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## CHASING THE PUCK

### MERRITT LOSES TO NICOLA IN AN EXCITING GAME

A Good Exhibition of Hockey Shown at the Lake on Saturday Morning Last—Merritt and Nicola Juniors Mix It

The game between Merritt and Nicola at the latter town last Saturday morning was by far the best exhibition of hockey seen in the valley this season. Both teams were on their mettle, and it was a toss-up which seven was the better in the strenuous puck-punting stunt. Nicola, however, proved somewhat the stronger and won by a margin of 2-0.

The ice was just a trifle soft, but did not seem to interfere with good work on the part of both teams. Curtin and Charlton were the particular stars on the Nicola side, while Geo. Murray and Ed. Riley showed up in a much improved form. Richardson played a swift, heady game for the visitors, despite the fact that he was suffering from an injured knee. Roy Thomas and Wilson also gave the lake manipulators a good run for their money. For a "green hand" Fred Pyle ably declared himself at goal. Both teams showed much improvement, and it is to be regretted that prospects of the ice holding out any longer are very slim.

The line-up was as follows:

NICOLA	MERRITT
Allan	Pyle
Jno. Murray	Robson
Curtin	Thom
G. Murray	Richardson
Charlton	Wilson
F. Riley	R. Thomas
E. Riley	E. Thomas

The fine weather brought out a large number of spectators, who waxed quite enthusiastic over the manner in which the national winter game was demonstrated.

The Merritt aggregation was taken in hand at the conclusion of the game, and bountifully entertained by the Hot Tamale team and the athletic association. Dinner was served in fine style at the Driard hotel.

The juvenile Nicola hockey team pumped into Merritt by hand-car Wednesday morning looking for trouble. The local "kids" were taken by surprise, but soon a bunch was gathered together and the two youthful armies of puck-sluggers were mixing it "hot and sassy" on a pond of ice in Garcia's field. The match was very interesting and afforded great fun for those who were fortunate enough to witness it. The boys had class to their playing at times and showed that they possessed first-class material for future league hockeyists. Gus Bralin, of the coal diggers, delivered a line of goods that kept the lads from the lake wondering. Otherwise, the teams were quite evenly matched and put up a game fight. The wind-up showed a win for Merritt by 1-0. The boys played six "men" a side, who stood the racket as follows:

NICOLA	MERRITT
Clark	Hoggan
Chub Kirby	Eric Bralin
Tom Clark	Gus Bralin
O. Murray	Fred Nash
Cecil Kirby	Rolinson
Johnston	Abbie Nash

A return game will be played at Nicola Saturday morning if the ice is in proper condition.

### Bill Miner's Pal Captured.

"I will talk about anything but that. The truth about Bill Miner's escape would do the prison officials no good," said Charles Clarke, a pal of the train robber, who escaped from the British Columbia penitentiary with Miner in August, 1907, in the Skagit county jail at Mount Vernon. Clarke was picked up on a minor charge, and was at once recognized. He refuses to return to Canada without extradition.

Clarke said he left Bill Miner at Jamestown, N. D., six months ago. Miner left that point for Southern Wyoming, where, it is claimed, he intended to gather a few of his old friends and go train robbing.

Clarke steadfastly refused to discuss the escape from prison. It has been supposed that Miner's freedom had been purchased by those interested in securing possession of \$250,000 in Australian bonds from a Canadian Pacific express car in the Mission hold-up in 1904.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Max Ekar, who has been very sick from pneumonia for the past few days, was removed to the Kamloops hospital by Thursday's train.

The meeting held in the Herald hall Monday evening to discuss matters re organizing an I.O.O.F. lodge at Merritt was quite successful, and it is expected that a branch of this noble order will be instituted here shortly.

J. A. Menzies has his staff busy this week putting spring goods on the shelves. This store is now equipped with a fresh and complete stock in all general lines, and is prepared to give customers every satisfaction.

Bruce Warden returned from the old country on Monday after an absence of several months. He has resumed his former position as local manager of the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke company. Mrs. Warden and children will not arrive for a few weeks yet.

The Diamond Vale Supply Company is still doing business at Coutlee, selling off their large stock at greatly reduced prices. Those wishing to take advantage of the bargains offered at this big removal sale should get in without delay.

The Diamond Vale Supply company intends to remove its stock from Coutlee to Merritt in a few days. At present the firm is holding forth in a warehouse, having vacated their former premises on March 1st to make room for the new firm of S. J. Solomon & Co.

