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RAILWAY GRADE IS COMPLETED

Laying of Steel Said to Begin by March 15 and Finish by End of April.

Long blasts from the whistles on the steamshovel and dinky engines last Wednesday morning told the people of Princeton that the railway grading on the Kettle Valley line was completed so far as the work by heavy machinery is concerned.

It is stated on good authority that the tracklaying outfit will begin operations about March 15th, and that all the steel will be laid by the end of April. C. P. R. officials state that trains will be running over the Kettle Valley railway by the latter part of June.

In Honor of Hockey Teams

One of the most delightful affairs ever given in Princeton was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Howse on Tuesday evening in honor of the two competing hockey teams, the Howse Boys and the Railroad Boys. Games and music were indulged in, after which a most delicious banquet was served. Dr. Campbell ably acted as toastmaster. The usual toasts were proposed, including ones to "the hockey teams," "railroad boys" and to the "host and hostess." After a couple of hours of dancing the guests departed, all loud in their praise of the charming hospitality extended. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Howse, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. MeLeod Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gregory, Miss Freeman and Miss Coulthard; Messrs. Pearson, Glavin, Yungbluth, Pritchard, Dixon, Whitcomb, Freeman, Smythe, Murphy and Drummond.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. S. R. Gibson and little daughter accompanied Mr. Gibson on his trip to the coast.

Gabe Huestis has taken a position as mechanical engineer at Voigt Camp and has moved with his family to that place.

Yesterday afternoon the Marguerite Thimble Club met at the home of Mrs. Summers. Next Thursday's meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Hankinson.

Lodges Play Hockey

A new star was discovered in the "milky way" in the vicinity of Princeton last Saturday night, which gave great concern to the scientists, but upon close investigation it proved to be only the coming out of the new hockey champions from the Odd Fellows' lodge. The trial game was between the Odd Fellows and the K. of P.'s, which resulted in a score of 5 to 7 in faver of the Odd Fellows. And, by the way, why do they call them Odd Fellows? They are not the least bit odd—why not call them Good Fellows?

This was the most sidesplitting contest ever played in Princeton, and while there were some really good plays, yet the crowd refused to take them seriously, and no man sat upon the ice, made either a good or bad play, or even scored a goal, but what met with the same burst of appreciation from the leather lungers.

Claude Snowden with his squad of "poultice wallopers," which included Wells, Murchie and Rainbow, were there and did most efficient work in caring for the injured and maimed. Mr. Andras was sure some speed boy, and his clever work did much to run up the score. Ray Marston got the range of the net and kept Billy Garrison on his knees most of the time. Mr. Pritchard's shooting eye was a little offside, but he knew where the twine ought to be, for Bob is some shot. Mr. Dickie was there to the finish, and was encouraged in every play with vocal accompaniments.

The first S. O. S. signal was sent out by McCurdy, and was immediately responded to by the "linseed squad." Artificial respiration was reserted to, and he was soon restored to life. K. C. Brown was close to scoring a goal, when he saw a brother in distress, and once more we were brought to the realization of the sacrifices of Damon and Pythias friendship.

Bert Irwin put up a defensive game, and did some prelty work in the first half. Mr. Wilson, as relief, did excellent work and shows great promise. Croly was the star performer of the evening, getting four of the goals, bringing the Odd Fellows out on top in an easy manner.

In appearance "Ged." Lyall was the classiest man on the ice. And "Ged." is some skater, too, using the famous "fox trot" step most gracefully. Petrie and Day had tough times at the goal, but both put up a good scrap. Bob Wilson was a game little fighter, but never hurt the ice once. There was no bush league work. Clean breaks and clean hoekey was the motto, and which was strictly adheared to. Dr. Campbell, as referee, was equal to the occasion, with few penalties.

M. See.

MINES AND MINING

C. V. Vollrath was in from Siwash creek this week, where he had been working on his claims all winter He has some splendid showings on his property and the assays have been particularly encouraging.

