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

FORWARD, MARCH!

The Iron Horse Is Again Heading For the Pacific.

The work of track-laying and bridge-building for the rest of the way up the valley, so long delayed, is now being resumed in earnest. On Tuesday a large shipment of material, including full equipment for track-laying, arrived in Keremeos, together with about twenty more men, including foremen for the tracking and bridge gangs and a force of carpenters to build boarding cars and put up the false-work for the first bridge. This and the track to the first bridge are scheduled to be completed by July 1, after which the work beyond can be carried on while the permanent frame of the bridge is put in place. Ballasting for the track in this section will be taken by steam shovel from the hill just east of the town—an operation that will greatly improve the present highway by widening it. The work on this section will employ a large number of men during the summer, and go a long way to making a busy season for the town.

It is figured that the road can now be completed to Princeton by October 15, that is with everything going full speed and nothing to delay it. Such conditions, however, are not to be expected, and if the Princetonians get for next Christmas that turkey they were expecting for last Christmas, but which was delayed owing to circumstances over which it had no control, they will probably feel satisfied—even though it should have become a trifle high by that time. The time counted on for putting a bridge in place is two weeks, and there are five bridges—four over the Similkameen and one over 20-Mile Creek. The rate of track-laying according to schedule is a mile a day. So, allowing for contingencies, the end of 1909 should see the completion of the road to Princeton.

The long delay in continuing the road westward from Keremeos has been a sore grievance to the inhabitants of the upper valley, many of whom builded for the future and invested their capital in full assurance that they would have railway facilities at once. Naturally their repeated disappointments and actual losses have soured them on James J. and all his ways. Yet it is doubtful if any particular blame is due him. The G.N.R. is not the only system that was checked in its forward career by the great panic of 1907 and forced to mark time until the fountain of capital resumed its flow. And as the only road in Canada that doesn't want the earth as the price of traversing the earth, it may be freely forgiven—as it doubtless will be even by Hedley and Princeton—if it makes good in the long run.

Heavy Sentences.

At the assize court at Greenwood last week Cleve and Bill Newman, brothers, were found guilty of being implicated in the Bridesville holdup last December and were sentenced by Judge Morrison to 20 years in the provincial penitentiary.

Ben Hart, who turned King's evidence, was allowed to go free. On the night of Dec. 19 the Newman brothers, accompanied by Hart, held up the Great Northern agent and the postoffice at Bridesville, securing $76 in all.

Ben Hart was arrested a few weeks later and confessed to the crime, implicating the Newmans, who were afterwards extradited from Washington State. At the trial Hart's evidence was corroborated by a woman who made masks for the men, also by the Great Northern agent and the postoffice clerk. The Newmans offered no defence, but asked for leniency.

Irrigation By Current Wheel.

A current wheel has been erected and is now in successful operation on the Similkameen river. Planned and built by Messrs Sorge, Bratz and Quant during last winter and this spring, it is now delivering about 20 miners' inches of water for use upon their lots in sub-division 458, being part of the Webster estate. The wheel, which weighs about three tons, is 11 feet wide and 14 feet in diameter, and raises 6 boxes 3 feet long, one foot wide and one foot deep and dumps the water into a flume at the highest point of the wheel. For a foundation the wheel has a substantial rock-filled crib and heavy logs project from either end between which the wheel is suspended. For raising and lowering according to the height of water in the river, the wheel is supplied with a lever and ratchet attachment around which a cable is fastened, the same being connected with either side of the wheel at the steel axle. The owners confidently expect that with a few more added improvements which they intend to put into action at an early date, the current wheel will deliver twice the amount of water now being raised. We may say that the engineers of this truly skilful piece of work are Messrs F. C. Sorge and E. Bratz of Pincher Creek, Alta. This is the first current wheel ever seen or built by either of them and their work betrays real genius in themselves for work of this description.

Cut From Contemporaries.

