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NEW BUNKHOUSE FOR VOIGT'S CAMP

Consolidated Company Making Preparation for Big Development.

The report that the Consolidated Company, of Trail, will begin at once the erection of a large bunkhouse at Voigt's Camp is gratifying news for Princeton and district at this time. The new bunkhouse as planned will furnish accommodation for 150 men, and means that at least that number will be put to work on the big property in the spring.

Last fall the Consolidated Company secured control of Emil F. Voigt's interests. It is not known the amount of money involved in this particular deal, but it is known that about two years ago a sale was being negotiated on a basis of $3,000,000. The property consists of some 60 mineral claims and certain tracts of land, amounting in all to about 3,500 acres. Enormous bodies of copper ore have been proven by diamond drilling and other development work. The properety lies about eight miles from Princeton, and several of the claims adjoin those of the Canada Copper Corporation at Copper Mountain. A short branch line of railway will connect Voigt's Camp with the railway line between Princeton and Copper Mountain, now under construction.

Chicken Disturbs Elevator Business

The National Elevator Company Kinistino, near Prince Albert, Sask., has just solved a mystery that for a time had threatened to disrupt the company's business at that point. Many farmers complained of the discrepancies in the weights given for grain, and there had been numerous threats of legal action. Despite every effort made by the elevator managers, the scales kept recording all kinds of freak weights, in some cases as much as 300 pounds difference in the conrse of the day. Eventually an examination by an expert on elevator construction disclosed the fact that a chicken was making its roost on the lower beam of the scales. According to the position taken by the bird the scales registered either over or under weight.

WATER NOTICE

DIVERSION AND USE

TAKE NOTICE that Franklin Sherman, whose address is Princeton, B. C., will apply for a licence to take and use sixty acre feet of water out of Hayes Creek, also known as Fivemile Crsek, which flows southerly and drains into the Similkameen River about seven miles below Princeton, British Columbia.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point being the intersection of the creek with north boundary of Lot 3773, Kamloops Division, and will be used for irrigation purposes upon the land described as L 3773, Kamloops Division, Yale District.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 17th day of December, 1918. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Wator Act 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Princeton, B. C.

Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 20th, 1918.

FRANKLIN SHERMAN, Applicant,
By P. W. Gregory, Agent.

Keremeos Winner of Hockey Match

The hockey game between the Princeton and Keremeos teams drew a good crowd at the rink New Year's Eve. The match was got up on short notice, and none of the players were in really first class condition. The Keremeos boys won by a score of 14 to 12. Of the 12 goals registered by Princeton, Huff scored 5, Bird 3, Burr 2 and DeFieux 2. Of the Princeton lineup Waddell played goal, Houston, point; Burr, cover point; Huff, centre; Bird, right wing; DeFieux, left wing; Muir, spare.

There will probably be several more games this season, and the local boys intend to organize and practice in order to be ready to meet all comers. It is said that Merritt has a good team this winter, which will probably come over here shortly for a match.

GENERAL NEWS

All of the 22 theatres in Vancouver have applied for a renewal of their licenses for the year.

Judge W. B. Cochrane has closed his law office at Grand Forks and has moved to Vancouver.

Penticton has a dozen new cases of influenza. At Vancouver 68 cases were reported in one day this week.

Emil Larsen, who for 13 years conducted the Province Hotel at Grand Forks, died in that city last week at the age of 57.

The edible flesh of one whale equals in bulk that of 100 steers or 500 sheep or 300 hogs. The weight of a full grown whale runs from 50 to 75 tons.

P. B. Freeland, district mining engineer for the Provincial government, was married at Vancouver recently. His bride came from Prince Edward Island.

Odd Fellows Install Officers

The following officers were installed for the present term by Princeton Lodge No. 52 I. O. O. F. at Thursday night's meeting:

W. H. Houston—Noble Grand,
J. Huey—Vice Grand,
C. Willarson—Rec. Secr'y,
P. Y. Smith—Treasurer,
Percy Rowlands—Warden,
Felix Darragh—R. S. N. G.
Robt. Schulli—L. S. N. G.
Ray Marston—Inside Guard,
Anson Potter—R. S. V. G.
J. McDonald—L. S. V. G.
D. M. French—Chaplain.

Hospital Auxiliary Officers

At its regular annual meeting held recently the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Princeton General Hospital elected the following officers for the year:

Mrs. J. A. McLeod, president: Mrs. Neil McFadden, vice-president; Mrs. C. Willarson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. J. Priest and Mrs. Geo. Wardle, purchasing committee.

NOTICE

Lung Chong has bought from the A. E. Howse Company one lot and house property, where New York Restaurant stands. I will open the business as the Chicago Restaurant on January 1st.

LUNG CHONG,
Proprietor Chicago Restaurant.

Princeton Paragraphs

Princeton had its first zero weather this week.

Mrs. H. E. Whittaker is visiting with friends at the coast.

Geo. Allen arrived home yesterday mornisg from the east.

Mrs. C. C. Hale is home from Penticton, where she was visiting with friends.

James Snowden is able to be out and around again after an attack of the "flu."

It is said that the Motor Act will be rigidly enforced around Princeton this year.

Mrs. W. C. McLean and her daughter have moved from Edmonton to Victoria.

S. R. Gibson has installed a Bowser pump in his store for the handling of kerosene.

Miss Whillans has returned to Vancouver after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Wright.

Miss Ada Kirkpatrick has returned to Nelson to again take up her work in the Kootenay Lake General Hospital.

The Board of Trade will hold its regular monthly meeting next Monday night, at which time the date will be set for holding the regular annual meeting.

Miss Adams, sister of Mrs. W. H. Houston, who was here on a visit through the holidays, returned yesterday to Vernon, where she holds a position in the Bank of Montreal.

