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MINERS ON STRIKE

MIDDLESBORO WHISTLES SILENT THURSDAY MORNING

Operators Charged With Breaking the Agreement—Prospects Are Bright For Resumption of Work at Diamond Vale

At a largely attended union meeting on Wednesday, the miners at Middlesboro collieries decided to go on strike the following morning. Consequently, the mines are now closed down. The union claims that the company has not kept faith with the agreement recently drawn up and signed. Several instances of discrimination have been shown, and the U. M. W. of A. officials decided it was high time to call a halt. The men claim that trumped up charges are made to displace men who make use of the privilege every citizen should be allowed to enjoy—freedom of speech.

There seems to be no question that the men have an honest grievance, and it is thought terms will be arranged to settle the dispute within a few days.

Up to Thursday there was no change in the strike situation on the Crows Nest.

At Diamond Vale.

From following the Sherlock Holmes method of deduction and making a cursory, gum-shoe investigation, it strikes us that it is safe to predict that operations will be resumed at Diamond Vale Collieries very shortly. The company seems to be preparing to put on a force of men at the mines and start digging out the black diamonds again. We understand that a cook has been hired for the company's boarding house, and where there is a cook there is usually someone to feed.

The Nicola Development Co., which is conducting the diamond drill operations on the Diamond Vale property, is believed to have been making very successful progress. We are not in a position to say just what has been struck, but is a fact that results so far are very satisfactory, and the ozone around the Vale workings is clarified by cheerful optimism.

A Drug Emporium

Another long felt want among the residents of Merritt and the valley generally is about to be realized. On or about May 10th, G. M. Gemmill, late of Pilot Mound, Man., will open up a drug and drug sundries store in this city.

Mr. Gemmill, who comes to us highly recommended, has secured temporary quarters in the front portion of G. H. Nash's store, and will shortly erect a commodious building of his own. He already has a stock ordered and will soon be prepared to serve the public in every way.

The Herald believes Mr. Gemmill has made no mistake in selecting Merritt as a town that "looks good" for his line of business, and wishes him every success in his venture.

Editor Fined $100

W. E. Stanley, of the Fernie District Ledger, must pay a fine of $100 and publish an opology in his paper for imputing improper motives towards Judge Wilson, of Kootenay, in the latter decision of a case before him. Such was the verdict of Justice Irving in Vancouver last Monday.

Go to Armstrong's for your Boots and Shoes—a big consignment just to hand. Tennis Shoes and Running Shoes at extra special prices.

LOCAL NEWS

A carload of Hardware just received at Armstrong's.

Frank Mansfield left yesterday with his freight train loaded for Princeton.

The new bank will open for business at 10 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

T. C. Brooks has purchased the house and lot of Charlie Griffiths on Nicola avenue.

I have for sale a Heintzman Piano, nearly new; also a good Steam Laundry plant complete.—Frank Bailey.

Mrs. C. A. Fisher and H. Stearns of Colville, Wash., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Fred. Mitchell.

W. H. Richardson has secured a position as accountant for the Diamond Vale Collieries. Success, Webbie.

Rev. D. K. Allan will conduct Presbyterian services on Sunday as follows: Lower Nicola, 11 a.m.; Merritt, 3 p.m.; Middlesboro, 7 p. m.

Bert Goodisson left on Tuesday's train for Halcyon Hot Springs, where he will slide wet groceries along Harry McIntosh's mahogony bar.

W. E. Fish, of Nicola, spent Sunday in town and was much impressed with the growth and evidences of increasing prosperity in the coal metropolis.

Some twelve knights of the grip arrived in the coal metropolis Tuesday. This is a pretty good indication of the business activity prevailing in Nicola valley.

Walter Ward, president of the local miners' union, leaves tomorrow on a trip to England. A big smoker is being held at Middlesboro this afternoon in his honor.

J. B. Haddad, the Nicola jeweler, left Saturday on a ten days' trip to the coast. Mr. Haddad intends to locate his business at Merritt some time this summer.

John McNeil left Tuesday on a trip to the coast and points in the western States. If Jack can stand the pressure he expects to be absent three or four months.

Col. E. G. Prior, head of the E. G. Prior Co., of Victoria, has sent in a personal cheque for $10 to swell the fund for Merritt's big Victoria Day celebration.