WILL BE "HANDS UP" PRETTY OFTEN.

[Grand Forks Gazette.]

To the people of Grand Forks, Cascade, Danville, Curlew, and all ranchers and others in the Kettle Valley: Realizing that some of the horses driven in this valley are afraid of automobiles, and liable to turn a rig over or run away, I wish everyone to note that I am desirous of taking every precaution against accidents; and should any person, driving a horse or team, meet my automobile, if they will raise their left hand to indicate that they have a skittish or dangerous horse or team, I will at once back my car off as far as practicable, stop the engine, and help them to get safely past the automobile. —A. B. W. Hodges, Manager Granby Smelter.

LAMENT NO. 4731.

From the Princeton Star.]

When the V.,V. & E. is complete many hundreds of coast dwellers will come here to 'build up' and escape the enervating climate there, but when, ah, when! Not even J. J. seems to know or care.

The Masons of Grand Forks are building a fine temple, to be opened this fall.

A million and a quarter acres of free homesteads, tributary to the G.T.P., will be thrown open for settlement this year.

W. D. Currie of Kamloops has been appointed by the provincial government as a lecturer on irrigation, and will visit the different irrigated districts in the near future.

W. T. Shatford has agreed to transfer to the Municipality of Penticton, free of cost, all the lakeshore frontage from Winnipeg street to the Okanagan river, except one acre reserved for a bridge approach.

The Spokane Orator is authority for the statement that M. K. Rodgers has secured an option on the Nickel Plate for several millions and is trying to sell the property to certain parties whose names are not divulged.

John Sharp, the religious fanatic known to his followers as "Adam God," who made a good deal of trouble in Canada last year, was convicted last week at Kansas, Mo., of murdering a policeman, and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.

The properties of the Dominion Copper Co. at Phoenix and Boundary Falls were put up at auction at Vancouver. The highest bid was only $150,000, and the property was withdrawn. The assets of the company in liquidation are claimed to more than offset the liabilities, which are about $900,000.

FIFTY YEARS IN B. C.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney Tells of His Eventful Career.

Having come to this country in 1859 as a young man, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, who has played one of the leading parts in the development of British Columbia, celebrated his jubilee on Friday.

Mr. Dewdney arrived in Victoria via Panama, from London, and his first year in the then almost unknown province was one of the fullest and most active years of his interesting career. Victoria in 1859, as Mr. Dewdney can tell, was a Hudson Bay post, sheltering a sparse colony of settlers and most of the officials of the company, the latter having arrived in 1858-9.

Following his first work in the province—the surveying of the site of New Westminster—Mr. Dewdney and some companions settled on an island in the mouth of the Fraser river, and went to making hay at the rate of $100 a ton delivered at Fort Douglas. Speaking of those pioneer days, Hon. Mr. Dewdney said:

"In 1860 I took a contract to construct a mule trail from Hope to Similkameen and the following year I undertook to build the first section of the wagon road from Hope to the Similkameen on the then Hope trail. The following year I spent the summer in Cariboo, whither I walked from Yale. My time was occupied in surveying Williams creek, both surface and underground from its headwaters. In the autumn I walked down to the coast after a very successful season, and wintered in Victoria, where all the miners who wished for a change and some excitement came for the winter months. In 1864 I put in another successful year in the Cariboo district, where I got the job of superintending the construction of the Koulinan trail from Similkameen to Wild Horse creek, and the same season I also laid out the road from Cache creek to Savona.

"In 1866 I explored and superintended the construction of a trail from the mouth of Bridge river near Lillooet to Tyacton creek, and that autumn again went to Cariboo to give evidence in some important mining disputes. The following year I purchased a farm at Soda creek, and carried that on for three or four years, practicing my engineering profession during the summer months. In 1868 I was elected a member of the legislative council, which at that time was partly elective and partly nominated by the crown. During 1869, 1870 and 1871 I practiced my profession. I subsequently was appointed a member of Lieutenant-governor Musgrave's council during the times that the terms of union were being carried through the local house.

