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

LOCAL NOTES.

Miss Fergusson is spending her Easter vacation in Spokane.

R. H. Carmichael left yesterday to spend Easter with friends at Grand Forks.

BORN—On Wednesday, April 7th, at Keremeos, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAlpine, a daughter.

Keremeos Board of Trade will get a reputation for eccentricity if it doesn't pass a Dreadnought resolution soon.

Rev. A. N. Miller of Enderby will occupy the pulpit of the Keremeos Church on Sunday morning next at 11 o'clock, and in the evening will preach at Hedley.

To-day (Good Friday) and next Monday (Easter Monday) being bank holidays the E. T. bank office here will be closed on those days and also on Saturday.

E. M. Crooker returned yesterday via Penticton from Alberta, where he secured a fairly satisfactory adjustment of the business which was the object of his trip.

Members of the Keremeos Gun Club are requested to meet at the custom's office next Tuesday, 13th inst., at 3 p. m., to organize and to form a team to shoot on the 24th of May.

The meeting of bachelors called for Monday evening to arrange for a ball was slimly attended on account of the rain. Another meeting will be held in Prosser's on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

W. M. Frith, collector of customs, went to Chopaka yesterday to clear a bunch of sheep, numbering about 300, which Joe Armstrong was bringing across the line. He returned the same evening via speeder, making the round trip in a few hours.

J. C. Woodrow of Vancouver, one of the members of the Keremeos Land Co., arrived in town this week, to look after his fruit plantation and see the opening of the irrigation canal. After the long season of rains and fogs at the coast, Mr. Woodrow finds the warm sunshine of the Similkameen a very pleasant change. It is his intention to remain most of the summer, spending as much time here as can be spared from the calls of his business in the city. W. H. Armstrong, president of the company, is also tied to the metropolis by his many other enterprises so that he is unable to spend as much time in the Similkameen as he would like to, but he intends at any rate to take time to be present on the occasion of the first filling-up of the canal.

Provincial and General.

W. W. B. McInnes has been appointed senior County court judge for Vancouver.

It is proposed to build an 11-room public school in Vernon, to cost $45,000, of which the government will contribute $15,000.

By only six votes the U.S. Congress defeated a clause in the new tariff bill admitting lumber free, and the duty was fixed at $1 a thousand on sawn lumber.

The city council of Kamloops recently voted a salary of $1,000 per year to the mayor and $20 per month to each alderman. The clerk gets $2,000, the assistant clerk $600, assessor $250, and city engineer $500 per annum.

Princeton board of trade petitions the Dominion government for a telephone exchange and the provincial government for a land and water recording office and a resident gold commissioner, to be assistant commissioner of lands and works.

B. C. lumber manufacturers on Monday advanced prices throughout Western Canada $1 to $3 a thousand. They claim that there has been a heavy demand for railway and bridge timber, and for lumber for building railway cars all season.

The fur trade this year is one of the poorest on record. Every seventh year is a poor one for furs, the fur-bearing animals seemingly dying off. In the course of a year or two they begin to increase until about the 6th year, when they are most numerous, then suddenly die away.

Various employes are signing a new agreement with the Canadian Pacific railroad, the company and the unions having arrived at a satisfactory arrangement. Pensions have been restored to strikers and all men who went on strike last fall will be taken back. The employes interested are the machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, carmen and helpers.

M. E. Holt, mechanical engineer of Nelson, representing B.C. capitalists, reports favorably on a "current motor" invented by a White Bluffs man. The contrivance is a boat or float anchored a few feet from shore, and the water, running through the motor, placed lengthwise in the middle of the boat, pumps itself to the bank. The boat is 40 feet long, 16 fee wide and nine feet deep. The motor is seven feet in diameter, 30 feet in length, spiral, with one and one third turns in 30 feet, and is connected to a shaft on deck by sprockets and chains, the shaft turning at the same speed as the motor. Under unfavorable conditions it developed 37 horse power. It is claimed that it can be worked at a fraction of the cost of other power.

