Coal is sold for $3 per ton in Princeton.

SIMILKAMEEN STAR

The slanderer is himself what he accuses others of being.

Princeton is the central and distributing point for a large radius of country which contains a variety of undeveloped natural resources and prospective industries: Placer and lode mining, coal mining, agriculture, cattle raising. lumber manufacture, brick making and smelting.

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RAILWAY RACE IS ON

C.P.R. Making Actual Preparations for Invasion of the Similkameen.

Transportation Fleet on Okanagan Lake will be Augmented in the Spring.

Accumulating proof of the C.P.R's intentions to construct a railway through the Similkameen leaves little ground for further doubt or conjecture. Emissaries of that company are known to have been in Princeton and along the surveyed route of the V.V., & E. on secret missions recently. Engineers laid off the Nicola branch have been ordered to report in the field with crews in three weeks.

The assembling of men and material at Okanagan Landing for the building of two large scows and a tug for the C.P.R. to convey railway construction supplies and machinery to Penticton is evidence of the beginning of the great race for the Similkameen. Some phenomenal rail way building may be expected next sum mer.

Grading on the Nicola branch is about done, only a few men being retained to finish up.

The report that Chinese have a contract west of Keremeos on the V.V., & E. is corroborated from various unofficial sources and is generally credited.

PENTICTON POINTERS.

Ern Thomas came up from Penticton last Saturday where he has been for the past few months. Great changes have been made in that town since T. Ellis, ("Lord O'Kanagan") sold his estate and removed to Victoria. Streets have been laid out and many new buildings erected last year and every steamer brings its quota of homeseekers. Mr. Thomas made a nice bunch of money in a turnover of real estate he made and all property is rising in value. Other Princetonians there are also prospering one of whom will shortly marry a popular young lady, both parties being well and favorably known throughout the Similkameen.

"COAL TO NEWCASTLE."

The big steam shovel which has been hauled on trucks to Stewart's grading contract north of the boundary is a coal burner, the fuel supply for it coming all the way from Nanaimo. There are 150 tons lying now at the dock at Penticton waiting wagon transfer to the shovel near Keremeos. Freighter McDougall is reported to have been awarded the contract for hauling the coal at $15 per ton, the distance being about 40 miles. To lay the coal down at Penticton would cost at least $8, including price at mine, the total cost delivered at the shovel being $23. It is about the same as shipping coal to Newcastle to bring it to the Sim ilkameen, for at Princeton alone there is coal enough for home and export consumption to last a century with normal demand. Among the numerous owners of coal ground in this vicinity there ought to be some enterprising enough to compete with producers who ship 400 miles and requiring two handlings, In a few months railway locomotives will require fuel also and preparations should now be made to meet that demand. In doing so Princeton would have the benefit of that vital adjunct to all prosperous towns—a payroll.

MANY INQUIRIES MADE.

A farmer, a shingle sawyer and a milliner at Coaticook P,O, Que., write to Postmaster Bell for information regarding Princeton and district. They desire to locate here, evidently, and it might not be amiss for those having real estate or farm land to correspond with them. Address Loella Horn at above post office. This letter is a sample of many received seeking information about this section. The Star can only suggest to intending investors in the Similkameen that no better means exist for keeping in touch with the progress and resources of this district than the weekly perusal of the columns of this paper. The Star will be sent to any place in the world on receipt of price, $2. Sample copies mailed on request.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING.

Billy Wilson is a life preserver—that is he preserved a man's life by hauling him out from under the ice in the Tulameen river into which he had stumbled while drawing a bucket of water. It was the unearthly yells of the man which attracted Mr. Wilson who was on Bridge street, a block away, at the time. He knew by the megaphonic sounds that some fellow being was in dire extremity so, with his accustomed agility, he sprinted to the spot in a second or two. Arriving there he found the drowning man with his feet and head under the ice, a small portion of his back being exposed and bubbles coming to the surface all around him. Mr. Wilson grabbed the part exposed and hauled him up, the fellow seeming as heavy as lead with the overdraught of water on his stomach. He was taken to a nearby house and "scotched," soon reviving under this powerful stimulant. The man is known on the road as "Scotty, the Tourist."