"In 1872 I sold my farm at Soda creek and was again busy at my profession. The following year I had charge of a party of C.P.R. surveyors, who ran a line up the Coquahala from Hope to Nicola. We then ran a trail location up the North Thompson as far as Albrida lake and in the fall finished some uncompleted work between the 100-Mile house and a line run by Mahon from the east. During that year I was returned unopposed as member for the Dominion house to represent Yale and Kootenay. I sat for this constituency until 1879, having been returned in 1874 again, after a contest, and by acclamation in 1878.

"In 1879 I went to the Northwest at the urgent request of Sir John A. Macdonald to take charge of the Indians, who at that time were hungry and angry, the buffalo having virtually left the country. I remained in the Northwest until 1888, during seven years of which time I was lieutenant-governor and for two years Indian commissioner. I was then asked by Sir John A. Macdonald to join his administration, as minister of the interior, after the death of Thos. White. I was returned by acclamation for East Assiniboia and held my portfolio under the premiership of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir John Abbot and Sir John Thompson, who appointed me lieutenant-governor of B. C. I held the position five years and have resided permanently in the province ever since.

"In many enterprises in which I have been engaged I have not been very successful, but when one failed another turned up. That is the way in British Columbia, for its resources are so varied that no one need be afraid of taking his chances in the province, which today I consider cannot be excelled for good opportunities and affording excellent chances of success."

Hon. Edgar Dewdney is 74 years old. Over six feet high, of military appearance, a gentleman of the old school, he still retains much of the extraordinary vigor which has characterised his career in this province. Even now he is unsatisfied to take his otium cum dignitate, but is still evolving schemes, and thinking out plans in connection with his profession. Illustrative of this is the fact that in concluding the above interview, he stated he had an appointment with the premier in connection with a railway scheme in British Columbia which he hopes to start work upon this summer.—Vancouver Province.

Stanley Kida, the Austrian who was arrested at Revelstoke for putting obstructions on the railway track, has proved himself a Tartar to handle. After spending a day in the lock-up he became tired of confinement, wrenched the iron grating from his cell and fled. Recaptured at Sumas, he submitted quietly to arrest, but objected to handcuffs and broke them from his wrists. Before Judge Forin he was sentenced to four years imprisonment.

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A Few Facts

About the Similkameen Valley.

It is

The Furthest West
The Furthest South
The Lowest in Altitude
The Most Tropical

Of the Fruit Valleys of British Columbia.

When a country or region becomes noted for a particular product in agriculture, the primary reason will always be found to be the peculiar adaptability of soil and climate to that product. A secondary reason may be the aptitude and tastes of the people, but even these are an outcome of circumstances rather than a controlling cause. So when a country is famed for one thing, as France for wine, Manitoba for wheat, or the Southern States for cotton, we look to the soil and climate for the reason; and, looking a little further, find the reason for the soil and climate, and wherein and why they are different from those of other lands of similar latitude.

Why, then, has a certain portion of the interior of Southern British Columbia been found to excel in the production of tender and luscious fruits? And why, further, is the Similkameen valley endowed in a higher degree than any other with the favorable conditions that conduce to success in fruit growing?

A glance at the map will show that the main physical feature of British Columbia is a succession of mountain ranges whose general direction is north and south, with long valleys of more or less width lying between. To the east, the Rockies and the Selkirks, the highest of the ranges, effectually shelter the interior from the cold winds that flow unimpeded from the Arctic across the broad level plains. On the west lies the Pacific, the controlling factor in the climate of British Columbia. A much vaster body of water than the Atlantic, its influence on the lands that border it is proportionately greater. From the south-west, the prevailing direction of the winds, a strong current of warm, moisture-laden air sweeps upon the coast and yields its excess of moisture on the western slopes of the high coast range; then, robbed of its dampness but not of its warmth, sweeps eastward through the sheltered valleys of the interior. For this reason, comparatively near as we are to the coast, the quantity of rainfall at Keremeos is approximately ten times less than at Vancouver. High as are the mountains, too, these interior valleys are some of them quite low in altitude, which is of as much importance as latitude in its effect on temperature.