Ontario's revenue last year was $8,600,000, expenditure $8,557,000. Succession duties yielded $1,153,000 from 350 estates, and the government railway turned $350,000 into the public exchequer. A sum of $500,000 is to be expended in enlarging the parliament buildings. The receipts last year grew by $282,483, and expenditure by $842,819. The failure of the revenue to rise as fast as the outlay was largely due to the dulness in the lumber trade. The growth in expenditure was due to the government's liberal treatment of the University of Toronto, to the larger outlays on secondary and primary education, to the heavier appropriations for colonization roads opening up the new north country, to the expenses of the general election, and to a special grant of $100,000 in aid of the Quebec Tercentenary celebration. The cancellation of the Lake Superior Corporation million-dollar guarantee and the readjustment of accounts with the Dominion government reduced Ontario's apparent liabilities by $2,700,000.

M. C. McAuley has been busy during the past week furnishing his rooms over the Keremeos Land Co's office and on Monday next leaves for Kelowna to secure a life partner. Congratulations Mac.

Two carloads of material arrived this week for 16 and 14 inch piping to be laid from the ditch on the Keremeos bench. Mr. Bogart, of the firm of manufacturers, who has superintended the laying of all the piping already in place, started yesterday on the laying of the present consignment.

Dr. B. Solomon, scientific optician, graduate of Kansas City Optical college, will be at the Central hotel at Keremeos for a few days. He tests eyes free, and accurately adjusts glasses of the finest grade to remedy the various defects of sight. Difficult cases especially solicited.

The annual meeting of the Parish of St. Johns will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the Keremeos Land Co's office. All members of the congregation are requested to attend. Ven. Archdeacon Beer will be present and will also hold Holy Communion service on Sunday at 11 a. m. in the town hall and evening service at 7:30 p. m. in the church.

Invasion of Canada.

Whatever the extent of the immigration from Europe to Western Canada may be this year, it is confidently predicted that the movement from the United States will beat all records. Certain enthusiastic land men in Saskatchewan and Alberta speak of 100,000 Americans as the probable number who would cross the boundary line with their effects, as land buyers, during the fiscal year. These men state that the competition for settlers in the states of the southwest is much less keen than was the case two years ago, and that Texas and similar states cannot offer inducements equal to those of Canada. That the movement will be exceptionally large this year is shown by the present influx on all the lines running into the prairie provinces from the south. Trains in two sections are the rule on the Soo line, running into Moose Jaw, and all the trains carry large numbers of Americans from the states of the central west. Special settlers' trains, with large numbers of cars loaded with effects, are also being operated, and the amount of material wealth being brought into the country totals millions monthly. The movement from the south is already so large that the regular officers of the Dominion department of immigration have been unable to perform the duties required, and extra men have been put on both at North Portal and Emerson. J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration, states that the reports already made to the government showed that twice as many Americans had entered the country so far this season as in the corresponding period of last year. The estimate that the immigration from the United States this year would reach 70,000 appears to be quite conservative, and it is considered possible that the number may run up to 100,000.

A.-Y.-P. Means "After-Your-Purse."

The "Seattle spirit," commonly known as the "get-the-money" spirit, is to be worked for all it is worth by the retail ice dealers of Seattle during the coming summer, when it is expected the city will be crowded with visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada. The several ice companies were involved in a bitter war last year and as a result the price of ice went away down. But the summer months are coming on now, and at a meeting of representatives of the leading companies it was decided to charge as much as possible for their product. Instead of selling ice at $3 to $5 a ton in the downtown district to stores, meat markets and restaurants, the new price will be $6, and the consumers in the residence district who have been paying $2.50 for a book of tickets entitling the holder to 500 pounds of ice, will be obliged to disgorge themselves of $3.50 this summer and possibly more if the trust so decides.