That a person can have the "flu" more than once has been demonstrated in Princeton. There have been half a dozen or more reoccurrences, but in every instance the second attack has been very mild.

The Princeton public school will reopen next Monday. Miss Helen DeCew, of Grand Forks, will teach in the classroom formerly presided over by Mrs. McLeod, who resigned to accept a position at Penticton.

Gus Murchy and Fred Schisler, two Princeton young men who went overseas, are both in the same hospital in England recovering from severe attacks of pneumonia. They expect to come home within a few months' time,

After being closed since last July, the L. D. Restaurant is again open for business. Mr. and Mrs. Tuck have taken a much needed rest after several years in the catering business in Cranbrook, Nelson and Rossland before coming here.

Good Attendance at Masquerade Ball

Successful in every way was the regular annual masquerade ball held New Year's Eve under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Princeton General Hospital. Many of the characters impersonated were aptly made up and sustained. Joe Delprato, Miss Pickthal and Bert Grenier supplied splendid music, and a splendid supper was served. A statement of the receipts and expenditures of the dance will be published next week.

Fire Destroys Hotel at Hedley

The Grand Union Hotel, at Hedley, owned by Andy Winkler, was completely destroyed by fire last Tuesday night. Mr. Winkler had brought a party in his car to Princeton to attend the hockey game and dance and was notified by phone that his place on fire. The hotel was the second one built at Hedley, and was doing a good business. There was $5,000 insurance on the building. This leaves only one hetel in Hedley, the Great Northern.

Money in Trapping

A. F. MacKenzie, who is better known as the "Laird of Tullochard," was in from his place on Onemile this week to make a shipment of furs. Mr. MacKenzie has had good luck this winter hunting and trapping, and his catch so far this season includes 10 lynx, 10 coyotes, over 30 marten and one leopard lynx, and the value of his shipment will run close to $300.

Chinese People Have "Flu" Cure

In the larger centres the Chinese have had wonderful success in handling the influenza situation. At Calgary some 500 cases were treated by Rong Chin, a Chinese specialist from Seattle, and there was not a single death from the disease. Butte is another city where not a single member of the Chinese colony died. Even at Rossland there were very few deaths among the Chinese.

Fifty years ago influenza swept over China, killing many thousands of persons. The natives believed that they had incurred the wrath and displeasure of the gods, but when the natien was almost threatened with extermination a positive cure was developed, which has been handed down to succeeding generations.

In the first place, they adopt the precaution of refraining from eating any green vegetables.

When the first symptoms of the disease appear, they dissolve salt in a bowl of water until the point saturation is reached. Then dip their fingers in the bowl and place the damp fingers on the joints of their arms and legs, They repeat this process, either with fingers or a small rag, until the skin is nearly saturated with the salt water. Dark blotches will appear on these places similar in appearance to a black bruise. Insert a needle under the skin and squeeze out the black blood. They repeat this daily until the black spots fail to appear. Then the cure is effected.

Medical men and undertakers assert that bodies of persons who have died of this disease turn black, thus indicating that the Chinese theory relative to the germ being in the blood is correct. The Celestial idea is to centralize this black blood and eject it from the system before the disease gains control.

MINES AND MINING

Oscar Lachmund, of Spokane, formerly general manager of the Canada Copper Corporation, was in Vancouver last week.

The shareholders of the Princeton Mining & Development Company will hold their annual meeting next Monday, January 6th.

HEDLEY MINE PAID DIVIDEND

Disbursed $36,000 Last Tuesday, Making Total of $126,000 for Year.

The Hedley Gold Mining company, has declared a dividend of $36,000, according to a New York report. This at the rate of 15 cents a share under the new capitalation, which is double that of the former. Payment was made last Tuesday.

This latest dividend declared will increase the disbursements of last year to $126,000, and the the grand total to $2,430,000. The company paid $240,000 each in 1917 and 1916, and $300,000 each in 1915 and 1914.

The company owns the Nickel Plate and Sunnyside groups of 1370 acres in the Similkameen valley of British Columbia, and the Copper Flat property, near Silver City, N. M. Its production of gold is the largest in British Columbia of a company specializing in that metal. Its resources are contained in large bodies of low grade ore mined by the glory hole method. The reduction in the dividend as compared with other recent years is said to bedue to the incseased cost of mining and milling an ore wherein there was no compensating advance in price.

Sold Fake "Flu" Dope

Accused of having manufactured and sold to influenza sufferers thousands of boxes of asperin tablets, principally composed of talcum powder, Joseph M. Turkey, head of the Verandah Chemical Company of Brooklyn, was found guilty of a violation of the sanitary code and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary with a fine of $500.

War Service Gratuities

The cabinet council at Ottawa has issued an order authorizing the payment of a "war service guaranty" to be payable to the naval and land forces of Canada in place of post-discharge pay. P. W. Gregory has the details of the proposition at his office, and those interested should call and get full particulars.

THE METAL MARKET

NEW YORK—Lead, 7.05.
Bar silver—1.01⅛.
Copper—25 to 27.
ST. LOUIS—Spelter, 8.35.
MONTREAL—Lead, 7.64.

TENDERS WANTED

Wanted, tenders for contract for brushing and ripping slope through loose ground.

Present size of slope averages 4 feet by 4 feet. Length, 140 feet. Grade, 45 degrees. Inside measurement, 6 feet between notches, 9 feet in bottom; height, 6 feet. Setts, 4 feet centres.

Company will find all material and hoisting tackle. Contractor to furnish own tools.

Present work can be inspected by applying at mine.