W. H. Haegerman was taken very seriously ill last Saturday and was in intense pain until relieved by skilful treatment of Dr. Schon. Many friends of Mr. Haegerman wish him complete and speedy recovery.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

Initial Steps tn the Organization of Fire Brigade for the Town.

Committee Report on Appliances—Popular Dance Suggested—Everybody Boost.

At the regular board of trade meeting Thursday night in the absence of the president and the vice-president, C. E. Thomas was voted to the chair.

The matter of organizing a fire brigade and procuring fire-fighting tools and appliances was the question chiefly under discussion. The report of committeemen J. R. Campbell, C. Willarson and F. W. Groves was read which recommended that for immediate use the following implements were necessary:

"To the Princeton board of trade: We, the committee appointed to organize a volunteer fire department, would suggest the following apparatus needed for the same: A triangle fire alarm with striker to be located in a central place; two ladders, one 30-foot and one 14-foot scaling ladder; two dozen fire buckets; two fire axes; two lanterns; two pole hooks; one life line; two 5-gallon chemical extinguishers. Owing to the report that the townsite company will put in a waterworks, would not recommend hand pump or small hose."

The report was adopted. The estimated cost of the above will be about $50, the fire alarm to be first purchased and put in position at once.

A committee to provide ways and means and also to take steps for giving a dance about the middle of this month in aid of the organization of the fire brigade was appointed with power to add to their names. Following are names on committee: Campbell, Willarson, Groves French, Kydd, Thomas, Webb, Summers, Moore, Snowden, Switzer, Ryder, Wilson McDonnell, Broadfoot and Wardle.

Board adjourned till next Thnrsday to receive report of committee and transact special business.

WONDERS NEVER CEASE.

EDITOR STAR—Sir: Now that railroad transportation is an assured fact there are many lynx-eyed speculators (having an eye to the future) browsing around the country, looking up the valuable assets that the honest miner and prospector failed to find in his hurried rush through this district in search of rich mineral deposits. Recently two strangers visited our little burg. They did not herald their arrival by any flourish of trumpets, nor did they want to bond mines, nor ask to be let in on the ground floor of prospective townsites. In fact they were so reticent about their business and mysterious in their actions, that we thought of sending for the Princeton "town pump" to find out what their intentions were. But when we saw them rushing around Welldo townsite with forked twigs held in a peculiar way in their hands, we realized that we were visited by a push of water cranks. We kept a sharp eye on their actions thinking they were escaped lunatics. But the laugh is on us. Yesterday they struck one of the best soda water springs on the Pacific slope. The water is as clear as crystal and as sparkling as champagne. A 44 roomed hotel is to be built in the spring and Welldo will, in the near future, become a famous health resort.

SOAPOLALLA.

Granite Creek, Jan. 27, 1906.

TOURING RAILWAY NAVVIES.

There is a big trek of railroad men discharged from C.P.R. construction at Coutlee to the V.,V. & E. building at the lower end of the Similkameen. Many of the men are respectable and intelligent (the writer once casually met a lawver, two doctors and an ex-congressman railway laborers) while others bear marks of the genus hobo and "strike" anyone for the "price" with a coolness that comes from long and hard practice. No westerner ever begrudges the necessary coin to enable a tramp to "chew" but he does not like the idea of buying booze for a stranger when he has to go dry himself. However, the hobo is a harbinger of the "iron horse" and as such he is as welcome as the birds of spring. His coming to Princeton marks the dawn of industrial activity, for where the workers are there also will be drones. The distance between the termini of construction is about 110 miles.

DEATH OF AGED LADY.

A message was received by Mrs. Allison from the Hon Edgar Dewdney at Victoria announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Glenny, at the advanced old age of 98 years. This sad news was accompanied by the further lamentable news that Mrs. Dewdney, sister of Mrs. Allison, was fast sinking from an illness which had long kept her an invalid. In their double stroke of sorrow and affliction both will have the sympathy of a host of friends.

