairs is only temporary, and is due rather to personalities than to general conditions.

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James. J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern railway, is of the opinion that the only solution of the financial problem that confronts the railroads is an increase in freight rates. Mr. Hill is strongly opposed to a cut in wages as a means to increase the earnings of railways. He says: "What is the alternative but to raise rates? The way to enhance credit is to increase rates. The manufacturers who decry any advance in rates fail to appreciate that without an improved credit the railways will be unable to expend the hundreds of millions which hitherto have made prosperity possible to themselves and employees. Wages should not be cut. Efficient labor is essential to successful operation. Railroad employees have responsibilities; they have to meet a hard test; they should get fair recompense."

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Evidences of growing unfriendliness between Great Britain and Japan have appeared in an annonncement that the British house of commons will take formal notice of the charges that the Japanese are driving out British competition in trade channels in Korea and that part of Manchuria adjacent to the scene of Japanese operations. The suggestion that the United States and Great Britain form an agreement for the control of trade and the general assistance of commercial interests in the far east is being renewed. The particular cause of the present unpleasantness is the undoubted action of the Japs to endeavor to monopolize trade in Manchuria. The British newspapers have taken up the question and are making much of its international features. It is alleged at the same time that the relations between the United States and Japan are in danger of being seriously strained. It is said that any untoward event in this direction would undoubtedly lead to the weakening of the alliance between Britain and Japan.

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A standing evil in the East, and especially in Ontario, resulting from carrying too far the policy of delegating to municipalities powers and responsibilities that should be retained by the provincial government, is the lack of effective police control in rural communities. The rural constabulary in Ontario are probably as good men as those of the organized forces in the more advanced provinces, but they are rendered almost helpless by being localized, with no organized system for tracing and pursuing escaped criminals, so that a disgracefully large proportion of outrageous crimes go unpunished. A case occurred near Mount Forest a few days ago, where a hobo attacked a farmer's wife and beat her, perhaps fatally, with a club. The hired man—a man of the right stamp—pursued the villain into the woods and attempted to arrest him, but got the worst of the encounter; and the chances are he will never be captured. That a premier of Whitney's vigor and ability should not have taken up the long-standing question of a provincial police before this is a matter of surprise.

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Since the Dominion government has passed a law to prohibit the opium traffic, the Chinese opium-dealers at the coast ask for six months in which to dispose of their stocks, representing also that some of those addicted to the drug are sure to die if their supply is cut off too suddenly. The government refuses to grant them more than three months.

The report of the Commons committee on agriculture, states that wheat may be successfully raised 900 miles north of the international boundary and 500 miles north of Edmonton. The evidence presented to the committee showed the total tobacco production of Canada was 4,000,000 pounds out of a total of over 15,000,000 consumed. It is claimed the whole of this could be produced in Canada under improved conditions of culture.

Writing to the Globe from Vancouver, John Stinson in the course of a letter, a column and a half long, sets forth the claim of British Columbia for "better terms" in what he truly describes as a "manner entirely different from anything of the kind ever before suggested." In brief, Mr. Stinson suggests that the Dominion government take over the northern half of the province and open it up. We rather think our fellow-citizen has a great deal of propaganda work to do if he wishes to bring many British Columbians to see the wisdom of reducing the sise of the province.—World.

R. T. Lowery, of the Greenwood Ledge, was a visitor at the Pioneer sanctum yesterday. The colonel is an advocate of the great healthful values in fresh air and exercise and finds first quality of both in a stroll up to Phoenix. No newspaperman in Canada today has a more interesting journalistic career than the editor of the Ledge. He has already owned and edited 22 newspapers at different times in various towns and is now seriously contemplating the starting of his 23rd. Although the name for his latest venture was not suggested, "Ski-doo" might not be inappropriate. It will take the place of Lowery's Claim, which was excluded from the mails on two occasions.—Phoenix Pioneer.

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The Mineral Output.