Letter From the Front

The following interesting letter from the front has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman from their son Maurice, who is serving with the 1st Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry:

My Dear Mother: Just a line, got back from my first experience of the trenches. I left Rouen last Wednesday night with 1st draft and joined the first battalion at ——— on Thursday afternoon.

We went into the trenches on Friday night and remained there three days. I was not in the firing line, but in what are called the "suppport trenches." They lie about 200 yards from the firing line in this particular case. Our firing line being about one hundred and fifty yards from the German trenches. The "support trenches" consists of a line of dugouts in which we take shelter by day from shell fire. Our work is done at night. We have to look after the feeding of the men in the firing line in front of us, and any other job they may require us to do, such as carrying ammunition, sand-bags, fuel, etc., etc., we very seldom get shelled by night and can get about fairly comfortably. We also do a lot of digging in our own trenches making "Bivvies," our name for dug-outs. The men get hot tea brought out by us just before dawn and just after dusk, also hot soup during the night. We got shelled pretty well every day, regularly in the morning and afternoon. Some of them came quite close enough to be unpleasant, but the majority went wide. We are now in billets in this town for six days rest.

The men on returning from the trenches are paraded for baths and clean linen, and they also have the seams of their tunics and trousers well ironed! ! this would appeal to Dudley Seaborne.

We are fed very well out here as are also the men, in fact we get more than we can manage.

Your Xmas letters to us only turned up a few days ago at Rouen, they were sent out here whilst I was out at Hayling Island.

Well I must quit as it is tea time and I have a lot more letters to answer, Loads of love to all.

Ever your loving son,
MAURICE

THE WIDE WORLD.

Toronto's population is 534,522, and the city's area is 32 square miles.

Jack Johnson and Jess Willard will fight at Juarez, Mexico, on March 6th.

George O'Brien of Fernie has been appointed government mine inspector.

The Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia will meet next year at Nanaimo.

SKATING CARNIVAL GOOD ATTRACTION

Prizes Were Good Ones and Competition was Keen in All the Events.

The carnival Monday night was probably the last ice event to be held here this season. It proved a good attraction, and there was keen and exciting competition for the different substantial prizes. The committee in charge are to be congaatulated on their successful efforts.

The costume prize winners were: Original men's dress, Dickie; lady's, Miss Knudson.

Comic dress, men's, C. M. Snowden; lady's, Mrs. Greentree.

Original dress, boys, Dave Cunningham; girl's, Annie Cunningham.

Comic dress, boy's Frank Rainbow; girl's, W. Leighton.

Original dress, married couple, Mr. and Mrs. P. Burgoyne.

Comic dress, married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Contest—Three laps round rink—men, men, Herb Neil; lady, Miss Mary Young; boys, W. Leighton; couples, Herb Neil and Nellie Manahan

Potato race—Men, Herb Neil; ladies, Mrs. Allen, 1st; Miss Manahan; 2nd; Miss Freeman, 3rd; boys, C. Garrison, 1st; H. Burr, 2nd.

Changes in Electoral Ridings

In the new redistribution plan as outlined, the Similkameen, which loses the Kettle valley to Greenwood, gains from Okanagan that portion cut off by a line east and west at Trout creek, just south of Summerland, and which includes the town of Penticton.

Greenwood gains the portion of the Greenwood mining division now in the Similkameen, which is the Kettle river valley.

Okanagan, which loses the portion given to the Similkameen, gains Salmon Arm and Sicamous and the riding is divided at the Coldstream river into north and south Okanagan.

Death of Wm. C. Fry

On February 12th in the Cariboo district there passed to the great beyond an old timer well known in and around Princeton in the person of W. C. Fry, at the age of 52 years. He held several placer leases on the Tulameen river and spent a good share of his time here. W. J. Kirkpatrick and Col. Robt. Stevenson were amongst his many close friends and associates.

LOCAL ITEMS

The ice on the rivers is rapidly breaking up.

E. W. Davis is at the coast on legal business.

Chief Constable Simpson was iu town during the week.

Rev. Father LeChesne of Penticton held services here Wednesday and Thursday

Joe Goodwin came up from Oroville this week with a Ford car which he pur chased at that place.

