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Quota Exceeded in Red Cross Drive

The Red Cross drive which was on in Princeton and district resulted in a volunteer collection amounting to $510.79, of which $200 was colleeted at Allenby and $7 at Coalmont. Thus the quota for here, which was set at $500, was exceeded slightly. The collecting and canvassing was accomplished by the following ladies: Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Freeman, Miss Angela Freeman, Miss Dorothy Meausette, Miss Lucy Boult, Miss Eda Cook and the girls at the post office.

The members of the Red Cross Society are particularly requested to attend the meeting to be held at the Board of Trade rooms Wednesday, January 29th at 3:30 o'clock. All work not completed should be finished and returned, so that a package may be sent to Vancouver as soon as possible. The important business as to whether the Princeton Red Cross ought to be disbanded or not will be under discussion, so that it is imperative that all members should attend.

WANTED

A few good tie makers wanted. Will pay 25 cents for first class and 20 cents for second class ties. A good house to live in, with stoves and bunks. Wood and water right at door.

R. STEVENSON, Princeton.

Enquire of Perly Russell, at Cook's store.

TAX NOTICE

Princeton Assessment District

NOTICE is herreby given that all taxes for the year 1919 for properties situate in the Princeton Assessment District are now due and payable at my office in the Court-house, Princeton, B. C. And moreover take notice that the publication of this notice is deemed to be equivalent to a personal demand by the Assessor and Collector of all taxes due and payable by persons liable to pay the same.

Dated at Princeton, B. C. this 23rd day of January, 1919.

HUGH HUNTER
Assessor and Collector,
Princeton Assessment District.

Budget of Items From Fivemile

(By The Star Correspondent)

Luke Gibson has left for the coast on a business trip, and expects to be away for several days.

Miss Trehearne was a passenger on Monday's train for Hedley for a two weeks' visit with her niece, Mrs. P. G. Wright.

D. McEwen, who was in Princeton attending the fnneral of John Lodge, his brother-in-law, is dead at Victoria.

Mrs. J. A. Kirkpatrick was a visitor last week. "Kirk" is making good as a farmer, and will be happy when he has his family settled on the ranch this summer.

In connection with our literary and debating society, it may be of interest to state that meetings are held on alternate Friday evenings at 8 o'clock at the school house. The debates are limited to two hours, after which the decks are cleared for dancing. All are welcome, especially good speakers, dancers and musicians. The formation of a Farmers' Institute, and co-operation, are the subjects to be dealt with at our next gathering.

We have just experienced a a big thaw and heavy rains, auguring well for banner crops next season from Princeton's chief producing district.

Pulverized Coal

Pulverized coal was first utilized in cement plants and was found to be an excellent low-priced fuel of high efficiency. Later, it was applied in certain metallurgical processes and, during the last four years, several railways have successfully operated locomotives with this class of fuel.

In copper smelting' notable results have been achieved; furnaces with a rated smelting capacity of 500 tons of ore per day, are now smelting twice that amount with pulverized coal. Notable economies have been obtained where it has replaced oil fuel, and a better distribution of heat has been obtained.

W. BRADFORD MARKS
Prof. Marks will start his dancing class in Princeton shortly.

Princeton Paragraphs

Miss Nesbitt has returned to her home in Penticton.

Mrs. Percy Bird is visiting with friends at the coast.

Vic Rollins, representing the Tuckett cigar, is in town.

There is not a single case of "flu" in Princeton so far as is known.

Melville Waddell went down to Vancouver this week to get his discharge.

Born—On Wednesday, January 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baxter a son.

Rorn—On Monday, January 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos White a daughter.

Soft weather has made it necessary to postpone the masquerade carnival at the skating rink.

Harry Greenwood came over from Medicine Hat this week and will remain for a short time.

Wm. Ritchie is another soldier who returned to Princeton this week. He was reported killed some time ago.

F. G. Whitehead, formerly on the staff of the Bank of Montreal here, is now ledger keeper in the branch at Merritt.

All ladies interested in hockey are requested to be in attendance at the rink at 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. Forsyth is seriously ill at her home.

Born—At the Princeton General Hospital on Thursday, January 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Davidson, of Allenby, twins, sons.

O. R. Matthews has resigned as postmaster at Greenwood, and intends to move to Allenby to take a position with the Canada Copper Corporation.

F. K. McMann has sold out his business at Cashmere, Wash., and will again locate either in Princeton or Merritt. He says that after a residence of 25 years in southern British Columbia, it is difficult for him to be satisfied elsewhere.

The Similkameen County Orange Lodge met at Hedley last Monday evening for its regular session. Members attending from Princeton were: Franklin Sherman, S. R. Gibson, P. Russell, C. V. Prosser and Mr. Rhoderman.

Robert J. McCurdy, the first wounded soldier to return from the front to the Similkameen, and who has been employed in the customs office at Vernon, is now taking treatment at the Tranquille Sanitarium. His health has been poor for some time.

Robert Taylor and George Anderson arrived back in Princeton this morning, after an absence of over three years. Both are skilled mechanics, and they were kept on munitions work in England, although they desired to go to the front.

GENERAL NEWS

Nelson's street railway went $3,000 behind last year.

The Provincial legislature will meet on Thursday January 30th.

At Bonners Ferry all students who bring their lunch to school are being served with hot soup free of charge.

More men are employed at Trail than for some time past, and there now 1200 men working at the smelter.

Bee keepers around Summerland gathered between three and four tons of honey last season, valued at close to $1,500.

Thos. Brown, for many years in business in Phoenix, has sold out his stock and intends spending the next few months in California.

The proposed curtailment of train service between Spokane and Oroville will not be put into effect, according to a statement in the Grand Forks Gazette.

After the lapse of three years the Bank of Hamilton is reopening its branch at Penticton. J. T. Armstrong, a pioneer resident of that section, will be manager.

Sergt. W. J. Waterman, of Okanagan Falls, has been appointed one of a committee of three Great War veterans to examine and report on all land proposed by the government to be set aside for soldier settlement purposes.