Shelter from cold winds, exposure to the warmth of the sea, low altitude and light rainfall—these, then, are the chief factors affecting the climate of what we may call the fruit zone. And it is in the Similkameen that each of these exerts its most potent influence.

While the prevailing trend of the valleys is north and south, that of the Similkameen is rather north-west and south-east, thus providing a more complete and effective shelter than that enjoyed by the districts which are more or less open to the north.

Of all the valleys of the fruit zone the Similkameen is furthest west and nearest the sea, which means warmth; furthest south, which also means warmth; and lowest in altitude, which again means warmth. As a result we have the earliest season—and what an advantage that is in marketing every grower knows.

The Similkameen has a very light rainfall—quite insufficient for farming without irrigation—and the supply of water for this purpose is unlimited—and consequently has a great deal of sunshine. And sunshine and warmth are what produce the great yields, large size and brilliant coloring of the fruits of the district, whose merits have been repeatedly demonstrated by the capture of medals and prizes.

Mr. Maxwell Smith, Dominion Fruit Inspector, says of the Similkameen that it is "perhaps the most tropical of any part of British Columbia, and most favorable location for the cultivation of grapes, peaches and other delicate fruits."

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MORTON D. McEWEN.

May 15th, 1909.

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Earl Grey on B.C. Fruit Country

Residents of Keremeos will remember well the visit of the Governor General last fall, and his expressions of admiration for the beauty of this part of the province and its wealth of natural resources. After his return to Ottawa he wrote to Premier McBride relating the incidents of his trip, dwelling especially on his camping experiences in the wilderness of the Kootenays. Of the Similkameen and other fruit valleys he says:

"Wherever I went I found the same enthusiasm and confidence in the future of the fruit industry. With the necessary irrigation, transportation and labor secured, every yard of that country to which water can be led will be under orchard. If your fruit industry is properly pushed and cared for, your fruit valleys will soon show a larger number of happy, prosperous, wealth producing, beautiful homes to the square mile than will be found in ten times a larger area in any other part of Canada.

"I have traveled much but I have never seen any district offering in a greater degree a combination of splendid climate, beautiful scenery, rich land and convenient situation."

In the course of his letter the Earl tells of a bit of tradition which he picked up in the course of his journey:

"I am sorry to say that at the lower end of the Toby creek wagon road timber of a whole mountain side has been destroyed, with the result that there is a huge blot upon the otherwise lovely landscape. This was the work, twenty years ago, of a prospector named Morrison, who fired the hill, from top to bottom, in his anger and disappointment at not finding any paying minerals. The fire overtook him, and he was only saved from the fate he deserved by lying two days in the creek. I am told that he afterwards boasted in public that he had "burned the whole damned country to hell." Fortunately the change of sentiment on matters relating to forests is such that no one would make such a boast now with impunity."

Hon. Edgar Dewdney was in town a short time on Monday on his return to the coast after a trip via Nicola to the Princeton district, where he has large business interests. His present errand was in connection with the lumber mill at Princeton, in which he is interested, and which is preparing to operate on a large scale in view of the approaching completion of the railway to Princeton, now definitely assured for this summer. Mr. Dewdney is one of the very first of British Columbia's old-timers, both in point of time and position, having recently completed his fiftieth year in the west. An interesting sketch of his life will be found on another page of this issue.

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J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1909.