Dr. Harvey, dentist, will be in Merritt on May 12th, prepared to do dental work of any kind. The doctor intends to remain in the valley some time and will make Merritt his headquarters.

A complete program of events for the Victoria Day celebration will be ready for the next meeting of the M. A. C. on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. A bumper attendance is requested.

J. P. Boyd, manager of the Diamond Vale Supply Co., has rented the cottage of J. A. Menzies being vacated by A. S. Howes. Mrs. Boyd is expected to arrive from Golden in a few days.

A. S. Howes, who has been chief engineer at Diamond Vale for the past two years, leaves for Vancouver Saturday, accompanied by his wife and child. Sid. has been offered a good position on Queen Charlotte Islands.

The new gaol will be completed by first of the month. The painters are now at work on the building. A new contract has been let to Thomas & Mitchell for erecting a stable and two outbuildings and fencing in the skookum-house property.

The erecting of a new store building for the Diamond Vale Supply Co. is expected to start shortly. The plans have been out for some time and the site selected. On the arrival of T. J. Smith from the coast early next week the matter will be definitely settled.

"HELLO CENTRAL"

LATEST BOOST FOR MERRITT TO BE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Citizens Will Shortly Be Able to Call Down the Butcher and the Baker at Long Range—Visit of C. S. Stevens

From present indications it looks as if the people of the coal metropolis will shortly be able to talk by wire as much as they please. This will be good tidings to the citizens of Merritt and vicinity, as the need of a decent telephone service has been felt keenly here for some time.

C. S. Stevens, superintendent of the government telephone system for the district, was in town Wednesday and, accompanied by line foreman Woodburn, went over the ground and sized up the situation.

There is an appropriation before the Dominion House now for installing a service at Merritt. As soon as this is put through, Mr. Stevens will establish an exchange here, which will also take in Middlesboro, Coutlee and Lower Nicola, and the trunk line will be cut out at this end. The exchange at Nicola will still remain.

In Merritt section between twenty and thirty 'phones would be subscribed for at once, and the demand will be constantly increasing. Mr. Stevens says that the rate will be $2.50 per month for business houses and $2.00 per month for private residences.

An appropriation is also before the House for an exchange at Princeton.

Concert and Dance

The promoters of the concert and dance in Menzies' hall on Friday night in aid of the Shulus Indian mission have every reason to feel gratified at the success which attended their efforts. The program, which, with the exception of one or two numbers, was the same as the one published in our last issue, was well rendered and proved immensely enjoyable to the large audience present.

Dr. Hone outlined the progress of the work at Shulus mission. The old building in which the school was started last year was put in weather-proof condition by the concert in October, and the proceeds from the present concert would, he believed, be sufficient to finish up the building inside to a degree of respectability. Dr. Hone spoke of the big improvement in the manners and habits of the Indian children attending the school. There has been no government grant for this school and the brunt of carrying on the good work has fallen almost entirely upon Archdeacon Small and Dr. Hone. The Herald is pleased that the citizens responded to the call so unanimously and made the concert such a success.

The office of chairman was gracefully filled by Dr. Tutill, whose comic songs brought down the house. The happy evening was concluded with refreshments and a few hours tripping the light fantastic.

Wanted—A Station

Work on the fine new C.P.R. station promised for Merritt was to have been started this month, but through the variegated intricaces of official red tape it now looks as though this sunny month of April will not see the excavation work begun. The way passengers are inconvenienced and the way freight is jumbled up in the ramshackle box cars that are the present poor excuse for a station is a disgrace to our rapidly growing town. We trust the railway officials will see their way clear to send along their building gangs at a very early date.

NICOLA NOTES.

R. H. Winny is fencing in all his land along the Nicola road.

Mrs. Lapworth, who has been visiting with Mrs W. E. Potter, left Saturday for her home at Hope.

Mrs. Pooley, of Tamerton ranch, visited friends at Merritt for a few days this week.

W. E. Potter, C.P.R. townsite agent, has sold the following lots in Merritt last week: Lot 11 in block 28, to James Warren; lot 20 in block 10, to Andrew Kallin.

The telephone linemen are repairing the system from Nicola to Quilchena.

Rev. O. M. Sanford gave another of his popular lectures last week. Dickens was the subject, and he delighted his audience with selections from the writer. He also showed his profound acquaintance with Dickens by revealing many of the treasures to be found in his writings.

