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LOCAL OPTION

Provincial Government Refuses Legislation

Victoria, Feb, 11.—Members of the *Local Option League waited on Premier* McBride with a request that the Government introduce a bill at the present session to provide for local option. It was urged that as there were a number of points throughout the province in favor of local option—as evidenced by the vote cast in favor of it—it would only be just that such places should be afforded the opportunity of saying whether they wanted liquor or not.

Premier McBride, in reply, stated the government had very fully considered the matter of local option, and it had been resolved not to bring down any legislation along the lines suggested during the present session.

The *premier informed the deputation* that the government had brought down legislation for the better control of the liquor traffic, and as the law was to be very strictly administered, *he thought, and hoped* that it would do much to bring about the conditions sought by local optionists.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns

Madrid, Feb. 11.—The Spanish Cabinet, headed by Premier Maura, resigned this *afternoon*. The *ministerial* crisis was brought about by the right wing of the Liberal party protesting against the premier's alliance with the Republicans. Jose Canalejas Y. Mendes, leader of the Monarchial Democrats, has been charged by the King with the task of forming a new cabinet.

Electrician Killed

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—The switching off of the electric lights for about half an hour was accompanied by a tragedy at the B. C. E. R. powerhouse at Barnet, where the high power line from Lake Buntzen comes in, when Mr. Webster was electrocuted and two other workmen severely injured.

A number of men were busy making changes on a "dead" line, when a live wire, carrying about 30,000 volts, broke a short distance away and grounded. The men made a rush for safety, but the deadly fluid was communicated to the galvanised iron roof and thence to different parts of the building, and escape was impossible.

Czarina's Illness

Eydtkuhnen, Russia, Feb. 11.—The Czarina's illness took a serious turn today and she was unable to recognize the Czar and their children. She is suffering the recurrent hysteria and melancholia to which she has been subject for several years past. It is feared that her death may be a question of but a short time.

The illness of the Czarina is believed to be an affection of the brain, caused by her living in constant fear of anarchistic and nihilistic plots.

Big Immigration

Montreal, Feb. 11.—There is not the slightest doubt that during the present year we shall have a bigger immigration of American farmers into the Canadian west than ever before. Last year we had 80,000. I am quite convinced that this year we shall have over 100,000."

Such was the opinion expressed this morning by William Whyte, the second vice-president of the C. P. R.

Local Option League

Victoria, Feb' 11.—The officers for the year for the Local Option League, elected at the annual convention, are as follows.

President E. B. Morgan, Vancouver, vice-presidents, R. H. Cairns, Dr. Ernest Hall, Joseph Patrick, J. A. Logan and Mrs. Shoffold, financial secretary, W. J. Farris, treasurer, J. A. Thompson.

A resolution was adopted asking the Dominion government to amend the Canada Temperance act (Scott act) to make it apply to this province.

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CANADIAN NAVY

Sir Frederick Borden Gives Details of Naval Programme

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Sir Frederick Borden today gave details as to what the Canadian naval service was to be made up of. The Bristol was the latest design of cruiser of her class and the Canadian Bristols would be built entirely on the lines laid down by the admiralty.

The minister explained it had been *decided to drop the Boadicea*, and instead purchase from the admiralty the Niobe, a cruiser of 11,000 tons, which would cost $1,075,000.

The destroyers would be of the *improved river class. Negotiations* were now under way for the purchase of the Niobe and the Rainbow. The latter would be stationed on the Pacific coast as a training ship, and if *necessary* a fishery protection boat.

The Niobe would be stationed on the Atlantic, and for the time being would be used for training purposes, although when the other ships were completed she would take her place with them as an actual vessel.

The object of having these two training ships was that by the time the naval force was completed there would be, it was hoped, a sufficient number of trained men to man the fleet.

When completed two of the Bristols would be stationed on the Pacific, and two on the Atlantic with the Niobe and the six destroyers. These ships, Sir Frederick Borden affirms, were *more suited for Canadian waters.*

The minister presented a cost table presented by Admiral Kingsmill. The cost, exclusive of construction, would be for the first year $1,250,000; second year, $1,417,000; third year, $1,704,000 and fourth year $2,254,000.

The estimated annual cost of maintenance of the vessels when completed manned and fitted out will be $3,680,000. The estimated cost of the eleven ships, which included the Bodicea as originally proposed, was estimated at $11,690,000, or substituting the Niobe for the Boadicea at $10,015,000.

Sir Frederick added these were British prices, but it was hoped to construct the ships in Canada if the cost would not be much greater.

The naval college, it was estimated would cost $715,000, spread over a number of years. The total cost of construction, with ships and college, would therefore be $10,750,000.

As to the cost per head, the minister argued the militia cost eighty cents a head, and with the naval expenditure the total cost to every Canadian *at the time of construction would not* amount to more than $1.25 a head.

The Niobe has a speed of twenty and a half knots and has eight six-inch guns.

Sugar Men Pay Up

New York, Feb. 9.—The National Sugar Refinery Company finally turned over to the United States treasury the sum of $604,304 due the government for shortage in importations of *sugar between 1907 and 1908.*

Volcanic Eruption

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Feb. 11.—Reports received today from the villages lying about the foot of the volcanic mountain of Poas stated eighty *persons were killed during the erup*tion early this week.

All the deaths were caused by enormous stones belched from the crater. Considerable property damage was also done.

New Edison Theatre

The programme of moving pictures this week at the New Edison has been *particularly interesting.* On Wednesday and Thursday the scenes of the life and career of Napoleon the Great were shown, depicting all the great victories of the famous Emperor, *concluding with his defeat at Waterloo,* and exile at St. Helena. Last night the "Destruction of Pompeii" and the eruption of Vesuvius was the principal picture, and was magnificent in staging and realistic effect. This picture is one of the best ever seen in Revelstoke. The balance of the programme was high-class and interesting and will be repeated tonight. All who have not seen the "Destruction of Pompeii" should not miss tonight's performance

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Australian Navy

London, Feb. 9.—The first unit of the Australian navy was launched at Govan, Scotland, *this afternoon*, Mrs. Asquith doing the honors.

In christening the ship the premier's wife said: "First born of the Commonwealth of Australia's navy, I name you 'Paramatta.' God bless you. May you uphold the glorious traditions of the British navy in the *dominions overseas.*"

The Parramatta is a torpedo boat destroyer of the improved river class and registers 700 tons.

Moving Pictures tonight.

Seattle Wide Open

Seattle, Feb. 11.—With the overwhelming nomination of Hiram C. Gill as the Republican candidate for mayor, Seattle to-day announced its decision *in favor of a "wide open"* town and its displeasure at the recent period of "restriction."

Railway Strike Threatened

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Vice President Whitney, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced today that unless the eighteen railways with terminals in Chicago grant the trainmen their demanded wage increase before Saturday all switchmen and yardmen employed by those roads will strike.

CITY COUNCIL

Report of Audit and Investigation by Stein & Co.

A special meeting was held Friday afternoon to receive the report of the special audit.

Present: The Mayor, Ald. McCarty, Trimble, Bews, McKinnon, and Abrahan.

The following report on the city finances, compiled by Messrs. Stein & Co., Chartered Accountants of Vancouver, was read:

Revelstoke, B. C.
Feb. 7th., 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Aldermen,
City of Revelstoke, B. C.,

GENTLEMEN:—

We have to report that in accordance with your instructions we have made a thorough and exhaustive investigation into the affairs of the City of Revelstoke from 31st December, 1905 to 31st December 1909. We find that the records have been carefully and accurately kept, and that all moneys received from taxes, from the sale of debentures, and from other sources of income have been accounted for.

We submit herewith a balance-sheet as at 31st December 1909, framed by us, and which, in our opinion is a full and true statement of the financial position of the City at that date.

From the balance-sheet submitted it will be seen that the assets of the City amount to $497,180.64.

Against this there are:—

Debenture Liability	$353,862.53
Sinking Fund Accounts ...	30,084.57
Advance from the bank and Sundry amounts	66,632.46
	$450,579.56
Showing a surplus over all liabilities of ...	$46,601.08

With regard to the balances due to the bank, the method hitherto adopted of estimating the arrears of taxes and water and light accounts as an offset to the temporary loan is contrary to the provisions of the Municipal Act. This method has probably been the cause of no effort being made to pay off what has practically been a permanent overdraft.

In December 1907 the ratepayers were asked to authorise the issue of Debentures for $17,500 to pay off the overdraft and a bylaw to that effect was passed. At 31st December 1907 the actual deficiency was $12,184.92, made up as follows:

Bank overdraft	$28,206.37
Temporary Loan	14,202.90
Deposits (security for contracts)	2,262.10
Other Liabilities	312.50
	45,061.87
Less Cash on hand	2,576.95
Deficiency	42,484.92

As the debentures realized $15,750, or less than the amount of the temporary loan and deposits, it left the Bank overdraft of $28,206.37 unpaid as a liability against the following councils.

The Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1909 shows:

Bank Overdraft	$31,332.27
Temporary Loan	26,744.45
Ditto Special	2,347.88
Other Liabilities	6,207.86
	$66,632.46
Less Cash on hand	18,530.23
Deficiency	48,102.23

Under ordinary circumstances the proper step would be to submit a bylaw to wipe off this liability, but in view of the ratepayers having passed a similar bylaw previously, it is very doubtful if it would receive favorable support. If the Council decide to carry these amounts as a current liability it will not only require to levy heavy taxes, but will also be obliged to exercise the strictest economy and be hindered from carrying out many improvements which might be considered almost necessities.