At midnight of June 9th the cigarette will be banished from the state of Washington—at least it would be if a fiat could do it—for on that date the new criminal code of the state goes into effect. The code says: "Every person who shall manufacture, sell, give away or have in his possession any cigarettes, cigarette papers or cigarette wrappers shall be guilty of a misdemeanor." Of course the law is illogical, unworkable, and probably unconstitutional, but the legislators are not to be deterred by such trifling considerations as these. What is the use of being a legislator if you don't legislate? Their conception of their duty is as that of a physician who would feel himself called upon to administer physic in season and out. Often these freak laws are nothing more than the outcome of one man's whim or grouch, which if he were a private citizen he would express by a growl or a "letter to the papers," but being a half-baked law maker with a cloudy notion that laws enforce themselves, he vents his feelings with the tools that are at his hand. Generally his fool proposition is quietly smothered; but sometimes, through the indifference or complacency of his colleagues—or, as in the case of this cigarette law, their actual ignorance of its real provisions—it survives to deface the statute book, to undermine the public respect for law, and to cumber the administration of real justice until its authors or their successors take the trouble to erase it. Legislative freaks are not so common in Canada as among our neighbors, but occasionally we produce a gem, as in the recent case of the Nova Scotia member who proposed a decree making it lawful for teamsters to shoot offending automobile drivers. As to this law, one critic suggests that if bicyclists were given power to shoot teamsters who refuse to give half road, and drivers power to kill farmers who drive slowly ahead and start up every time one tries to pass, the law would be about as useful as a licensed fool-killer.

J. E. Roth, professor of forestry at the University of Michigan, who is out with a party of eastern lumbermen examining the forest areas of B.C., declares that the forests of the province could be made to pay all the expenses of government and provide for the development of the country. "You have in B.C.," he says, "what is probably the richest and most remarkable timber area in the world. As the premier industry of the province it is criminal that you have no organization for the protection of the timber. There are the nugget grabbers—men who are not real lumbermen, but are pure speculators—here as in our lumber states. They are the menace to future generations, for the lumberman himself is gradually being educated against waste in the forest." The professor then proposes a plan which he admits may appear Utopian at first, but which he insists is practicable. He would have the provincial government mortgage the vast areas of timber which it still holds, and with the money so raised compel the speculators to sell back their holdings at a reasonable price. Then, having acquired, or rather resumed, full control of the situation, the province could lease to responsible men under restrictions forbidding the devastation of the limits and thus securing a permanent output. The time has arrived when timber is rapidly advancing in value all over the world through the exhaustion of old sources of supply, and the forests of this province will be a far more valuable asset than even the forests of Ontario are to that province. If we deliberately allow them to be plundered and destroyed by the greed and carelessness of present-day exploiters, in the face of the dear-bought experience of older countries, we shall be throwing away an opportunity of incalculable value.

While the all-absorbing question in the Northwest for the next few weeks will be the growth of the wheat crop, the no less important question of the price of wheat is a matter of present anxiety to the dealer, the miller, and the buyer of bread. It has been discovered that the world's consumption of wheat has caught up with and almost overtaken the output before it was realized, hence the leap in prices. At Winnipeg the price has risen to $1.25 and over. Savants predict that the days of low-priced wheat are gone forever, that the growth of the world's population will more than keep pace with the growth of the staff of life. The prospect is one that need not be perturbing to Canada, at any rate.