Mr. Stewart, of Vancouver, has returned to that city with a number of government horses, which have been wintering on Robt. Clark's ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight have returned to their home in Kamloops after a short visit to this health resort.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howse are taking in the big horse show at Vancouver.

The Commercial hotel expects to open next week.

R. J. McGregor, of Merritt, has completed his contract of painting and decorating the government office at Nicola inside and out. The work is skillfully done and is a great improvement to the buildings.

QUILCHENA NOTES

May Moore, of Beaver ranch, left on Saturday on a trip to Victoria.

William Cooper is busily engaged in plastering and other improvement work for Jos. Guichon.

John Collett, of Merritt, was in this section during the past week buying up chickens.

Mr. and Miss Whittaker and Mrs. Irvin, of Victoria, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moore at Beaver ranch.

Jack Stevenson, who was laid up here seriously ill for a few days, has been taken to the Kamloops hospital.

Drs. Curtin and Macphail have been in close attendance upon the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, of Vancouver, who are guests at the Quilchena hotel. The little girl is down with pneumonia, and fears are entertained for her recovery. Nurse McLean, of Kamloops, is also in attendance.

The following have registered at the popular Quilchena hotel during the past week: T. Smith and wife, W. Wood, A. Nelson, K. Croft, Miss McLean, J. S. Brown and W. Judge, of Kamloops; J. W. Witton, C. Rolstone, R. Wright and L. Jamieson, of Vancouver; A. Smith, W. Martin, A. Jasper and C. O'Brien, of Douglas Lake; F. W. Auvache, of Phoenix; J. E. McNeil and Miss Lilian Freeman, of Merritt; Dr. Curtin, Joe Smollett and D. Macphail, Nicola; H. J. Woodburn and Roy Stevens, Summerland; Otis C. Swart, Lytton; Norman Woodward, Lower Nicola.

All kinds of Paints and sundries may be had at Armstrong's Big Store.

The Middlesboro soccer team suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of Merritt on Saturday evening, by a score of 1-0. It was a good exhibition, but would have been much more interesting on better grounds. There is entirely too much pitch to the Middlesboro field for good football.

AN ORANGE NIGHT

THE BASKET SOCIAL WAS A HOWLING SUCCESS

Followers of King Billy Score Big Hit in the First Entertaiement to Be Given By Newly Organized Merritt Lodge

One of the most successful entertainments ever given in Merritt was held Monday evening under the auspices of the Merritt Loyal Orange Lodge. It took the form of a basket social and dance, which proved an extremely happy combination. Menzies' hall was almost packed to standing room and everyone entered into the joyous spirit of the occasion. P. McLean occupied the chair and called upon the various clever participants in a well arranged program as follows:

Duet.....''Larboard Watch''
Watkin Williams and John Higgins
Musical Selection.....Mr. Grotman
Song....''The Boys of the Old Brigade''
Alex. Strang
Recitation...''Lady Lu''...Wm. Murray
Song.....''Killarney''.....Mrs. Bills
Song..''Love Me and the World is Mine''
Thomas Smith
Song.....Mrs. Fred Gay
Sketch.....''Smarty''
Helen Hyland and Kathleen Bills
Song.....John Higgins
Song.....''Mary''.....John Smith
Song (with autoharp)..Mrs. (Dr.) Tutill
Recitation..''The Prospector''..F. Bailey
Song.....William Evanson
Song.....Selected.....Miss Thompson
Song..''Irish Courtship''..Ted Mayhew
Recitation.....''Twenty Years Ago''
Helen Hyland
Comic Song.....John Tanner
Song..''Old Rustic Bridge By the Mill''
John Smith

The program throughout displayed exceptionally good talent, which was appreciated accordingly by the large audience. Many of the numbers were vociferously encored.

All the ladies present had brought along prettily decorated baskets containing a various assortment of palatable dainties. At the conclusion of the intellectual feast they were put up at auction. Isaac Eastwood mounted a meat block and called for bids. They came fast and furious from all sections of the hall and at good prices. Soon all the bidders—giddy bachelors and bald-headed married men—were in possession of a grub stake and a female partner for the evening. After the pleasantries attending the disposal of the refreshments, the orchestra struck up and soon the past and the future was forgotten by all in the supreme enjoyment of the mazy whirl.

