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DIAMOND VALE CO.

START TO OPEN UP COAL PROPERERTIES.—MEN WANTED.

Will Erect Saw Mill With a Capacity of 15,000 Feet Per Day.—Shaft Sinking & Gallows Frame Started at Once.

Work on the Diamond Vale Coal Company's properties at the Forks will be prosecuted with renewed vigor from the beginning of the year. While waiting for the results from the bore holes which were lately drilled and which have corroborated in every particular the high opinions of this coal field expressed by the late Dr. Dawson and lately by Dr. R. W. Ells, the management have not been idle but have formulated an extensive scheme of operations for the mining of coal and the thorough development of their properties. As will be noted from the advertising columns of this paper quite a little army of men is required to carry out the work decided upon by the management.

The necessary buildings will be started on right away and include, besides boarding houses for the men, offices, warehouse, carpenter shop, blacksmith shop and other buildings.

The sinking of two shafts will be commenced at once, one shaft being on the line between the Charters and Garcia properties and the other some distance south, the latter shaft being sunk to a depth of 500 feet. A gallows frame for the shaft will be started on right away.

The large amount of lumber required on a scheme of this magnitude has decided the management on the erection of an up-to-date saw mill with a capacity of 15,000 feet per day, and work on the necessary buildings for this will be commenced immediately. In connection with the saw mill, the company have acquired some excellent timber limits which are in close proximity to their properties and which will provide them with a lumber of the highest grade.

The headquarters of the operating department will be located at the Forks, and the office staff will be installed there after the first of the year. The drilling operations carried on by the Diamond Vale Company, under the direction of B. P. Little, C. E., the engineer and manager, show that they have a large quantity of coal superior to any yet found in British Columbia. The coal is hard and clear, is of excellent coking quality and will stand shipment anywhere. The company are in a decidedly advantageous position, all the coal they can produce for several years to come being already contracted for.

Readers of the Nicola Herald are familiar with the exhaustive reports made on this coal field by Dawson and Ells of the Geological Survey of Canada, who both expressed the highest opinions of these coal areas.

The Diamond Vale control some of the best portions of this area and they are to be congratulated on the excellent work being done by them in rapidly and successfully opening up what will prove to be the finest coal field in the province containing as it does an almost inexhaustible supply of bituminous coal of the highest grade and which produces a compact, firm and coherent coke of the highest quality.

Dewdney Convention.

At the convention of Dewdney electors held on Saturday at Mission Junction, Hon. Richard McBride was again unanimously chosen as the Conservative candidate for the next provincial election.

B. C. LEADS IN ORE PRODUCTION.

Latest Figures Show the Increased Tonnage From This Province.

The annual report of the Department of Mines, giving the completed and revised information descriptive of the mineral industries of Canada for 1904 has just been issued. The grand total of the mineral production of Canada for 1904 is valued at $60,073,897. Of this amount British Columbia contributes nearly one-third, or $19,316,300. Coal and gold each contribute over 27 per cent. of the total and copper contributes about 9 per cent. The total production of copper in the Dominion for 1904 is valued at $5,306,635, of which amount British Columbia produced $4,579,110, Yale district being responsible for nearly 70 per cent. of this amount. In the value of coal mined Nova Scotia takes first place. with B. C. a good second, the production of the latter being 1,862,625 tons valued at $4,989,174. The output of coke in B. C. shows a very marked increase, the value of the output for 1904 being $1,148,090, an increase of over 30 per cent. A new addition to the list of Canadian mineral products is to be noted for 1904 and this is the production of 200 tons of magnesite from British Columbia, the above amount having been shipped from Atlin. The production of lead for 1904 is nearly double that of the previous year and practically the whole production is from B. C. The production of silver shows also an increase, B. C. contributing over 50 per cent. of the total value, which is $2,047,095. There is thus every evidence that British Columbia will soon outstrip her sister provinces and will produce more than the rest combined. The increased attention which is being given to copper and the high prices obtainable will render it a comparatively easy matter to make a success of low grade ore properties. Coal, too, will be produced in large quantities, and with the building of more railways new coal fields will be opened up that that have only been awaiting the railroad to provide transportation.