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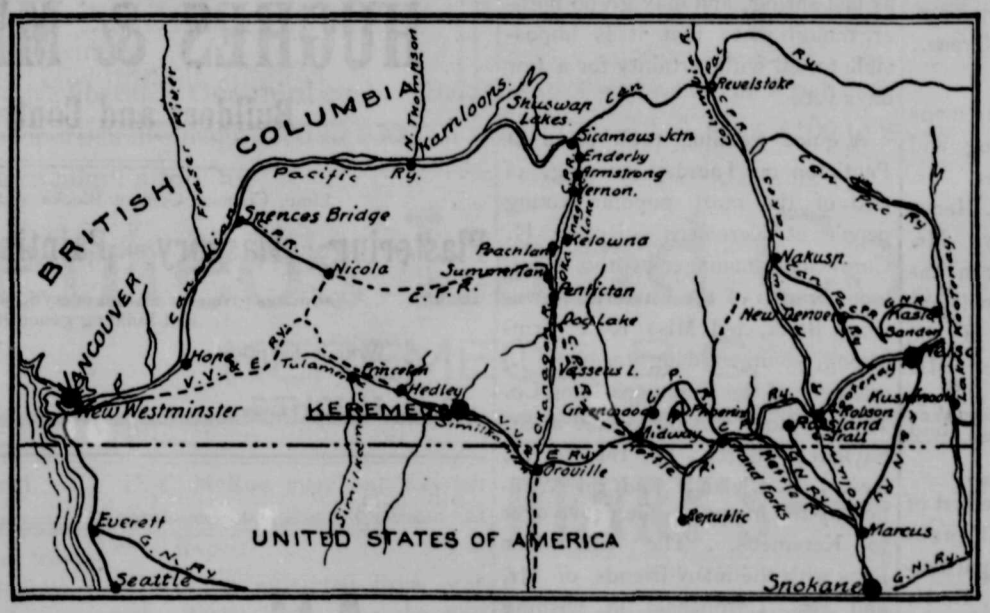

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LOCAL NOTES.

Wm. Armstrong of Summerland is spending a few days with friends in Keremeos and vicinity.

The next 10-cent tea of the Ladies' Guild will be held next Thursday afternoon and evening at the residence of Mrs. Frith. A very cordial invitation is extended to all gentlemen.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening the members of Similkameen L.O.L. No. 1770 decided to celebrate the 12th of July by holding a picnic at Ashnola. All Orangemen and their friends are invited to attend.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild of St. John's Parish was held yesterday afternoon at the church. The report for the year just past was most satisfactory, showing total receipts of $281. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. Pres., Mrs. Lowe; Pres., Mrs. Coleman; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Armstrong; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Frith.

Among the visitors to Keremeos last week were Mr. Harding and Messrs Evans of Vancouver, Mr. Kelly of Saskatchewan, S. J. Henry and J. R. Rowell of Calgary. Mr. Rowell bought a ten-acre lot in the Shatford subdivision and will remain here in the employ of the B. C. Fruit Land Co's office. Mr. McTavish of the Fruit Land Co. returned to Calgary on Saturday and Mr. Lawrence on Monday.

Some changes in the personnel of the E. T. Bank staff here will probably be made soon, though particulars are not yet announced. R. H. Carmichael, the present manager, is leaving for Vancouver this week to attend to some private business interests there, and is asking for a transfer to an eastern branch of the bank. W. S. Longhurst, of the Phoenix office, who was here for a couple of weeks last fall, is expected to arrive to-day to take charge of the Keremeos office for a while.

One effect of the decisive victory of the Keremeos gun club on Victoria Day has been a marked increase of interest in the sport and an accession to the membership of the club. It is the intention to have a trap put up at the Centre for the convenience of the members there. A meeting of the club will be held at the Central Hotel next Thursday evening. Meanwhile, some of the members are curious to know why the Hedley club doesn't fork over the cup it lost on the 24th ult.

Rev. J. A. Cleland of Penticton conducted the Anglican services here on Sunday, probably for the last time under the present arrangement of outside supply, the parish having subscribed a sufficient amount towards incumbent's salary to warrant placing a man in the field. On his trip over here Mr. Cleland was accompanied by Chas. Were, clerk of the newly formed municipality of Penticton. It was the latter's first trip to Keremeos, and he was greatly taken with the drive and with the appearance of our valley, also with the sight of a railway train, which is a novelty to the good people of Penticton.