The action of the ice dealers is an example of what will follow during the exposition days. The hotel keepers are to hold a meeting soon to decide in what manner the visitors to Seattle will be treated during the coming summer. There are only two or three managers who have signified their intention of not raising their rates. The others, including all the principal hostelries, are not saying a word. It is quite certain that they will not lower their rates, and it is not at all wrong to believe that the rates for rooms will be boosted to as high a scale as can be. The restaurants, too, are not expected to overlook any bets, and the visitors to the fair can well expect to pay for everything they get.

Probably in this connection it might be said that a traveling salesman, who has previously enjoyed some of the "hospitality" that is extended to the visitors to Seattle, recently said the real meaning of "A.-Y.-P.," which to Seattleites means Alaska-Yukon-Pacific, is nothing more than "After-Your-Purse."

Hugh Rose has resigned his position as provincial constable and has decided to leave Kelowna to take up a chicken ranch at Salmon Arm. J. Tooth has been appointed in his place. Constable Tooth has been stationed at Penticton for about three years.

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LOCAL NOTES.

J. J. Thomas of Spokane spent a few days in Keremeos this week.

Wm. Waugh of Hedley sustained a stroke of paralysis a few days ago and is still very ill.

Messrs Sherwood, of Ferry, and Myers, of Chopaka, Wash., U. S. Customs officers, were in Keremeos on Wednesday.

Billy Hope, who has been driver of Gillespie's stage for some time, has quit and is succeeded at the reins by Jo Wigmore.

Mrs. C. Æ. Shaw of Greenwood is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Frith, this week. She will return on Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Frith, who has recovered from her recent illness.

Quite a number of Siwashes made a pilgrimage down the valley towards the end of last week, to the little church near Chopaka, where Lenten services were held.

W. O. Stevens, station agent here, has been granted a month's leave of absence, and is awaiting the arrival of a relieving agent to leave with Mrs. Stevens for a holiday in the east.

The man with the brush is abroad these days. Among his latest achievements were to cover the B. C. livery stable with a coat of red and to change the complexion of the Alkazar hotel to a lighter hue.

The Similkameen school will reopen after Easter, with D. G. McCurdy as teacher. The school was closed about a year ago owing to lack of attendance. Afterwards the school population increased enough to warrant re-opening but for a time no teacher could be secured. Now both a teacher and a sufficient number of pupils are assured and the people of the neighborhood are rejoiced accordingly.

G. S. Lawrence, of the B.C. Fruit Land Co., arrived in Keremeos via Penticton on Tuesday. With him were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Cooper of Winnipeg and H. P. Gibson of Alameda. The latter have been looking over the fruit districts of B.C. with a view to locating, and so far are most favorably impressed with the Similkameen. Mr. Lawrence has changed his headquarters from Winnipeg to Calgary.

C. H. Schatzly of Winnipeg paid a visit to Keremeos this week in the course of a trip through Southern B. C., during which he has traversed the Kootenay, Arrowhead, Okanagan and other districts with a view to locating land for settlement for a number of Winnipeg people whom he represents. Of all the valleys Mr. Schatzly professes to be most favorably impressed with the Similkameen, especially the broad, level tract around Keremeos. The new irrigation canal also struck him as an excellent piece of work and more substantial than other similar ones he has seen.

Milk sold by two Kamloops milkmen has been found to be adulterated with gelatine. The vendors will probably be prosecuted.

W. E. Hodges, collector for Halliday & Co., chartered accountants of Vancouver, was in town on Wednesday, going from here to Vernon.

The following transfers have been decided on by the transfer committee of the Methodist church: The Rev. M. H. Barraclough, of British Columbia to London; the Rev. C. W. Brown, of Saskatchewan to British Columbia; the Rev. G. O. Fallis, of Saskatchewan to British Columbia; the Rev. Ernest Pugh, of Newfoundland to British Columbia.

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Princeton Coal Basin.

"President Louis Hill of the Great Northern railway recently wrote me asking what amount of daily coal we could supply the V. V. & E. railway when it reaches Princeton. I replied that we could ensure sufficient to meet every requirement," says Ernest Waterman of Princeton, manager of the Vermilion Forks Mining & Development company.