Nicola district is in a most enviable position. With high grade as well as low grade copper ore propositions, a coal which is unsurpassed for coking qualities and now railroad transportation to the mines, is only a matter of time before this district will be one of the busiest in the province.

Kamloops Nomination.

The Conservatives of Kamloops meet in convention tomorrow to select a candidate for the forthcoming provincial elections. As there is no question of opposition to the Hon. F. J. Fulton there will be no rivalry in the convention. All Conservatives in the district are a unit in their support of Mr. Fulton and the government of which he is an honored member, and we venture to say that the electors of the riding, of whatever shade of politics, are thoroughly satisfied of the fact that the constituency has been well represented during the life of the present provincial government.—Standard.

Conservative Convention.

A meeting of the delegates of Yale District for the purpose of nominating a Conservative Candidate for the coming General Provincial Election will be held at the town hall, Ashcroft, on December 29th, at 1.30 p.m.

Delegates from Nicola Valley Association will leave Friday to attend, and it is expected that quite a number from different parts of the riding will be in attendance.

A. W. Richardson, who has been under Dr. Tutill's care since his accident, left for Kamloops on Sunday.

COAL LANDS SOLD

EASTERN CAPITALISTS TAKE OVER OPTIONS OF E. A. JUKES.

Options Cover 25.000 Acres.—Work to be Commenced at Once.—Will be Shipping Coal Next Year to Fill Contracts.

The News-Advertiser says: The first payment on a coal deal of considerable importance was made Saturday, Messrs. R. C. Campbell-Johnston, M. E., and A. E. Hepburn acting for the purchasers, who are Eastern capitalists. They have taken over the options held by Mr. E. A. Jukes and others on 25,000 acres of coal lands in the Nicola Valley. The options also include the rights of the Nicola Coal and Coke Company, Ltd., with its Dominion charter. The names of the buyers are not given for publication, neither is the amount of the deal, but it is understood that the figure is well on to a quarter of a million dollars.

The coal lands affected are in the vicinity of Coutlee and the Ten-mile in the Nicola, and include also the Naik Indian reserve. That good coal exists there has already been proven with drills, and it is because of the presence of immense coal fields of the finest quality for coking and steam purposes that there is promise of so much activity.

Work will at once be commenced on two of the best seams which are together 20 feet in thickness and lie about 1500 feet deep. It was declared yesterday afternoon that contracts have already been entered into for the delivery of coal in Seattle and Tacoma, and the product from this property will also be delivered in Vancouver before the expiration of 1907.

Hon. R. F. Green Resigns.

Hon. R. F. Green has tendered the Premier his resignation of the Chief Commissionership of Lands and Works, and the same has been accepted by Mr. McBride with regret. It is understood that Mr. Green expects to be interested in the future in an important enterprise that will require most of his time. Having regard to the public service, and the convenience of his colleagues, Mr. Green has, therefore, thought it best to retire at this time.

H. D. Green-Armytage administrator of the estate of the late Wm. Charters, has called a meeting of the creditors of the estate, at his office, Coutlee, B. C., on Monday, January 7th, 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of examining and verifying the claims. The creditors are expected to bring their account books and memoranda with them. A. D. Macintyre, legal advisor to the estate, will be present.

Work on the station buildings was held back for a couple of days this week owing to materials not being to hand. The window shashes, etc., are now to hand and work was started up again this morning and the beginning of next week will see the completion of the station huildings.

The bodies of the three men drowned at Ashcroft on the 5th have not yet been found. The provincial government is offering a reward of $200 for the recovery of each of the bodies.

In another column will be noticed an advertisement calling for miners, carpenters and laborers for the Diamond Vale Co. at the Forks.

COURT OF REVISION.

Nicola District Contributes Twenty Thousand to Revenue.

At the adjourned Court of Revision held in Nicola on Friday last there were few appeals against the assessed values. The assessment roll this year shows a marked increase. The taxable assessed value of properties in the district is $1,518,350. The tax on land and real property amounts to $16,417, and the tax on personal property and income to $3,517, a total of $19,934 or practically twenty thousand dollars, which is decidedly a very fair contribution from Nicola Valley to the revenue of the province.