The principal source of income to reduce the liabilities is the arrears of real property tax which amounts to $19,192.63. These arrears include taxes since 1899, eleven years old. We would recommend that a tax sale be held this year, and if it is decided to do so, the Municipal Act provides that notices must be issued not later than 1st. March.

Among the liabilities at 31st December we would draw your attention to the Special Rate Accounts (amount due for sinking fund $4,627.02.) This represents a liability on the Local Improvement Bonds sold during 1909, and for which only $196 was paid into the sinking fund.

The largest of these debentures K, (of which $55,000 has been issued) is dated July 2, '07, and falls due in 20 years from that date. The first tax levy for these debentures should have been made within twelve months from the date of the debenture, so as to provide for the levy during 20 years before the debentures mature.

No levy was made until 1909, so that at least one year had elapsed, even if subsequent levies are made annually before 2nd. July.

The interest coupons which were over due were not issued, so that the interest adjusts itself, but it was necessary to provide the arrears of sinking fund, which therefore appear on the balance-sheet. No provision has been made for Sinking Fund on the Debentures which have not yet been issued.

When a supplementary estimate is made of the funds necessary to complete the work under Debenture K, one year's sinking fund on the bonds issued should be included in the amount, as otherwise the property will not be charged with sufficient to provide for the Debentures.

The Debenture debt of the city is as follows:

	Amount Issued	Amount Interest	Annual Sinking Fund
Municipal Debentures (general liability) ...	$240,800.00	$12,040.00	$6,[illegible].28
Water and Light Debentures (under Dec. [illegible])	10,[illegible]	[illegible]00	1,096.84
Local Improvement Debenture (under Sec [illegible])	73,082[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible].83
	$3[illegible]2.53	$17,[illegible]2	$10,435.95

It will be seen from the above that the Sinking Fund on $250,800 amounts annually to $7,699.12. It is calculated on a 3 per cent. basis for a 25-year term. If it could be arranged that the Debentures be ?xchanged for a new issue on the same basis (3per cent.) for a 50 year term, the Sinking fund would be $2,489.29, an annual reduction in the taxes of $5,209.83.

We would therefore recommend that the Council open negotiations with the present holders of the Debentures and endeavor to arrange for a new issue on a 50-year basis.

The total amount of the Assessment Roll for 1909 is $1,554,538.00.

This should be increased by the amount of the City's property as its value has not been entered in the Assessment Roll.

Twenty per cent. of $1,554,538.00 amounts to	310,908.00
Municipal Debentures Iss'd.	240,800.00
leaving a General Borrowing power at present available	70,108.00

The annual sum, in excess of all present charges against the Water and Light Department may be estimated $11,000.

This gives an additional borrowing power for water & light department under Sec. 88 of the Municipal Act of $200,000.

We would recommend that any further capital expenditure required for extensions of the Water and Light Department should be borrowed under this section of the Act.

We find during the period of our investigation that the proceeds from the sale of debentures were deposited in the current account with the Bank and not placed in a special account as should have been done. This has now been discontinued, and (with the exception of the balances of Debentures J and N), the proceeds of the Debentures are in separate accounts.

The payments to the Sinking Fund Account were also held over for several months after the transactions were recorded in the books. Both these irregularities were apparently done for the purpose of saving interest on the overdraft at the Bank. We would suggest to the Council that they endeavor to arrange with their bankers to obtain an equal rate of interest between the various city accounts. At present the City has over $120,000.00 lying in the bank, on which it receives 3 per cent while the overdraft on the current account and temporary loan are paying 5 per cent.

From a careful consideration of the financial position of the city we are of opinion that the present condition of affairs is not the result of excessive borrowing, but of:—

1. The heavy annual expense of the City (apart from interest and sinking fund.)

2. The underestimating the cost of improvements and thus burdening the income of the City.

3. In undertaking to pay for the Light and Water Works and Plant in too short a time—thus making the annual sinking fund excessive in proportion to the size of the City.

The development of the Water and Light Department has now reached a point where the amount it pays to the general revenue of the City is more than the interest and sinking fund on the whole amount expended for its purchase and extensions, so that instead of being a burden on the ratepayers, the revenue of the City will now receive an increasing amount each year towards the general expenses.

If the Council approve of our suggestions and are successful in carrying out the re-arrangement of the Debenture debt over an extended period, the financial affairs of the City will be permanently improved to that extent, and allow of the necessary civic business being carried on without further raising the present rate of taxation.

Reported by
W. STEIN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Ald. Bews: Is the unpaid liability at the end of the year taken into consideration?

City Clerk: Yes.

The mayor: The overdraft was something over $12,000.

Mr. Stein: The same figure as in the balance-sheet.

Ald. McKinnon: Are all the liabilities from last council included?

Mr. Stein: Yes.

Ald. McKinnon: What is our actual overdraft?

Mr. Stein: $31,332.27, less $18,530.23 cash on hand on Dec. 31st being the last day for payment for taxes.

Ald. Abrahamson: Practically the same as the balance-sheet.

Ald. McKinnon: What does he mean by the actual overdraft being $18,000? Are we overdrawn $18,000 more than the law allows?

The Mayor: No, no. That is the liability to the bank.

The Mayor: Has anything been written off for depreciation?

Mr. Stein: No, it is not necessary, because the earning power of your water and light plant is such a large asset of which you have taken no account. Your franchise on that is a very large asset based on its earning power. I have allowed ten per cent. depreciation on furnishings and fittings.

Ald. Bews: Take the depreciation on sidewalks for instance.

Mr. Stein: Well the object of the Act is that you are authorized to place the value of the work at the amount you borrowed to carry it out.

Ald. Bews: But in case the work wears out.

Mr. Stein: Well that is amply provided for in the sinking fund which you provide and affords the means of renewal. You must remember you have $120,000 at your credit in the different city accounts.

The Mayor: This overdraft of $48,000 was mainly anticipating arrears of taxes.

Mr. Stein: There is no provision in the Act for anticipating anything. There is no provision in the Municipal Act for a bank overdraft. If this is a temporary loan you are in excess of your borrowing power.

The Mayor: What is this you suggest as to adding the city property to the assessment roll?

Mr. Stein: The city property should be included on the assessment roll. Its addition would increase your borrow- as it would increase your assessment roll.

The Mayor The custom has been to exempt this?

City Clerk: Yes.

Ald. McKinnon: When you were getting at the amount of borrowing power available, you did not include the city property.?

Mr. Stein: No. That would have to come in this year's roll.

The Mayor: You suggest a bylaw for paying off the overdraft. How much?

Mr. Stein: The whole $48,000. Make it $50,000. You have to pay your discount.

City Clerk: What would you do with your taxes?

Mr. Stein: They come in as current revenue. You can use them in improvements.

The Mayor: How far can the taxes be in arrears before we can have a tax sale.

Mr. Briggs: As soon as they go into arrears you can have a tax sale.

Mr. Stein: If you decide on a tax sale you can make the loan so much less, so as to provide for the balance from taxes.

The Mayor: How do you arrive at the borrowing power for the water and light department?

Mr. Stein: The law says you are entitled to borrow on whatever surplus revenue you have on a basis of 5 per cent interest and sinking fund. If you have a surplus of $10,000 revenue you are entitled to borrow $200,000.

Ald. McKinnon: That is on the water and light plant.?

Mr. Stein: Yes.

The Mayor then suggested consideration of Mr. Stein's report clause by clause and this was proceeded with.

BANK OVERDRAFT.

Ald. McKinnon: How was the $20,000 secured.?

Mr. Stein: It is borrowed by special bylaw and to be paid off from taxes as they come in.

Ald. Bews: This year that would be represented by $19,000 less the taxes. How are these temporary loans paid off?

City Clerk: We take the actual amount paid in and reduce the loan month by month, giving a new note for the balance of arrears of taxes outstanding.

Ald. McKinnon: To straighten up everything then it will take $66,000.

Mr. Stein: No, you had $18,000 cash in hand on Dec. 31st.

Ald. Trimble: What are the arrears of taxes?

City Clerk: $19,000.

Ald. Bews: According to the Municipal Act you cannot collect by tax sale until two years in arrear.

City Clerk: We have been in the habit of treating back taxes as an asset against the loan.

Mr. Stein: It is not legal. You can borrow up to the amount but not on the taxes.

Ald. McKinnon: You can borrow on short term loans as the past councils have done.

Mr. Stein: No, you can borrow up to the amount of the taxes but each council should pay off such loan before Dec. 31st in each year.

The Mayor: We shall have to take some action with reference to these overdrafts. We have been borrowing money on the taxes for several years and not putting it back.

Mr. Stein: That is it. They have treated the taxes as an asset against the loans. The point as affecting this Council is whether the bank overdraft is a temporary loan. If it is a temporary loan your bank loan powers are exhausted, but I don't think it is.

Ald. Bews: It is a loan we have to put up some security for. The bank has no protection for that overdraft.

The Mayor: How are we going to protect it—by a bylaw?

Ald. Bews: Apparently so.

The Mayor: What if the people won't pass it?

Mr. Stein: Suppose you submit this bylaw you have to tell the people it would occur again, but I don't see how you can tell them that.