S. R. Gibson and H. H. Avery arrived home Wednesday from the coast, where they attended the Orange grand lodge at Chilliwack.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McLean returned from the coast on Friday last. Mrs. McLean was operated on for appendicitis while in Vancouver.—Hedley Gazette.

Nigel Ewart, former constable at Princeton, but now a resident of Keremeos, has passed the examinations for the volunteers and is going to join the third contingent.

John Freeman left Monday to join his brothers at the front. He will be with the third contingent. This makes the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman to enlist since the war broke out, and the 15th of the Freeman family to join.

There undoubtedly will be a good attendance at the Hard Times dance in aid of the hospital tonight. Tickets will be 50 cents each for ladies and gentlemen, and refreshments will be free. Old clothes will be in order, but masks will not be used.

Wells & Turner are busy getting ready for the coming automobile soason. The cars of Ernest Waterman, Dr. McCaffery and Dr. Campbell have been overhauled and are in readiness for service, and several others are to follow. They have two Ford cars of their own ready for use.

The Hedley Gazette uses two whole columns to defend the hockey team of that burg. Both the Princeton and Merritt boys claim they got a rocky deal from Hedley, and regardless of the arguments to the contrary will continue to believe so. The old saying, "where there is so much smoke there must be some fire," holds good in this case.

The members of Princeton Lodge No. 52 will hold their annual roll call on Thursday evening, March 11th. All members of both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are welcome, and each member is invited to bring a friend. The affair is in the hands of Wm. McLean, noble grand; J. Drummond, vice grand, and A. A. Robertson, secretary. There will be a musical program, refreshments and a dance. This year's roll call is being held a little earlier than usual to give the railway boys the opportunity of attending. These gentlemen have contributed largely to the success of the lodge and other functions during their residence here.

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You can buy a copy of Float at the local uews and book stores,

COMING EVENTS

Hard Times Dance tonight.

Board of Trade—Next Council meeting Monday evening, March 1st.

Ratepayers' and Electors' Accociation adjourned meeting Monday. March 1st, at 8 o'clock.

Odd Fellows' Roll Call—Thursday evening, March 11th.

Gardner Orchestra dance—Friday even ing, March 19th.

Easter Sunday, April 4th.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Presbyterian church—Sunday school in the court house at 11 a.m. Evening service at 7.30 p.m. All are cordially invited. Rev. J. A. Gillam, pastor.

Church of England—Sunday, February 28th—7:30 p. m. Evensong and Sermon

Wednesday, March 3—7:30 p. m. Lenten Service and Address.

Rev. G. D. Griffiths, B. A.

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About Float.

Float is not a periodical. It is a book containing 86 illustrations all told, and is filled with sketches and stories of western life. It tells how a gambler cashed in after the flush days of Sandon; how it rained in New Denver long after Noah was dead; how a parson took a drink at Bear Lake in early days; how justice was dealt in Kaslo in '93; how the saloon man outprayed the women in Kalamazoo, and graphically depicts the roamings of a western editor among the tenderfeet in the cent belt. It contains the early history of Nelson and a romance of the Silver King mine. In it are printed three western poems, and dozens of articles too numerous to mention. Send for one before it is too late. The price is 25 cents, postpaid to any part of the world. Address all letters to

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Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations.

COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district inwhich the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon: If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of the advertisement will not be paid for.—5874

The production of coal in B. C. last year was 2,434,387 short tons. Of this amount 393,502 tons were made into coke.

A Memorial Day Vision

The past, as it were, rises before me like a dream. Again we are in the great struggle for national life. We hear the sound of preparation—the music of the boisterous drums, the silver voices of the heroic bugles. We see thousands of assemblages, and hear the appeal of orators, we see the pale faces of women and the flushed faces of men; and in those assemblages we see all the dead who dust we have covered with flowers. We lose sight of them no more. We are with them when they enlist in the great army of freedom. We see them part with those they love. Some are walking for the last time in quite, woody places with the maidens they adore. We hear the whisperings and the sweet vows of eternal love as they lingeringly part forever. Others are bending over cradles kissing babes that are asleep. Some are receiving the blessings of old men. Some are parting with mothers who hold them and press them to their hearts again and again, and say nothing; and some are talking with wives and endeavoring, with brave words spoken in the old tones, to drive away the awful fear. We see them part. We see the wife standing in the door with the babe in her arms—standing in the sunlight sobbing. At the turn of the road a hand waves—she answers by holding high in her loving hands the child. He is gone and forever.