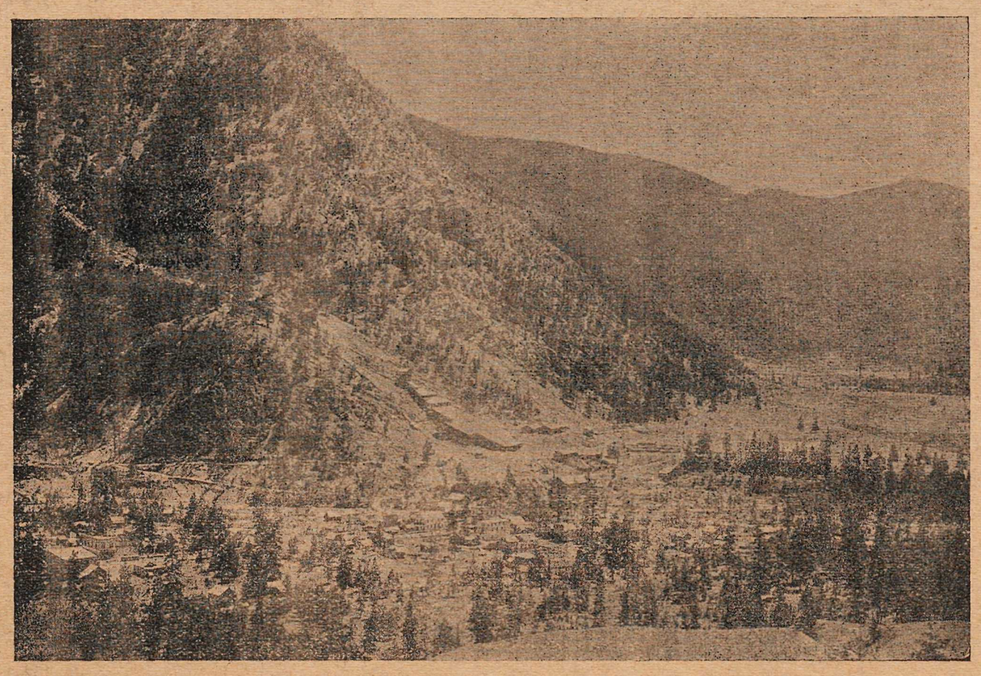
Company not bound to accept lowest tender. Tenders to be in before January 14th, 1919.

PRINCETON COAL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

Strayed

Strayed from Wolf Creek ranch one bay mare, three years old, with white face, branded W B on left hip. One horse colt, dark bay, with same brand. Reward. Anyone knowing these horses please notify

J. A. STEWART,
Princeton.



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F. J. SMYTH, Manager.

PRINCETON, JANUARY 3, 1919

THE BRITISH DEAD

"Let us visualize a march of the British dead down Fifth avenue," suggests a writer in the New York Tribune in an endeavor to make the staggering casualty lists of the war more real than mere figures can make them. "At daybreak they start, 20 abreast. Until sundown they march * * * and the next day, and the next, and the next. For ten days the British dead pass in review. For 11 days the French dead file down the avenue of the Allies." For the Russians it would require the daylight of five weeks more. Two months and a half would be required for the allied dead to pass a given point. The enemy dead would require more than six weeks." For four months men actually killed in the war, passing steadily 20 abreast---the writer suggests, as a fitting punishment for the late German kaiser, that he be forced to stand at attention and review this stupendous, ghastly procession, from the first rank to the last.

CANADA FINANCING HERSELF

The Great War has taught Canadians they all must save and fortunately, through War Savings Stamps, this can be done profitably, for they yield more than 4 1-2 per cent. compounded half-yearly.

Saving made the Victory Loans possible. For years back a number of our people had been spending a little less than they made and when the government called for money they came forward with their savings. There was no trick in what they did; it was simplicity itself.

Now this saving must go on. Canada will need many millions for new enterprises, and since she cannot borrow money abroad, as she could in the days before the war, this means that her own people must provide it.

In order to make saving both easy and attractive the Dominion government has launched the War Savings Plan. By this method a person who now invests $4.00 in War Savings Stamps will get back $5.00 in January 1924. This means a rate of interest a little over 4 1-2 per cent. payable half-yearly. There is no limit on the number of stamps a person may buy. Could anything be easier?

A MAGNIFICENT PROJECT

Says The Merritt Herald:

Announcement has been made by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, that the Provincial Government has taken over 22,000 acres from the Southern Okanagan Land Company and will inaugurate a Soldiers' Settlement Scheme there. This choice tract of land is situated along the lower Okanagan river and along Osoyoos lake and contains some of the most fertile fruit lands to be found in the entire province. The purchase price of this land was in the neighborhood of $350,000, or about $15.90 an acre.

This tract of land has been reported upon by such an eminent authority as Dr. Elwood Mead, who stands in the front rank among the irrigation experts of the world. No better authority is required than Dr. Mead, so the public may be assured the project is not only feasible but one that con be made a great success from every point of view, providing always that intelligent management, planning, construction and settlement are secured. This we believe will result, for the government is very anxious to make its initial project in irrigation and land settlement a success.

Figures are not to hand to indicate the possible cost of reclaiming this tract by irrigation, but the writer feels sure, from some personal knowledge of the project, that the cost will not be excessive. Two distribution systems will have to be provided, one on either side of the Okanagan, but but this is not an uncommon situation. The Minister of Lands says this "project particularly lends itself to development by units which will keep down the overhead and render its economic success more easy of accomplishment." These proposed "units" should, however, be made as large as possible, for there is always danger of maintenance costs being higher than they should be if the units are small.

This tract of 22,000 acres, if subdivided into land units of 40 acres each, will provide homes for over 500 families. Should the government decide to divide into land units of 60, 40, 20 and 10 acres, as is the case under similar projects in other parts of the world, it is quite possible to provide homes for 750 families. Thus it will be seen that a thriving comunity will come into existence where now there is nothing but sage brush and jackrabbits. To properly provide for the industrial and social welfare of this agricultural community, at least one, and possibly two, municipal centres will have to be established, and the government should so locate these that no one under the project would be at any great distance from one or the other of them. The district should contain a population of not less than 5000 immediately it is completely settled.