Some apprehension and a little damage has been caused in the vicinity of Keremeos by the high water of the last few days. The railway embankment along the bluff just east of the town, which has not yet been riprapped, was eroded by the swift current of the Similkameen so that the stability of the track was endangered and as a measure of safety the track has been moved inward a few feet closer to the bluff. The piers of the bridge across the river have been menaced by jams of driftwood, but the jams were broken before they became too massive. The water has reached about the same height as last spring, and may go no higher, though as to that it is impossible to tell with certainty for a few days yet.

A quiet wedding took place at Penticton on Tuesday evening, of two of the most popular young people of Keremeos — Robert H. Carmichael, manager of the Keremeos branch of the Eastern Township's Bank, and Miss Rose Armstrong, youngest daughter of J. J., manager of the Keremeos Land Co. The ceremony was performed at St. Saviour's church, by the rector, Rev. J. A. Cleland, and on Wednesday the happy couple drove over to Keremeos. The CHRONICLE joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mr.. Carmichael in wishing them a happy voyage through life.

The president of the Victoria Day celebration committee has called a meeting for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Keremeos Land Co's office to consider the financial statement of the two days' proceedings, which shows a deficit. All members of the committee and others interested are requested to attend.

W. O. Stevens, G.N.R. station agent here, who went east for a holiday a few weeks ago, has accepted a position with the Sun Electric Generator Co., at Roxbury, Mass., and will remain there.

H. A. Hincks, teller of the Bank of British North America at Hedley, has been transferred to Victoria, and was in town on Thursday in the course of his trip to the coast. His successor at Hedley is S. F. Chamberlain of Toronto.

Colin Milburn, of London, Eng., has followed the good example of his brother George, of this town, and come to B.C. to take up his abode. He arrived yesterday.

Strayed.

Strayed from the premises of the undersigned on or about the 22nd of May, a dark bay mare wearing halter, branded "D" on right shoulder, wart on right cheek. Suitable reward for information leading to her recovery.

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The B. C. Gazette announces a bounty of $3 for coyotes or golden eagles and $2 for big-horned owls in the counties of Cariboo, Yale and Kootenay.

"Pop!" "Yes, my son." "What do they irrigate land for?" "To raise things, my boy." "But can't they raise things without irrigation?" "No; irrigating is resorted to in countries where they have no rain. "And do they raise everything when they irrigate?" "Everything but umbrellas, my son."—Yonkers Statesman.

Frank Bailey is locked horns with the Great Northern, whose track he is blocking up with muck from a tunnel that is being driven on one of his mineral claims near Henry Creek. The tunnel mouth is just a short distance above the railway grade and the rock from the tunnel lands on the grade. He has been warned by the chief engineer to desist, but the muck continues to pile up.—Hedley Gazette.

Persons intending to clear land by fire must obtain permits from the government agent. A severe penalty is named for infringement of this new regulation.

D. C. McRae, merchant, has left Greenwood to start business at Prince Rupert.

The values extracted from ores at the Trail smelter for the first four months of this year was $1,620,000. For April alone it was more than half a million.

Penticton lost two of its ministers last week—Rev. R. W. Hibbert, Methodist, who goes to Greenwood, and Rev. Jas. Hood, Presbyterian, who goes to Summerland.

A 9-mile race held in Kelowna on Victoria Day was won by Gordon Stirling in 60 min. 49 sec. T. W. Bell of Penticton was second and W. Fuller of Kelowna third.

Colin McKinnon, while working on the new Myers Flat wagon road, was injured by an explosion of blasting powder caused by a bush fire. His side, arm, face and eye were injured.

A new bridge will be built this summer across the Okanagan river near the outlet of the lake. It will be 1600 feet long, and one span will be 20 feet high to enable small steamers to pass.

A small colony of English sparrows has made a lodgment at Oroville, says the Gazette—the first ever seen in that district. If they attempt to cross to Keremeos our immigration officers should turn them back as undesirables.

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May 13, 1909.