Ald. McKinnon: I look at it that if we put through another bylaw for this $48,000 we have no assurance that next year's council won't go to work and squander this money. The people were told before that if they passed a bylaw for $17,500 it would clean up these matters, and now they find last year's council or the one before had gone to work and made another overdraft of $19,000. If we submit a bylaw for this $46,000 what assurance have the people that there will not be another overdraft as long as the bank permits the City Council to overdraw. Unless we can give the people some assurance they would be perfectly safe from this kind of thing in future years I do not see how we can expect them to pass such a bylaw. The money has been spent lavishly, and what assurance have the people it won't be spent lavishly again.

The Mayor: What is your suggestion Mr. Stein?

Mr. Stein: Then there is no chance of reducing it. On the 30 mill rate you have nothing to spare after providing for your ordinary expenditure. For instance you should provide $3000 for reserve supplies at the power house. I understand from the engineer he is running without supplies in reserve. He applied to last year's council and could not get them. It is not wise to increase your tax rate. But you can increase your trade licenses and your liquor licenses. Insurance companies should also pay a license. The only other thing you can get at is the police. The police service cost last year over $7,000, and fines and liquor licenses should be made to cover that. Your police expenditure is altogether out of proportion as compared with other cities.

The Mayor: There was still that deficiency after passing the bylaw for $17,500 to clean up the Council's overdraft?

Mr. Stein: $17,600 was the amount and there were also advances against outstanding taxes and book debts.

The Mayor: Then we are still $6000 worse off.

Mr. Stein: You are $6,000 worse off

The Mayor: We are $21,000 worse off in two years.

Ald. McKinnon: What assurance have we this won't occur again?

Ald. Trimble: How does the bank do it when these loans are not legal?

Ald. Abrahamson: The bank has no show to collect it from us.

Ald. Trimble: Can we repudiate it?

Mr. Stein: The bank will make somebody pay it.

If you attempt that kind of thing nobody will want to buy any more of your debentures, or lend you any money.

Mr. Briggs: They should put a limit on the borrowing power. You can't repudiate your liability to the bank.

Ald. Abrahamson: There should be a limit put to the borrowing power from the bank.

Ald. McKinnon: It is like my backing a note for a man and giving him the money to pay it, and then backing it again and again giving him the money to pay it. The only way is to stop it.

The Mayor: How do you account for the fact that we are $21,000 worse off than two years ago?

Mr. Stein: You spent $10,000 on new plant last year. That should have been borrowed. Instead of limiting the expenditure to ordinary revenue, they used the revenue to make up deficiencies on works that cost more than estimated, and carried out other works on capital account for which debentures should have been issued. Your gross income may be stated at $34,000 but you cannot even get your ordinary expenditure down to that. Your ordinary expenditure is more than your income.

The Mayor: We shall have to raise our tax rate.

Mr. Stein: No, instead of that I think you should raise your trade licenses and cut down your police expenditure. I figure your net revenue from water and light at $12,000.

City Clerk: The extra expense of re-

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Installation Charges will be 30 days cash, and must then be paid in full before any discounts will be allowed on water and light.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for purchase of land situated about 160 chains up from mouth of Wood River, post planted about 160 chains above mouth of Wood river and marked E. A. Andrews, S. W. corner post, thence north 40 chains, east 40 chains, south 40 chains, thence west following Wood river to point of commencement,

Dated this 10th day of December, 1909.

E. A. ANDREWS.
W. ANDREWS.
Agent.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for purchase of land situated about 140 chains up from mouth of Wood river, post planted on north side of river and marked P. A. Hedstrom, S. E. corner post, thence north 40 chains, west 40 chains, south 40 chains, east 40 chains, containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1909.

P. A. HEDSTROM.
G. E. HEDSTROM,
Agent.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for purchase of land situated about 140 chains up from mouth of Wood river, post planted on north side of Wood river and marked G. E. Hedstrom, S. W. corner post, thence north 40 chains, east 40 chains, south 40 chains to Wood river, west following river to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1909.

G. E. HEDSTROM.

LAND NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that I Percy Harold Pearse, of Trout Lake, B. C., occupation engineer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. corner of lot 4728, thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains more or less to lake shore, thence south easterly along lake shore about 30 chains to the S. W. corner of lot 4728, thence north along western boundary of lot 4728 about 10 chains to point of commencement and containing 40 acres more or less.

PERCY HAROLD PEARSE.
December 16th, 1909.

NOTICE

Revelstoke Land District.
District of West Kootenay.

Take Notice that I, M. K. Lawson, of Revelstoke, housekeeper, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 8,668, and marked "M. K. Lawson's North-west Corner Post"; thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains west; thence 20 chains north; thence 20 chains east; thence 20 chains north to line of Lot 8,668; thence along said line to place of commencement.

Dated October 18th, 1909.
Nov. 17-tf. MINNIE K. LAWSON.

NOTICE.

In the County Court of West Kootenay holden at Revelstoke. In the matter of "Plan Cancellation Act, 1906."

and

In the matter of the application of Hewitt Bostock to cancel a portion of plans 632 and 632a, filed in the Land Registry Office at the City of Nelson.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given that the petition of Hewitt Bostock dated the 21st day of September, A. D. 1909, for an rder amending and annulling certain parts of plans numbered 632 and 632a being plans of subdivisions of portions of Lots 1141 and 1142, Group ne, Kootenay District, and known as Comaplix Townsite, will be heard at the Court House, Revelstoke, on Wednesday the 16th day of February, A. D., 1910, at the hour of 10.30 in the orenoon, and FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said petition is for the cancellation of that portion of said plan 632 as is comprised within the following boundaries, namely, all that portion of said lot 1141 commencing at a point in the easterly boundary of said lot 1141 where the same would be intersected by the Northerly boundary of lot 1 in block 12 produced easterly in a straight line to intersect the said easterly boundary of lot 1141 thence westerly in a straight line to the north east corner of said lot 1, in block 12, thence southerly along the easterly boundary of said lot 1 in block 12 to the south easterly corner of said lot 1 in block 12, thence southerly following the easterly boundary of said lot 1 in block 12, produced southerly in a straight line to the southerly limit of the alley running between the Northerly boundary of that plot of land marked "Mill Reserve" on said plan 632; thence easterly following the southerly limit of said alley and the northerly boundary of said plot of land marked "Mill Reserve" produced easterly in a straight line to the easterly boundary of said lot 1141 thence northerly, following the said easterly boundary of said lot 1141 to the point of commencement. And for the cancellation of that portion of said plan 632a as is comprised within the following boundaries, namely, all that portion of block "A" according to said plan 632a marked "Reserve" on said plan; all that portion of Main Street as shewn on said plan 632a lying east of a line drawn across said Main Street at right angles to the southerly limit thereof; from a point in said southerly limit 127 feet east of the westerly boundary of said lot 1142 and all that portion of Somenos Avenue as shewn on said plan 632a, lying south of a line drawn across said Somenos Avenue at right angles to the westerly limit thereof, from a point on said westerly limit 101 feet south of the south-east corner of lot 1 in block 12 as shewn on said plan 632a.

Dated at Revelstoke, B. C., this 3rd. day of January, A. D., 1910.
Approved J. A. F.

C. E. GILLAN,
Solicitor.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days from date I, W. Andrews, occupation, miner, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands, to purchase the following described land, situated about 200 chains from mouth of Wood River and a post planted on south side of river and marked W. Andrews N. E. corner post, thence south 40 chains, west 40 chains, north 40 chains to point of Wood river, thence following bank of Wood river to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated this 10th day of Dec., 1909

W. ANDREWS.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901" and amending acts, James C. Hutchison, of the city of Revelstoke, in the province of British Columbia, Laundryman, did on the 21st day of January, A. D., 1910, assign all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution to Frank Holten, of the said City of Revelstoke, bookkeeper, for the benefit of his creditors.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the said James C. Hutchison will be held in the office of Gillan & Elliott, First St., Revelstoke, B. C., on Saturday, the 5th day of February, A. D., 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ALL PERSONS having any claims against the said James C. Hutchison are required to forward particulars of the same duly verified, to the assignee at Revelstoke, B. C., on or before the 25th day of February, 1910.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that after that date the assignee will proceed to distribute the proceeds of the estate having regard only to the claims of which he shall have received notice and he will not be responsible for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons, of whose debt he shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Revelstoke, B. C., this 28th January, 1910.

GILLAN & ELLIOTT,
Solicitors for Assignee.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION for the issue of a duplicate Certificate of Title to Part (6 acres) of South East ¼ of the North West ¼ of Section 25, Township 23, Range 2, West of the sixth meridian.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned land in the name of William Edgar Smith, which Certificate is dated the 15th November 1909 and numbered 11579A.

"T. M. BOWMAN"
Deputy District Registrar.
Land Registry Office, j. 26.1m.
Nelson, B. C., Jan. 22, 1910.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I, J. Brill, occupation, carpenter, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for the purchase of the following described land, commencing at a post planted about 20 chains south of Wood River and about 160 chains from the mouth and marked J. Brill S. W. corner post, thence west 80 chains, north 20 chains to bank of Wood river, thence following south bank of Wood River easterly about 80 chains, thence 20 chains south to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Dated this 10th day of Dec., 1909

J. BRILL,
G. E. Hedstrom, Agent.

Water Notice

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made under Part V. of the "Water Act, 1909," to obtain a licence in the Revelstoke Division of West Kootenay District.

[a] The name, address and occupation of the applicant—Corporation of the City of Revelstoke, B.C.

[If for mining purposes] Free Miner's Certificate No........................