This land has cost the government $350,000. While figures are not available, the cost of the proposed irigation system should not, we think, exceed $35 per acre; possibly it can be constructed for less. In any event, the land with the water upon it, will represent a possible outlay of perhaps $50 per acre. If the government finds it necessary to add a small sum to the initial cost, to cover original administration and interest charges, the cost of the land to the settler will still be within the easy reach of anyone who possesses initiative and knowledge of agricultural or horticultural pursuits, for after this land has been brought under development and is in producing orchards, vineyards, alfalfa meadows and gardens, it will have a value of anywhere from $500 to $1000 per acre. Ten acres well tilled under a project of this character will provide a family with a most comfortable living and twenty acres will provide a competence. That has been the case on the U. S. Reclamation project in the Okanogan valley in Washington just a few miles south of this proposed project, and it will be the ultimate result on this side of the International boundary line.

The possibilities of projects of this character are limited only by their area. As we understand the plans of the Land Settlement Board and the departments of government having to deal with projects of this character, the settler will be given every opportunity to provide himself with a home. Small payments down and subsequent payments to run through a series of years will make it possible for any man who possesses the necessary knowledge and working ability to provide himself and family with a home that is worth while; one where he may enjoy comfort and be independent. This should prove a splendid opportunity for soldiers who are desirous of engaging in pastoral pursuits to find a haven where good soil, an abundance of water and a delightful climate are combined to produce a condition that will provide noble employment, a splendid living, a healthy life and a competence for declining years. Nothing more is needed in these latter days.

BUILD UP NORTH FORK

K. V. R. Branh Construction Is to Commence at Once

Grand Forks---Construction is commencing at once on the two-mile extension of the north fork branch of the Kettle Valley railway, which will connect the present steel head at Lynch Creek with the terminus of the ore tram line from the Rock Candy group the fluorite property of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting company of Trail.

Engineer Prouse, assistant to A. McCulloch, chief engineer for the K. V. R., arrived in Grand Forks Wednesday from Penticton and at once went to Lynch Creek and will direct the construction work.

The Kettle Valley railway company are undertaking the construction of the trestle across Lynch Creek themselves and are now taking on men for the work, acoording to Supt. W. H. Kirkpatrick, who gave out the above information last week.

The grading will be in charge of J. Paulson, of Princeton, and several cars of grading equipment are now en route from Princeton and the work on the north fork will be commenced as soon as the grading equipment arrives and details arranged. It is understood that the work may be sublet.

Grading for the new extension will be comparatively easy, there beng no engineerng obstacles in the way, and the right of way being fairly even.

It is intended that construction work will be speeded up, as the tram line from the Rock Candy will be ready in January and the Consolidated company is anxious to get the ore moving at the earliest moment. Two carloads were brought down this week from the Humming Bird siding and were shipped to the big acid plant at Garry, Indiana.

Walked to Main Line

Merritt---A Kettle Valley freight train which left Merritt Tuesday morning met with a serious accident two miles above Clapperton when the track rails spread and several coal cars went into the ditch. The train was a long one, composed of about forty cars, most of which were cattle. These, however, passed in safety, only the rear of the train being derailed. A main line passenger train following an hour behind the freight was compelled to tie up when it came to the wreck and remained there a number of hours. Among the passengers on this train were Mayor M. L. Grimmett, Joseph Walters, M.P.P., and W. H. Innes, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Toronto. These three gentlemen, who desired to reach Vancouver that evening, walked from the wreck to Spences Bridge, a distance of about twelve miles, arriving there in time to take the afternoon C. P. R. train to the coast.

BRITISH AND AMERICANS HOLD SONG-FEST AMID THE RUINS OF CAPTURED CAMBRAI

This group of British and American soldiers were among the first to enter Cambrai when it was recaptured. They discovered this battered piano among the debris. After they had finished chasing the Huns they returned for a song-fest.

TO RUN VIA SPENCES BRIDGE FOR REST OF WINTER

K. V. R. Management Decides Not to Clear Coquihalla

TOO EXPENSIVE A JOB IS VERDICT

Time Table Changes Are Now Being Considered Here

The Coquihalla cut-off will not be operated this winter.

This is the decision which the K.V. R. management has reached as a result of an inspection trip just concluded by Acting General Supt. McCulloch. In view of the condition of the roadbed and snow plow and other equipment needed for snow fighting, it is considered that to attempt to reopen the blocked up line would be entirely too expensive.

The rock slide blocking the line between the C.P.R. main line and the K.V.R. station at Hope will be cleared off, however. The balance of the Coquihalla cut-off, much of it covered by slides and snow, will be left till spring.

"It need not be taken for granted that the cut-off line is not a feasible winter route," said a railway official today. "The fact is that when the first winter snow slides came the equipment was not in shape to fight it, nor was there sufficient motive power available. This will be remedied in ample time for next fall, and there is no reason why the Hope cut-off should not be used every winter. It has been hard to get labor during the past summer and fall, and as a result conditions are not in our favor."

The Spences Bridge route is to be used for the K.V.R. traffic for the balance of the winter. At present the K. V.R. trains are running through to the Coast but it is probable that the time table will be changed so that these trains will run to Spences Bridge only connecting there with C.P.R. trains three and four.

The plan now in mind is to have the Coast-Kootenay train leave Nelson about two p.m. instead of seven a.m., thus arriving in Penticton about five in the morning, and connecting with the main line trains at Spences Bridge in the afternoon, arriving in Vancouver at 10 p.m. Leaving Vancouver at 8 p.m. the main line train would get to Spences Bridge in the afternoon and arrive at Penticton about 1.30 a.m. Princeton times would be about four hours different from Penticton.