MINES AND MINING

The single shift working on the Regal group, near Princeton, will have about 200 feet of tunnel work completed by the end of this month. The property is on Onemile, not far from the cement plant, and is being operated by W. C. McDougall and some associates at the coast, and their organization is known as the General Mining Syndicate.

Arrangement has been made with the Consolidated Company at Trail to treat the concentrates from the new mill of the Cauada Copper Corporation, at Allenby, and to refine the copper therefrom. To provide a market this refined copper it is proposed to install a rod mill at the Trall smelter, a large amount of copper being consumed in Canada in this form.

The West Kootenay Power and Light Company is under contract to supply 5000 horsepower for the operation of the mines and mill of the Canada Copper Corporation at Allenby, near Princeton. The company earned a gross revenue of $614,-819.36 for the year, and carried $463,496.07 to credit of profit and loss account, after providing interest and sinking fund on bonds; allowing $93,274 for depreciation and distributing $183,000 in dividends on preferred and common stock.

THE METAL MARKET

NEW YORK—Lead, 5.75.
Bar silver—1.01⅛.
Copper—25 to 27.
ST. LOUIS—Spelter, 7.50.
MONTREAL—Lead, [illegible]

Women's Institute Has Good Year

The financial statement of the Similkamcen Women's Institute, at Keremeos, for the year ending December 31st, as submitted by L. A. Keeler, the setretary-treasurer, shows that the ladies of that section were quite active for the success of their organization.

The receipts for the year reached a total of $819.78, with an expenditure of $803.18, giving them a cash balance on hand of $16.60 to start the present year with. The proceeds from their flower show held in 1918 brought them $292. Practically all of the expenditures were contributions to patriotic organizations.

Young Aviator Home on Visit

Lieut. Colin McDonald, son of P. D. McDonald of Princeton, is home again and meeting his many old friends. He is attached to the Royal Flying Corps, and has been near Toronto most of the time. Just a year ago while fiying down near Fort Worth, Texas, Lieut. McDonald and another officer were severely injured when they crashed 1,000 feet to the ground from a spinning nose dive. It is considered remarkable that a plane should fall from such a height without causing the death of both occupants. Both spent several weeks in the hospital suffering from bruises.

For Convalescent Men Only

Soldiers in uniform, unless hospital patients or convalescents, who desire to travel must pay full railway fare in future. This is the decision of the Canadian Passenger Association and the military authorities have already been notified to this effect.

Soon after the outbreak of war the Canadian railways granted to uniformed soldiers the privilege of buying return railway tickets for one full fare, but the concession ended with the cessation of hostilities.

New Train Schedule On K. V. Railway

The new train schedule on the Kettle Valley railway went into effect this week. The eastbound trains from the coast now arrive in Princeton at 10 p. m. on Sundays, Thursdays and Fridays. Westbound trains arrive at 7:20 a. m. on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and reach Vancouver at 10:05 p. m. on the same days. At the post office the mail for these trains closes at 6 p. m.

As the Great Northern trains run from Oroville here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, it means that the mail from all the trains is sorted and given out on the same three days. This makes a big rush at the post office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but with little doing on the other days.

Lieut. S. Freeman Gets Military Cross

Lieutenant Stephen Freeman has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery while fighting at Cambrie shortly before the cessation of hostilities, where he was lieutenant of the first Canadian machine gun corps of the First Canadian Division. He was one of the original 16th Canadian regiment.

First Lieutenant V. P. Freeman, R. N., is now on the Flagship Cardiff. The Cardiff is one of the cruisers that conducted the German fleet at the time of its surrender.

Both young men are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, of Princeton.

Mining Convention Postponed

The convention of the Northwest Mining Association, to have been held in Spokane on March 10 to 16, has been postponed indefinitely, on account of the reappearance of influenza in that city, and throughout the country. Under the circumstances it was thought it would be better not to have the convention at all rather than have a poorly attended one.

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F. J. SMYTH, Manager.

PRINCETON, JANUARY 24, 1919

THE TALE OF THE SPANISH FLU
at Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops

Twenty gallant nurses working in
their blue,
"Clip" took an awful cold, Dr. called
it Spanish Flu;
Nineteen doubtful nurses, wondering
if 'twas right.
"Mac's" got a red nose which proves
this statement quite.
Eighteen frightened nurses charmed
to do their best----
Out came a bottle labelled----
Gargle,----T. 1. d. h. s.
They gargled, and they sprayed,
For seven days or more,
But their efforts they were fruitless
Some more must leave the floor.
It happened Thursday morning when
Ten more began to sneeze;
And before the week was ended, the
East wing boasted these.
Eight poor bewildered nurses, they
flew around like mad,
But not long, before nightfall, brave
volunteers they had.
They came in groups of ten or more.
Like soldiers to a fight,
And willing hands soon made the
Wards look neat, and clean and
white.
And then an order from the Doc came.
He firmly wished to ask----
That we keep our noses covered with
A four-ply cheese cloth mask;
And when we sneeze, sneeze in our
masks,
And when we're coughing too,
To keep the germs well under
And thus end the Spanish Flu.
So soon we'll all be better,
And we'll sing a lively tune,
To the R. I. H. forever,
We're immune, yes, we're immune

M. HAWTHORNE.

HEDLEY

Reverend Moody, of Princeton came to Hedley on Monday and stayed till Friday.

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Mr. Robert Pritchard, of Princeton came to Hedley on Monday, returning again to Princeton on Wednesday.

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Mr. Billy Daly, of Keremeos, came up to Hedley last week and is in the Hedley General hospital undergoing treatment for his foot which was shot.

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Orren Knight, of Princeton, motored to Hedley on Monday and on his return trip took quite a few of the miners of the Nickel Plate mine, with him as far as Princeton.

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Doctor and Mrs. Robert Elliot and children left on Wednesday for the coast, where the doctor intends to take up work again. They motored as far as Princeton.

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Ross Allen, of the Royal Aerial Corps, returned from Vancouver on Friday.

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Mr. Charles Tipton left for Coalmont on Monday and is working up there.

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Mr. Andy Winkler went to Princeton on Monday on business and intends to be there about a week.

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Mr. Bromley, of Princeton, came to Hedley on Monday and is staying with his daughter, Mrs. R. J. Edmond.