[b] The name of the lake, stream or source [if unnamed, the description is] a stream flowing off Mount Revelstoke in a valley in a southerly direction, and emptying into the Illecillewaet at a point about half a mile west of Greely Creek bridge.

[c] The point of diversion—at a point about 2500 feet above sea level on said stream.

[d] The quantity of water applied for [in cubic feet per second]—ten cubic feet per second.

[e] The character of the proposed works—8 inch pipe line to connect with Bridge Creek.

[f] The premises on which the water is to be used [describe same]—The Corporation of the City of Revelstoke.

[g] The purposes for which the water is to be used—General city use.

[h] If for irrigation describe the land intended to be irrigated, giving acreage ....

[i] If the water is to be used for power or mining purposes describe the place where the water is to be returned to some natural channel, and the difference in altitude between point of diversion and point of return ....

[j] Area of Crown land intended to be occupied by the proposed works—About 12 acres.

[k] This notice was posted on the eighth day of January, 1910, and application will be made to the Commissioner on the eighth day of February, 1910.

[l] Give the names and addresses of any riparian proprietors or licensees who or whose lands are likely to be affected by the proposed works, either above or below the outlet—Government land as far as is known.

BRUCE A. LAWSON,
City Clerk.
jan 12 1m Revelstoke, B.C.

WANTED

FOUND,—In the lobby of the post office a ladies gold hinge bracelet. stone setting on the top. Owner can recover same by identifying property, and paying for this ad. Apply at the post office.

FOR RENT:—Furnished house, apply at this office.

Two partly furnished rooms, suitable for light house keeping.— Apply Mail-Herald Office.

FOR SALE—T[illegible] of Heavy Work H[illegible] [illegible] t mill. Revel[illegible]

WANTED,—At once, first class waitress. Leland Hotel Co., Ltd., Kamloops, B. C.

WANTED.—John Alex Elliott—Your mother wishes to hear from you. Mrs. Elliott, 293 Nares street, Winnipeg.

WANTED.—Representative to handle Okanagan Valley Creamery Ice Cream in Revelstoke, Devonshire cream, etc., Liberal terms to right party. None but reliable persons need apply. —Okanagan Valley Creamery, Armstrong.

WANTED.—Capable parties to take contract sawing lath by thousand.—Apply The Sovereign Lumber Co., Ltd Annis, B. C.

WANTED.—A second hand 6,hole coal stove, in first class order. Address, stating lowest price and where to be seen.—W. S. A. P. O. Box 35.

Synopsis of Canadian Homestead Regulations

ANY available Dominion Lands within the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres more or less.

Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate: Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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NAKUSP NEWS

Destructive Fire---Bank of Commerce Burned

Mr. Raisbeck, of Arrow Park, was in town Tuesday on business.

Mr. R. A. Buance returned from his trip to the "Crow". He reports everything progressing smoothly.

Ash Wednesday was appropriately named yesterday so far as Nakusp was concerned. For now a part of Nakusp's business centre is in ashes. At 11.30 a.m., the bells and whistles of the ship yards and boats sounded the alarm and announcing to this peaceful little village that there was a "fire." In less time than it takes to tell everybody was at the fire, which proved to be the old opera house, lately remodelled and occupied by J. S. Crowell, carpenter, and Mr. Wagstaff, as a tin shop. The fire started in Mr. Yoder's office and was discovered by Mr. Rothwell, manager of the bank, who sounded the alarm. The building being old, and of wood, which was perfectly dry, it was impossible despite the strenuous efforts of the willing help to save the building. A bucket brigade was quickly formed and all efforts were directed toward the saving of the Canadian Bank of Commerce building adjoining. All of the bank's furnishings, including a large well filled safe, together with those of Messrs. Rothwell and Fraser, the bank staff, were saved. But the building was burned to the ground. The wind shifted just at the right moment to save the Leland Hotel from being a ruin. All the men from the town, help from the boats and several travellers, worked hard and willingly, and it was through their efforts that the hotel was saved. For the time being the Bank of Commerce will occupy the building known as the Knott Bakery. Their effects were removed there immediately after the fire, and a few hours later the bank sign hanging high, announced the fact that the bank force were ready for business as calm and serene as if burning out were a daily occurrence. The heavy losers in this fire will be Messrs. Oglivie and McKittrick who owned the buildings, as well as Messrs. Crowell and Wagstaff who lost a goodly share of their tools and personal effects. Mr. Yoder will also share in the loss.

Mr. Bowman, manager of the Big Ledge, is in town looking after his company's interests. He reports things looking well at his mine.

Mr. Gilmour of Vancouver was here on business several days last week. This gentleman is interested in the logging and lumber business and he says prospects are very favorable for another new saw mill for this town.

Mr. A. J. Gehm, manager of the N. R. S. Co., Ltd., returned from a short trip down the lakes yesterday.

The local Chinese and visiting guests are celebrating their Chinese New Year. A full account of this celebration will be given in our next week's issue.

On Monday evening a crowd of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jordan tendered them a complete surprise, and took possession of their hospitable home from 9 p.m. until the small hours of the morning. At midnight an excellent lunch was served by the ladies. With cards, dancing, music and words of good cheer the evening passed all too quickly.

Monday morning Miss Violet Wagstaff, of Nakusp, and Mr. Allan Hall, of Hall's Landing, B. C., were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was witnessed by a few intimate friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Hall departed on the down boat for a trip to Spokane, Seattle and possibly San Francisco. Their many friends are wishing them joy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Nakusp Board of Trade was held last Tuesday evening and the reports of the delegates to the Associated Board of Eastern B. C. meeting, were received. A vote of thanks was tendered the N. B. of T. for the courtesy extended to the delegates of Nakusp and also a vote of thanks tendered the Nakusp delegates for the efficient manner in which they represented the interests of the Nakusp Board. New business was proposed, which will be taken up at the next regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. McKittrick will be hostess this Friday evening for the local Bridge Club.

Mr. Charles Hadden is spending a few days down the lakes on business and is expected back Saturday.

Mr. Calder gave a dancing party at his home at Edgewood Tuesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow of Nakusp, furnished the music.

The Dominion Ball given by the Nakusp Dramatic Club last Friday was a great success. The music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Bradford was excellent. The lunch was everything that could be desired, and the tables were beautifully decorated with carnations.

Mrs. A. Bush is entertaining her mother and sister from Fruitvale, B.C.

Mr. Owen, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been relieving in Creston for the past six weeks, and spent a few hours in town on Tuesday.

Imperial Organization

REMARKABLE SUGGESTION BY R. L. BORDEN.

A passage of great importance in Mr. Borden's speech on the naval defence issue was his dealing with the future composition of the empire. It is one of the most thoughtful, most progressive and boldest suggestions put forward by any Canadian statesman in so responsible a position. His exact words are as follows:

"I know that it has been urged, and with some force, that we in Canada cannot properly take a permanent part in the naval defence of the whole empire unless we are to have some voice as to the wars in which Great Britain may engage.

Let me say in the first place, that I do not believe Great Britain will in the future engage in any great war—except indeed it may be a war forced upon her without a moment's notice—before consulting the great dominions of the empire.

I have some warrant for that statement when I recollect that before Great Britain engaged in the South African war, which was in the end forced upon her, she came to the great dominions of the empire, she came to Canada and she sought advice and counsel. And my right hon. friend the Prime Minister, standing in his place in this House moved a resolution in 1899 expressing the sympathy of this House with the efforts which Great Britain was then making to bring about better conditions for her subjects in the Transvaal Republic. I remember on that occasion that one of the followers of the right honorable gentleman—a man not now in this House, but one of the most faithful and ablest of the right hon. gentleman's supporters—said to me when it was mooted that such a resolution would be proposed 'I shall vote for and support that resolution but only on condition that if war does come in South Africa, Canada shall back the Mother Country up with all her resources and to the utmost of her power.

And, sir, I venture to believe that in future the self-governing nations of the empire will have something to say about the wars of the empire.

It is not wise to prophesy what the future may bring forth, but I would venture to hope that a defence committee or an imperial conference having special jurisdiction over defence matters, composed of men from both parties in Great Britain itself as well as in the self-governing nations of the empire, and as an outcome of such a conference I would expect that in future Great Britain would engage in no great war without knowing before hand that she would have the support and sympathy of every one of the great self-governing nations of the empire.

This would give to these dominions a voice in the control of war, because I thoroughly agree that if we are to take part in the permanent defence of this great empire we must have some control and some voice in such matters."

Laurier on Loyalty

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, addressing a meeting in the Ottawa by-election, said: "In the province of Quebec I am attacked by the Conservative party in alliance with the Nationalists for going too far on the naval question. I am denounced in my own province as a traitor to my race. In the province of Ontario I am being denounced as a traitor to the British Crown. There is as much truth in the one as in the other. If a political leader wants to keep harmony in this country as has been its lot for the last thirteen years he must take his position on a broad ground that will appeal to all races and to all creeds. To Canada as to the Mother Land as well, he must look both to the right and to the left; he must ask all men to make some sacrifices of their prejudices so that we can all unite on a common ground and develop along harmonious lines this country of ours in peace and, if necessary, fight for it in war. I place my reliance upon men of fair and moderate and honest opinions, both here and in the Mother Land. We have adopted a reasonable and moderate course, which will appeal to all such.'

WHAT ROSSLAND HAS DONE.

In sixteen years the mines in Rossland camp have produced ore valued at $46,793,451. This is a record to be proud of in a section that at one time was supposed to be iron caps.

Moving Pictures tonight.

The Mail-Herald.