The proposed changes in time would eliminate last winter's overnight tie up of the westbound Coast-Kootenay train in Penticton. If sleeper traffic kept up a sleeper would be continued for the run between Vancouver and Penticton, so that Okanagan passengers desiring to go to Vancouver could get on the car at night and be picked up by the incoming train at five, or arriving from Vancouver at one a.m., could remain on the sleeper until ordinary rising time.

THE "FLU"

When your back is broke and your eyes are blurred,
And your shin bones knock and your tongue is furred,
And your tonsils squeak and your hair gets dry,
And you're doggone sure that you're going to die,
But you're skeered you won't and afraid you will,
Just drag to bed and have your chill,
For you've got the flu, boy; you've got the flu.

When your toes curl up and your belt goes flat,
And you're twice as mean as a Thomas cat,
And life is a long and dismal curse,
And your food all tastes like a hard boiled hearse,
When your lattice aches and your head's a buzz,
And nothing is as it ever wuz,
Here are my sad regrets to you,
For you've got the flu, boy; you've got the flu.

What is it like, this Spanish Flu?
Ask me, brother, for I've been thru,
It is my Misery out of Despair,
It pulls your teeth and curls your hair,
It thins your blood and brays your bones,
And fills your craw with moans and groans,
And sometimes maybe, you get well,
Some call it flu; I call it hell.

ARE LAYING STEEL

K.V.R. Gangs Will Finish Tracks to Allenby Mill in Two Weeks

Acting Supt. McCulloch of the K. V. R., announced today that track layers were now putting down the steel on the K.V.R. Copper Mountain branch, and within two weeks time would have the line laid from the end of the joint yards in Princeton across the Similkameen bridge and as far as Allenby, a distance of five miles by rail.

Grading and other construction work from Allenby to the Copper Mountain will be pushed ahead in the spring.

FARMERS' CONVENTION CALLED AT KELOWNA

Second Week in January to Be Important One in Lake City

Kelowna---Agricultural conventions of particular importance to all farmers of the province, especially those interested in dairying, seed growing and sheep farming, have been arranged for the second week in January, commencing on Monday, the 13th, and continuing until the following Friday afternoon, and are to be held in Kelowna. The idea of holding these conventions all in one city is so that farmers can kill many birds with one stone, or in other words, so that they can attend all these conventions at the expense of only one trip.

The importance of this week to the farmers can be gained from the following programme:

Provincial Seed Fair and Seed Growers' meetings, under the auspices of the provincial department of agriculture, January 13, 14 and 15.

Annual convention of the B. C. Dairymen's Association, January 14 and 15.

General meeting of shareholders of the Canadian Co-Operative Wool Growers' Ltd., of British Columbia, January 14.

Annual meeting of delegates from farmers' institutes of dostrict "G" to which all members of all farmers' institutes are invited, January 17.

Meeting of the executive of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, January 18.

The committee in charge are arranging a "Get-together" farmers' dinner for the evening of Thursday, January 16, at which a number of speakers will be present, and at which there will also be a musical programme.

In Penticton on Jan. 21 and 22 members of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association hold their annual meeting.

For some time past several special committees have been at work in Kelowna in connection with the different conventions, the success of which would seem to be undoubtedly assured. Recognized authorities in various branches of the farming industry will address the various meetings. Demonstrations and exhibits have been arranged for that will not only be interesting but helpful and beneficial to the visitors and delegates.

In connection with the Dominion-wide movement to encourage the growing of seed in Canada, special interest has been taken by Dominion and provincial officials in the results obtained in the Kelowna district. Prof Boving, of the University of British Columbia, and one of the best known seed experts in Canada, has frequently visited Kelowna in connection with the seed growing experiments being made on a substantial scale in this district. Professor Boving is the authority for the following statement: "In no country in the world can the seed grower obtain a greater yield per acre than in the Dominion of Canada. I have no hesitation in adding that no better seed can be grown anywhere than can be produced in this province." Prof. Boving will be one of the speakers at the Seed Growers' convention.

Apart from the actual work of the convention an effort will be made to give every delegate and visitor to Kelowna a cordial welcome. Arrangements have already been made for a farmers' banquet with over 300 guests

"SOLDIERS FIRST" IS C. P. R. SLOGAN

Troop trains with returning soldiers are to be given preference over all other trains, including regular passenger trains on the C. P. R., in so far as is consistent with safety, according to a circular just issued by Vice-President A. D. MacTier. This was the rule on the C. P R. when our soldiers were hurrying to the front, and it is to be the rule now that they are returning to their homes. "What is particularly desired," says the circular, "is that all officers and employees concerned shall, in so far as possible, place themselves in the position of the father, mother, wife, sister, or other relative of the returning soldier, and deal with them as they would wish to be dealt with under similar conditions.

"All this being accomplished, it will add substantially to the welcome the company desires to give to returned soldiers, as well as to the comfort and convenience of relatives and friends who desire to welcome them."

In order that relatives and friends desiring to meet troop trains should have information as to the hour of arrival very particular instructions are given. "Station staffs," says the circular "at destination points should be fully and promptly advised of the expected time of arrival of troop trains, with all particulars available as to the names of steamships from which the passengers come, and any other known details. This information should be promptly and regularly posted on station bulletin boards and corrected from time to time as may be necessary. Operators should keep in close touch with the movement of the trains so that the information posted may be up to the minute. Train enquiry clerks should be at all times fully informed in connection with the trains and their movement, and they, as well as other station staff concerned, will be expected to deal courteously and patiently with all enquirers, giving them correctly and clearly the fullest information possible in response to their enquiries

In the operation of C. P. R. trains, the troop train is to be considered first. In the event of a troop train locomotive breakdown on the road, the locomotive which can be made most quickly available, even if taken from a regular passenger train, is to be used to handle the troop train, so that it will incur the least possible delay.