This company owns two square miles of coal lands adjacent to Princeton. Six seams of semi-bituminous coal described by the Dominion geological survey reports as excellent for domestic and steaming purposes, have been proved by means of diamond drilling operations. The company has already done over 3000 feet of underground work on a twenty-four-foot seam. The main entrance or slope has been driven in for a distance of 180 feet, and air shafts connecting with the surface have been opened up. The main slope runs in on this big seam, thirteen feet of which is underneath the floor of the working. The various seams have a total thickness of fifty feet. Mr. McEvoy, late of the geological survey and now operating in the Brauzeau coalfields in Alberta, estimated that the one measure now partially developed by the company could maintain a daily output of 400 tons for 260 years.

This coal is now being used at Princeton and at other points throughout the Similkameen district for domestic purposes. It sells at the mines for $3 a ton. Further development work will be delayed until the V. V. & E. tracks now at Keremeos reach Princeton, probably late next fall. Arrangements have been made for laying the rails shortly on the graded portion of the route between Keremeos and Hedley.

Mr. Waterman is confident that he will be able to furnish coal for all the towns easterly as far as Spokane as soon as the railway is extended to Princeton. He also foresees possibilities for competing in Vancouver once the same road has been extended over the Hope mountains. Coal from the Princeton property has been successfully used at the reduction plant of the Daly Mining company, southeast of Princeton. Mr. Waterman has been a resident of the Similkameen since 1896.

President Hill on a former trip to Keremeos made a flying trip in his automobile to Princeton in order to examine the coal areas.

The coal is said to run over 50 per cent. in fixed carbon.

The first event after Lent, and the most attractive of the season, will be the grand ball at the opening of the new hall at Keremeos Centre. All are invited. Remember the date — Easter Monday, April 12.

Egg Rolling.

As Easter time draws near, it brings to mind the old, old custom of egg rolling, as it was, and, no doubt, is yet on the Emerald Isle. What a happy day Easter Monday was for the children, and many beyond the limit of childhood's years enjoyed the sport fully as well. It was a jolly picnic party that wended its way to some favorite hill top. Of the well filled baskets that accompanied them, the greater part consisted of hard-boiled eggs, which were rolled down hill by some elderly person who greatly enjoyed the race and scamper after them by the younger ones. The sport was a good appetizer and enabled all to do justice to the well prepared picnic dinner. Not until the shades of evening began to appear did the tired but happy party return to their homes. For several years this mode of enjoying Easter Monday has been practised in Washington, the capital of the United States. Our hills are very numerous but most of them are too high.

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J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1909.

Much Ado About Nothing.

In our issue of the 12th ult. was a letter from R. W. Northey anent the recent amendments to the Mining Act, which we published without comment, not having a copy of the enactment at hand at the time. A perusal of the amending act, which has since been received, shows that there is really no such sweeping change in the law as has been stated, and that our correspondent's righteous wrath has been wastefully expended on a bogey of his imagination.

The amendment to which exception is taken is as follows:

"The owner or agent of the owners of a mineral claim for which the Mining Recorder's certificate, under Form I of the Schedule to this Act, has been granted, shall, within three months from the date of such certificate, make application to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, and in default of such application being made within such time, such Mining Recorder's certificate under Form I shall lapse and become absolutely void."

That is to say, the owner must take out his certificate of improvement, which obliges him to take out his crown grant, within a reasonable time after "proving up,"—as, in fact, he usually does now. The amendment has no effect on the provision of the old law requiring the owner of a claim to have a survey made before proving. Our correspondent's reflections on surveyors, therefore, which were founded on mere assumption even if the new law was as he thought, are still more uncalled for in view of the fact that the amendment has no reference to surveys.

A few other slight changes are made by the amending act, such as that applications for crown grants are to be made to the Gold Commissioner instead of the Minister of Mines, and the fee for crown grant is raised to $25. None of the others are of much importance.

Postmasters and Their Pay.