Ottawa, July 21.—A summary of the report covering the mines branch for the first year of its incorporation under the reorganization carried into effect in May, 1907, has just been issued by Hon. W. Templeman, minister of the department. The report covers the results of investigations made by officials of the department into the mineral deposits and processes in every part of the dominion.

Officials of the department were sent to each of the provinces with a view of gathering full statistics and information regarding the mining and metallurgical industries of Canada.

B. B. Cairnes, in his report of the Yukon territory states that although the days of the individual placer mines are practically over, at least on the older creeks, the country is by no means worked out, and continued large gold production may be gotten for many years to come.

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Local and General.

The B. C. Copper Co., of Greenwood is now shipping a carload of copper a day.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada, is to be made a Privy Councilor at the next distribution of the King's birthday honors.

Vancouver's total debt is about $8,600,000. As the charter limit is about $9,400,000, her official squanderers will not be able to sink her very much deeper.

Nearly 50,000 acres of magnificent land under water, dozens of families driven from their homes, and hundreds of head of stock roaming the mountains, is the result of this year's flood at Sumas Prairie in the lower Frazer valley.

Unknown parties made a crude attempt to wreck an Orangemen's excursion running from Portage la Prairie to Shoal Lake, Man. Pieces of two-inch plank were laid on the track in the yards, but the wood being soft, the engine splintered them. An investigation is proceeding.

Damage by hail storms last week on Camas and Nez Perce prairies in the vicinity of Grangeville and around Stites, Idaho, will aggregate more than $100,000. According to reports from a half-dozen sections near Grangeville, probably 400,000 bushels of wheat were leveled. Chickens, ducks, geese and even hogs were killed by hailstones. Another storm swept across the prairie country above Stites, leveling grain and beating fruit from the trees. The path of the storm—3 miles in width and 25 miles in length—comprised the richest section of Camas prairie.

The Dominion government has voted subsidies to a line of railway from Carmi to Penticton, 50 miles, and a line of railway from Nicola to Penticton, 100 miles. This simply means that the building of the Midway and Vernon railway to Penticton and then to Nicola, as desired by the promoters of the road, has received the consent and assistance of the Dominion government. The legislation necessary to this change has been desired by the promoters of the road for some time, and the granting of it looks well for the Midway & Vernon. It also looks as if the intention is to make it a part, finally, of the C.P.R. extension through from Midway to the coast, the C.P.R. having built already as far as Nicola.—Greenwood Times.

In the Upper Country they are planning to turn the clock back an hour. The movement was suggested by a proposal in the Old Country, where it is planned to give more time for daylight recreation to the workmen. In British Columbia, the idea has been promoted by Nelson. where the clock is now the same as in Vancouver, though the time is in reality nearly an hour ahead. The Nelson Board of Trade and various other organizations have endorsed the movement. Mayor Taylor has promised the assistance of the City Council in putting the matter through. The underlying idea is that an unused morning hour shall thus be transferred to the evening.

The Grand Forks Fire.

Further particulars as to the fire that destroyed the business centre of Grand Forks show that the loss totals about $300,000. The city, however, is reviving wonderfully. Nearly all the business places burned out, including the two banks, have found new quarters and reopened.

The fire broke out in the old Union hotel on Riverside avenue, in which was stored old mattresses and such articles. Such inflammable material, placed as it was in the midst of a number of old buildings, soon gave the fire such hold that it was well beyond control before Constable Dinsmore, who first saw it and turned in the alarm, could get the first stream to play on it. To make matters still more difficult for Chief Savage, the fuses blew out three times at the substation and for a space of about 20 minutes no pumping could be done, the fire boys having to cut off their lines of hose in order to retain any pressure in those they left. When all was working well there was, with the assistance of the fire engine, a pressure of 140 lbs and nine streams playing.