It is hoped every citizen, old and young, will lend their assistance toward the formation of a fire brigade. Fire protection is utterly lacking now and no one can tell how soon there may be need of organized help. For such a worthy cause hearty cooperation of all citizens should, and no doubt will, be cheerfully given, thus securing adequate defence from the ravages of fire.

Messrs. Morrison and Turner of the B.C. Copper Co., left on Thursday for Greenwood, driving all the distance.

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EXPOSURE OF GRAFT.

That stalwart champion of the people's rights, Smith Curtis, has recently delivered an incisive arraignment of the provincial government in a speech delivered at Ymir. He makes some startling exposures of political graft which only lack of space forbids publication in full in these columns. Mr. Curtis has always been a thorn in the flesh of the monopolist and a bitter pill to political evildoers generally. Such men as he are badly needed in the legislature and it may be taken as a favorable sign of his return to the political arena when he once again takes up the cudgels he so ably wielded in former years both on the floor of the house and on the platform. It is believed a large majority of Similkameen voters would welcome him as a prospective representative and hail him as a deliverer from the powers of grab and graft. Liberals and Laborites would be a unit in their support of him and many Conservatives who are very weary of do-nothing members will swell his majority if he will consent to stand for this constituency at the next election. Following are a few excerpts from Mr. Curtis's speech :

"This is the age of grab and graft—it is also the time of graft exposure, awakened public conscience, indignation and retribution. The time when the almighty dollar is everything and truth and honor of little account is passing and the time may come when the holder of dirty, tainted dollars will be shunned by decent people as though he wore a felon's stripes.

Graft is political. The remedy is finally with the voter. His political action must be honest, courageous, letting no partizan or other consideration suppress his voice or vote on behalf of right. There is no other way to political salvation. Though the way is narrow it is straight. Truth, courageous honesty, equity, light the way. The representative will be no better than the electors, he is often somewhat worse, but never so when he has flagrantly broken his trust and is re-elected. Even the grafters and their numerous news organs pay at least this tribute to virtue: they roundly denounce the graft of others. They flay the N.Y. insurance frauds; they applaud governor Folk for routing the boodlers of Missouri. But what about the grafts obtaining in British Columbia, under the noses of the graft organs? Do you hear even a whisper of these, let alone the iteration and reiteration of the facts that are requisite to bring redress and punishment?

Graft is greedy dishonesty, robbing the masses and the poorer people. The provincial government has shown that it is ready to sacrifice the pioneer, the prospector, the grubstaker, who take big odds, and without whom the province, new, rugged, wild, vast, cannot be developed. The prizes, as most of us now regretfully know, are few and far between. When some one, old-timer or tenderfoot, strikes it rich, let him have his find. But the government says, No!—Despoil him for some corporation, made up of mostly foreign shareholders, too.

Take the Kaien island case. Holders of South African war scrip located it two years ago on Kaien island. Some option their locations to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. It is a probable terminus for the railway. Then the government gets busy. It refuses the locations, saying that a reserve put some years ago on the adjacent mainland also covers the island. Some locators demur, and ask for a fiat that the courts may decide the point and are refused it by the McBride government. If there was positively a reserve, why refuse? There could be no loss and the claim of the locators that they have been defrauded would not be heard. If doubt existed then it were only common honesty to let the courts resolve it, otherwise the government may be robbing these locators of valuable property, made theirs by the laws of the land. Was there a reserve? Reading the notice claimed to make the reserve I would say emphatically NO. The actions of the government show the falsity of its claim. A few months after the locations were made the government put a reserve on the island. Would it do that if there were already a reserve on it? Then the government has by an official document declared there was no reserve on the island, and this official document makes it possible to test the so-called reserve in the courts without the formality of a fiat. It has issued a crown grant to a mineral claim on Kaien island located since the first reserve and has not excepted out of the crown grant the surface rights as it would be bound to do were there a reserve as it claims. Its own act proves its claim to be a downright falsehood. Clearly the province is thus made liable for enormous damages if this land really becomes the terminal city of the railway. Justice by a dishonest government may be deferred but as in the case of the Nanaimo settlers, robbed of their rights by a grafting railway scheme, after 20 years' delay redress is given.