The postmasters of Canada, and more especially those of the western provinces, having many and long standing grievances, propose to submit a memorial to the Postmaster General asking for relief.

The most urgent of their demands is for an increase in salary allowance. Their rate of pay was struck years ago, when a dollar went further than it does now, and was based upon conditions in the east, where a dollar goes further than it does in the west; and though some changes have been made in this basis, they have by no means kept pace with the change in the value of money.

The postal department is the only one in the government that is conducted mainly on a business basis. Indeed, it must be so conducted in order to bring the cost within tolerable limits. Nevertheless there is enough "politics" in the service to load it with overpaid offices on the one hand while a relentless business management holds down the pay of the laborious posts on the other. It is quite the regular thing in a city of the second or third class to find as postmaster a superannuated ex-M.P. drawing a salary well up in four figures for merely cumbering an office where the real work is done by able and experienced "assistants" at a fraction of his pay. But in small-town and country offices "business principles" have full sway, with a result that more work is often done for a given sum than could be secured by a private firm. When Mr. Mulock was P.M.G. he made a cut in a large class of small offices, with the result that one country P. M. whom we know, whose yearly stipend was reduced from $16 to $12, rebelled and vowed that "he'd be gosh-swizzled if he'd work for four cents a day;" and as that princely income failed to tempt any of his neighbors, the office was closed.

Offices like that are, of course, usually mere appendages of some other business, and the rate of pay is of little consequence. But when, as is the case in a large class, a man's whole time is required, and he is obliged to share his pay of a few hundreds with a sorely underpaid assistant, his demand for better terms should be seriously considered and acted on.

Other requests are made, such as provision for holidays, the insurance privileges of civil servants, and a number more, a liberal treatment of which by the Postmaster General would win the approval of the public and the lasting gratitude of a most deserving class of public servants.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for School-house," will be received by the Minister of Public Works up to noon on Tuesday, the 13th of April, 1909, for the erection and completion of a two-roomed frame school-house at Keremeos, Similkameen Electoral Division.

Plans, Specifications, Contract and Forms of Tender may be seen on and after the 13th day of March, 1909, at the offices of the Government Agent, Fairview; of D. J. Innis, Esq., Secretary of the School Board, Keremeos; and at the Public Works Department, Victoria, B.C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for a sum equivalent to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

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EDWARD MORUN,
Assistant Engineer.

Public Works Department,
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Local and General.

Ed. Kennedy, Assistant Engineer Hale and Mrs. Hale made a short visit at Engineer Kennedy's last week.

H. A. Woodburn and his gang of linemen have been going over the telephone lines in this district and putting them in repair. Their beat extends as far as Kamloops.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Oswald Coulthard and their children, of Princeton, were in Keremeos over Sunday, leaving on Monday for the coast, where Mrs. Coulthard and the children will remain for the summer. Mr. Coulthard expects to return about the first of July and get in a good season's work on his mineral claim, the "Roany."

Kelownaites who wanted to organize a corps of mounted rifles wrote to Mr. Burrell, M.P., asking for his influence in aid of the project and received the reply that although Mr. Burrell was anxious to encourage all such movements, he had had a conversation with Sir Frederick Borden and found that it would be impossible to assist the formation of the corps financially for the present.

Charles Armstrong returned on Tuesday after spending a couple of weeks at Hooligan's Spur getting some thirty carloads of railway material that had been left there shipped on to Keremeos. A large amount of all kinds of building material is on hand now—except the ties, which are only a short distance away—but it is thought that operations will not commence until after high water.

The Greenwood Ledge is not going to move to Nelson after all. It appears that Col. Lowery had become so addicted to the habit of moving that in a fit of absent-mindedness he started to pull up stakes and roll his blankets, but when he came out of his reverie he concluded that it was not moving time after all. Now that the cloud of depression overhanging Greenwood has rolled away, the Ledge will stay anchored.