We see them all as they march proudly away under the flaunting flags, keeping time to the wild, grand music of war—marching down the streets of the great cities—through the towns and across the prairies—down to the fields of glory, to do and die for the eternal right. We go with them one and all. We are by their side on all the glory fields, in all the hospitals of pain, on all the weary marches. We stand guard with them in the wild storm and under the quiet stars. We are with them in the ravines running with blood—in the furrows of old fields. We are with them between the contending hosts,, unable to move, wild with thirst, the life ebbing slowly away among the withered leaves. We see them pierced by balls and torn with shells in the trenches of forts. and in the whirlwind of the charge, where men became iron with nerves of steel. We are with them in the prisons of hatred and famine, but human speech can never tell what they endured. We are home when the news comes that they are dead. We see the maiden in the show of her sorrow. We see the silvered head of the old man bowed with the last grief. The past rises before us. We hear the roar and shriek of the bursting shell. The broken fetters fall. These heroes died. We look. Instead of slaves we see men and women and children. The wand of progress touches the auction block, the slave pen and the whipping post, and we see homes and firesides and schoolhouses and books, and where all was want and crime, and crulety and fear, we see the faces of the free.

These heroes are dead. They died for liberty—they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered saintless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows,, the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or storm, each in the windowless palace of rest. Earth may run red with other wars—they are at peace. In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death.

I have one sentiment for the soldier, living and dead—cheers for the living and tears for the dead.—Robert G. Ingersoll.

Ore Testing

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 17.—An ore testing department for the purpose of determining the constituents, values and uses of ores, rocks and chemical deposits submitted from any part of the northwest has been organized as a new feature of the annual Northwest Mining convention to be held in Spokane, February 22 to 27.

This feature has been added with the idea of developing new and hitherto unknown mineral resources of the northwest. According to Frank A. Ross, the mining engineer and president of the Mining Men's club, the geological formation of this entire region warrants a belief in the existence of many valuable industrial deposits that are as yet unrecognized. "For instance," states Mr. Ross, "there are undoubtedly large deposits of bauxite from which alumium is smelted, and also radium-bearing ores.

"We have been so busy developing our gold, silver, lead and copper mines that little or no attention has been paid to the so-called industrial minerals, such as mica, asbestos, etc. With our ore-testing department we will be able to tell the public the values and uses of minerals that hitherto have escaped identification. It is our hope that this may result in marked commercial activity alone lines entirely new to this section. This year we have invited the Washington State college to take charge of this department, and the work will be assigned to the various colleges of the northwest in future years."

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PRINCETON, FEBRUARY 26, 1915.

GOLD will buy goods when paper will not.

MANY a hard trail ends in front of a bank.

THE grass will look extra green in the spring.

THE pearls have not yet all been fished out of the sea.

THE auto is getting ready to make the sleigh stay at home.

WAR will cease when everybody loves his neighbor as himselves.

IF the crops are good in Canada this year momey will be very plentiful next winter.

WAR did not make hard times in Canada. It was the wild specnlation of a few years ago, principally in real estate.

THIS year tourists will spend millions of dollars in British Columbia, and every effort should be made to cultivate this business.

Cost of a Failure

In Russia a man, intending to kill himself, go in front of a railway train, but was pulled aside.

Then the authorities took him in charge. They fined him for disorderly conduct, imprisoned him for imperiling human life and gave him solitary confinement for interupting travel. It seems to be painfully difficult to leave Russia by any route. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Western Float

There are 96 telephones in Prince George.

Good leather can be made from fish skins.