In the school districts of Nicola and Lower Nicola the assessed values of property are $370,430 for Nicola and $354,435 for Lower Nicola. The rates of assessment for these respective school districts is of the lightest, that for Nicola being three-fourths of a mill per dollar and for Lower Nicola three-eighths of a mill. These light rates for rural school districts press but lightly on the taxpayer, and will remove a great deal of misapprehension in reference to the probable cost of school district support, and proves that the School Act does not work any hardship on the average rural school district.

New Ambassador.

The appointment of James Bryce to be ambassador at Washington in succession to Sir Mortimer Durand is now admitted by Mr. Bryce himself.

It is understood that Mr. Bryce's appointment will not take effect until the reassembling of Parliament in February. His departure will probably be signalised by his being raised to the Peerage.

In reply to inquiries by the British Government, President Roosevelt has indicated that the appointment of Mr. Bryce will be acceptable to this Government.

Middlesboro Collieries.

Work is being prosecuted satisfactorily on the Coal Gully seams by the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke Co. by the superintendent, Alexander Faulds, M.E., and coal is being taken out for local consumption, The preparatory work for opening up on a large scale is now going on and in a short time a large gang of men will be put on at different parts of the property, some constructing buildings, bunkers, etc., while others will be engaged developing the property.

Parliament Adjourns.

On the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Wednesday of last week, the Dominion parliament has adjourned for the Christmas holidays until January 9th.

The sixth annual number of the Anaconda News is just to hand. It contains 52 pages full of information regarding the mines and smelters of that section, and reflects great credit on the enterprising editor and publisher of the bright little publication.

A special general meeting of the Nicola Valley Conservative Association will be held at Coutlee this afternoon at 4.30.

G. A. Lafferty, accountant at the Bank of Montreal, left on Saturday to spend Christmas at Vancouver.

Wm. Scott, V. S., of Edmonton, was visiting relatives at Kamloops this week.

The Nicola Hearald wishes all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MINING REVENUE

OUTPUT WILL BE $2,250,000 OVER LAST YEAR.

Advance in Prices Render Old Properties Valuable.—Increase in Revenue From Other Provincial Departments.

Roughly estimated, two and a quarter million dollars in excess of the returns shown by last year's records, will be realized from the total output of the mines of British Columbia this year. This statement was made the other day by Provincial Mineralogist Robertson.

Mr. Robertson stated that there was a much improved condition evident throughout all the mining camps. The rise in the price of ore had wrought a change for the better. The majority of the properties were operating to their fullest capacity.

While the advance in ore values had stimulated the industry to a marked extent Mr. Robertson said that its full effect had not yet been felt. Large numbers of properties which formerly had been deemed unprofitable were being taken up and exploited. Capital was being invested in larger amounts than ever before. Outsiders were becoming interested and the prospects were that in the course of one or two years the output would be largely increased. It was hardly reasonable to expect, Mr. Robertson explained, that these claims should have any influence upon the records at such an early stage in their development. It would take twelve months or more, at least, before the majority would be ready to make regular shipments. Once the preliminaries were overcome and they were added to the ranks of the active mines of the province a difference in the output would be noted. He looked for this, as he had previously stated, in the very near future.

Provided the general conditions continued as at present and, assuming that the market maintained the prices now quoted, Mr. Robertson looked for a continuance of prosperous times. And, he added, there appeared to be a very slight possibility of any important changes. He expected, therefore, that the mines in operation would increase their outputs to meet the demands, that new mines would continue to show a disposition to assist in the development of the immense mineral resources which British Columbia was known to possess.

An increase in the revenue of all the provincial departments will be shown at the end of the fiscal year. This gratifying announcement was made yesterday by an official of the treasury staff. While he could give no definite figure, he volunteered the statement that the prosperity being experienced throughout the province was reflected in the amount which had been turned into the provincial coffers, from various sources, during the last twelve months.

The C. P. R. and V., W. & Y.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Board of Railway Commissioners has authorized the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon Railway Company to cross the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's spur line to the Brunette Mills at New Westminster, the applicant company to defray the cost of the construction of a diamond, and installing a semaphore.