WHY SAVING IS NECESSARY

Canadians must save, if they are to pass safely through the financial and industrial conditions following the war. They must save just as carefully as they did when the Germans were hammering at the gates of Amiens. The government has made this profitable through its War Savings Plan, which gives good returns.

FRENCH GENERAL MADE MARSHAL

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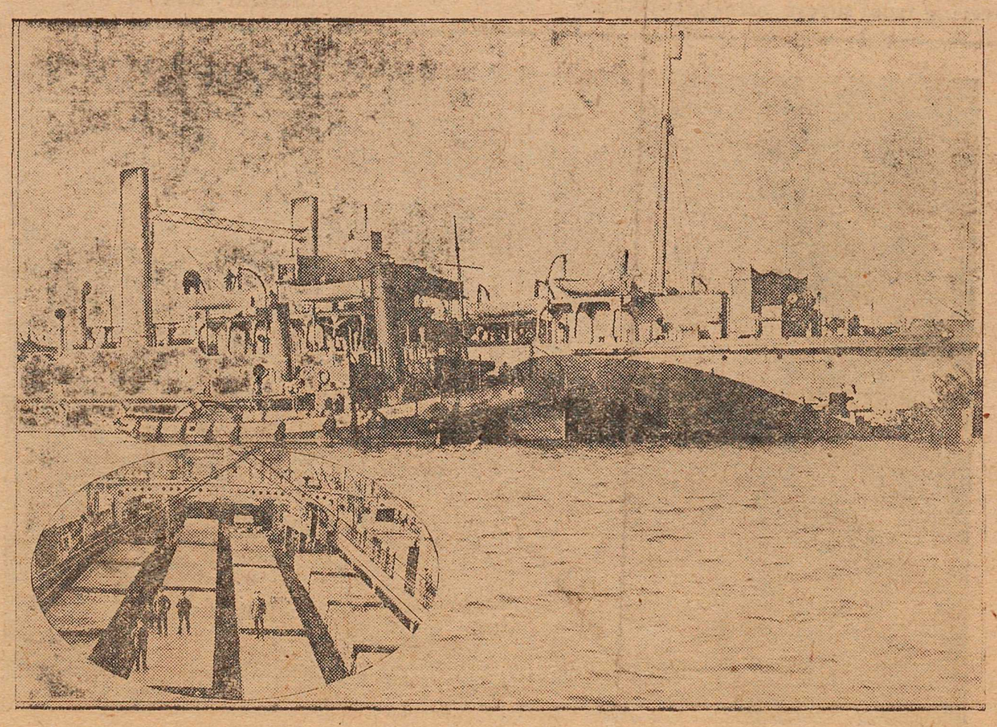

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OROVILLE EXPECTS TO GET ADVANTAGE

American Town Believes S. O. Development Will Assist It

Oroville people expect great things from the transformation of the S. O. lands judging from a recent article in the Oroville Gazette. The Gazette somewhat incorrectly says no effort has been made in the past to develop the lands and they have been an idle waste. The Oroville paper is quite accurate, however, in prophesying great development as a result of the government purchase of the property. Whether Penticton or Oroville will receive the most benefit and what will come in the south in the way of new towns remains to be seen.

The Gazette says:

In less than five miles of Oroville as the crow flies is the International boundary line between the United States and British Columbia, and extending beyond that line northward is a continuation of the Okanogan (spelled Okanagan on the other side of the line) valley. From the boundary line for twenty or twenty-five miles northward there are broad stretches of as choice land as can be found in the northwest, only awaiting the application of water to make of the country a veritable Eden, and for all that distance there is not a single human habitation on either side of the main travelled road, and the only building occupied, so far as noticeable on that vast domain are the two buildings at Osoyoos, where the custom house is located, and the ranch home of Val. Haynes. Lying idle out there is land of the very best in quantities sufficient to supply homes for many, many families and it has always been a mystery why some effort has not been made in the past to reclaim this land and open it for settlement. But whatever the reason the fact remains that it is unimproved as though it were ten thousand miles remote from civilization instead of being in easy touch with two of the most highly productive and improved sections of the northwest, the Penticton fruit district on the north and the Oroville district adjoining it on the south.

But the end of its uselessness and non-occupancy is in sight, and the consummation of that change is going to have a great influence upon the growth of Oroville while it adds wealth and population to the province of Canada in which the land is situated.

The Provincial government, with the object of providing homes for soldiers returning from the war in Europe, has purchased this great expanse of land embracing 22,000 acres, and is planning to carry out a system of irrigation to reclaim the same. We publish in full the announcement of the deal which appears in the Vancouver Province of December 17, for this information is authoritative and will be read with intense interest by the people of this place and surrounding country.

There is little to add to what is set forth in the article. The land mentioned is simply a continuation of the Okanogan valley, and everybody knows what the Okanogan valley can do in the way of productiveness under water. That is demonstrated by the West Okanogan Valley Irrigation system that carries water immediately to the boundary line. Directly on the line tract owners have demonstrated with fruit, corn, vegetables and alfalfa what can be expected of the adjacent land when once reclaimed. That irrigation will be done by water taken from the Okanogan river further north, but irrigation can be expedited on the south end of that big tract by making some arrangement with the local irrigation district to take water from the Similkameen river through the flumes and ditches already constructed. Those flumes and ditches could be enlarged at comparatively slight expense to water several thousand acres of the British Columbia project, thus greatly expediting reclamation of the land, and now that the soldier boys are coming home time is the essence of any movement that has for its object aid from a grateful government.

We have good ground to hold that the settlement of these lands will be a most powerful factor in the upbuilding of Oroville. Undoubtedly there will be townsites laid out on this immense tract, but here is already a flourishing town within a few minutes travel. Besides Oroville is at a railroad center where people going to or coming from this particular section can reach eastern, southern or western points much more readily and expeditiously than by travelling to the north. Then as certain as the settlement of that section a railroad will be constructed from Oroville not only to tap this large productive domain but will be extended clear through to Penticton. If Oroville's future was bright before it was made many times brighter the day the British Columbia government purchased that land and decided to open it for settlement.