At the schools in Cranbrook there are 492 pupils.

Bob Lemon started the first store in Three Forks.

F. Soues died in Vancouver last month aged 83 years.

The C.P.R. hotel at Balfour should be well managed.

Buttercups were picked early this month in Penticton.

In Chilliwack the price of bread has advanced 20 per cent.

The sawmills in Kootenay are shipping lumber to Chicago.

John Tier has built a new store and residence in Roseberry.

It is not likely that there will be a provincial election this year.

You cannot hurt your business by putting an ad in the local paper.

The big C.P.R. tunnel at Rogers Pass will be finished in two years.

Some lemons were grown at Erickson in East Kootenay, last year.

David McKay, St. Francis hotel, Vancouver has made an assignment.

Dr. J. C. Fagan died in Victoria last week from tubercolosis, aged 58 years.

There will be a big crop of fruit at Penticton this year, according to the buds.

Eight of the mines in the Slocan shipped a total of 10,259 tons of zinc ore.

The Indians of the Northwest have given $18,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The Rossland Carnival spent $2,400 this year. Of that amount $1,500 was for hockey prizes.

The people along Boundary creek should watch their chickens. They are liable to cough up nuggets.

Recently the police seized a stack of guns at the Austrian settlement six miles south of Revelstoke.

Mrs. G. B. Garrett, of Grand Forks, is in New Denver, visiting her dear friend Mrs. Palma Angrigon.

Fred Heal of the Bulkley Valley died in England from pneumonia. He was with the first Canadian contingent.

Large fish plants in Seattle are preparing to move to Prince Rupert. Rupe will soon be the Grimsby of Canada.

There are about 200 men work-in the mines around Sandon, principally upon development work. The slides are down.

J. M. Cameron is now assistant general superintendent of the C. P.R. in B. C. At one time he was a conductor on trains running into Sandon.

Bob Mooney, Conductor on the fast train between Kaslo and Nakusp got a bad squeeze between two cars a few days ago. He will be laid up for a few weeks.

At his hotel in Lardo Jack McLachlan serves chicken dinners three times a week. There are so many chickens in that town that the people sometimes have to kill them in self-defense.

According to the Petrolia Advertiser the amount of crude petroleum produced in Ontario last year was 212,495 barrels. The price averaged $1.59 a barrel, exclusive of bounty. The bounty paid by the government amounted to $111,560.94. The government is good to the oil men.

According to a recent compilation there are between and including Manitoba and the Pacific coast 30 daily and 500 weekly papers published in Western Canada. The first paper on record in Western Canada was published at Fort Garry (now Winnipeg) in 1859, and the development of the country from that date is indicated by the growth of the publishing industry.

The value of the fish catch from Prince Rupert during January was $44,399. Halibut was represented by 625,000 pounds, which at five cents per pound, represented $31,250. Spring salmon showed 24,000 pounds taken. At eight cents this meant $1,920. The Cod catch amounted to 10,000 pounds, and the herring haul 1,000,000 pounds, worth $10,000. There were 3,000 pounds of soles, 4,000 pounds of flounders, and 2,000 pounds of skate, as well as 6,000 pounds of shell fish.—Empire.

Hudson Bay Ry.

Considering the obstacles which had to be faced, really remarkable progress has been made on the Hudson's Bay Railway during the past year under the energetic administration of Hon. Frank Cochrane. A year ago there was 130 miles completely graded and 25 miles partially graded. This year's operations has extended the completed grade to mileage 240, and 54 miles further on is partially graded. In 1913 there were laid 103 miles of track, and by the end of this month trains will be able to run to mileage 214. A telegraph line has also been built to mileage 175, showing 155 miles of wire strung this season. In addition, seven standard tanks and six trestles have been built.

From the progress made this year the road should be completed into Port Nelson in 1915, and the tracks and other equipment placed in readiness for the 1916 crop.

Last April a team road was started from the end of the steel to Port Nelson. In December it had reached Kettle Rapids, and by the middle of February will be at Port Nelson. This will mean a big saving, as supplies can be brought by train to the end of the steel and then teamed to the Bay.