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Mr. Geo. Riddle, Miss Emily Jackson and Mrs. Wm. Burrows motored to Princeton on Saturday night and brought, Mr. G. E. Lindgren of Vancouver, back with them.

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Mr. James Lemion, of Vancouver, was in Hedley on Friday.

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Miss Katy Lorenzetto came to Hedley on Monday and is staying with Mrs. R. J. Edmond.

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Mr. Rossi, of Rossland, was in town on Sunday for a short time.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stevens, of the Nickel Plate mine, returned from their trip to the coast on Friday.

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Mr. Wallace has opened up his new store, which is in Mr. George Lyon's building.

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Quite a few of the miners from the Nickel Plate mine were laid off, and many of them left for the coast this week.

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Mr. Bucklers, of Princeton, motored back to Princeton on Sunday.

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J. B. Clarke and Constable Brown, of Keremeos, were in the town last Friday.

WOULD INTERVENE IN POLAND

London, Jan. 23.---France favors immediate armed intervention by the Allies in Poland. She claims that only such a step can prevent Poland from being crushed by the Bolshevists now sweeping through that country towards Germany. France asserts that the sending of food and munitions to Poland only serves to aid the Bolshevists, who quite likely would ultimately secure such supplies.

BEST CONVENTION EVER HELD BY FRUIT GROWERS OF PROVINCE

Penticton Gathering Noteworthy for Attendance and Keen Interest Displayed in Proceedings-----Vernon Chosen as Meeting Place for 1920----Important Issues Taken Up

The value of holding agricultural conventions in the districts where the agriculturists live, rather than in the large commercial centers, was never better demonstrated than at the gathering of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, held at Penticton on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 21 and 22. There was a big attendance out, in fact more than twice as great as at any other B.C.F.G.A. convention and keen interest was taken in the proceedings.

Vernon was chosen as the convention point for 1920.

The following officers were selected for 1919 by the new 1919 executive: President, C. E. Barnes, Walhachin, re-elected; vice-president, L. E. Taylor, Kelowna; secretary-treasurer, F. M. Clement, Vancouver; and Messrs. Thomas Abriel, Nakusp; R. M. Palmer, Cowichan Bay; W. E. Chapple, Armstrong, and W. F. Laidman, Vernon.

Against Orientals

Hitherto content to pass anti-Oriental resolutions and to receive the invariable governmental reply that for state reasons the time was inopportune to bar Asiatics from B. C. residence or land ownership, the fruit growers of the province are now determined to "get action" in respect to Oriental exlusion. When a resolution came before the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association convention here on Tuesday morning, urging legislation against Asiatic ownership of agricultural lands, many delegates impressed upon members the necessity of taking stronger steps in connection with forcing the matter upon Ottawa and Victoria.

Delegates from the Lower Fraser told of the inroads of Japanese and Chinese, who are literally driving the white farmers out of the districts Japanese, borrowing money from their consul in Vancouver at three per cent., were able to make a profit where white men could not get a living. Oriental laborers at high wages were soon able to lease land, and when they reached the stage they brought out fellow countrymen, with the result that some districts were almost overrun. It was told Tuesday that 300 Japanese laborers were brought to Maple Ridge alone from Japan this winter.

During war time the Dominion government might have been justified, the delegates thought, in declining to take up the question of barring Orientals from land ownership, or the more stringent action of excluding them from the country. Now, however, with hostilities over, there was no reason why a white B. C. should not be aimed at.

Messrs. Mutch and Huntley, of Penticton, contended that many agriculturists were not sincere in their desire to get the Orientals out of their districts, otherwise they would not have leased their lands to the yellow men. They successfully induced the convention on Tuesday to appoint a committee of Messrs. Mutch and Huntley, of Penticton; Laidman, Vernon, and Catherwood, Mission, to draw up a resolution insisting on strong and prompt governmental action with regard to the Oriental question. It is proposed also to seek the assistance of other industrial and agricultural bodies. The fruit growers are apparently a unit in connection with Oriental land ownership.

The convention opened on Tuesday morning with a representative attendance from all parts of the province Reeve Smith, of Penticton, gave a short address of welcome, announcing that the flu epidemic prevented any elaborate entertainment.

President C. E. Barnes, Walhachin in his formal address urged upon the fruit growers the great need of organization and close co-operation in the reconstruction period in order to keep their needs before the government, just as organized labor had so successfully done during war time. He pointed out that the farmer, although representing the greatest industry in the world was the most poorly organized. The wheat growers of the Canadian prairies formed an exception, however. The farmers there are now with some signs of success endeavoring to eliminate the duty on American fruit, a step which would seriously injure B. C. farmers. President Barnes said only the strongest organized effort in this province could combat the move.

A resolution was passed Tuesday morning asking Hon. Mr. Barrow to make a definite announcement with regard to his intention in connection with appointing a provincial horticulturist in succession to Mr. M. S. Middleton. If an alteration in the present system was contemplated the fruit field force should be maintained, said the motion.

Another resolution adopted sought a substantial sum from the department for the work necessary in eradicating the codling moth, particularly in the area of infestation at Okanagan Landing. The codling moth now seriously threatens many fruit districts of the province and energetic steps are necessary for its elimination.

The convention is asking Victoria to enforce compulsory cutting out of the fire blight among fruit trees, with all the penalties attached to non-compliance with the terms of the regulations.

Fight Express Rate Increase

B. C. fruit growers will fight the proposed express rate increases before the Dominion railway commission. This decision was reached at the convention session here Tuesday afternoon, when a special committee of twelve brought in a report giving the chief features of the proposed increases and outlining a case for the shippers in opposition to the company application. A committee of the following will represent the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association in the argument against the proposed express rate increase, which it is claimed in the report "will be most damageing to the fruit industry and in some branches will tend to destroy it": Messrs. R. Staples, H. A. McNaughton, R. M. Winslow and Prof. F. M. Clement. Co-operation with the eastern fruit growers, the fish interests and various consumers organizations will be sought. An endeavor will be made to obtain a hearing of the railway commission at Vernon.