The same company is also permitted to make a junction and cross the C. P. R. at the Fraser River Mills at the cost of the applicant company.

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GENERAL PROSPERITY.

While British Columbia is sharing in the general prosperity now spreading over the whole of Western Canada, and is attracting the attention of the world's money markets to her resources, it must not be lost sight of that this interest is very much due to the fact that the coming into power of McBride's administration has given the province what it has been without for many years, namely, a stable and efficient government.

The conditions existing previous to the present administration's taking office were decidedly against anything like stability of government, and the frequent and sometimes yearly changes in premiers, and the almost continuous election turmoil were the means of creating a state of unrest and uncertainty which was decidedly prejudicial to the best interests of the province.

If the province is to go ahead and continue to receive the confidence of investors, stability of government is a prime necessity.

The McBride adminstration has shown that it has not abused the confidence placed in it by the electorate over three years ago. It has made a financial showing which if continued will place the province on a sound financial basis and will tend still more to induce the advent of more capital and the opening up of its valuable resources.

Not only in the financial, but also in other departments, has the present administration pursued a wise and conservative policy which should obtain for it the support of the whole community.

The report of the lands and works department, published in another column, is another example, if such were needed, of the progressive policy of the McBride government, and goes to show that the existing condition of affairs is entirely satisfactory.

With an administration which inspires confidence, an increasing revenue and untold resources, British Columbia is at last receiving the attention of outsiders who are beginning to realise the possibilities of this province, and are making a start to exploit the mineral wealth which has lain dormant so long.

PROVINCE GOING AHEAD.

Confidence of the Investing Public Re-Established.

The lands and works department of the provincial government has never been busier in the history of British Columbia. According to the records, the returns for that branch for 1905 totalled a sum slightly in excess of $723,000. Hon. R. F. Green, the chief commissioner, states that in all probability, before the close of the present fiscal year, it will reach the $1,000,000 mark.

After the minister had recited these figures he was asked the reason for the marked increase in the earnings of the department and what it meant to British Columbia. His reply was couched in the most emphatic terms. The reason, he said, was that the investing public was beginning to evince a greater confidence in the province. This change of sentiment—for it was a marked and a favorable change when the opinion of outsiders in regard to this section of the Canadian West five or six years ago was taken into consideration—had been brought about by the influence of stable government. The capitalists, those with money ready to put into the development of the vast resources of a country like British Columbia, were now willing and anxious to make investments. Where they had hesitated before, believing that conditions were so uncertain here as to make the sinking of capital an exceedingly precarious venture, they now displayed no uncertainty. Their only desire was to obtain some interest in a country which they felt sure had a great destiny.

The chief commissioner took the trouble to look up the reports as far back as 1893 for the purpose of making comparisons which would give an adequate idea of the progress which had been made since that time. He pointed out that during the year named the income derived from the lands and works department amounted to less than $70,000. By 1902 it had jumped to $313,375.11. In 1903, the year the present government assumed control of public affairs, it went up to $473,141.12—advancing in twelve months over $100,000. At the end of 1904 a still greater advance was recorded, the total turned into the treasury and credited to the lands and works department, being $626,070.32. This figure, the minister points out was augmented to some extent by the sale by auction of lands held by the government at various points. In 1905, last year, there was another increase of a little over $100,000, the total in this case being $723,119.07. The latter must be accepted as a bona fide jump in the regular business of the department for there were no auction sales to swell the the total during that time. But this year all previous records will be broken. There is no doubt, Hon. Mr. Green says, that the returns when completed will show that over $900,000 worth of business has been transacted. He goes even further, stating that if the present rush continues for a few more weeks the $1,000,000 will be reached, thus marking a signal achievement in the history of that branch of governmental work.

These figures, Hon. Mr. Green stated, could be interpreted as indicating only one thing—the country was going ahead by leaps and bounds. British Columbia had been re-established in the confidence of the investing public and, consequently, large numbers were coming here—in fact, rushing to this section of the Canadian West, in their eagerness to place their money somewhere in the province. The outlook, in short, was considerably brighter than ever before. It went without saying that once the capitalists began to show such marked interest in the development of the natural resources of a section so rich in agricultural, mining resources, etc., the beginning of a new era was assured.