T. C. Brookes, district representative of the local unions, returned Monday from a few weeks' trip to Lethbridge and the camps on the Crows Nest Pass. Mr. Brookes reports the recent U. M. W. of A. convention at Lethbridge as very successful, and everything on the Crow working smoothly.

Very shortly now the housewife will be bustling about with a gleam of determination in her eye, armed with cap, broom and duster, and will have everything topsy-turvy in her zeal to eliminate the smallest speck of dirt from the remotest corner. Hubby will be taking cold meals from the mantelpiece, and will spend his spare hours beating carpets and cussing stovepipes in the backyard. Oh! happy is the housecleaning time.

## AT LOWER NICOLA

### AN INTERESTING BUDGET FROM DOWN THE LINE

Development Work on Ten-mile Group—Lumbering on the Rustle—Joe Collett to Cut Up Ranch—Cupid is Busy

Wm. Corkle, local manager for the Erl syndicate, came down from the Ten-mile group last week. He reports work progressing and expects to have the property opened up in good shape this summer. The Ten-mile dirt is well mineralized and some ore has been shipped at a good profit. The present owners are handicapped for capital. Mr. Corkle informs us his company is ready to accept any reasonable proposition and help development. Barclay Bon-throne, general manager of the company for B. C., is ready to put in a smelter as soon as there is ore enough to warrant it.

The Nicola Valley Lumber company, of Canford, has been busy all winter cutting logs and piling them on the banks of the river, to be driven down to the mill as soon as the ice leaves. The company will have a very busy season, as they have contracts on hand now for several million feet of lumber, and have been forced to refuse several large contracts. Exporting lumber is a new industry in the valley and this company deserves great credit for the progress they have made.

H. H. Woodward, accompanied by his daughter, left Tuesday for California to visit relatives and inspect fruit-growing and irrigation work that may help him in the future development of lands he still owns near Lower Nicola. Mr. Woodward is one of the pioneer fruit growers of the valley and has demonstrated to the world that Nicola valley fruit will soon find its way to foreign markets.

Joe Collett has purchased the old Emerson Woodward ranch, located on the south side of Nicola river, and contemplates clearing all the land and developing an irrigation system for the entire tract, in order to subdivide it into ten-acre lots for homeseekers such as Nicola valley is at present making room for. Joe's progressive plan is to be heartily encouraged.

Cupid's arrows have been striking hearts promiscuously all around Lower Nicola, and the merry month of June will likely see the stricken ones paired off in matrimony to advance the cause of our glorious valley and live happy forever after. Moral: Boys, commence to save up your tin cans.

Nearly half a million feet of logs are on hand in the local mills to be sawn for use at Merritt. W. H. Gray and J. A. Menzies expect to start their portable mills next week and will give employment to a large force of men. They expect to be able to supply all demands for lumber this summer.

Wm. Lauder, of the upper valley, has 300 head of cattle consuming some of the surplus hay around here. They are looking fine, under the care of Clarence and Fred Woodward.

Louis Austin and family are now at home on the ranch recently purchased from H. H. Woodward. Lou intends to remodel the entire ranch and will engage in fruit growing.

Shivel & Grote have sold their stock and moved same to S. J. Solomon & Co. at Coutlee.

Mrs. Dan McInnes left for the coast on Tuesday.

### Church Services.

Anglican Church: Vicar Jas. Thompson will hold services next Sunday as follows: Sunday, March 7th—Merritt, 11 a.m. Nicola, 7.30 p.m. March 14th—Nicola, 11 a.m. March 21st—Merritt, 3 p.m. Nicola, 7.30 p.m. March 28th—Nicola, 11 a.m. Presbyterian Church: Rev. D. K. Allan will preach Sunday next as follows: Nicola, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Lower Nicola, 3 p.m.

Methodist Church: Rev. O. M. Sanford will conduct services next Sunday as follows: Dot, 10.30 a.m. Merritt, 3 p.m. Middlesboro, 7 p.m. Lower Nicola, 7.30 p.m.

### LOCAL NEWS.

J. Starwall is in town from Nicola for a few days.

John Ovington and family left on Tuesday for Nanaimo, where they will reside.

Charles A. Leonard is applying for a liquor license for the Commercial hotel at Nicola.

W. T. Jackson, traveling representative of the Vancouver Daily Province, paid the Herald a fraternal call today.

Prospects are bright for a considerable amount of building operations around the camp the coming spring and summer.