The new proposals of the express companies are calculated from a mileage basis, replacing the old flat rates. The general increase proposed is 25 per cent. west of Sudbury nad 37 per cent. east of that point, together with an abolition of the present special rates on B. C. fruit and vegetables, and the substitution of new rates at 60 per cent. and 75 per cent of the proposed new merchandise rates. The effect, it is claimed, will be an increase in the express cost of hauling fruit and vegetables of about 100 per cent.

The fruit growers' report points out that the volume of B. C. fruit and vegetables shifted through the Dominion Express Co. alone rose from approximately two million pounds in 1910 to seventeen million in 1918. Approximately ten per cent. of the provincial fruit crop and five per cent. of the vegetable crop moves by express, the more valuable varieties, however, going by this means. Ten per cent moves to B. C. points, thirty per cent. to Alberta, forty-five to Saskatchewan and fifteen to Manitoba.

If the increased rates go into effect new districts which have not reached the freight shipment stage will be virtually wiped out and shipping of early fruit and vegetables and the movement of the tender crops will cease, claims the report.

The convention passed a resolution to create a new horticultural division for the territory embracing Greater Vancouver, New Westminster, Burnaby and Lulu Island.

Inspection Service

The Dominion government is to be requested to inaugurate an inspection service at once, which will provide inspectors of all carlots of fruits and vegetables at shipping points. By this means, it is thought, any unfair complaints by buyers that fruit does not arrive in good condition will be obviated. F. E. Loveday, fruit package inspector, told the convention today that it was impracticable to have government inspectors at all fruit shipping points; there would be at least ten needed for the Okanagan fruit points alone, leaving aside the matter of vegetable inspection. He declared that many shippers had abused the war time leniency of the Dominion department, and as a result if the Okanagan shippers knew the wholesalers' opinion of their 1918 pack they would blush with shame. A warm discussion arose over the shipping of the "Popular" brand apples to the Vancouver city market, the shipper claiming that the apples were in good condition when shipped, but there was a long delay before they got on to the market, and in the meantime "sweating" and fruit pit appeared.

The anti-Oriental resolution passed by the convention Tuesday afternoon, is to the effect that the association executive name a committee to prepare data in each district on the extent of Oriental ownership and tenancy of lands and attending evils, moral and economic, this evidence to be presented to the provincial government, with a request for instant and effective action in the shape of legislation suppressing Asiatic land ownership and tenancy.

The provincial government will also be asked to establish a weather bureau in each horticultural district for the purpose of giving warning of drops in temperature, so that fruit growers may protect their crops by "smudging."

Various resolutions were passed dealing with berry packages, cherry flats, shipping weight of berry crates, detailed information in market commissioners' reports on costs and profits in fruit handling, governmental experiments with a view of eliminating Baldwin spot and fruit pit and other subjects of interest to the industry. Greetings were extended to the United Farmers of Alberta, now in convention ot Edmonton.

Provincial Plant Pathologist discussed the Baldwin spot, pointing out that a special expert giving his undivided time to a study of this disease was necessary. Dominion Entomologist Treherne referred briefly to the establishment of a Dominion branch at Vernon and to the fight against codling moth and fireblight and Asst. Provincial Horticulturist Ben Hoy announced that the minister of agriculture had promised every assistance in combating blight and codling moth. The sum of five thousand would probably be appropriated for the moth campaign alone. In the proposed reorganization of the horticultural work it was possible he said that the province would be divided into two main districts, the Coast and the Interior. The chief horticulturist for the interior would have h adquarters at Vernon. All necessary field staff would be kept up.

A Saanich resolution asking for cheaper stumping powder in order to aid settlers in clearing land was endorsed.

Discussion on the report of the resolutions committee was continued in the Tuesday night session of the convention. The committee recommendation to create a "standard of efficiency" for fruit exhibited at fairs and exhibitions was warmly supported by several delegates, who claimed that judges varied in their opinion as to the size and color of apples best suited for exhibition purposes. This being a fact the growers were at a loss to know from one year to another just what standard of apples should be made ready for exhibition. It was suggested that the American Horticultural Society's standard size for all varieties be accepted, but this was left for the committee to decide.

It was urged that the National Service Girls and the S.O.S. movement, which rendered very valuable assistance in the fields and orchards during the past season, be continued until it is proved that it is no longer required.

A vote of thanks was extended the horticultural department for establishing packing houses in the cities and a hope expressed that these may be again in operation this season. The delegates also voiced appreciation for the fact that the B.C.F.G.A. had finally broken away from the capital city and was holding its annual meeting at a point where the largest number of producers found it more convenient to gather.

A special committee brought in the recommendation that potatoes be divided into two grades---Grade No. 1 and a commercial grade. Grade No. 1 was set down as a perfect commodity in every respect, free from blemish, scab, disease or mechanical injury, to weigh four ounces minimum, with an 8 per cent. allowance for variation below this standard. The commercial grade was similar in all respects except weight, which called for a three ounce commodity, with an allowance of three per cent. for variation in the standard.

This recommendation created a good deal of discussion, Mr. Kidson, of Vernon, taking exception to the superior grades suggested. He claimed that these were superior to the grades defined in the Dominion act now pending, and that it would be a difficult matter in any event to define any particular grades for potatoes. Mr. Winslow supported this contention, stating that as a potato shipper he had no trouble with his customers, and that it really didn't matter about the grade so long as the consumer was

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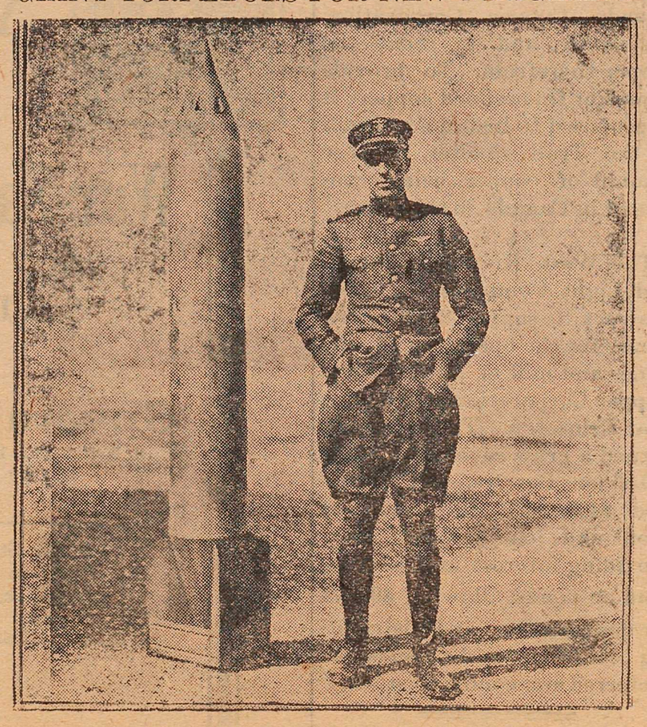
GIANT TORPEDOES FOR NEW DIRIGIBLES



Here is shown an aerial torpedo weighing 250 pounds for use on the U-type dirigible airship, the largest machine of the kind.