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All communications addressed to Post office, Revelstoke, will have prompt attention.

C. W. O. W.

Mountain View Camp, No. 229

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesdays in each month, in Selkirk Hall. Visiting Woodmen cordially invited to attend.

JOHN CARLSON, Con. Com.
J. McINTYRE, Clerk.

Kootenay Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.

The regular meetings are held in the MASONIC TEMPLE Oddfellows Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially welcome.

J. T. POLLOCK, MASTER.
CHAS. J. AMAN, SECRETARY

SELKIRK LODGE 12, I. O. O. F.

Meets every Thursday evening in Selkirk Hall at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

L. PROBYN, N.G. JAS. MATHIESON, Sec.

Gold Range Lodge, K. of P. No. 26, Revelstoke, B. C.

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, except Third Wednesday of each month, in the Oddfellows' Hall at 8 o'clock. Visiting Knights are cordially invited.

T. P. SMITH, C. C.
G. H. SHOCKLEY, K. of R. & S.
J. B. SCOTT, M. of F.

The Mail-Herald

UNION LABEL

SATURDAY, FEB. 12, 1910

Since Auditor Stein made his report on the city finances, some citizens appear to have gone into mourning over the discovery that Revelstoke is not bankrupt, and that former Mayors, Aldermen or City officials have not stolen the city funds.

The statement recently published by the Mail-Herald as to changes in the C. P. R. staff is confirmed by a telegram from Winnipeg, so that our contemporaries who denied the truth of our statements have now an opportunity to take it all back.

We congratulate Mayor Hamilton on the interest he is taking in the question of improved school accommodation in Revelstoke, and he and his Board of Aldermen, who are supporting the trustees in the movement, will have the hearty endorsement of the citizens in this work. We don't see why Revelstoke cannot get a grant of dollar for dollar from the Provincial Government, as we understand such a grant was made to Vernon towards the new school building erected there.

FOR SALE

Seven-Roomed [illegible]ise for $1675. Lot 50 x 100 in desirable locality. Ca[illegible]75, balance to arrange.

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REVELSTOKE [illegible] AGENCIES, Ltd.

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MUNICIPAL RIGHTS.

The report of Messrs. Stein & Co., on the City finances emphasises the contention of the MAIL-HERALD, that the cities of British Columbia are not getting a square deal from the Provincial Government. The Province has been steadily usurping and encroaching on the rights of the cities, while further heavy financial burdens, as in the case of education, have been shifted from the Province to the shoulders of the cities without adequate financial provision being made for meeting these increased expenditures.

Taking Revelstoke as an instance, this city finds its ordinary expenditure in excess of its revenue, and in order to pay its way it is face to face with the necessity of either raising its taxes or its licenses. As the taxes are already too high it is not advisable to increase them, so that an increase of trade and liquor licenses must be resorted to in order to secure more revenue.

This would not be necessary if taxes now levied on the cities went to the City Treasury instead of the Provincial Treasury, which is always overflowing.

The Provincial Treasury not requiring these taxes levied in cities, they should be turned over to the cities to whom they properly belong. Take the poll tax. Originally levied as a subsidy to the cost of education, no-body kicked about it. But when the cities were saddled with the cost of education that became a revenue tax of the province. It is an iniquitous tax in any case, but we notice the Government have decided to continue the levy of it. If it should be levied it should go to the cities towards its original purpose, that of education.

Then there are the property and income taxes levied in the cities for the benefit of the provincial treasury. These rightly belong to and should be handled by the municipalities in the same way as the real property tax.

If the City Councils of the province would get after the provincial government with a demand for the rights and revenues of the municipalities going to them, they would be doing a good work, and would adopt a policy that would have the backing of the citizens of every corporate town in the province. In the case of Revelstoke it is poor policy to abuse past Councils. The men composing them have conscientiously done their best with what every one admits is a difficult situation with a local body whose ordinary expenditure can barely be kept within its income if the City Council is to do its duty to the development and progress of the town whose interests are entrusted to its care. If there are overdrafts, the public can depend on it the money has been expended for the benefit of the community who demanded it. The present and the future demand the best attention of men entrusted with city affairs everywhere. The past is done with and cannot be recalled, and if it could it is difficult to point the finger at the work of bygone public bodies and say this or that should or should not have been done when conditions and circumstances were different then from what they are now.

One of the best services the City Councils of British Columbia can undertake is to call attention to the way in which the cities are at present being robbed by the province, and to demand an adjustment of revenue assured to the city treasuries in order that the existing wrong may be remedied. This is the plain duty of every Alderman of every city in the province if he wishes to place the interest of the city he represents before the exigencies of party, and is prepared to demand for his city that which is its right.

TO RENT.—Room with board, suitable for two young men. Bath, etc. Terms moderate. Apply Box 306.

[illegible] NATURAL RESOURCES

[illegible]d Opportunities Awaiting [illegible]dicious Investment

(Continued from last issue.)

RESOURCES OF THE DISTRICT.

The valleys of North Kootenay, as well as the lower slopes of the mountains, are well wooded. The trees most abundant are spruce, cedar, douglas fir, white pine, hemlock and birch. The cedar is large and most valuable timber and the trees frequently attain considerable size. The rapid development of the country has produced quite a stir in

THE LUMBER TRADE.

Large swamills exist at Revelstoke, Arrowhead, Comaplix, Pingston, Creek Three Valley, Wigwam, and smaller ones are springing up at various points.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.

Owing to the rugged nature of the country and the attraction, which the search for the hidden wealth contained in its mountain recesses, holds over the population, agriculture has been very much at a discount in North Kootenay.

There are, however, miles of flats along the Columbia and on the lakes which, if cleared, would furnish a considerable area of farming land. The soil about Revelstoke is very productive and small fruits and vegetables grow with extraordinary luxuriance. There is no danger from frost, from which the heavy snow fall protects vegetation even in the winter, at the same time furnishing abundant moisture to start vegetation in the spring, which is supplemented by a considerable rainfall later on. It is quite certain that after the preliminary expense of clearing has been incurred, agriculture on a small scale would, with the ready market always to hand, prove a source of considerable profit. These considerations should appeal to farmers complaining of frosts, drought, and distance from markets in the Northwest. At present West Kootenay imports practically the whole of the agricultural produce, which it consumes. The soil has been proven to be highly productive, is easily worked, and after clearing, but very little preparation is necessary previous to the first crop.

The main resource of the country is, however its

MINERAL WEALTH.

It will be sufficient to notice here that the present indications are that the whole region is veined with metalliferous rock. There is not a creek throughout the length and breadth of it, along whose course discoveries of mineral ledges have not been made, and it is not yet half prospected. Extensive finds of gold bearing quartz have been made at McCullough Creek, an affluent of Goldstream, the scene of the Big Bend stampede in 1865, and the mountains on Downie Creek and Carnes Creek, both tributaries flowing into the Columbia from the East, north of Revelstoke. The rich surface indications discovered on the Illecillewaet river point to veins of a permanent and enduring nature, while throughout the whole of the Trout Lake and Lardeau districts fresh discoveries are being constantly made and development in every instance is found to justify the expenditure of capital in the search for the hidden metal of which the surface affords such astonishing indications.

THE HOT SPRINGS.

The hot springs at Halcyon, St. Leon, Nakusp, Albert Canyon and Canoe River will, in the future, be the scenes of busy health and holiday resorts.

GAME AND FISH.

A word with regard to the sport of the district may interest the general traveller. There is a very common impression that to get big game one has to travel far back from the line of the railway, which is supposed to have scared the larger ferae naturae to take refuge in more secluded haunts. This is entirely erroneous. Bear, Cariboo and mountain goats can be and are frequently obtained within a day's march from Revelstoke. Of the former there are all the varieties known to the sportsman, black, brown, cinnamon and grizzly. Cariboo are found in large herds in the mountains both east and west of the Columbia, while goats are met with in all directions. Good trout fishing can be enjoyed by the lovers of the gentler art in many of the creeks and lakes of the district, the north fork of the Illecillewaet especially, and the Columbia and all its tributaries near Revelstoke are particularly noted in this connection in their seasons.

Whatever the object of the sportsman-tourist may be, it will be pursued in the presence of scenery as grand and romantic as can be found in any part of Canada, in dim forests of fragrant cedars, by the side of glacier fed torrents rushing through rock hewn canyons to the broad valley of the Columbia, on the clear, blue waters of mountain guarded lakes, and always all around, the mighty silent snow clad peaks, shining white against the clear blue sky or glowing crimson with the radiance of the setting sun. Had it not been destined to be the great mining country of the Dominion Kootenay might have become its fairy land and playground, the Switzerland of the Canadian people.

COMMUNICATION.

Revelstoke being on the main line of the C. P. R. is easily accessible.

Distances from various points east and west on the main line are as follows:

Halifax, 3,286 miles.
Quebec, 2,700 miles
Montreal, 2,527 miles.
Ottawa, 2,408 miles.
Toronto, 2,393 miles.
Winnipeg, 1,103 miles.
Calgary, 263 miles.
Golden, 95 miles.
Glacier House, 11 miles.
Illecillewaet, 28 miles.
Albert Canyon, 18 miles.

Revelstoke forms the point of departure for travel into the mining districts by the C. P. R. route. A branch line to Arrowhead reaches the Arrow Lake and connects with steamers running south as far as Robson and Trail. At Robson connection is made with Nelson, where one again takes the C. P. R. ferry boat to Kootenay Landing and on by rail through East Kootenay and through the Crows Nest Pass to Alberta. For passengers into the Slocan country country the steamer touches at Nakusp, where a railway runs to Slocan Lake points and Sandon.