A. C. Kennedy of Vancouver has bought Alex Ford's ranch up the Keremeos valley, and with Mrs. Kennedy will move on it shortly. Mr. Kennedy is of Yankee origin, and accustomed to make things hum when he takes hold of them, and he proposes to bring the ranch up to its best capabilities in short order. On Saturday he bought a team of work horses from Ezra Mills and was looking for more. Already a force has been put to work clearing land and preparations made for putting up a good house. Such is the kind of settlers we hope to see coming to the Similkameen in numbers this summer. Mr. Ford, it is understood, will put in some time on his mineral claims, but beyond that has not definitely decided on his future plans.

Okanagans Galore.

A correspondent of the Vernon News suggests that the name Okanagan Landing be changed to Port Okanagan–which would be a harmless change–and also repeats the suggestion, which has been under discussion before, that the name Sicamous Junction be wiped off the map and the name Okanagan Junction be substituted therefor. The people of the Okanagan seem to be obsessed with the name and to be eager to load it upon anything that will carry it. Not content with Okanagan lake, Okanagan river, Okanagan valley and Okanagan town, they further tack it to a newspaper, a steamboat, a college, and only an Okanaganian can say how many other things besides. It is a pretty and euphonious name, but it is possible to have too much of a good thing. It is not distinctively a Canadian name. Just across the border it is taken up again, with a slightly different spelling, and similarly overworked. It is so all-pervading that it is in danger of becoming ridiculous, as the name Evangeline has become in the Annapolis valley of Nova Scotia, to say nothing of the cofnusion its multiplication entails. To go still further and carry the name beyond its present wide domain is unreasonable. Sicamous is not even in the same grand river basin as the Okanagan. Moreover, Sicamous is a good distinctive, pleasant-sounding name—and such are not so plentiful that we can afford to throw one away wantonly like a discarded toy. Give poor old "Okanagan" a rest, and leave little Sicamous in possession of her only asset outside of scenery.

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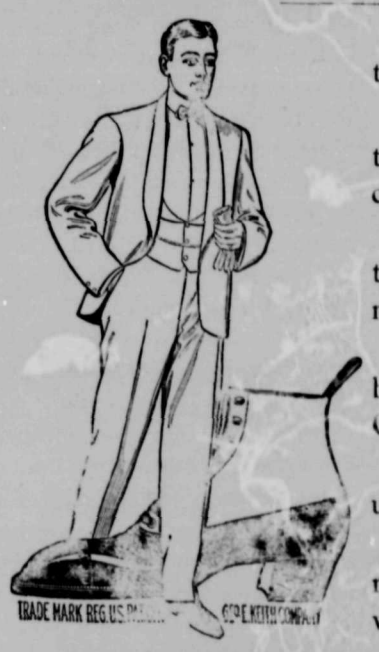