President's Address, Penticton, January 21, 1919

Delivered by Pres. C. E. Barnes, of the B.C.F.G.A. at the Penticton Convention.

Ladies and Gentlemen,---I am sure that we all appreciate the cordial welcome to Penticton for our 29th annual meeting so well expressed by His Honor, the Reeve. The change from our custom of holding this convention at Victoria was made with the hope that it would result in a much larger attendance, and bring more members into personal touch with the work of the association. I am very glad to see that this anticipation has been realized, and trust that this large attendance will insure a meeting that will be memorable for intelligent discussion and decisive action.

We have just seen the close of a year filled with events of such importance and so far-reaching in effect that we cannot venture to suggest the vast changes in social and economic life that will develop during the coming year, and which will affect the history of the world for all time. We have seen the end of the world war. A victorious and triumphant finish that we all looked forward to with faith and confidence, but did not dare to hope for so soon; and we are now with grateful hearts welcoming back those who have won through the great battle.

It is a time when we are taking up the battle of life with a new courage and are looking forward to accomplishing greater things in the better world our brave boys have won for us.

Common sense tells us that, at a time like this, when we are at the parting of the ways, facing a world full of new conditions, we should take stock of our resources, find the weak spots in our armor and mend them, and looking into the future with such foresight as we possess, strengthen and prepare ourselves to meet and struggle with the new conditions, moulding them where we may to our needs, and fitting ourselves to those we cannot change. These problems will be with each of us individually, and many of them can only be solved by the individual, each for himself, but the larger problems, resulting from the reconstruction of social and economic life now just beginning, will affect us collectively. They will create new conditions in every industry, in every community and in every state.

It will be obvious to every thinking man that these problems can be solved, and these conditions be satisfactorily dealt with only by collective action. At no time in the history of the world has organization for collective action been so necessary to protect the rights, and secure the welfare of the unorganized people of the world. Organized bodies of men have dictated to nations for the past four years. They have thrust on the world social and economic problems that all the statesmen of the next century cannot solve to the satisfaction of us all. In the struggle that is coming the unorganized units will be lost. Their voices will be heard no more than the chirping of a cricket in the roar of big guns If we expect, during the next few years of rapid changes, to secure a proper consideration of our interests and our welfare, we must, as a body of men having interests and purposes in common, unite all our strength, and by organized efficient effort demand for those interests fair consideration from all men.

This is a subject that has impressed me as being of such grave importance that I have felt justified in confining my address to an effort to show the application of these principles to our work as an association, and I wish that what I say might reach and carry conviction not only to every member of this association, but to every fruit grower in this province.

I believe that every one who hears me will admit without question that strength is only attained by union and efficiency by organization. But it is one thing to admit the necessity of a large and well disciplined army in order to win a great battle, and quite another thing to enlist in that army. In all the industries of the world there is none so backward as agriculture in the matter of organization. This is naturally so from the fact that the agricultural community is not engaged in masses, but its members are widely scattered, have few opportunities of getting together for interchange of views, and have so wide a diversity of individual conditions and problems that it is difficult to unite them for collective action on the broad questions that affect them all.

We are all familiar with the rapid growth in strength and influence of organized labor. Although representing a very small minority of the voting population, they are able, through the force of an organized and disciplined body of men, to wield an influence out of all proportion to their numbers. According to the census of 1911 the male population of Canada between the ages of 18 and 45 was 1,720,070, while as late as 1916 the total membership of all trades unions in the Dominion was only 160,407.

Taking advantage of the conditions created by the war, an organization of railway employees was able to dictate to the nited States government the establishment of an eight hour day and a very large increase of wages. Perhaps both were very just and reasonable claims, but the point of interest to us lies in the fact that this body of only 30,000 men were powerful enough through organization for collective action to dictate to the government of the wealthiest nation on earth

The whole industrial policy of the British Empire during four years of war has been a matter of agreement between the Imperial government and organized labor, and the strength of that government rests today on the support of these organizations. In our own Canada the policies of government are, if not dictated, at least greatly influenced by organized labor and organized manufacturers.

Everywhere in the civilized world organization seems to be the motto of the times. Banks, merchants and manufacturers are organizing to secure a share of foreign trade. Labor is organizing to maintain the high standard of wages. Railways are using the strength of their organizations to secure the peace of the world. The new order of things will find the whole world organized into powerful groups each striving for the betterment of its conditions. Legislation will be enacted to foster trade in manufatcures and raw materials, but with the return of peace conditions the farmer, who must bear the burden imposed by high wages, high taxes and a high cost of production, will be depended on to feed the world, simply because he must do so in order to live himself. Why should the farmer, who represents the greatest industry in the world, both in numbers and in wealth receive the least consideration? Only because he has not yet learned the necessity of organizing for collective action.

The one strong and efficient example of organization by agriculturists is found in the Grain Growers' Association of the three prairie provinces. Being specialists, all having the same interests and purposes, it was perhaps easy for them to unite, and their success has been a forcible example of the power gained by organization as shown by the strong influence they now exercise at the seat of the federal government. Unfortunately their aims, if accomplished on the lines they are now working, would be a disaster to the fruit industry of British Columbia, and there is much evidence that they are making steady progress toward their goal. Here we have a concrete example of an organized body working powerfully for the improvement of their condition and prosperity regardless of the injury they may cause to us, the producers. It is only by equally strong and effective work we can hope to secure a proper recognition of our rights and interests, and to do this we must be equally strong in our organization.