The brethren of the Orange order desire to express through the Herald their sincerest thanks to all those who took part in the program or in other ways assisted in making the social such a pronounced success.

The proceeds of the evening totalled $113.25.

W. O. Millar, divisional superintendent, and W. B. Harris, fuel agent, of the C. P. R., arrived today in their private car, which was shunted over to the mines. The officials, who are evidently here to look into matters concerning the coal supply, will remain until tomorrow afternoon.

The citizens of Merritt, the growing town of the Nicola Valley are advertising quite a race meet and athletic sports to take place on Victoria Day. Prizes to the amount of $1200.00, as well as trophies for baseball matches, are hung up as attractions.—Ashcroft Journal.

In the supreme court chambers at Vancouver this week Mrs. MacAuley, of Merritt, was granted letters of administration in order that she could take advantage of the government grant of 320 acres to her son, Peter Hendrix, who was a Canadian volunteer who went to South Africa, remained there after the war, and has since died.

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INADEQUATE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The tenders for Merritt's new school-house are to be opened on Monday next, and the erection of the building will, we suppose, be started very shortly.

Now, there is only one solitary acre set aside as grounds for this institution of learning. One acre is scarcely sufficient for the smallest country school, and utterly inadequate for a growing centre like Merritt, where there are already nearly seventy children on the roll.

The acre in question was very generously donated by Wm. Voght, the townsite owner, and when the question of a new school was under discussion last summer, we understood that the government would aid in furnishing more ground. Since then the matter has apparently rested indifferently.

However, we do not believe it is too late yet to take the matter up. It is one of vital importance to the community, and the teacher and trustees, backed up by the citizens generally, may be able to accomplish much.

We must not think that in securing a teacher and a two-roomed building we have done all that is necessary to set the feet of the young on the pathway to knowledge; we must not be too prone to follow precedents of the school days some of us knew years ago. Small and bare school grounds are a bad start. They do not appeal to the best in a child's nature and place certain limitations on his early educational career.

When completed the new Merritt school ground should have its flower beds or borders, so that the children may become familiar with and learn to love those beautiful forms which help so much to make school and home surroundings bright and cheerful. The tree gospel can be preached most eloquently by school grounds arboreally adorned, and the lesson will be an abiding one. Sufficient room for the various kinds of sport are also most essential. The day of "all work and no play" is long since past, and if we are to educate our children along modern lines with a love for energy and beauty we must furnish them with a school HOME where their surroundings will he so congenial as to command the respect of the dullest-witted child.

An attractive school and grounds is a perpetual invitation to others to come and settle in the district; it shows that a higher than the average intelligence obtains and that it is consequently a desirable community in which to live, establish a home and bring up a family. Let the school and grounds be a nursery for real education---a fountain of learning from which will flow elevating tendencies and beautifying influences.

SQUIBOGRAPHS

You need no ticket to butt in to the booster club.

Watch Merritt grow! A drug and book store will be a going concern shortly.

We wonder if the editor of the Saturday Sunset will offer to speak the speech of welcome to the Japanese squadron. What?

A Japanese squadron is to visit British Columbia ports this year. In some quarters alarm is expressed that the little brown fighters may take Peruna.

A settler coming west was suffocated in his car at Banff, Alta. He probably expired while engaged in the hopeless task of endeavoring to open one of those convenient car windows.

The Observer says that Salmon Arm is already beginning to feel the benefits to be derived from their newly organized board of trade. Citizens of Merritt, read, learn and let it take root.

The big iron dollars keep coming in for Merritt's big Victoria Day celebration. Let everyone help! It's going to be the best two days' sport this far north and a big boost for the black diamond metropolis.

At Manifold, Pa., a riot took place over a girl, says a press dispatch. That's nothing; since Eve kicked up the first rumpus a woman has been found at the bottom of nearly every disturbance except earthquakes.

A young woman at San Rafel, Cal., beat a grocer into insensibility because he sent her a bill she claimed she did not owe. This female Sandow should be subsidized by the women suffragettes who are trying to exterminate the authorities in England.

Japanese in Vancouver fired a bullet through the window of a car filled with passengers while the train was in motion. Of course it will be alright since the bullet did nor kill anyone and probably the Jap consul is "sorry a la extreme."

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Re Victoria Day Privileges

Tenders will be received by the undersigned on behalf of the Merritt Athletic Club for the following privileges in connection with the Victoria day celebration on May 24th and 25th, on the grounds contracted for by the said Club:

Tender No. 1—Privilege for serving meals in pavilion to be built by Club.