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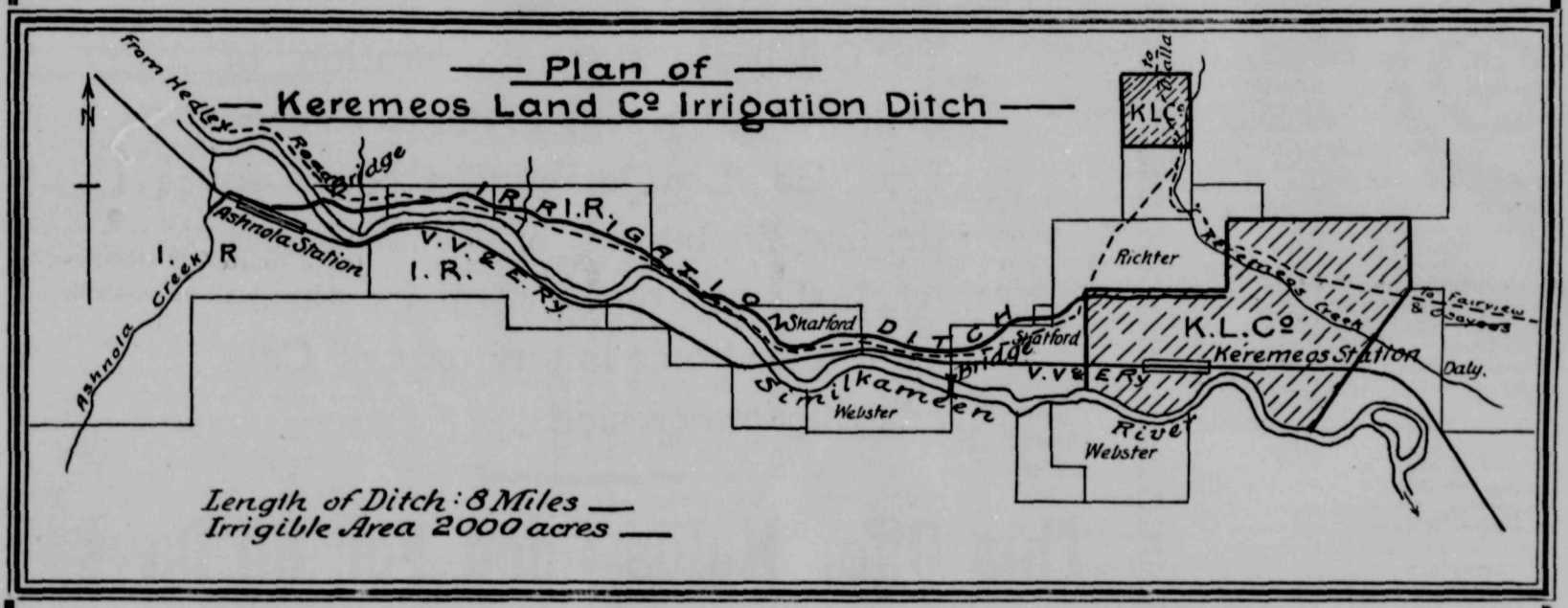

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Provincial Elections Act.

Take notice that I have received objections in writing to the undermentioned persons' names being retained on the list of voters for the Similkameen Electoral District.