Fruit growers are also specialists, all having the same problems and interests, and it would seem that there exists no reason why every man in British Columbia who is growing fruit for sale should not be a member and active supporter of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association. Every such person must recognize the fact that he is personally and vitally interested in many things affecting the industry, which can only be dealt with by an effective organization, and the stronger that organization can be made the better will be his condition.

I think I can hear some one say: "That is all very well in theory, but in practice associations are notoriously inefficient." Even so. If we grant that such a condemnation were strictly true, what is the remedy? To withdraw support and thereby insure the association becoming still weaker and more inefficient? On the contrary, if this is true, now is the time for every man having any interest in the growing and marketing of fruit to put his shoulder to the wheel and make the cart move, to put the efficiency where it is lacking and make an association of which every grower will be proud, and his membership a thing of value. The efficiency of this association is dependent entirely on the quality of its membership. For strength we need a large membership; for efficiency we need the brain and energy of every member. Your directorate and executive, however carefully selected, will not have any monopoly of intelligence, and they need the support, advice and assistance of the members if they are to do effective work and properly represent the industry as a whole. In exact proportion to the active and intelligent interest displayed by the individual members in the work of the association will it be efficient or otherwise.

During the past year, as instructed by the directors, the executive has conducted a campaign for the purpose of improving the financial strength of the association. Their appeal met with a generous response from all parts of the province. I hope that this is but the birth of a spirit of progressiveness that will carry us to the position of power and influence that we should hold in the community.

In the programme of this meeting you will note that a time has been assigned for discussion of this subject of organization. I hope that in the intervening time you will give it your earnest consideration, and be prepared to make the discussion of practical value. I hope that some one will be able to tell us how to make every fruit grower realize that he is a very essential part of this association, and that upon him rests a certain definite part of the responsibility for its success or failure, and how, under the restrictions imposed by widely scattered residence, the grower may be kept in touch with the current work of the executive and have opportunity for discussion and interchange of views with his fellow members.

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supplied with a good sound article. President Barnes, also a potato producer and shipper, followed along the same line of argument, claiming that so long as the shipper refrained from putting in diseased or unsound tubers there would be no cause for complaint.

Mr. J. A. Grant, markets commissioner, as chairman of the committee, told the meeting that the Dominion act had been practically followed in defining the potato grades, with the exception that the committee had substituted weight for measurement. He claimed in most cases the present potato stipped as No. 1 was in reality a poor No. 2, and insisted that if the producer wanted to control the market in this commodity a better standard would have to be adopted. Mr. Pitcairn was of the opinion that the the feeling of the meeting was that no potato grades were required at the present time, and suggested that Mr. Baxter, Dominion commissioner, who had requested discussion on this point be so notified.

Small Fruit Industry

The future of the small fruit industry in B. C., particularly in the Lower Mainland, on Vancouver Island and in various other dairying and mixed farming districts was discussed by delegates at the B.C. Fruit Growers Association convention Wednesday morning. Assistant Horticulturist E. W. White of Victoria, pointed out that the small fruits of B.C. amounted to more than one-fourth of the entire fruit production of the province in 1918. The total fruit production on an f.o.b. shipping point valuation amounted to $4,100,000, being a gain of forty per cent. in value over 1917. Small fruits totalled over $825,000 of the grand total amount. Of the small fruits about one-third in value went to the jam factories which were enxious to obtain more and were even going into the growing business themselves in order to ensure a supply. Mr. White considered that small fruits furnished an excellent future for the returned soldiers because of the quick returns obtained. He described the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley as ideal for this industry. He gave instances of where net profits of $600 per acre and up had been obtained.

W. E. Chapple, of Armstrong, spoke on transportation and distribution of small fruits. He said he saw Gordon Head strawberries in Toronto which were better in quality than the Ontario berries. Mr. Munson, of Chilliwack, told how he made between $1300 and $1400 profit in 1918 off two acres of blackberries. In his opinion even in lean years a man with a horse and six acres in the Fraser valley could make from $800 to $1200 per year profit. Mr. Munson declared that there was a big future for small fruits in B. C. He claimed that one concern alone proposed in 1919 to plant 320 acres of logan berries on Lulu Island. This would mean a stretch of logan berries a mile long and half a mile wide, requiring 100 laborers all the year around and about 1400 pickers.

Various small fruit speakers told of the big prospects in logan berry juice as evidenced by results in Oregon.

Directors Elected

The convention on Wednesday morning passed a resolution urging legislation at Victoria whereby whole fruit areas could be quarantined for insect pest outbreaks. At present only affected orchards may be quarantined.

The following directors were elected Wednesday: Victoria, W. F. Somers, of Gordon Head; Duncan-Nanaimo-Comox, R. M. Palmer, of Cowichan Bay; Gulf Islands, W. E. Scott, of Salt Spring; North Fraser, James Alexander of Hammond; Mission-North Bend, C. J. Ward, of Mission; South Fraser, G. I. Thornton, of Sardis; Lytton-Lillooet-Kamloops, C. E. Barnes, of Walhachin; Salmon Arm, L. B. Pangman, of Salmon Arm; Armstrong-Larkin-Sicamous, W. E. Chapple, of Armstrong; Vernon, J. T. Mutrie, of Vernon; Coldstream, W. F. Laidman, of Vernon; Oyama-Okanagan Centre, E. Trask, of Oyama; North Kelowna, L. E. Taylor, of Kelowna; South Kelowna, E. M. Carruthers, of Kelowna; Westbank-Peachland, T. Powell, of Peachland; Summerland-Naramata, R. V. Agur, of Summerland; Penticton-Kaleden, A. H. Huntley, of Penticton; Keremeos-Similkameen, J. J. Armstrong, of Keremeos; Grand Forks-Rock Creek, H. W. Collins, of Grand Forks; Revelstoke-Deer Park, Thos. Abriel, of Nakusp; South Kootenay, James Johnstone, of Nelson; West Arm Kootenay Lake, J. H. Doyle, Queen's Bay; Creston-East Kootenay, James Compton, Creston; Greater Vancouver-New Westminster-Lulu Island, Sprott, of Burnaby Lake.