Kamloops will be one hundred years old in August of next year and a monster centennial exposition is planned to mark the important event.

Wm. Angstead states that the slope on the Brockmiré coal property is now in 270 feet, and he expects to connect with the main body of coal at any time.

It is reported on good authority that Bob Waickshier has bonded his copper property, commonly known as "the negroe's claim," to the Tyee Smelter Co.

H. A. Kennedy, representing the A. R. Williams Machinery Co., of Vancouver, was in town this week and secured good orders from the Diamond Vale and Middlesboro collieries.

Two new cottages are being erected on Nicola avenue. The larger one will be occupied by George Osborne, of Middlesboro, and the other by Sam Poole, of Diamond Vale collieries.

A meeting will be held in Menzies' hall, tomorrow (Saturday) evening to complete arrangements for the firemen's ball on St. Patrick's night. This will be the event of the season.

H. J. and E. J. Pendleton and John Slusher, of Seattle, were the gentlemen who went up the Coldwater last week in connection with the big timber option deal mentioned in our last issue.

Howard Lowes, who has been employed at Armstrong's store for the past year, left yesterday for Ashcroft to accept another situation. Mr. Lowes carries with him the best wishes of his numerous friends in Merritt and vicinity.

## OF LOCAL IMPORT

### MEETING TO CONSIDER VICTORIA DAY CELEBRATION

Dan Campbell Has a Narrow Escape From Cremation Early Wednesday Morning—Fire Wardens to be Elected

A meeting of citizens was held in the Herald hall Thursday evening to discuss matters concerning the Victoria day celebration. It was decided last year that May 24th should be the annual celebration day for the coal metropolis. However, Nicola having signified its intention to have "doings" on that day this year, the meeting decided to leave the matter open for a few days until some satisfactory arrangement could be made between the two towns.

A deputation from the lake will be here Saturday afternoon to come to an understanding with the people of Merritt. The following delegates were appointed to meet Nicola's representatives: G. B. Armstrong, I. Eastwood, F. Steele, U. S. Thomas, Wm. McIntyre and A. S. Bennett.

### Awoke in a Blaze

Dan Campbell had rather an exciting experience during the early hours of Wednesday morning, when he awoke to find the interior of his shack on fire and the bed upon which he was sleeping almost enveloped in flames. Needless to say, Dan lost no time in making his get-away, and, as the outside ozone was in direct contrast to the weather in the shack, he had the presence of mind to grab what clothing was in sight. Fortunately, Mr. Campbell escaped with nothing more serious than a hair singe. The shack and contents, however, were burned to the ground. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective pipe.

### Election of Fire Wardens

In accordance with a government notice appearing on page four of this issue of the Herald, a meeting of the citizens will be held in Hyland hall on Saturday, March 13th, for the purpose of electing three fire wardens. All males of 18 and upwards may vote.

Ric. A. Fraser left Tuesday on a few weeks' trip to Victoria.

"Tex" Elliott had a close rub with the grim monster this morning when he partook of a quantity of iodine, thinking it to be Worcestershire sauce. By taking antidotes immediately afterwards "Tex" was relieved. Hereafter, however, he will stick to the old brand of breakfast appetizer.

## Dr. Morrison

DENTIST

Expects to be in

# MERRITT

next Wednesday,

## March 10th

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MERRITT, B. C., MARCH 5, 1909.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Merritt should follow the lead set by other towns of any importance in British Columbia and waste no time in forming a board of trade. Concerted action on the part of our business men would be of immense advantage in advertising the coal metropolis. We naturally expect the future to hold in store great things for our little city, and the one logical course to pursue if we wish our expectations realized is to get together with plans and suggestions for the furtherance of our mutual interests. A young and growing town such as Merritt should have some force at the helm to steer the bark of progress around the rocks of the knocker and through the shoals of doubt. There are a thousand and one things which can be accomplished by a body of capable, broad-minded men that will make for the betterment of present conditions and augment our future prosperity. In union there is strength; in concerted action by representative citizens of any community lies the foundation for its permanency and success. Representations by the cleverest individual can never hope to carry the same weight as representations made by a combination of hard-headed business men. Merritt is in need of many things which can without doubt be readily secured by strenuous, united action. It is up to the citizens generally and the business men in particular to get busy in this connection. There is no time like NOW! Let us have a board of trade by all means!