Passengers into the Lardeau country take a steamer at Arrowhead up the North East Arm for Beaton where stage lines run to Trout Lake City, Ferguson, Camborne, and Comaplix, which is an important saw milling point at the head of the North-East arm is reached by this steamer.

(To be continued.)

Provincial Taxation

Hon. Mr. Bowser's new Assessment Act means a total reduction in the taxation of $55,000. Poll tax collections ran over $200,000 a year, and the government says it is not yet in a position to abolish it as it is the only method of taxing Orientals and the floating population. It has been urged that only the Orientals pay poll tax, but if this were done, it would leave after the expenses of collection only a little over $26,000. He declared that mathematically worked out, the man with an income under $2,000 had a greater reduction in his income tax than the man paying on over $7,000.

Parker Williams criticised the reductions as unfair to the working man. He said the incomes of the workmen could always be gauged, but not those of capitalists, and described the poll tax as utterly objectionable.

Deport Chinese

London, Feb. 9.—Chinamen are not to be tolerated in this country when they come here to compete with unorganised English agricultural workers and the whole country is applauding the action of the Liverpool immigration authorities, who recently sent a number of Chinese coolies back to their native country at public expense.

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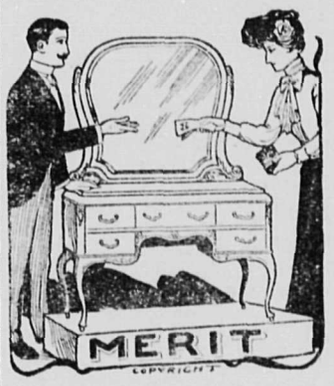

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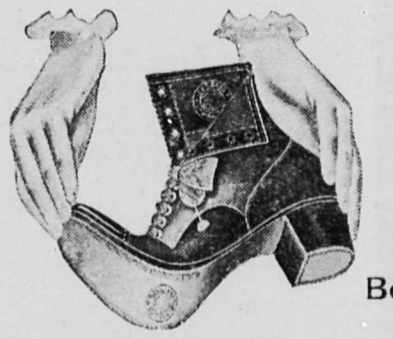

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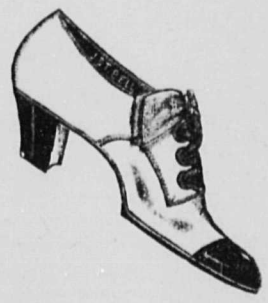

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CITY GOUNCIL

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pair on the water and light plant was very heavy last year..

Ald. Bews: The permanent expense is the same.

City Clerk: The gas plant requires two extra men when running.

Ald. McKinnon: I wonder if Brown would want the gas plant on his ranch at Sicamous.

Ald. Bews: Is there any expense on the gas plant now?

City Clerk: No, not now.

Ald. McKinnon: I don't see where we are going to get off at.

Ald. McCarty: I would like to see this matter cleared up.

Ald. Bews: If we cut down some of last year's expenses,

The Mayor: We can cut down some of these expenses such as donations.

Mr. Stein: You could cut them down to $1000.

The Mayor: What was the cost of the police?

Mr. Stein: For the special service it was $1,650. That was in connection with the black-hand business.

Ald. Trimble: What were the special police doing?

City Clerk: There was a special detective.

The Mayor: Did they find out anything?

City Clerk: I don't know.

Ald. Trimble: I don't want to put a money bylaw before the people.

The Mayor: They would oppose a by-law for $46,000.

Ald. Trimble: I would never be a party to a bylaw.

OVERDUE TAXES.

Ald. McKinnon: We had a tax sale last year. Then now is it that taxes are due the City for eleven years past?

The Mayor: When did they have the tax sale?

City Clerk: There is a dispute as to taxes on Block 52 and there were some that did not go up to sale that Mr. Coursier agreed to take over. There were others which were withdrawn on account of the position the people were placed in at the time.

The Mayor: With reference to the $2,347 spent on the sidewalks over the amount of loan, cannot we levy special tax for this?

Mr. Stein: Yes, after the work is completed.

Some discussion took place on the question of holding a tax sale, and it was understood that such would be taken up.

Ald. McCarty said there were a number of accounts on the list for property that does not exist.

BAD DEBTS.

Ald. Bews said there were accounts to amount of $667 in the water and light department that could not be collected.

Ald. Trimble here left the meeting.

SINKING FUND.

Mr. Stein pointed out the sewerage tax would have to be increased to make up the amount of the sinking fund for the first year, which had not been levied or provided for in the sinking fund paid in.

CONVERSION OF DEBENTURES.

Regarding the proposed issue of 50 year debentures in place of the present 25 year water and light debentures Mr. Stein said the holders should jump at it as their new debentures would be a better security and it would release the sinking fund in hand, which would go to wipe out the deficiency of the debentures.

Ald. McCarty suggested calling in the small debentures and make one new issue cover the whole thing.

The Mayor considered this a good suggestion from Mr. Stein.

The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to take the matter up with the debenture holders.

BANK ACCOUNTS.

The Mayor asked the Finance Committee to see the bank regarding the equalising of interest between the accounts as recommended by Mr. Stein.

The City Clerk said the sinking fund cheques had been promptly paid in during his term of office.

City Clerk: In the estimates prepared by Mr. Stein he made no allowance for repairs and maintenance.

The Mayor thought this suggestion of Mr. Stein, as to exchanging the present 25 year debentures for 50 year debentures and thereby saving the city between $5000 and $6000 a year in the sinking fund was a valuable one. By holding a tax sale they could get the back taxes in. It was no use putting a bylaw before the people to issue further debentures at present.

RAISING THE LICENSES.

The Mayor: Mr. Stein, can we get along with a tax of 30 mills?

Mr. Stein: Yes, if you raise the licenses as I suggest.

The Mayor: Will that necessitate a special bylaw?

Mr. Stein: Yes.

The Mayor: There is nothing in the present bylaws for taxing the insurance companies.

Mr. Stein: Get a copy of the bylaws for Victoria, see their different sources of revenue, and frame new bylaws accordingly. In the case of the insurance companies you could take $25.00 for each company as a basis.

Ald. Abrahamson moved it be an instruction to the By-laws Committee to revise the by-laws with the city solicitor and bring in a report at the next meeting.

SUNDRIES.

In reply to the Mayor Mr. Stein said: The hotel licenses and fines should pay the cost of police and gaol administration, amounting to about $7,500. Your police expense is too much The salaries alone are $5,200 You have five police officers on duty.

The Mayor: We can't cut down our police salaries. I don't see how we can be cut down on the police expenditure. One police officer cannot cover this town at night.

Mr. Stein: Well it is out of proportion to the run of expenses. Your revenue from fines is very low.

THE AUDIT BILL.

The Mayor. What is your bill for this audit and investigation?

Mr. Stein: $500.

The Mayor: Have you taken up the matter of book-keeping?

Mr. Stein: Yes, the water and light books are in very good shape.

The Mayor: That account should be kept separately.

Mr. Stein: It is. The other books are in arrear; that is to say the same books that were in use eleven years ago are still used and are out of date. I have recommended new books to replace these.

Ald. McKinnon: I move that Mr. Stein's report be received and adopted as far as suits our circumstances, and that his account be paid.—Carried.

SCHOOL DELEGATION.

The Mayor said he had a telegram from H. Manning, chairman of the School Board, who was at Vancouver, asking that a delegation be arranged for, to proceed to the Coast and interview the Provincial Government in regard to a grant for improved school accommodation. He was sorry Ald. Cowan was not present at that meeting. He felt very enthusiastic about it. The point was this: They all recognized the seriousness of the school situation here at the present time. Inside of another six months they would have to open up another room, possibly two rooms, and the extra expense would cover the interest and sinking fund on a large sum of money towards building a new school. It was suggested they send a delegation to Victoria to interview the Government and see how much money they could possibly get out of them. They had to get very substantial assistance from the Government. It was no use talking about building a school themselves.

Ald. McCarty: They have no plans ready to submit to the Government.

Messrs. Edwards and Howson, representing the school board, waited on the Council in connection with the matter.

Mr. Edwards: The plans are now in the City Hall safe for a $40,000 building. They were accepted by the Department and they offered $15,000 towards the building.

The Mayor: When Mr. Taylor was here he said they possibly would do better than $15,000. The idea is, are we going to save any money going on as we are? The new room opened at St. Andrews Church cost us $1,700 this year alone.

Ald. McCarty: We are in poor shape. Can we get the Government to help us till we can take it up ourselves.

Mr. Edwards: Don't mention the high school if you go to Victoria.

Ald. McKinnon: School borrowing comes under a different department does it not?

The Mayor: You can borrow for school purposes independent of your other loans.

Ald. McKinnon: The Government fixes the limit of taxation for school purposes at 5 mills. Last year you raised seven mills. If some person objects to paying this seven mills what are you going to do about it?

City Clerk: It is provided for from the general fund.

Ald. McCarty: If a delegation goes down can they do any good.?

The Mayor: Mr. Taylor told a representative meeting of business men the Government would do better than their offer last year. If we get the promise of a more substantial grant we are not going to be much in the hole. By next fall we are likely to have a call for two rooms more. We are now using two rooms that have been condemned. This school question is a serious problem.

Ald. McKinnon: Do you think there is enough confidence in the by-law to go to the expense of sending a delegation to Victoria.