DEVELOP RESERVES FOR THE SOLDIERS

Kelowna Committee Now at Work on Important Project

Kelowna Great Wor Veterans are instituting a movement for the acquisition and development of the Indian reserves in that district as community land settlements. The purposes of the Kelowna war veterans, acting in conjunction with a committee of business men, are outlined in the following article taken from a Kelowna paper:

The local Great War Veterans' Association and a local committee of business men are behind a scheme for co-operative or community land settlement for returned men, which has many features to recommend it, and which will no doubt meet with hearty support, provided the federal government can be induced to grant the needed facilities.

Sir Auckland Geddes

This is the noted Britisher who has been appointed president of the local government board. He will remain head of the ministry of National Service.

Briefly outlined the plan is this: that a number of returned men, soldiers' widows, and other dependents who are entitled to land grants under the soldiers' settlement arrangements, should pool their interests and with the help of the government acquire a tract of land (of the adjacent Indian reserves is suggested), and establish a co-operative agricultural settlements.

For the purpose of working out the details of this scheme and laying it before the proper authorities a committee of citizens and business men comprising Mayor Sutheruland and Messrs. E. R. Bailey, Grote Stirling, M. Hereron, W. G. Benson and P. B. Willits are working with the War Veterans, who have also appointed a committee consisting of Geo. Kennedy, J. C. Anderson and Jas. Inglis.

The attractive points in connection with this scheme as presented by the committee are:

1. That many of the men are not physically capable of taking up land by themselves, especially bush land, though they keenly desire to settle on the land; 2. That such agricultural pursuits can be thus taken in hand which will, in various ways, provide work for the partially disabled; 3. That mutual assistance will be facilitated, and, should a man be injured or lose his health, his holding will be more easily negotiable, and in the event of his death his dependents would be better provided for; 4. That the money loaned would be, under the supervision provided, more secure; 5. That army life has had the effect of making many men desirous of working together with their fellows, rather than as isolated units; 6. That provision is made for the interests of soldiers' widows and other dependents, and of men who are: Incapacitated, not adaptable to farming, prevented by other occupations from actually settling on the land, or desirous of taking up University courses before setting down on the land.

7. That it would tend to smooth away the difficulty of providing men with areas of land of exactly the same value. Differences of value disappear in the pooling.

One of the greatest attractions of this scheme is that the climate of the Okanagan is specially suited to men who have passed through the exacting conditions of the great war; whose health has been to a greater or less extent affected by gas, rheumatism, etc. And, moreover, the industries which flourish in the district, are such that many opportunities are offered for light work and winter work.

In the immediate vicinity of Kelowna there are several Indian reserves, some with no Indians left; some with no Indians left belonging to them; and others with but two or three, and these could be transferred to adjacent reserves.

There is a reserve just north of Kelowna containing 640 acres, with a creek running through it which would provide irrigation. It is partially cleared and the soil is good, and there is nothing to hinder a start being made at the end of the winter. Two others lying across the Okanagan lake from Kelowna, of about 3,000 to 4,000 acres, have adjoining them a tract of partially cleared land of some 1,000 acres which could be acquired from a company, and together they would form an admirable site for further development as the men return. For this land an irrigation system from the neighboring creeks would be required. On one of these creeks the adjoining land just mentioned is recorded.

The construction of the system would provide work for a good many returned men for a year or more, whilst others could be busy with the clearing, fencing and preparation of the land itself.

Besides these reserves there are other tracts of land available for extension which could be purchased, and some of which lie under the main systems of existing irrigation works.

The scheme so appeals to the G. W. V. A. that it appears likely that returned men in considerable numbers will be desirous of coming under it, but as it is advisable to make a commencement without delay a start could be made by those available on a small area, extension following as required.

The land could be alloted on an acreage basis per man, and be placed in the hands of a Veterans' Association governed by an executive elected from their numbers, with a representative of the government to advise and co-operate in directing. The executive would be guided by stringent rules governing methods of procedure, and one-third should retire each year. Funds for development purposes would be borrowed frow the government and would provide wages for the veterans who work on the land. The profits derived after deductions for amortization charges, would be allotted to those whose interests have been pooled.

The value of each tract of land, with water on it, would have to be ascertained and the acreage per man arrived at. For instance where land is worth $250 an acre, and the total sum per man $5,000, the basis would be twenty acres per man. Again, where the valuation of the land is $50 per acre and the cost of an irrigation system $100 per acre, the amount per man would be 33 1-3 acres. But no feelings of hardships amongst the men could arise, as the land would all be pooled as the scheme expanded, and become the property of the men's association.

With regard to the lands across the lake which would require the construction of an irrigation system, Complete plans for such a system were got out by the company owning the adjoining tract of land, and it is understood that the system could, without difficulty, be extended to serve the reserve. The money would have to be borrowed from the government, and when expended would represent a portion of the value of the irrigated land allotted to the Association for a definite number of men. This irrigation scheme did not include the construction of reservoirs at the headwater, but with the inclusion of the reserve this would become necessary.

Copies of this draft scheme have been forwarded to the Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, and the Board of Trade and city council are each lending their aid to secure the release of the Indian reserves for settlement purposes.