Similkameen Land District.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, William Ring, of Keremeos, B.C., land agent, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands.—an island in the Similkameen river, Keremeos, B.C.: Commencing at a post planted about 2 chains west of the northwest corner of lot 276; thence in a northwesterly direction about 20 chains to the most northerly point of said island; thence in a southerly direction about 40 chains to the most southerly point of said island; thence following the meandering of the Similkameen river to the point of commencement *and containing about 40 acres more or less.*

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OLALLA.

Old Sol has been getting in some heavy licks on the snow banks up at the summit these last few days, and both Keremeos and Olalla creeks are now rushing, roaring torrents. The heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday helped swell the volume of water, besides soaking the ground liberally and forcing the growth of plant life that had been languishing for want of moisture until the ranges have assumed their usual tint of emerald green. The creeks, and therefore the Similkameen river, will probably rise much higher this year than last, because the spring thus far has been so cold that very little of the deep snow has been melted on the higher levels and will now come all at once.

C. H. Cornell and J. S. Wallace, who have been working on the Horseshoe group of claims, on one of the eastern spurs of Independence Mountain, for about a month, came down last Friday. They have not been able to do very much actual development on account of the snow, and therefore have nothing new to report as to the showing up of the ore body. Cornell went up to camp again on Sunday and Wallace on Tuesday.

Billy Dure left on Wednesday for Hedley on a short visit before proceeding to Seattle, whence he will take boat for some point in Northern B. C. (I think Kittimat) where he will have a position under Harry Swan, who is about to construct a stamp mill for M. K. Rodgers. Billy has done all his assessments for this year and expects to return some time next fall.

Jim Corrie and Jack Elliott will pull out for Fort George, Cariboo, in a day or two. They have purchased a team and a light double rig, and will drive the whole distance, expecting to reach their destination about the end of this month. They will go by way of Nicola and Ashcroft, thence taking the old Cariboo wagon road to Quesnel, which is about 75 miles south of Fort George. They will take up a pre-emption each if the land comes up to their expectations. The boys are not afraid of hard work and will make first-class pioneers.

Jim Lynch has sold his ranch and is about to leave for Kamloops. He also will take to the road with a couple of horses, but will probably make the trip by way of Penticton and up Okanagan lake over the pack trail. At present he is sowing some grain for George Cawston on the latter's ranch at Yellow Lake. Jim is thinking of trying his luck at placer mining on the Thompson river, having done placer digging on that stream before.

The Apex did not start work on the 1st of June, as was rumored a few weeks ago. Probably the snow is the cause of the delay. It will be the first of July before supplies can be taken in to that camp.

Tom Roderick came in on Wednesday and after getting supplies at the store drove on as far as Fish Lake the same day. He is going in—or at least he is going to try and get in—to do the annual assessment work on the group of claims he owns, in conjunction with Jim McNulty and K. P. Matthison, on Independence Mountain, about half a mile south of the Apex shaft. Roderick and McNulty also own the Gem group of claims on Red Mountain, and both partners will put in some time on this property when the snow is gone. Tom will have a great time getting in his supplies to the Apex camp, but as he is a determined young man and a hustler he will get there, even if he has to cut his way with a shovel.

James S. Bruce, a well known resident of Keremeos, died suddenly in the Pacific hotel at Spokane on Thursday afternoon of last week, of apoplexy following an epileptic fit. He had for some years been subject to epileptic fits, which of late had become more severe, and it was with a view to employing special medical aid that he went to Spokane early in May. Apparently the skill of the specialists was of little avail, for he has had three or four seizures of the malady, the last one fatal, since his arrival in Spokane. Mr. Bruce was a native of Bruce County, Ontario, but came west while still a youth and spent the larger part of his life in the Northwest and British Columbia. In 1885 he served in the volunteers during the Riel rebellion. For the last ten years he had been a resident of Keremeos. He was about 52 years of age. Of a quiet disposition, he was yet public spirited and very generous, and his death will be sincerely regretted by a wide circle of friends.

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