Last Saturday was the anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg. On February the 27th, 1900, the final charge of the Canadians brought the surrender of the famous general, Cronje, and his army of 5,000 Boers, and with it the beginning of the end of the South African war. This was the big fight in which the Canadian contingent received its baptism of fire, and many members of the Dominion force were killed and wounded in action on that day. Paardeberg was one of the first real successes of the Imperial army in the war and was followed on February 28th by the relief of Ladysmith by Lord Dundonald, and on March 7th by Lord Roberts' triumphant advance on Bloemfontein, which surrendered to the British forces six days later.

Princeton is the latest burg to make a plea for the University of British Columbia site. With all due respect, it must be admitted that Princeton is still a little too far in the woods to stand a reasonable chance. With Merritt or Nicola, however, the proposition is different. These towns are on the railway, only a few miles from the main line; and, besides geographical advantages, possess the additional attractions of climatic and scenic conditions which cannot be surpassed anywhere in the province. What more healthful or beautiful spot than along the alluring shores

of Nicola lake can be imagined as an ideal site for the provincial university?

There are few young people in North America, born within the past four decades and with ordinary educational advantages, but have read and cherished the Elsie books. These famous volumes conducts a Southern child through all the experiences of youth and schooldays, through young womanhood and even into the paths of love, marriage and motherhood. The Elsie books have an enormous audience of young readers, especially among the gentler sex, who will learn with mingled feelings that their author, Miss Martha Finley, is dead at the age of 81.

The newspapers of British Columbia, irrespective of party leanings, are all loud in praise of Martin Burrell, member for Yale-Cariboo, for the very favorable impression he has made in the east. The following is from the Ladysmith Chronicle: "It is safe to say that since Martin Burrell, M. P., addressed the Canadian Club of Montreal, eastern Canadians know more about British Columbia than they ever did before. Extracts from Mr. Burrell's lecture are being printed in nearly all of the eastern Canadian papers."

The government at Victoria is taking a stand on the local option question which should appeal to all fair-minded people. Although the petitions sent in asking for local option legislation were strongly signed, the government has decided that the only fair manner in which this important matter can be dealt with is to call for an expression of the voice of the whole province. Consequently, a referendum will be submitted to the electors at a date shortly to be made known.

The women suffragettes have again donned their war togs and are putting up a series of free fights in dear old Lon'on. Over thirty of these deluded females were arrested last week and sentenced to thirty days in the cooler. A sister to Lady Curzon is said to be one of the number in limbo.

With the gradually increasing development of the great mineral, timber and agricultural resources of Nicola valley, together with the invigorating ozone and beautiful scenery, the rose of prosperity each year takes on a deeper hue and shows a more vigorous growth.

Because his wife has chronic cold feet is one of the reasons given by a horrid Spokane man in a suit for divorce. Some men are born with cold feet, some men achieve them, but the married man has them thrust upon him.

An exchange remarks that it is only a matter of time until people begin to say nice things about you ---but you will be too dead to appreciate them.

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Witness:  
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**CHIPS FROM THE BLOCK**

**A Line-up on What is Doing in Near-by Districts and Throughout British Columbia Generally**

Greenwood miner's union will hold a St. Patrick's ball.

A Cranbrook firm is offering \$510 for S. A. war script.

Moyie Oddfellows will build a \$3000 hall in that city.

Revelstoke is trying to get the Dominion fair for 1911.

A very large cougar was found dead at Welldo last week.

The Molsons will erect a new bank building at Revelstoke.

It is said that the Empress hotel at Victoria is to be enlarged.

Salmon Arm amateurs gave a successful minstrel show last week.

Exhibits for the A.-Y.-P. exposition are being collected in Princeton district.

Phoenix and Grand Forks are a tie for the Boundary hockey league championship.

The government officials have moved into the magnificent new court house at Nelson.

The lid is screwed down in Grand Forks as regards gambling and Sunday booze.

The roof of P. Burns' storehouse at Fernie has collapsed under the immense weight of snow.

The trade board of in Revelstoke will expend \$5000 in advertising the resources of that city.

A young deer which had been chased by coyotes paraded the streets of Grand Forks the other day.

Armstrong will vote Saturday on a bylaw to borrow \$2500 to improve the agricultural grounds.

Keremeos is getting down to business. The citizens there are clamoring for an issuer of marriage licenses.

Cranbrook Herald: The Canadian bible (Eaton's catalogue) arrived in time last week for the Sunday service.

One Italian seriously stabbed another at Rossland the other day over a quarrel as to which was the better mucker.

Jack Johnson, the big, black pugilistic champion, is expected to arrive in Vancouver on March 12th from Australia.