Ald. Bews: Mr. Manning is down there now.

Ald. McKinnon. You have to send representatives from the Board of Trade and City Council. What will the expense be?

The Mayor: Mr. Manning is down there now and I don't think the city will be at any expense for him. For myself it won't cost the city a cent.

Ald. McKinnon: I move that a delegation be sent to Victoria to interview the Government with a view to securing a larger grant than was offered last year, pointing out that Revelstoke has a larger population of scholars in proportion to population than any other city in B. C.

Ald. McCarty: Our member understands the position.

The Mayor: I think a deputation would strengthen his hands.

Mr. Howson: We all see the necessity of more school accommodation. It is a question of financing and the Trustee Board feels that if we can get more assistance from the Government than already promised it will assist the city and they will be more liable to pass the bylaw.

Ald. McCarty: Would you recommend the plans got up a year ago?

Mr. Howson: I am in favor of an 8-roomed school, because I think if we built a 4-roomed school we should have to add shortly to it again at an extra expense. I think we should build on the plans got out last year.

Ald. Abrahamson: Is it proposed to use part of the building for a high school?

Mr. Howson: Yes. The Government won't assist a high school, but a public school, and the stand we take is the necessity of a public school.

Ald. McKinnon: You will have five new rooms this summer.

Ald. Abrahamson: In regard to the 4-roomed school spoken of, no one suggested that. Last year the school bylaw was voted down on account of the site proposed.

Ald. Howson: If the citizens are so narrow minded about the site they may vote it down again as they did last year, one end voting against the other. On the necessity of this school I believe all are agreed. The School Board could not tell the city where to build the school but could tell them where it was needed. It was something to be deplored, the action taken last year in regard to the site, and personally he could not see any justification in refusing to buy the other block for the school by voting it down.

Ald. McCarty seconded Ald. McKinnon's motion, which was then carried.

Ald. McKinnon: I would like to see the Mayor go. Mr. Manning is already there.

Ald. Bews: I move that the Mayor and Ald. Cowan represent the City on the delegation.

Ald. Abrahamson seconded.—Carried.

AUDITOR RESIGNS.

The Mayor: There is one other matter to bring up. I have a letter from J. H. Jackson resigning his position as auditor.

Ald. Bews: I move it be left over till a full meeting of the Council.

Ald. McKinnon: I second that.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Fruit Culture in B. C.

Fruit culture in British Columbia is fast becoming the most important industry in the province. Apples, peaches, pears, cherries, plums and every other variety of fruit are cultivated with the most astounding results. Lord Aberdeen purchased the Coldstream ranch at Vernon, some years ago and is now developing its fruit resources as a large part of the operations of the holdings. His Lordship's twenty-acre patch produced $10,000 worth of Northern Spies last year Other equally good results are reported in other districts of the province. One cherry tree at Penticton produced eight hundred pounds of fruit and another at Agassiz one thousand lbs. What would be the result of an acre of as many such trees as the soil is capable of feeding, can be imagined and calculated.

In Okanagan instances are reported of profits of from $500 to $600 per acre. At Kelowna nine tons of pears and ten tons of prunes per acre are said to be not uncommon. Four acres of strawberries near Victoria returned the owner of the land $2,598 net. Another owner reported 12,556 pounds of berries on one and a half acres, which sold for over $1,200.

Nectarines, apricots, figs, almonds, and several other of the less hardy fruits and nuts, have been tried with success. It is contended by those with experience that any fruit or vegetable which can be grown three hundred miles south of the International boundary line, can be produced in British Columbia.

This fruit industry can hardly be said to have commenced in British Columbia. It has just passed that point in the State of Washington where there are now over 10,000 acres planted out against barely 7,000 acres in 1901.

THE MINES

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The only dividend which British Columbia has ever paid was one of 40 cents a share, distributed in September 1907.

COLONIZATION SCHEME.

London, Feb. 5.—The suggestion has been made here that the various cities of Great Britain should particularly settle their unemployed question by the purchase of a large place in Canada where they can send their workless. The men could learn farming and leave to take up grants when they were efficient, or remain as paid employees on the farms.

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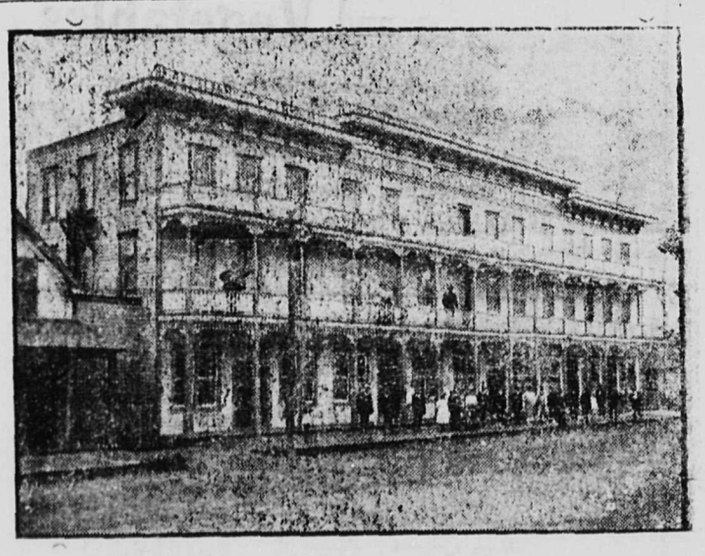

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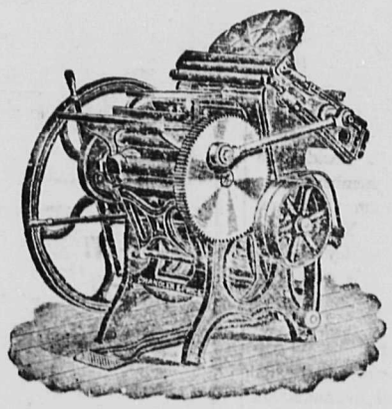

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C. P. R. CHANGES

New Division with Supt. Busteed General Manager

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—During the past ten days there have been many rumors in Canadian Pacific circles with reference to changes in the operating department of that company. These suggest a possible re-arrangement of work of supervision of the service in many respects. One of the statements which have been repeatedly made is to the effect that General Manager Bury might leave the city either for Montreal or the south. It is not believed probable that Mr. Bury will leave the Canadian Pacific, but should he do so, it will be to accept the general management of one of the larger systems in the United States.

Another rumor which has found some credence was to the effect that owing to the great increase in the mileage of the Canadian Pacific, the system which has for many years been administered in two sections, an eastern and a western, would in future be administered in three sections. The eastern and western divisions would disappear and instead there would be an eastern, a central and a western division. Under this arrangement there would be three general managers and the third was to be F. F. Busteed, now general superintendent of the Pacific division.

Chinese New Year

The festivities in connection with Chinese New Year are less elaborate and costly this year than formerly. The leading local Chinese state they have but little money to spend for celebrations and although there will be quite a lot done, still their New Year will be exceptionally quiet.

Daily, and most of the night, tom toms, drums, and other instruments of music can be heard emanating from the Joss House on Front street, while much feasting is being made.

The Chinese New Year is a moveable feast and depends on the birthday of reigning Emperor of the Celestial Empire. The one custom of this holiday that stands pre-eminent is the general paying of debts. Woe to the man who does not meet his liabilities. On many of the doors of Chinese houses on Front street are pieces of red paper covered with hieroglyphic meaning "May good luck attend you as you open this door.", besides many other mottos.

The fire cracker is used as a religious instrument, and not simply as a noise maker for celebration, and the bombardment of crackers is because the wicked spirits that have been banshed since the 23rd day of the month have returned to earth and must be driven away.

It s considered unfortunate if the Narcissi are not in flower at New Year.

All the local stores are closed and the whole colony are busy making calls at each others homes.

A Celestial never knocks or rings, but walks straight in. This is the time of year when the Chinese homes are thoroughly swept and garnished, and many offerings of nuts and sweet meats are made to the Josses, who have to be appeased. The Chinese will not work during the festival and even in hard times the desire for show and extravagance is kept up. This New Year is 2261 in the Confucian era and the second in the reign of His Majesty Soon Houng.

McGILL UNIVERSITY.

Local examinations in Theoretical Music for all grades will be held on April 13th, 1910.

Local Practical Examinations conducted by Dr. H. C. Perrin and an associate examiner (for all centres from Vancouver to W innipeg) held from May 2nd to May 21st 1910, starting at Vancouver.

Application forms, filled in and accompanied by fees must reach the central office in Montreal on or before April 1st, 1910. Forms are obtainable from C. M. McFarlane, General Secretary, 323 Sherbrooke street., w. Montreal.

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Imperial Pekin Ducks.—$1.75.

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MRS. R. A. UPPER.

SPORTING NOTES

BASKET BALL.

In the Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball league games played Wednesday night the Beavers put it over the Billikins, in the Intermediate League to the tune of 19 to 10, and the Intermediates won from the gym by only two points, the score being 28-26. Both games were fast and strenuous, some of the best playing yet seen being done.

BOWLING.

The standing of the league remains unchanged from last week. On Wednesday next the Intermediates meet the Business Men, and some good sport is anticipated.

Meeting for Men

Every Sunday afternoon at 3.45 there is a programme on at the Y. M. C. A. To-morrow night Mr. T. P. Newbigging is to sing and Mr. R. Woodruff is to make a short address. All men are invited to this meeting.