There is a million dollar fruit market for B. C. shippers in Ontario if they take care to send only the right kind of fruit properly graded and packed. Mr. J. A. Grant, prairie markets commissioner, told the B.C.F.G.A. delegates Wednesday afternoon that many of the shippers in B. C. had not been sufficiently careful in the shipments they forwarded to Toronto and other points and as a consequence Wenatchee fruit was more favored there. He urged stricter grading and packing in this province with an eye to the future in Eastern Canadian and Old Country markets. The time had also come he declared when variety was the whole thing in apple production. At present the prairie wants about ten varieties of B. C. apples and gets nearly a thousand. Mr. Grant's favorite varieties were Delicious, McIntosh Red, Jonathan, Spitzenberg, Winesap, Northern Spy, Wagener and Wealthy.

He told the growers that the dealers would probably try to bear down next year's market and shippers would therefore be required to use every possible effort to keep the market up. The commissioner went into detail in connection with the sale of all B. C. fruits on the prairies last year, showing what fruits and vegetables had brought good prices and what had not and why. B. C. could send much heavier shipments of strawberries and raspberries to the prairies, he said, the market was good.

District Horticulturist Ben Hoy led an interesting discussion on orchard management, dealing with pruning, spraying, cultivation etc. Others who took part were Plant Pathologist Eastham and Entomologist Treherne, as well as many growers and shippers.

The onion grading committee brought in a report on the various proposed grades for B. C. onions. In connection with the committee's report it was stated that the No. One grade for B. C. onions would be the highest of any onion section in this part of the world.

Close Good Convention

The B.C.F.G.A. on Wednesday night closed what President C. E. Barnes described as the most successful convention in the history of the association. The attendance at the gatherings here has been by long odds the greatest the organization has achieved. At all of the sessions there have been more than 200 delegates and other growers in attendance, and one session ran as high as 280. The best attendance at any previous convention was 125.

The spirit of the meetings was evidenced in the culmination on Wednesday night of a discussion with regard to the raising of an organization and emergency fund, when more than fifty delegates filed up to the front to pay life membership fees in the B.C.F.G.A.

Vernon was chosen on Wednesday night as the meeting place for 1920, the growers concluding that their interests would be better served by having conventions in the heart of the producing districts rather than at the Coast cities. Chilliwack, Nelson, Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria were all suggested as possible convention points, Vernon winning on the third vote.

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Photo of Lieut. De Carlo, an illustrious member of the Italian aviation service. The lieutenant proudly displayed his decorations from his government for exceptional work as the eyes of the Italian army within the Austrian lines on the Piave front. The highest of his decorations in the Valor medal, of which there are only fourteen others in existence.

RESOLUTIONS

Horticultural Department

Whereas, no Provincial Horticulturist has been appointed to replace Mr. M. Middleton (resigned); and whereas it is generally believed that it is the intention of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture to reorganize the Department of Horticulture, and in view of the fact that no authoritative information has been received from the Minister,

Be it resolved, that this Convention respectfully urge the Minister to make a definite announcement as to his intention in connection with the Department at the earliest possible moment, if unable to do so at this convention.

And further, in the event of any alteration to the present system being made, that the field force be maintained at full strength, with a responsible and qualified officer at the head of same for each district.—Coldstream Branch.

Resolutions of a similar nature were received from Salmon Arm and Walhachin.

Eradication of Pests

In view of the undoubted and immediate danger to the fruit industry of B. C. resulting from the presence of the codling moth in certain areas of the province, and in view of the fact that the area of infestation at Okanagan Landing in particular endangers the whole district, from which, if infestation occurs eradication would be most difficult;

Be it resolved, that this Convention ask the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, for an assurance that a sufficient sum of money will be granted to the Department of Horticulture to carry out the work necessary for the control of the codling moth as already outlined by the officers of the Department.—Coldstream Branch.

Fireblight

Resolved, that in view of the great menace to the fruit industry due to fireblight, this Convention urge the Government to enforce compulsory cutting out of fireblight with penalties attached to the non-compliance with this enforcement, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded toi the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture.—Kelowna.

Spot or Fruit Pit

Whereas, there is a great deal of loss and dissatisfaction owing to Brown Spot or fruit pit in many of our best apples; and whereas, we are told that this, as well as many troubles that affect our trees, are physiological diseases or defects for which no remedy has been generally agreed upon;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Executive of the B.C.F.G.A. be instructed to approach the Agricultural Departments of both the Provincial and Dominion governments and ask that thorough experiments be made in the treatment of soils and the care of the trees where these troubles are prevalent.—Kelowna-Summerland.

Market Commissioners

Resolved, that we appreciate the work and reports of the Market Commissioners and would suggest that if they could trace some of the fruit and agricultural commodities back from the retailer at the prices asked, through the various handlers and find the costs and profits and residuum to the producer and give publicity to these findings they would confer a great benefit.—Kelowna.

Shipping Weights of Berry Crates

Whereas, the shipping weights of strawberry and raspberry crates as recommended in the report of the special committee, and adopted in 1918, have not been accepted by the express companies;

Resolved, that the Executive of this Association be instructed to further endeavor to have these weights accepted by the express companies, viz.,

Strawberries, 21 lbs., in deep pint hallocks;

Raspberries, 20 lbs., in two-fifths hallocks.—Port Hammond.

Berry Packages

Whereas, it is reported that box makers have been instructed to increase the depth of the two-fifths raspberry crates, now in use, by half an inch;

Be it resolved, that the B.C.F.G. Association, in convention assembled, recommend that the present crate be not altered.—Port Hammond.

Size of Cherry Flats

That we, the members of the B.C.F.G.A., in convention, recommend to the Dominion Fruit Commissioner, that the cherry flat (18 inches by 9 inches by 2 and one-quarter inches, inside measurements) be made a legal package.

Resolved, that we hereby express our appreciation of the work and keen interest of W. E. Scott, the late Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who was always ready to take a suggestion and do what he could to forward our interests, and we greatly regret that ill health has compelled him to give up his office.