A 'hard times' ball at Salmon Arm the other night drew a small attendance. Probably an admission fee was charged.

A slick American crook, who made a specialty of cashing bogus express orders, was jugged by officials at Revelstoke last week.

Kelowna, by a vote of 133 to 23, has voted to purchase a park to cost the sum of \$30,000. The natives of the fruit belt are no small potatoes.

The merchants of Kelowna have agreed to close their places of business every Thursday afternoon from April 1st till October 28th, inclusive.

Phoenix and Greenwood mixed up a hockey game with a fist fight the other day. Greenwood won in hockey by 2-0 and the scrap was called a draw.

Work has been stopped on the Kootenay Central, the time for the completion of the line having been extended two years by the Dominion government.

Phoenix now has a curfew bylaw. The Pioneer says: "It is one way of trying to protect the children of parents who have lost the respect of their offspring."

Out of 104 cars of tracklaying material ordered for the V.V. & E. between here and Keremeos, twenty-five have arrived at the latter place and Oroville. —Princeton Star.

A baby daughter has come to bless the home of Brer. Wright of the Princeton Star. A treatise on "Carpet Tacks as a Household Danger" may be expected in the Star ere long.

The Star says that \$5,000,000 has been set aside by the provincial government as a grant to the new school at Golden. Smoke up, brother; the close season for 'hop' will soon be on.

A company of evangelists will do a three weeks' stunt in Greenwood. Col. Lowery, of the Ledge, will take up the offering and superintend the confiscation of "devices of the devil."

Two more inmates of the provincial penitentiary escaped last week. They were long-term burglars. There must be some relatives of the original E. Z. Mark among the New Westminster officials.

There are said to be 150 idle lumberjacks in Slocan; a postoffice and store have put up the shutters at Three Forks and the Roseberry postoffice is no more. No wonder that a deep ultramarine hue prevails over the district that was so often painted red in the silvery days of yore.

There are a bunch of young fellows in this city going to the devil as fast as inclination, environment and a down-hill grade without brakes will let them. If their parents don't use a horsewhip or a club effectively most of them will land on the national stoneheap.—Greenwood Ledge.

Daniel Carter, whose affections for a fair maid near Vernon were not reciprocated, expressed his injured feelings by emptying a .44 Colt's through the windows of his lady love's home. Fortunately, no one was injured. Carter is now behind steel bars meditating on the origin of Love.

The citizens of Nelson are having a hot time in deciding on the correct time. The city time differs 48 minutes from sun time, which varies 11 minutes from C.P.R. time. Time will tell whether they will ever be able to tell the time in Nelson, but at present it is well to have an accident policy when you ask "What's the time?" in that city.

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LOCAL NOTES

The first robin arrived last week.

Do you belong to the booster club?

Have you secured your ticket for the grand firemen's ball?

Frank Bailey made a business trip to the coast a few days ago.

There is rumor of a rooming house being erected at Merritt.

Go to J. A. Menzies' General Store for fresh bananas and oranges.

On Monday the school opening hour was changed from 9.30 to 9 a.m.

Mrs. A. Coutlee and daughter, Mrs. A. Fyle, visited Nicola friends on Monday.

Sixteen cars of coal went out by Saturday's train, and big loads Tuesday and Thursday.

There is already talk of organizing a baseball team in the camp for the coming season.

Jim Joiner and Billy O'Donnell have a contract of cleaning twenty acres of land for J. Garcia.

J. M. and H. Tuller, Vancouver timber men, were registered at the Hotel Merritt last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre visited Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chapman at Lower Nicola on Saturday.

Fred. S. Gay, who was severely injured at the mines last week, is now able to be up, and is progressing splendidly.

W. E. Duncan, late manager of the Diamond Vale Collieries, Ltd., took possession of his ranch at Canford this week.

Stanley Kirby, the genial proprietor of the Driard hotel, Nicola, circulated among friends at the metropolis on Sunday.

Don't forget the Jeweller at Nicola. Your repairs will be promptly attended to at coast prices. J. B. Haddad, Nicola, B. C.

Mrs. Fred Howse and Miss Flo Hunter, of Nicola, were among the enthusiastic spectators at the junior hockey game on Wednesday.

The old John Wilson ranch in Lower Nicola, lately owned by Mrs. R. M. Woodward, has been sold to J. Smith, of Spences Bridge.

It is time to think about and order trees for spring planting. This is not a matter that should be delayed until the spring breaks.