Tender No. 2—Privilege for refreshment booth.

Tender No. 3—Privilege for refreshment booth.

Tenders will be received for any or all of the above privileges. Tenders must be sealed and received by the undersigned by 12 o'clock noon on May 1st.

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CHIPS FROM THE BLOCK

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

Cranbrook has acquired the baseball fever.

The Penticton Press complains of a shortage of laborers in that locality.

Blue papers have been distributed among the parasitic gentry of Hedley.

A wagon road is to be built over Hope mountain by the provincial government.

Penticton merchants have adopted the weekly half-holiday for the summer months.

A bunch of fakirs in Vancouver are working the old endless chain coupon scheme.

E. F. Voigt has uncovered some very rich copper ore on Copper mountain, in the Similkameen.

Bob Edwards and his paper, the Eye-Opener, will probably remove from Calgary to Toronto.

A rich strike of silver-lead ore has been struck on the Lucky Jim, of the Summitt group on Sheep creek.

Hill's control of Crows Nest is admitted from Toronto. He has representatives on new board of directors.

A baker at Nelson is making special loaves about a yard long. These will probably be used for club sandwiches.

W. J. Walker was killed at Greenwood last week by falling off an ore train. Seven loaded cars ran over him.

A convict in Edmonton penitentiary killed Warden Steadman last week by striking him over the head with an axe.

Miss E. Pauline Johnson, "Tekahwnwake," the famous Indian poetess, is entertaining Victoria society with recitals.

A Penticton man had a close shave the other day when his whiskers were burned off by the explosion of an alcohol lamp.

Cranbrook is the only electoral district in British Columbia, which has a voting list to which no objections have been made.

Birthday parties—one guest for each year—are popular among Penticton ladies. None of the old maids ever have more than twenty guests.

Guggenheims and Morgan have a 20 million syndicate to take up enterprises in the West and North with Puget Sound as outpost.

W. W. B. McInnes, Vancouver's new judge, was born in Dresden, Ont. He is 38 years of age and was admitted to the B.C. bar in 1893.

Enderby is to have an Arbor Day, May 3rd being the date set. The council will purchase trees for setting out on the streets and in the public park.

The Cranbrook Prospector is advertising for a game warden whom it believes has been lost in that district. Probably he is "out of season."

The Hedley Gazette and the Penticton Press are in a squabble on the local option question. Hoist a couple of mugs of peace, gentlemen, and drown the quarrel.

T. Murato, a Japanese knife-wielder with an international reputation, will serve three years in the penitentiary for his latest offence, that of slashing a Vancouver sailor with a knife.

If the wicked Kootenay country remains unsaved it will not be for lack of enterprise on the part of evangelists. Every city in the district is being taken by storm by exponents of the method of coming to God in a roar of thunder.

Harold, the young son of Thos. Stephens, North Vancouver, was shot through the heart and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of another boy. A party of boys were out executing the rifle drill as taught in school.

In the midst of a revival meeting in Fernie a man, who looked rather dry, arose to leave the church, when the evangelist called out: "Hold on there friend, an aunt of mine went to hell by leaving a gospel meeting." The man looked at the speaker and quietly replied—"Have you any message you would like to send her?"

The remains of a man named Charles Greenwood were found near Cranbrook last week. Greenwood was last seen on the night of January 4th, when the thermometer registered 44 below. He had been imbribing deeply, and evidently stopped to rest on his road home, never to awake again.

A man named Rose, who had an imaginary grievance against Constable Sproule, of Hedley, took a punch at that officer the other day. The result proved the unwisdom of inciting the arm of the law. Rose came out a bad second in the scrap, was locked up and fined $100 and costs.

J. Peck MacSwain is holding down a desk in the city clerk's office at present. Peck is the most versatile cuss living. Last week he was bossing a shift in the converter room at the smelter, this week he is assistant to the city clerk, next week he may be supe at the tunnel or conducting an evangelical campaign, and the next—but that is too far ahead. —Greenwood Ledge.