Incidentally, the Hudson's Bay Railway is probable the most direct line for the distance in Canada. From Le Pas to Port Nelson is 424 miles, and this is only 22 miles longer than a direct air line.

WAR NOTES

The following is an extract from a letter written by Private Merry to his sister in Rossland, Mrs. T. H. Ollis:

"Fraser, who used to work at the mill is with the next lot. He writes to Munro, who also worked at Annable and is with us. It would be nice to skate and coast but we have one thing you haven't,—that is a swim whether you want it or not. At the front the mud is up to our soldiers' waists, showing the hardships they have to go through. Perhaps it sounds funny to you, but the concussion of the bursting shells cause rain.

Within the next two months you are going to hear of a wonderful thing, when the Germans will be driven from their trenches. They will not be able to stop the enormous number of men that will be put into the field. People who said the war will be over by April are sadly mistaken. We intend to crush the enemy, drive him back to his old home and, more than that, they will have to surrender their navy or see it destroyed. This is going to take men, money and time. My idea is not less than next Christmas. They are sly and scientific; their science is one of their best points. But their men are poor. I talked with several men just over from the front for 48 hours. They say you needn't be afraid of their bullets, except of their snipers, who are generally crack shots. Their railway and telegraph system are very efficient, so you can realize the big task that is ahead of us. It may take years but we will do it."

Pat's First Night in Town

Two Irishmen fresh from Ireland had just landed in New York and engaged a room in the top story of a hotel. Mike, being very sleepy, threw himself on the bed and was soon fast asleep. The sights were so new and strange to Pat that he sat at the window looking out. Soon an alarm of fire was rung in, and a fire engine rushed by, throwing up sparks of fire and clouds of smoke. This greatly excited Pat, who called his comrade to get up and come to the window; but Mike was fast asleep. Another engine soon followed the first, spouting smoke and fire like the former. This was too much for poor Pat, who rushed excitedly to the bedside, and shaking his friend called loudly:

"Mike, Mike, wake up! They are moving Hell, and two loads have gone by already."

NAKED TRUTH ABOUT THE GAME

Hockey Players Told to Wake Up, that Their Pipes Are Out.

Take back your laurels, your ancient honors, oh, ye, Gladiators of Rome, for after that demonstration on Friday night, you are still the only sports in existance, or out of it. This was the third and last game of hockey played between the Howse boys and the Railroad boys, and let the truth be told, painful as it may be. The Howse family nosed out one ahead, fixing the score at 8 to 7, giving them the championship. But how anything ever got to a score is the puzzling point. The referee must have been deaf, dumb and blind, for if all the fouls, trips, offsides, etc., had been checked there would have been no game. They would have all been banished at one fell swoop, with the referee at the head of the class.

The sons of Erin and other sons were there, like Jacob's coat of many colors. At first glance one might have thought they were a set of performing Teddy bears, building pyramids and making slides for life. There may have been a time when this aggregation could play good shinny on the grass, when a tin can was a puck and a broom handle the stick, but that day is past, for now they play like jitneys, and the pity is that they do not know it. So wake up, Howse boys and Glavin boys, your pipes are out, and you can't play hockey on a bet. You play like hicks, and a bunch of militant suffragettes could give you pointers: As for playing anything on ice, you couldn't stand up, let alone skate, for it was nothing to see Taylor, McLeod and Dixon in a heap with skates pointing heavenward. K. C. Brown was perhaps the most accomplished skater on the ice, for his ability to "turkey-trot" and "hesitate" proved he knows all the fancy steps.

"Shinny on your own side," shouted Mr. Taylor, in a hasty exit to get safe, when Kramer went by with the puck. "I can't," answered Kramer, "I'm on my way;" and he couldn't, either, for he had to follow the puck. Glavin played like a movie hero, and did some fancy stunts which would have done credit to a specialized vaudevillian.