The ladies of Merritt held a meeting at Mrs. Phillips' home yesterday afternoon in connection with the refreshment end of the firemen's ball.

The harhingers of Spring have about all been in evidence, and if the sign language has any true merit, we need not worry about any more winter.

J. B. Greaves has brought 900 head of cattle from Douglas Lake, and is feeding them at Nicola, owing to a shortage of range fodder at the home ranch.

J. R. A. Richards, formerly of the Coutlee hotel, is now running a \$2.50-per house at Salmon Arm, which takes gracefully to the name of Montebello. His numerous friends in the valley will be glad to hear that Joe is taking on weight both physically and financially, and has cut out politics and poker.

A New Firm

As will be seen by their ad. in this issue, S. J. Solomon & Co. have opened a general store in the premises just vacated by the Diamond Vale Supply Co. and are putting in a new and complete stock. Mr. Solomon, the head of the firm, is known throughout the valley as a capable, straightforward business man, and his wide business connections warrant him in asking and expecting a fair share of the patronage of the buying public. There is no reason why this new firm should not flourish and prosper.

'VILLAGES FIRE PROTECTION ACT.'

ELECTION OF WARDENS.

A MEETING of the inhabitants of the Town of Merritt will be convened in Hyland Hall on March 13th, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing three fire wardens. Nominations shall be made between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning, and the poll, if any, shall be taken between 11 o'clock in the morning and 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Every male inhabitant of the town of the age of eighteen years and upwards, except Chinese and Indians, may vote at the election. GEO. MURRAY, Nicola, B. C., Govt. Agent. 3rd March, 1909.

New House—Cottage Roof FOR SALE CHEAP.

Located one mile from coal mines, station and post office. 5 rooms—parlor 16 x12. 2 bedrooms 8x9 each. 1 Bedroom 10x12. Kitchen 11x12. Good well (crib bed in). Cabin on rear of lot 10x12. Shingle roof, walls two-ply lumber.

BUILDING AND LOT COST \$600 TWO YEARS AGO.

PRICE NOW, \$700.

Terms: \$250 cash. Balance in payments to be arranged.

If you want anything in the house or land line come and see us. We know we can fix you up if you give us a chance.

Frank Bailey & Co.

Nicola Ave. Merritt, B.C.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This first day of March, 1909, the firm of Shivel & Grote, general merchants of Lower Nicola, B.C., have dissolved by mutual consent and have been absorbed by S. J. Solomon & Co., of Coutlee, B.C. (General Merchants).

All accounts owing the firm of Shivel & Grote are now due and payable at S. J. Solomon & Co.'s store at Coutlee, B.C. Signed, A. W. GROTE. J. E. SHIVEL.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that thirty-days after date I intend to apply to the superintendent of provincial police, Victoria, B.C., for a retail liquor license for the commercial hotel at Nicola, B.C.

CHARLES A. LEONARD. Nicola, B.C., March 5th, 1909.

DAN. FRASER BOOT AND SHOE REPAIRER

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We beg to announce that we have opened a General Store Business in the premises just vacated by the Diamond Vale Supply Co.'y. We have opened a brand new and complete stock of DRY-GOODS, GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, Etc. We are in the field to stay, and by honest methods and honest goods, believe we can command a fair share of your patronage. Place a trial order with us, and we are confident you will be anxious to continue the experiment. Our motto is:

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FINE ROOMS - FINER TABLE FINEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS

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The only way to save is to deal with the Premier store of the Nicola valley

BARGAINS IN ALL LINES

Spring house cleaning. I am headquarters for Linoleums, Carpet Squares, Mats, Jap Matting, Wall Papers, Burlaps, etc.

I am opening a ladies' ready-to-wear department to my store and can supply waists, skirts, coats and everything that a lady may desire.

Gents' furnishings at startling reductions.

Look the problem square in the face and

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A good place to patronize

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Newly renovated. Headquarters for mining men. Electric Lighted, Hot and Cold Baths, Cozy Rooms. Best Table in Town. Fine Bar. Commodious Sample Rooms.

NOTICE

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase 480 acres mountain pasture land.

Beginning at the S. W. corner of my pre-emption on the Pot Hole Creek in the Nicola district, running 80 chains west, 40 chains north, 40 chains east, 40 chains south to place of beginning, making 480 acres more or less.

F. W. GILCHRIST, Aspen Grove, B. C.

McGillivray & Veasey, Props. February 11th, 1909.