Three drummers after being on an up-country trip lasting several weeks, were "chewing the rag" in the smoker on their way home to the coast. At Spences Bridge two of them hustled out for a few moments, and on returning informed their elder companion that they had just telegraphed their wives of the time they would arrive. "Say," remarked this grizzled veteran of the grip, "you guys are easy. Now, when I come off a trip I just hike straight for the house without saying a word. At the front door I give the bell a strong pull, and then, armed with a good-sized club, make a race around to the rear; and say, do you know, I havn't missed one in years."

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CLARK.—At Nicola, B. C., on Monday, April 19th, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, a daughter.

LOCAL NOTES

Jim Barker has pulled out.

B. P. Little returned to the coast Tuesday.

Peter Senit left on Saturday for Agassiz.

Robt. Hunter left for a trip to the coast on Saturday.

P. Thibodeau is around again after his recent serious illness.

Frank Jackson was a visitor from Quilchena last Friday.

Wm. McIntyre has started excavation work for his big, new hotel.

Mat. Ovington and family left yesterday for Vancouver Island, where they will make their home.

A number of prospective settlers were in town this week looking over the district in search of farm lands.

Sixty-six cars of coal are being shipped from the Middlesboro mines each week, or close to 3000 tons.

Boost for the Victoria day celebration. Two days of it — Monday and Tuesday, May 24th and 25th.

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

M. N. Adams has a hay ranch in Otter valley and 800 acres mountain pasture for sale. See ads. in another column.

WANTED—A steady, competent foreman for a stock ranch. — Apply to MRS. POOLEY, Tamerton ranch, Nicola, B. C. 2-15

W. E. Dodds, engineer on the local, left for Yale this week to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Wm. Dodds, wife of the government agent at that place. Engineer Wilcox is taking Mr. Dodds' place at the throttle.

The storekeeper who does not advertise and who does not systematize his business might as well put up his shutters. Judicious advertising means financial success. Never in the history of the commercial world has advertising occupied so dominant a place as it does today.

F. W. Auvache, of Grand Forks, who was here with the telephone linemen, paid the Herald a fraternal visit Wednesday. Fred. is a member of the "art preservative of arts," having learned his trade under "Old Man" Simpson of the Cranbrook Herald. He is doing outdoor work for awhile for the benefit of his health.

When you hear a man sneering at the local paper because it is not as big, cheap and newsy as the city papers, you can safely bet that he does not squander any of his wealth in assisting to make it better, and that generally the paper has done more for him than he has for it. The man who cannot see the benefits arising from a local newspaper is about as much value to a town as a delinquent tax list.

The following registered at Hotel Merritt during the past week:—H. R. Eagleson, J. Irvine, H. Wright, R. Sargent, Robt. Hood, J. W. Witton, A. Gougales, C. T. Rolston, E. W. Rawson, R. L. Phelps, A. H. Donahue. M. Morrison, J. Powers, R. F. Wright, E. Clement and H. Chatterson, of Vancouver; Andrew McGoram Canford; J. S. Brown and Arch. Irwin, of Kamloops; J. Smollett, of Nicola; C. S. Stevens, Roy Stevens and A. J. Woodburn, of Summerland; F. W. Auvache, of Grand Forks.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Narvisistkin (Peter), Chief of Shulus Indian Reservation, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the late Narvisistkin, who died on the 7th day of April, 1909, at Shulus Indian Reservation, B.C., are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned executors of the will of the deceased, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by by them.

And take notice that after the 15th day of June, 1909, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

JOHN H. COLLETT,
PETER THIBODEAU, } Executors.

Dated Merritt, B.C., 15th April, 1909.

Notice to Contractors

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tenders for School-house," will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, up to noon of Monday, the 26th April, 1909, for the erection and completion of a two-room frame School-house at Merritt, Kamloops Electoral District.

Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 10th day of April, 1909, at the offices of the Government Agent, Kamloops; of H. S. Cleasby, Esq., Secretary of the School Board, Coutlee; and at the Public Works Department, Victoria, B. C.

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

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

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

EDWARD MOHUN,
Assistant Engineer.

Public Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 6th April, 1909. 2

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LAND ACT.

Take notice, that I, Mary T. Hardiman, of Canford, B.C. intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase 40 acres of land, situated on the north of the Nicola river, and adjoining lot 137, commencing at a post placed at N. W. corner, thence east ten chains; south, forty chains; west, ten chains; thence forty chains to point of commencement.

MARY T. HARDIMAN.

March 8th, 1909. 9-8

Are YOU on The Herald roll?