Last session the McBride government proposed to its followers to give $1,600,000 subsidy to the C.P.R. on its Spence's Bridge, Nicola and Similkameen railway on which the Dominion government had already given a subsidy of $6,400 per mile as far as Nicola. Some of the followers kicked and this graft was stillborn. The fact is interesting as throwing a lurid light on the C.P.R. influence at Victoria. Here was Jim Hill actually constructing a railway through the Similkameen, asking no aid whatever, and the government seeing the growth of industry was increasing revenue, yet prepared to throw the money away on a subsidy."

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NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase 40 acres of land situate in the Yale division of Yale district and described as follows: Commencing at a post 20 chains south of the N.E. corner of M. Bresnik's pre-emption, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement

MARTIN BRESNIK.

Otter Valley, Jan 8, 1906.

NOTICE.

Red Buck and Bornite mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: on Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, T. C. Revely, free miner's certificate No. B79999, acting for myself and G. W. Allison, free miner's certificate No. B78864, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1906.

NOTICE.

Duke of York and Blue Bird mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, M. A. Voigt, free miner's certificate No. B79944 intend sixty days from date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvements.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1905.

C. Æ. SHAW, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

No. 38 Fr., No. 40 Fr., No. 54, No. 55, No. 56, No. 57, No. 58, No. 59, No. 61, No. 62, No. 63, mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: In Voigt's camp.

Take notice that I, C. Æ. Shaw, agent for M. A. Voigt free miner's certificate No. B79944, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvements.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1905.

C. Æ. SHAW, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

No. 2, J. W. Hill, United and Verde mineral claims, situate in Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: In Voigt's camp

Take notice that I, C. Æ. Shaw, acting as agent for M. A. Voigt, free miner's certificate No. B79944, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 15th day of November, A.D. 1905.

NOTICE.

Highland, Bachelor, Nicola and Triangle Fraction mineral claims. Situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale district. Where located: In Aspen Grove camp.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for A. E. Howse, free miner's certificate No. B87544; F. Howse, free miner's certificate No. B87545, and G. Philp free miner's certificate No. B87546 intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 28th day of December, A.D. 1905.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 400 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at the north-east corner of lot 1192 thence north 60 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence south 80 chains to north line of lot 1402, thence east 20 chains to the east line of lot 1192, thence north 20 chains to the north-west corner of lot 1192, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement Said land is situated in the Nicola division of Yale district.

L. GIBSON, Applicant,
per Luke Gibson, Agent.

16th December, 1905.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 120 acres more or less of pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at a post marked "Angus Lamont's N.W. corner," at the S.W. corner of A. Tremblay's preemption and running south 20 chains, thence 60 chains east, thence 20 chains north, thence 60 chains west to point of commencement.

ANGUS LAMONT.
J. G. McDonald, Agent.

Dated Dec. 2nd, 1905.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway, of standard or other gauge, with any kind of motor power for the conveyance of passengers and freight, from some point at or near Osoyoos on the International Boundary, running in a northerly direction along or near Lake Okanagan to a point at or near Enderby, thence in a westerly direction to a point at or near Kamloops, thence in a northerly direction following the course of the North Thompson river, thence by the most feasible route to Quesnelle and Fort George; Also from a point at or near Enderby in a northerly direction to a point at or near Sicamous along the course of the Spallumcheen river; Also from a point at or near Kamloops in a southerly direction to a point at or near Quilchena, thence in a southerly direction by a feasible route to a point at or near Princeton; Also from a point at or near Quilchena creek in a northerly direction along Niaola Lake to upper Nicola river; thence northeasterly along the upper Nicola river to a point at or near Salmon river, following the course of that river to a point at or near Salmon Arm, all in the Province of British Columbia.

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Dated the 5th day of January, A.D. 1906.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

The Star is in receipt of two lengthy communications which must be held over until space can be found for them.

The Spokane Drilling Co's drill at work recently on the Sunset has been taken to Coutlee where it is understood borings for coal will be made.

The framework of the brewery is rising rapidly and will soon be ready for roofing. Fine weather, plenty of lumber and first class workmen will soon put this large structure in shape for the machinery.

A genuine thaw has been on for the past week, making the hills look as if gentle spring would arrive early.