Columbia River Traffic Bridge

Work on the construction of the new Columbia Traffic bridge here is progressing very rapidly. Gillett & Macdonald, the contractors, confidently expect to have the bridge completed by the first week of April. During the last few weeks the bridge has taken on a finished appearance, due to the fact the men have left the underneath structure and are now erecting the overhead span and laying the deck. There yet remains, however a great deal of work to do on the cords and braces of the spans as well as the laying of many more tons of rock round several of the piers. The construction of the mattrass, along the river bank on each side of the city end of the bridge, where considerable erosion of the bank has taken place owing to the current being deflected in towards the city, is being pushed ahead to completion, and is an excellent piece of work, the contractors being confident that the mattrass will prevent any further damage.

About two hundred men are now being employed on the bridge and mattrass, while nearly twenty teams are at work hauling brush and rock.

R. M. R. Notes

The muster at the Drill Hall Thursday night was larger than the average, and it is hoped that it will continue. The bugle band under Sergeant Bugler J. Ringer is making excellent progress. Following are the scores at the weekly shoot at the rifle range:

Pte. F. Bennison.—26.
Pte. Allan.—24.
Sergt. Garner.—25.
Pte. Griffiths.—23.
Sergt. Smythe.—22.
Corp. McDonald.—22.
Sergt. Shardlow.—21.
Col.-Sergt. Donald.—20.
Pte. Fenton.—20.
Corp. Meek.—19.
Pte. Robbins.—15.
Lieut. Grant.—13.
Pte. Taylor.—13.
Corp. Leslie.—13.
Pte. Woods.—13.
Pte. Wiggins.—11.

A dance will be held in the Drill Hall on Friday, Feb. 18th.

The Webbwood Wreck

VERDICT OF THE JURY.

The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the recent wreck at Webbwood, brought in a verdict that the accident was the result of the derailment of the forward trucks of the first-class coach, the cause of which they could not determine.

They recommended that the following points be investigated by the Board of Railway Commissioners:

First,—Are three sectionmen sufficient to keep an eight mile section in proper condition during the winter in the rigorous climate of New Ontario?

Second,—Should not openings be placed in the roofs of cars capable of being opened from either inside or outside, and suitable for escape of passengers in case of an overturned car?

Third,—Should not emergency tools be carried at convenient places, outside of a car as well as inside?

Keep Your Grit

Hang on! Cling on! No matter what they say.
Push on! Sing on! Things will come your way.
Sitting down and whining never helps a bit;
Best way to get there is by keeping up your grit.—Louise E. Thayer.

The city was in darkness for several hours on Thursday night, the light being shut off owing to one of the turbines at the power house working loose.

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Second Prize--Silver Tea Set.
Third Prize--Gold Filled Case Watch, fully guaranteed
Fourth Prize--A Grand First Class Marbleized Clock.

REID & YOUNG

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Moving Pictures To-night.

An aeroplane factory is to be established at Tacoma.

Goldwin Smith is reported dying at Toronto, as the result of an accident.

Small pox is spreading south of Nakusp, thirteen new cases being reported.

R. H. Trueman will be at the Studio Revelstoke from the 15th inst. to the end of the month.

Mayor Hamilton, Ald. Cowan, R. Howson, and H. Manning, who have been at Victoria in connection with the Revelstoke schools, are expected home tomorrow.

The Board of Trade held a rush meeting on Wednesday to appoint delegates on the deputation to the Government at Victoria, asking an increased grant for a new public school and issued credentials to Mayor Hamilton and Ald. Cowan to represent the Board.

H. B. Stonex, machinist, Front St., has completed his self contained electric lighting system, his shop being one of the most brilliantly lighted in the city. The dynamo which was made on the premises, will light about 40 tungsten lamps of 40 volts each, and is driven by a 3 h. p. gasoline engine.

Mrs. H. F. Hay, of Revelstoke, received the astonishing news this week that her brother's wife, resident at Burke's Falls, Ont., had given birth to quadruplets, the four infants being girls, and all doing well, as is also the mother. Very few cases of the kind have been recorded in Canada.

A curious incident occurred at the City Council meeting Tuesday. An alderman called for the list of arrears of taxes dating back eleven years ago, when one of the first names read out was that of one of the new aldermen, to whom the attention of the whole board was at once turned, Mac started in to explain and said he did not hold the property and did not owe the money.

The first meeting of the newly elected church committee of St. Peters was held in the rectory on Wednesday night. The congregational subscription list was revised, and a systematic means will be adopted of keeping up the payments regularly. Each member of the committee in turn will supervise the collecting of dues, and it is thought that by this means the money will come in more quickly.

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City Police Court business this week has been particularly light, consisting of but a few cases of drunk and disorderly.

Spectacular scenic production "The Last Days of Pompeii". Good programme of comedy, drama, etc., at New Edison tonight.

Scotland in Song and Story, at the New Edison Theatre, Tuesday night, Feb. 15th., under auspices Knights of Pythias. Come and enjoy a rare treat

Last evening the pupils of the junior and senior matriculation classes at the high school had a tobogganing party after which they were entertained at supper by Mrs. Hooley at her home on McKenzie Avenue.

Kamloops City Council is complaining of the number of dogs on the streets of their city. A motion was made amending the dog tax to $5.00. This may be a valuable hint to the City Council of Revelstoke, now that they are looking for more revenue.

C. Abrahamson, Chief of Fire Brigade No. 1, has received a communication from R. Tapping, manager of the opera house, cancelling the firemen's pass from Feb. 9th, and requesting that the pass be returned at once. Mr. Tapping also says that in future, if the City Council send any of No. 1 Fire Brigade on duty to the opera house, the men will only be admitted on a pass given by the City officials.

In connection with his report on the City finances, Auditor Stein submitted estimates recommending an increase of licenses all round, and taxing the insurance companies, but we regret we are unable to publish his schedule with his report on the City finances which appears in another column, as the Council withhold it from publication at present, it not yet having their consideration.

Much dissatisfaction is being expressed locally over the recent order by the Post Master General requiring all post offices in the Dominion to close on Sundays. While the order was put into force last Sunday it is quite possible that Postmaster McRae may keep the post office open tomorrow as usual. Much serious inconvenience may be caused the public by the new order, which, if laid before the postal authorities in the proper light, may bring about a return to the old order of things.

Don't forget the Spence-Strachan entertainment on Tuesday Feb. 15th., in the New Edison Theatre.

Samuel P. Roe, of the city of Victoria, is appointed District Registrar of Titles for the Kootenay Land Registration District at Nelson from the 15th day of Feb. 1910, in the place of Thomas M. Bowman, resigned.

In the amendments to the game act, provision is made for protecting the provincial game asset from invasion by American sportsmen during the continuance especially of the close season in Washington state. A general license fee of $10 is prescribed, to be paid by anyone shooting or angling in British Columbia, who has not been domiciled within the province for at least six calendar months. A special bird shooting license will cost hereafter $50, while a license to angle will be but $5.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

J. E. Griffith, C. E., will make his home in Revelstoke and will bring his family over here from Golden.

Mrs. W. A. Morris entertained a number of friends Thursday night at Bridge, followed by a dainty supper.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the B. of L. E., will hold their first annual ball in the opera house on Easter Monday March 28th.

But a few snow shoers answered to the roll call of the Snow Shoe Club on Thursday night, although a very jolly tramp was held. This afternoon several members tramped across the river to Rev. W. C. Calder's ranch and back.

The Bridge Club met on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. A. E. Kincaid. The usual number of tables made up the game, the prizes being won by Miss Christie, a dainty jewel cabinet; and Mr. Cronyn an ash tray. The supper proved most delightful, and dancing concluded the evening.

THE CHURCHES

ST. PETERS.

1st Sunday in Lent.
8 a. m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon,
7.30 p.m.—Evensong.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
The usual Lenten service on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

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GRIP AND PASSWORD

L. O. L. 1658

One of the best attended meetings yet held of the local L. O. L., 1658, was that last night in the old Oddfellows hall, the occasion being the visit of Brother J. W. Whiteley, Grand Organizer for B. C. Besides the full attendance of local members there were visiting brothers from Chatham, N. B., Saskatchewan, Nelson and other places. Brother Whiteley was in the chair, and presided over two initiations, a first degree and an advancement, and gave a general outline instruction in degree work.

His discourse on the work and principles of Orangery and organization was much appreciated by the members many valuable lessons being learned. Light refreshments concluded an interesting and profitable evening.

The following are the newly elected officers of the year:

D. M.—J. L. Slaten.
W. M.—J. H. Armstrong.
Chaplain.—H. Hay.
Rec. Sec.—H. McKinney.
Fin. Sec. & Treas.—T. Steed.
Lecturer,—C. Corson.
D. C. J. Anderson.
Committee.—W. McMahon, R. Tapping, M. Stevens, W. Andrews.

The annual "Glorious 12th" of July will probably be held at Kamloops.

Mr. Whiteley stated the Orange Order was particularly strong in B. C., and had made great strides all over Canada.

C. P. R. Outwitted

Victoria, Feb. 10.—That McKenzie and Mann of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, backed by J. P. Morgan, the great New York financier, have acquired all the immense holdings an Vancouver Island of the famous Dunsmuir family is the announcement made here today on excellent authority. For days past rumors have been afloat that the coal mines and coal bearing areas owned by James Dunsmuir had passed into the hands of the C. P. R. which is known to have had an option on them for some time but the rival road has apparently outwitted Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and his associates. The price is reported to be $11,000,000.

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