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B. P. LITTLE, Locator.

Dec. 8th. 1906.

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Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to ayply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands; Situated in the Yale district of B. C. commencing at a post marked T. J. Smith's North East corner and adjoining the Coldwater I. R. thence West 80 chains thence South 80 chains, thence East 80 chains, thence North 80 chaind to point of commencement.

Dated November 17th. 1906.

T. J. SMITH, Locator.
R. B. SMITH, Agent.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for a licence to prospect for coal on the following lands, starting at a post on section 4 township 91, running 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence west to point of commencement.

November 25th. 1906.

JOS. GRAHAM, Locator.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following lands; starting at a post on the left bank of Godey Creek near lot 669 A running 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of commencement.

November 26th. 1906.

JOS. GRAHAM, Locator.

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November 26th. 1906.

JOS. GRAHAM, Locator.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cu and carry away timber from the following lands; starting at a post at the south-east corner of Jos. Graham's 2nd, location, running 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east to point of commencement.

November 26th, 1906.

J. R. A. RICHARDS, Locator.
JOS. GRAHAM, Agent.

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J. CLAPPERTON, Jr., Locator.

Sept. 13th, 1906. R. H. Winny, Agt.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in the Yale district of British Columbia; beginning at a post marked R. B. Smith north- west corner, adjoining Charles Sterling's south-west corner and about one half mile east of the Coldwater river, thence south 80 chains thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

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The Peace Purse.

President Roosevelt announces the acceptance by President John Mitchell, of the United Mine-Workers of America, as a representative of labor, and Marvin Hughitt, President of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, as a representative of capital, of the positions tendered them by the President as members of the Board of Trustees, to whom he will convey the amount of the Nobel Peace Prize.

According to the President's plans, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce and Labor will be the other members of the Board. The fund amounts to over $37,000, and its income is to be expended in bringing the representatives of labor and capital in conference together at Washington; to discuss industrial problems.

Condition of Chamberlain.

A despatch from London says: "The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain, owing to gout and other ailments, has led to constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed himself at the celebration in honor of his 70th birthday in Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely. The past became a blank to him and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before, and although his other faculties were and are uninjured, his memory is gone.

Famine in Dakota.

Following the reports of fuel famine in the northwest, come reports of a shortage of food supplies. Railway service has been interrupted by the cold and blizzards on the western prairies. A telegram last week from Ambrose, N. D., says that place is without coal and provisions, and that twenty cars of fuel and food must be taken there by special train at once or great suffering will result.

D. M. Eberts, K. C., for South Saanich.

At a largely attended convention of the conservatives of South Saanich, held last week, D. M. Eberts, K. C., was unanimously selected as the candidate for the forthcoming provincial elections. Hon. R. F. Green was present and addressed the meeting.

Education Bill Thrown Out.

The Education Bill has received its death-blow in the House of Lords. Both sides spent several days last week in practically incessant conferences, with the object of discovering an acceptable compromise, but the opposition found itself unable to accept the concessions offered by the government. These were presented by the Lord President of the Council, Lord Crewe, but Lord Lansdowne, in behalf of the opposition, refused the proffered olive branch, and moved that the Lords report their amendments to the Bill. This was adopted by 132 to 52 votes and the Education Bill was thus killed.

The Education Bill was buried by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in the House of Commons on Thursday last. After a speech defending the action of the Lower House in rejecting the House of Lords' amendments and repudiating the claim of the Peers that they had the right to lecture the Commons on the subject, the premier announced that the government had decided to withdraw the measure.

Lower Ocean Postage.

It will be a source of gratification in the Dominion that the British Postmaster-General has at last reached the conclusion that Imperial interests require the reduction in the rate of postage on British and Canadian publications that has been urged for years on both sides of the Atlantic. The promised reduction should tend to increase the circulation of the periodicals of either country in that of the other and the result on national sentiment cannot fail to be good and of no small political importance. *From a commercial standpoint* the greater circulation of British publications in Canada should tend to stimulate the sale of articles mentioned in their advertising columns, and thereby still further advance the result that the preferential tariff was designed to achieve.