As to the "Yale", seven streams were brought to bear on it at the outset, but the windows being open and the lace curtains taking fire the whole interior was soon ablaze. The travelers managed to get out with their grips, but the boarders were lucky who got away with more than their night clothes. On three different occassions the White House and the Black Hawk livery stable, across the river from the Yale, caught fire and were saved by means of the Granby hose which was sent down by the smelter people. But for this assistance these places would also have been gutted, for it was quite impossible for the city fire team to get near the bridge. We may here state that but through the assistance rendered by the Granby, the bridge connecting the two portions of the city would have been destroyed, and for the same reason that the fire boys could not get near enough to throw water on it when it ignited.

One fatality only has been reported, N. Baraby, of Mayo, Wash., a traveller who had brought in a carload of wood, and was returning next day, was staying at the Vahalla hotel, and failed to get out. Another person who was staying in a cabin at the back of the Yale has not been located and it is generally thought that he has escaped.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. McDonald of Olalla called on friends here on Tuesday.

It hardly requires a microscope to see the fruit growing at Keremeos these days.

Rev. Mr. Cameron will hold divine service at Fairview on Sunday, July 26, at 7.30 p. m.

Fruit jars, all sizes—we have added A. Osborne's stock and are overstocked—going cheap. Keremeos Commercial Co.

Charlie Armstrong is the gun club "it" this week. The score now stands: Prosser 3, Crooker 2, Thomas 1, Armstrong 1.

Hughes & Milburn are building concrete walls for a cellar 14x26 ft. and the additional foundation 20x 30 ft. for J. J. Armstrong's house on lot 1. This bungalow will be one of the most attractive residences in Keremeos.

Messrs. Crooker & Meausette, of the Keremeos Hardware Co., have rearranged their business and separated the two branches. It will be carried on as heretofore, but Mr. Crooker will devote himself wholly to the hardware part, Mr. Meausette taking over the tinsmithing.

A most important convention will be held at Vernon, Aug. 10-16, when questions of marked interest to fruit growers will be presented by men of world-wide reputation. The demand of fruit growers in regard to irrigation laws will receive careful consideration, and the action of the convention will no doubt have a bearing on future laws. It is time for our Exchange to have all the information at hand bearing on this most important meeting.

Several private thermometers in Keremeos have registered a few degrees more than 100 in the shade this week. Instruments in a lattice-work enclosure such as the meteorological office requires would of course indicate a little less. The weather is so dry and breezy, however, that the heat is not productive of much discomfort. We hope to get a meteorological office here soon and to have a series of reliable records of weather conditions, which will be of value to orchardists and of interest to all.

Although there are only a few ladies of the Presbyterian church in Keremeos, the ladies of other churches, working in peace and harmony, have organized the Church Aid Society of Keremeos. The first meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon in Mrs. Keeler's dining room, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. M. Crooker; Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. G. G. Keeler. The Aid will meet on the first Wednesday in every month at 3 p. m. The next meeting will be held on August 5th at the home of Mrs. Crooker. The first object of the Aid will be to help defray the expense of furnishing the new church.

Irrigation in the West.

A recent Government blue-book gives some very interesting information in reference to the progress of irrigation in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Five years ago there were in these provinces 169 irrigation ditches, having a combined length of 469 miles, and capable of irrigating some 614,000 acres. Now there are 272 of these ditches or canals, having a total length of 922 miles, and capable of irrigating 3,033,008 acres. Of these Alberta has 167 ditches, capable of irrigating 2,998-321 acres, and Saskatchewan has 105, with an irrigation capacity of 34,688 acres. It is claimed that the great C.P.R. irrigation scheme east of Calgary will, when completed, be the largest individual enterprise on this continent. It has a length, east and west, of 150 miles, and an average width, north and south, of 40 miles. It has been found, however, that irrigation is not always a necessity, even in the dry belts, but the irrigation insures a profitable crop even in the dryest years. There is little doubt that these irrigation schemes are doing much to assist in the development of some of the finest agricultural sections in Canada.

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