Resolved, that we wish to record the great loss to the fruit industry in the death of the Fruit Commissioner, D. Johnson. Mr. Johnson knew the Dominion from end to end and intelligently sought to master and provide for its problems. He seemed to have an especial interest in B.C.

Resolved, that we record with regret the death of President Westbrook of the University of British Columbia, who took a great interest in agriculture and sought to improve its standing through the University.

Resolved, that a committee of the B.C.F.G.A. be appointed to establish a "standard of efficiency" for fruit to be exhibited at fairs and exhibitions, so that exhibitors will not be subject to the individual ideas of the judge, and on the other hand the judge will be able more readily to do his work.

Resolved, that we wish to place on record our appreciation of the work of the National Service Girls and the S.O.S., who rendered very valuable assistance in our fields and orchards the past season and also to thank the Y.W.C.A. and the Department of Labor and others who helped organize this work, and to the Transportation Companies for greatly reduced rates. We would urge that this movement be continued till it is proved that it is no longer required.

Resolved, that we thank the Horticultural Department for accepting our suggestion and establishing packing schools in the cities and express the hope that these may be again in operation this season so as to direct workers to our fruit work and help prepare them.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation of B.C.F.G.A. breaking away from the capital city and holding its annual meeting among the largest body of producers.

That the Dominion government be requested to inaugurate an inspection service immediately which would provide inspection of all car lots of fruits and vegetables at shipping points.

That a new district be created consisting of Greater Vancouver, New Westminster, Burnaby and Lulu Island.

Whereas no action has been taken by either the Provincial or Dominion government re the Oriental ownership of land—Therefore be it resolved that we call upon this convention to appoint a small committee, say two or three persons, to collect data from each director of such horticultural division re the extent of oriental ownership and tenancy of land and the existing evils, moral or economic, pertaining thereto—also that this committee shall present this documentary evidence together with such witnesses as they may think necessary to the Provincial government calling upon the said government for instant and effective action in the introduction of legislation for the entire suppression of the said oriental ownership and tenancy.

That whereas the Southern Okanagan district suffered heavy loss through severe spring frosts, and whereas throughout the United States the government has established weather bureaus forcasting weather conditions and enabling the farmers to take proper precautions for safeguarding their crops, therefore be it resolved that the Provincial government be respectfully requested to establish a weather bureau in each horticultural district and that bulletins be issued during the spring months to enable fruit growers to take proper precautions for safeguarding their fruit crops.

MUST PAY SAME AS ON THE C. P. R.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—The Canadian Railway Board adjustment has issued a finding in the case between the Kettle Valley Railway and its engine and train employees and between the C. P. R. western lines and the Brotherhood of railway clerks, freight handlers and station men.

In the K. V. dispute the board decided that the wage increase the railway had granted its employees should be the same as were in effect on the C.P.R. in adjacent territory.

In the C.P.R. issue the board established schedules which the company claimed did not apply to Vancouver as the men had not asked for a raise. The board holds that the Vancouver men intended so to do, and orders that the increases must be included for them.

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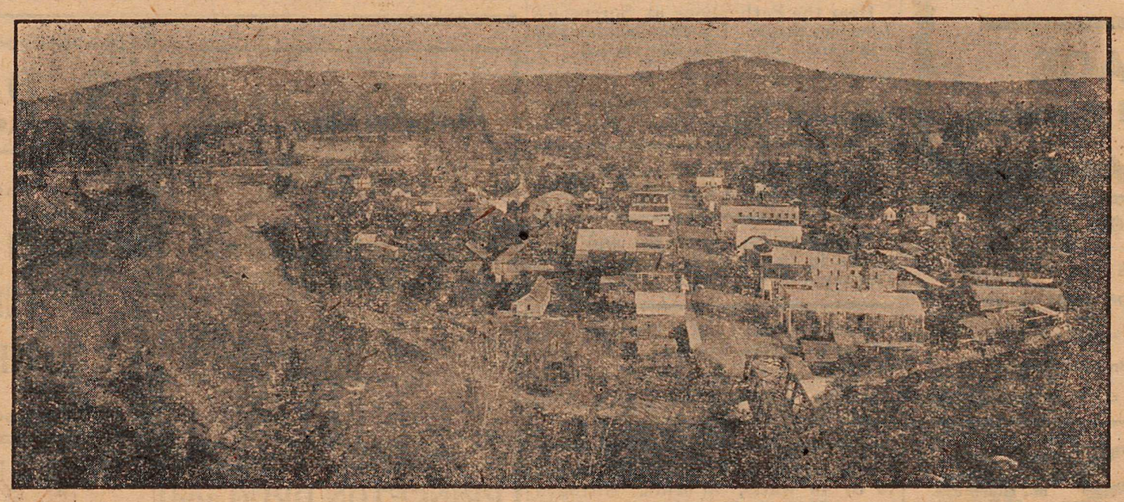

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The active members of the Princeton Board of Trade are experiencing difficulty in getting sufficient interest aroused to hold a successful annual meeting. Two attempts to hold this meeting have failed on account of not a sufficient number turning out to make the meeting a representative one. Another meeting is called for next Monday evening, January 27th, and it is to be hoped that every member in town will attend. This will be a most important year in the history of Princeton, and there are many important matters that will be coming up that will require to be handled by this redresentative organization of the town.

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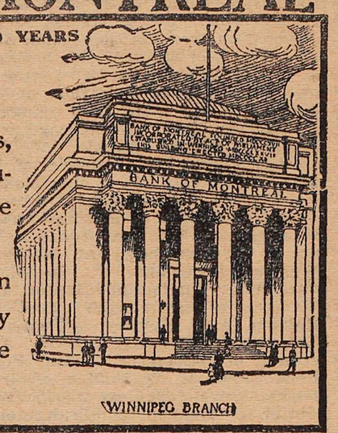

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The Nutrient Quality of the Beer made by the
Princeton Brewing Co
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Are well known. For Dinners, Luncheons or as an ordinary beverage
Sparkling, Creamy Beer
Is delicious and appetizing
Orders Promptly Attended