Name of Person	Last Known Address
Bailey Frank	Hedley
Bailey Walter B	Hedley
Ball Charles Max	Carmi
Browne Thomas P	Hedley
Boler Henry	Rock Creek Mt
Bouley Henry Onesime	Hedley
Bragg Peter Frank	Nickel Plate
Broadfoot Arthur	Princeton
Brooks Stephen	Tulameen City
Brown Charles A	Hedley
Broadfoot William J	Princeton
Brun John Brendt	Hedley
Burkstead Christopher	Princeton
Caldwell John	Hedley
Cameron Frederick W	Fairview
Cayonette Joseph	Hedley
Cameron Duncan A	Camp McKinney
Carmichael John	Westbridge
Christjohnson Peter A	Rock Creek
Cole George E	Camp McKinney
Cobb Ambrose P	Camp McKinney
Connolly James	Fairview
Culling Thomas J F	Sidley
Crane George A	Sidley
Dawson Arthur J	Hedley
Daimpre Isidore D'D	Hedley
Dalrymple Semour	Hedley
Davidson James	Fairview
Diote Joseph	Hedley
Dunsmore Edward J	Hedley
Downey Denis	Sidley
Darrach Hugh	Nickel Plate
Eastwood Ernest E	Camp McKinney
Edwards Francis P	Sidley
Edwards Hosea S	Rock Mtn
Eunson Robert	Fairview
Ewing Henry James	Sidley
Ellerington William J	Keremeos
Ellerington Robert	Keremeos
Findlay Matthew	Princeton
Flanders Ula	Fairview
Frechette Francis F	Fairview
Finn James Edward	Hedley
Fortier James A	Hedley
Fowlie John	Nickel Plate
Fowlie William	Nickel Plate
Garbutt William J	Nickel Plate
Gallagher Patrick	Saw Mill Creek
Gillis Allan	Rock Creek
Gibson Hugh McM	Camp McKinney
Gibbon John Elmslie	Hedley
Gillis John	Sidley
Glendinning Fred	Hedley
Gladden Frederick W	Hedley
Green Harry Arnold	Keremeos
Hills George	Fairview
Hill William Chas	Princeton
Hislop James	Princeton
Hiatt Percy George	Sidley
Henderson George	Hedley
Henderson Thomas	Hedley
Jacobs James E	Hedley
Jameson James	5 Mile Creek
James John Thomas	Princeton
Jeffrey John R	Fairview
Johnson Harry	Sidley Mtn
Kennedy Benjamin Stone	Princeton
Keen Joseph	Hedley
Kelsey Daniel S	Lot 686 Tp. 66
Kelsey Charles Ira	Camp McKinney
Kennedy William T	Fairview
Kelly James	Granite Creek
Kelly Sylvester P	Fairview
Lacey William	Kilpoola Lake
Leonhardt Christian H	Hedley
Lusk Allan Ferguson	Camp McKinney
Lyon Frederick	Hedley
Mason George Lear	Princeton
Maloney Matthew	Beaverdell
Martin Duncan H	Fairview
Meehan Frank	Fairview
Mitchell John George	Hedley
Morton Ernest S	Hedley
Montgomery Herbert A	Fairview
Murphy George Paine	Camp McKinney
McAmis John	Hedley
McBoyle William E	Osoyoos
McDonald John	Fairview
McDonald John D	Camp McKinney
McDonald Alex	Hedley
McDonald Angus	Camp McKinney
McIsaac William B	Hedley
McGillis Duncan A	Rock Creek
McIntyre James A	Okanagan Falls
McKay Andrew	Hedley
McKenzie George	Westbridge
McLeod Donald	Fairview
McKay John	Hedley
McKinnon Angus	Hedley
McLeod Angus	Princeton
McLeod John Donald	Hedley
McMichael Charles N	Camp McKinney
McPhaden Alexander	Nickel Plate
McQuade Hugh	Fairview
McBeth John	Keremeos
McDonald Dan W	Nickel Plate
McNeill William	Hedley
Nicol John A	Fairview
Nunneley William	Sidley
O'Hara Roger	Boomerang Creek
Outhett James	Hedley
Paul Thomas	White Lake
Palmer Joseph	Keremeos
Phibbs John	Tulameen
Pollok Frank Samuel	Camp McKinney
Price James	Nickel Plate
Purves George	Camp McKinney
Purdy Wm W	Fairview
Quenneville Wilfrid	Hedley
Reid Peter	Fairview
Rolling William	Swan Lake
Robinson Robert	Westbridge
Richards Joseph	Sidley
Revidan A E	Hedley
Rawnsley Ambrose	Nickel Plate
Sanborn Sanders A	Camp McKinney
Sauve Harry D	Hedley
Shurson George	Olalla
Simpson Arthur	Princeton
Slattery John	Hedley
Smith David	Beaverdell
Snodgrass William J	Okanagan Falls
Stubbs Allan Wm	Hedley
Sullivan Eugene	Westbridge
Swan Alexander	Tulameen
Swanson Victor R	Camp McKinney
Sweetland George	Rock Mountain
Swinburn Alfred	Camp McKinney
Swinburn Fred W	Camp McKinney
Smith John Balis	Hedley
Spearing Gustavus	Tulameen
Taggart Albert	Fairview
Tilton Robert McK	Princeton
Thoen Henry B	Westbridge
Trombley Abel	5 Mile Creek
Twamley Thomas G	Fairview
Thompson Neil	Hedley
Vaughan Cecil Arthur	Sidley
Vivian John Henry	Camp McKinney
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Wynne Richard J	Hedley
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Williamson John A	Fairview
Williamson James	Nickel Plate

And take notice that at the Court of Revision, to be held on the 3rd day of May, 1909, at the Government office, Fairview, at 10 o'clock a. m. I shall hear and determine the same, and unless they or some other Provincial voter, on their behalf, satisfy me that the objection is not well founded, I shall strike the names off the said Register.

Dated this 5th day of April, A.D. 1909.

JAMES R. BROWN,
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