CAPT. MARTIN WRITES

Former Penticton Man Had Narrow Escape From Death

Summerland---Capt. T. J. C. Martin, whose wife is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sutherland, is slowly recovering from injuries received in a nearly fatal accident, while flying in England. Capt. Martin, who was formerly in the Bank of Hamilton Penticton, and has many friends in the Okanagan, has had a most successful career since joining the Royal Air Force. For some time he was second in command of a bombing squadron and was one of the pilots of Handley-Page machines chosen to bomb Berlin. He was in England taking some final instructions when, on the 18th of September, he was asked to give a demonstration for which he used a borrowed machine. It was during this flight that he crashed to earth in a deadly tail spin, and was very seriously injured. His right leg was fractured below the knee, the knee cap of the left leg crushed, and he was badly smashed up about the face and head, and the doctors said that it was only his indomitable will that kept him alive. Though only twenty-four he has been seven times recommended for honors, and more recently has been recommended for promotion to major. It is uncertain whether Capt. and Mrs. Martin will return to Canada after he has been discharged from hospital.

FIRST TO THE RHINE

Lt.-Col. G. O. Fallis Has Honor Many Soldiers Sought

In a letter to Judge Swanson, of Kamloops, written at general headquarters on November 26, Lieut.-Col. G. O. Fallis, former Methodist pastor at Penticton, states that he is accredited as being the first Canadian to get to the Rhine. He says:

"I was down with the Canadian forestry units, and by courtesy of the French army got through to Colmar and Wulhausen and up to the Rhine at 12.20 noon on November 22, and as I looked across the river could see the Huns patrolling on the other side. I dipped my hands in the rushing waters, held them dripping to the heavens and fairly shrieked, 'Vive la France.'"

Col. Fallis said that at the date of his writing he was in bed convalescing from "flu." His letter was written upon the blank back of a circular printed in German and French, instructing the people of Alsace regarding their reception of the occupying troops.

HEDLEY

Miss Emily Jackson left on Friday for Othello, Wash., and while there will visit her sister, Mrs. Graham.

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J. R. Brown, of Fairview, was in town last Friday.

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J. R. Way, of Princeton, spent a few hours in town on Friday.

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Miss Mildred Logsdon, of Princeton, came to Hedley on Friday and while here is visiting Mrs. J. Critchley.

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Dr. Gray, of Keremeos, motored to Hedley on Friday returning home the same day.

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Miss O. D. Borden and Miss H. M. Herkins, who were both school teachers at the Hedley public school, left on Monday for Vancouver.

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Mrs. B. W. Knowles, who left over three months ago for Rochester, N.Y., arrived in Hedley again on Wednesday, and while here visited Mrs. G. P. Jones.

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Walter Crowther arrived in Hedley on Monday and left again for Allenby on Friday.

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G. W. Hicks, of Vancouver, visited local merchants here Wednesday.

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Mr. J. F. Madore, of Keremeos, motored to Hedley on Saturday, returning home the same day.

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Miss Maud Beale, of Princeton, arrived in Hedley on Monday and will stay with her mother, Mrs. J. Beale, for a few days.

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Mrs. H. F. Jones and family desire to thank all friends for all expressions of sympathy and kind letters in their recent sad bereavement.

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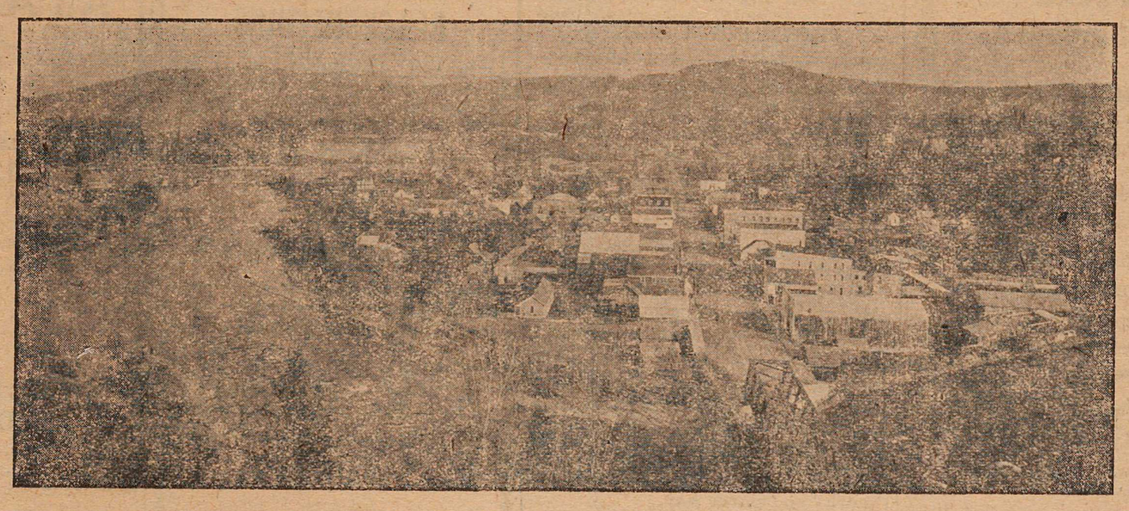
The Hub of the Similkameen



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Col. R. T. Lowery, of the Greenwood Ledge and former owner of The Princeton Star, won the $75 prize in the newspaper competition throughout the Province, given by the Victory Loan committee, of Vancouver, for the best essay on the Loan. The Colonel has been 42 years in the newspaper game, and has owned 23 newspapers. He is probably the best known writer and publisher in British Columbia, and sketches from his pen have attracted attention in London, Paris and San Diego. Some day he says he may write a book and call it "A Stack of Blues, or how Red Paddy Broke the Bank at Sandon."

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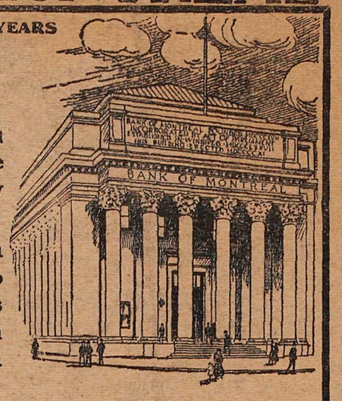

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