"Nobody to home," shouted Mr. Yungbluth, when the puck threatened him, and Mr. Croly was so snubbed by that little rubber that he was all cut up about it. "You poor fish, your skates are on your head," was the complimentary remark made to McLeod by his brother in crime, Alex Dixon. But both did good work, by luck and otherwise, and helped build up their score sheet. Yes, Mr. Whitcomb knew there was a puck somewhere. But what matters it, if Sid can't play hockey he can sing.

Mr. Pritchard, looking like a Mellin's Food baby in his white sweater and toque, could shoot all right, and he landed that puck in court this time. "Tack" Murphy made the most spectacular play of the evening. Leaving his goal to the four winds, he breezed right home with the puck in front of George Maybe's watchful eyes. Gee, but "Tack" could play hockey if they would only let him.

Glavin and Croly roughed it in an impromptu scrap, which sent terror to the hearts of the ladies, but when it proved to be a phoney everyone breathed easier. However, they were both benched for their little laugh getter.

No, that was not slow music, that sounded like the "Eliza crossing the ice" variety. It was only the shivers of the crowd, who in spite of the chills and chatters remained to see the finish.

So rest in poace, you Gladiators, neither turn green with envy or turn at all. What was thought to be a thaw proved to be a frost and the honors are still yours. We disband, rooters, admirers, knockers, nuts and pikers, sine die. M. See.

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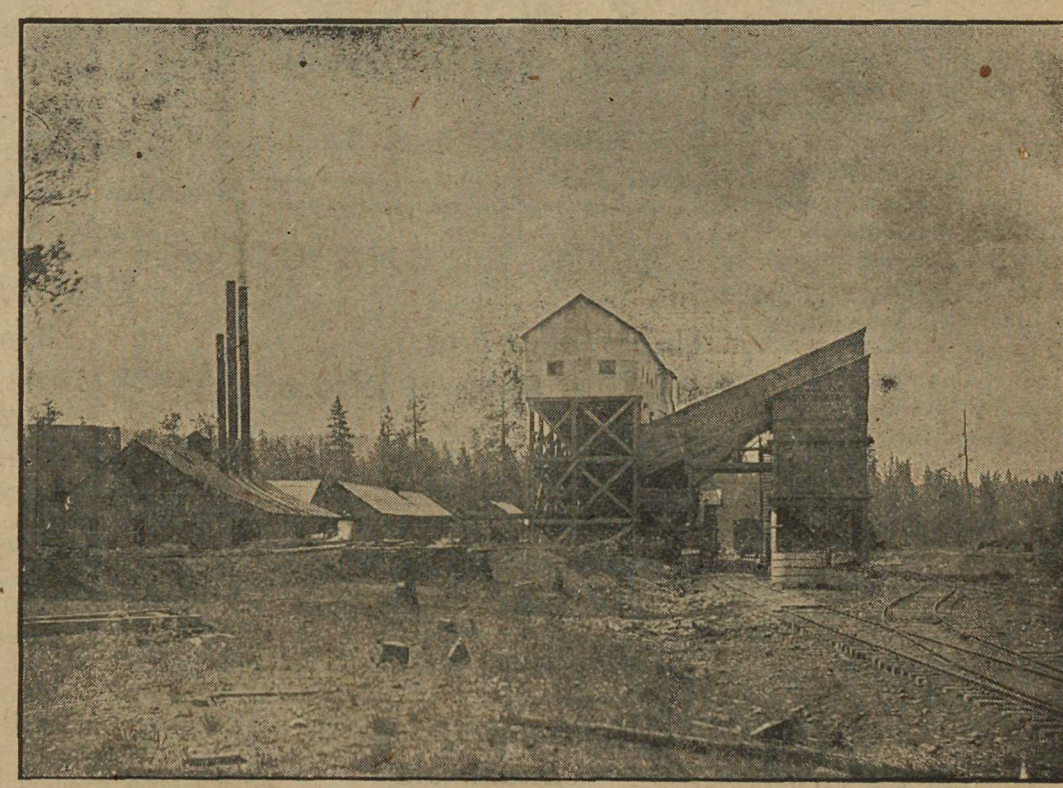

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