Charlie Willarson, acting resident manager for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Co., owning the Princeton townsite, reports inquiries and sales quite active with probabilities of a rush a little later.

Report of the public school for the month of January, Miss Schon, teacher, is as follows: Total daily attendance for month, 282; number of pupils, 18; average daily attendance, 15 66. Names of pupils who have not missed a session throughout the month: Henry Allison; Asa, Ray and Hazel Bombard, George Gulliford, Nora, Gladys and Jack Lyall; Ralph, Marie and Charlie Murdoch.

Rev. William Govier, of Nicola, was in Princeton on a short visit this week.

What's all this gossip about a wedding at Napanee, Ont., in which an absent Princetonian is said to be one of the principals? Can't a man go east or as far as the old country without having all these rumors spread about him? It's absurd. Besides, this wedding is to be kept strictly secret and no one knows anything about it except a few California friends, one or two intimates here and several newspapers will soon know it, too. Yes, it's a secret, tell it not.

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The V.V., & E. surveyors are now camped on the velvety lawns of Welldo.

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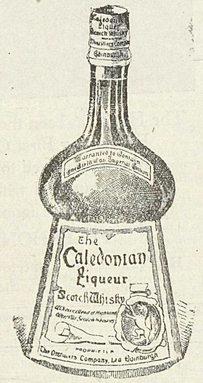

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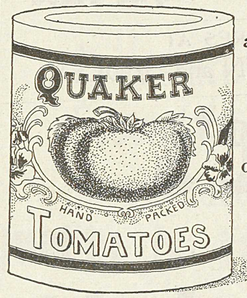

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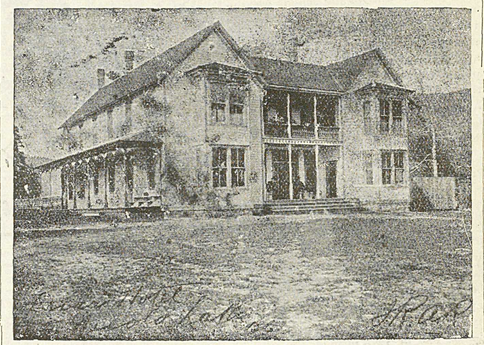

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A LICENSE to cut timber can be acquired only at public competition. A rental of $5 per square mile is charged for all timber berths excepting those situated west of Yale for which the rental is at the rate of 5 cents per acre per annum.

In addition to the rental dues at the following rates are charged: Sawn lumber, 50 cents per thousand feet B.M. Railway ties, eight and nine feet long, 1½ and 1¾ cents each. Shingle bolts, 25 cents a cord. All other products, 5 per cent on the sales.

A license is issued so soon as a berth is granted, but in unsurveyed territory no timber can be cut on a berth until the licensee has made a survey thereof.

Permits to cut timber are also granted at public competition, except in the case of actual settlers who require the timber for their own use.

Settlers and others may also obtain permits to cut up to 100 cords of wood for sale without competition.

The dues payable under a permit are $1.50 per thousand feet B.M., for square timber and saw logs of any wood except oak; from ½ to 1½ cents per lineal foot for building logs; from 12½ to 25 cents per cord for wood; 1 cent for fence posts; 3 cents for railway ties; and 50 cents per cord on shingle bolts.

Leases for grazing purposes are issued for a term of twenty-one years at a rental of two cents an acre per annum.

Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres may be acquired by one individual or company.

Royalty at the rate of 10 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds is collected on the gross output.

Entries for land for agricultural purposes may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the minister of the interior at Ottawa, the commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district within which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

A fee of $10 is charged for for a homestead entry.

A settler who has received an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

1. At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years. It is the practice of the department to require a settler to bring 15 acres under cultivation, but if he prefers he may substitute stock; and 20 head of cattle, to be actually his own property, with buildings for their occupation, will be accepted instead of the cultivation.

2. If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased), of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of the act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of the Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

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

Application for a patent should be made at the end of three years before the local agent, sub agent or a homestead inspector.

Before making an application for a patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the commissioner of Dominion lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

W. W. CORY,
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