Thaw to be Tried Next Month.

Harry K. Thaw will be tried in New York on January 21st on the charge of murdering Stanford White, according to an order signed by Justice Newburger. The trial will be before Justice Fitzgerald.

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LOCAL NOTES

J. E. Bate came down from Aspen Grove on Monday.

A. Jackson. of Quilchena, was a visitor to Nicola on Monday.

J. Royle, of Lower Nicola, was a visitor to Nicola on Monday.

J. Garcia, of the Forks, was a visitor to Nicola on Monday.

Miss McDonald, of Victoria, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. Murray.

J. A. Menzies, of Lower Nicola, paid a visit to Nicola on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hardiman returned last week from a trip to the coast.

Miss Ruby Howse left on last Friday's stage to spend Christmas at the coast.

A fine specimen of a wild cat was killed by E. P. Raspberry near town last week.

Master Sydney Evans, of Victoria, is spending the Christmas holidays at Quilchena.

J. Collett, of the Forks, accompanied by Mrs. Collett, paid a visit to Nicola on Friday last.

F. J. Flannagan left on Monday for Melfort, Saskatchewan, where his relatives reside.

C.B. Sword and J.T. Edwards, of the Fisheries Department, arrived in Nicola on Saturday's stage.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jackson, of the Triangle ranch, Quilchena, were in Nicola Christmas eve.

G. B. Armstrong and family, of Lower Nicola, left last week for Victoria for the Christmas holidays.

The Christmas carol singers enjoyed the hospitality of several Nicola residents on Christmas morning.

Rev. D. K. Allen will conduct services morning and evening in the Presbyterian church, Nicola, on Sunday 30th.

J. Woodward, who has charge of the laying of the steel for the railway, left last week for his home in Spokane.

W. Clark, in charge of some prisoners, left for Kamloops on Friday's stage. He returned Monday night.

Miss C. Murray arrived in Nicola on Monday evening and is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

A. Macintyre, of Kamloops, was in town last week and heard appeals against assessments in the Court of Revision.

J. Smollett, who has been engaged for some time with the Diamond Vale Coal and Iron Mines, Ltd., at the Forks, passed through Nicola on Saturday.

J. Little, of Spokane, Wash., arrived last week and is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Little, at the Diamond Vale Company's property.

Christmas services were conducted last Sabbath at Nicola and Lower Nicola by the Rev. T. H. Wright. Large and appreciative congregations were present and joined heartily in the services, and in singing appropriate hymns celebrating the advent of the world's Redeemer.

Lower Nicola Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree and entertainment at Lower Nicola was held in McGregor's hall. A very interesting program was rendered. After refreshments had been served by the ladies, presents were presented to the young people and children with which the tree was loaded. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. McGregor for the use of the hall, to the program committee and all who had donated the presents. Mr. Marcus Woodward acted as Santa Claus and the chair was occupied by Rev. T. H. Wright. The proceedings closed by singing the national anthem.

Christmas Tree Entertainment.

The children of Nicola were in excellent spirits on Christmas eve and turned out in full force to Pooley's hall, where a large Christmas tree, brilliantly decorated and laden with presents, awaited the arrival of Santa Claus. Previous to the distribution of presents the children, under the leadership of Mrs. Tutill, gave some well rendered selections, which well merited the applause they received. The arrival of Santa Claus was hailed with delight, and his rotund majesty, after wishing all a merry Christmas, snd apologising for his somewhat late and dishevelled appearance, which he explained by the fact that one of his reindeers had cast a shoe, started in to distribute the numerous presents. This took some little time but eventually every child's face was beaming with smiles, and the singing of the national anthem brought the entertainment to a close.

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NOTICE.

A meeting of the delegates of Yale District for the purpose of nominating a Conservative Candidate for the coming General Provincial Election will be held at the town hall, Ashcroft, on December 29th, at 1.30 p.m.

C. A. SEMLIN,
President.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 280 acres of pasture land, joining R. Gulliford sr., commencing at R. Gulliford's stake No. 112 south east corner running north 35 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 35 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

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G. C. TUNSTALL.
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