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Merchants Opening Up Christmas Stocks

A FEW SUGGESTIONS INTENDED TO HELP CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS —OUR LIVE BUSINESS MEN AND THE TOWN GENERALLY

Only about two weeks till Christmas. How much more pleasure the early Christmas shopper will have and how much better your chances of getting what you want if you make your selections now before the holiday rush is on and the finest and best articles have all been picked up.

No need to send out of town for your Christmas gifts. The merchants in Princeton are offering a variety of goods from which it is possible to select almost anything that the heart can desire. Read their announcements in the Star, then do your shopping early. Here are a few suggestions:

Mrs. Moore

If its a gift for mother, sister or lady friend first visit the "Bee Hive," where Mrs. Moore is displaying a line of dainty blouses, hosiery, sweaters, gloves, hankies and unmentionables that cannot fail to appeal to the feminine heart. For the smaller ladies there is a splendid selection of dolls, and there is nothing that a little girl hugs closer or values more than an attractive doll.

Gents Furnishings

If its a present for father, brother or the other fellow and your fancy runs to some aticle of wearing apparel, visit the store of Willarson & Co. There you will find an assortment of ideal masculine gifts such as "Forsyth" shirts neatly done up in individual boxes; "Heather" hose, clocked and plain, in silk, cashmere or wool, also a wide range of ties, gloves and handkerchiefs. For the man who is thinking of treating himself to a suit of clothes we might mention that this store has just recently received a specially select stock of Coppley, Noyes & Randall, suits.

F. P. Cook General Store

A liberal stock of fruits, groceries and confections always adds to the enjoyment of the holiday season. Perley Russell can always be depended to supply every requirement in that line. In addition, for the benefit of the little tots, he has put in a large stock of toys and games and a small amount spent here will bring joy to many a little boy or girl. On his dry goods shelves will also be found many articles that will make useful and attractive Xmas gifts.

Thomas Bros.

Any general store, carrying the extent and variety of stock that the old established firm of Thomas Bros. does can be relied upon to produce a big selection of appropriate gifts and also everything in the way of Christmas cheer (except "liquid," of which Jas. Forsyth has the monopoly.) For the Christmas trade this year Mr. Thomas has stocked an especially attractive line of silk and woollen hosiery, all sizes and in the latest shades; ladies' hand bags; fancy boxes of handkerchiefs, silk mufflers and many other articles that will make very acceptable presents for both ladies and gentlemen. A large assortment of "left over" toys and games at "give-away" prices.

Princeton Drug & Book Store

Space will only permit mention of a few of the extensive and varied line of choice Christmas gifts which Mr. G. G. Lyall is offering the public this year. His store is a veritable headquarters for Santa Claus. In French Ivory, the gift par excellence, there are a lot of new and popular articles; in Chinaware there is a beautiful assortment in French, English, Dutch and Japanese; in perfumes, a gift always welcomed by the ladies, are some fancy packages as dainty in appearance as the contents are in quality; in fountain pens, ever-sharp pencils, pipes, pouches, etc., there is a regular riot for selection while in the stationery-papeteries and books (for old and young) there is a wide range for selection.

Butcher Shops

P. Burns & Co. store and the Economy Market are making provision that the people of Princeton will want for nothing in their line during the holiday season. Both have arranged for an ample supply of choice poultry—turkeys, geese, ducks, chicken and all the trimmings that go with them—fresh oysters, fish and a particularly attractive display of meats; fruit and vegetables of all descriptions. See the offer of a free turkey, goose or chicken made by the Economy Market.

A. Almstrom

When the Christmas mail arrives—will you have forgotten anyone? Christmas cards cost so little and mean so much. Prepare your lists now and make your selection while the stocks are fresh. Al Almstom is offering a select line of cards this year. See them. He has also a dainty line of chinaware; a good assortment of books, stationery and novelties. His stock of groceries is always fresh, nice and well assorted.

Princeton Bakery

At the Princeton Bakery Mr. Doerflinger is preparing an immense Christmas cake—very special cake—which will become the property of the one guessnig nearest to its correct weight. One guess allowed for each purchase of goods of a certain value in the store. The cake will shortly be on exhibition in the store window and full particulars governing the competition will appear in the next issue of the Star. While at the bakery ask to see the line of plain and fancy rubber house aprons that Miss Barr is offering. She also announces that orders for Christmas dresses and costumes will be accepted up till Dec. 17.

A. L. White

It was not our intention to leave mention of A. L. White's display of Christmas goods till the last but at the same time it is appropriate to do so for if the customer, after going the rounds, fails to find what he is looking for he will almost certainly be able to find it in the big variety of goods, suitable for Christmas gifts which he will find on display at this popular store. It matters not whether it is a big comfy arm chair, a handsome dresser for milady, a dainty piece of chinaware, a doll for Mabel or a knife for Tommy. You will find them and a thousand other articles that will all make acceptable Christmas gifts.

ANNUAL MEETING PRINCETON L. O. L.

There was a large attendance of members of Princeton Lodge No. 2102, L.O.L. at the annual meeting on Tuesday evening. Grand Master Avery occupied the chair and the election and installation of officers resulted as follows:

Immediate Past Master C. H. Rhoderman.
Worshipful Master, Geo. Aldous.
Deputy Master, H. E. Hansen.
Chaplain, G. H. Joss.
Rec. Secretary, H. H. Avery.
Fin. Secretary, C. V. Prosser.
Treasurer, P. Russell.
Marshall, S. R. Gibson.
1st Lecturer, H. B. Meausette.
2nd Lecturer, G. Gibson.
Lodge Committee, A. C. MacKenzie, B. O. Long, P. Rowlands, H. A. Long and A. Johnson.
Auditors, A. C. MacKenzie and H. H. Avery.
Hospital Committee, Geo. Aldous and H. E. Hansen.

During an adjournment for refreshments the sisters of the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association attended and an interesting address was given by Field Secretary W. T. Jago. Mr. Jago is on a trip through the interior visiting different lodges.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1923

Grade 8—1, Mary Herbison; 2, Jack Gellatly.

Grade 7—1, Margrette Hansen; 2, Evelyn Grant.

Grade 6—1, Muriel McLaughlin; 2, Edward Almstrom.

Grade 5—1, Arthur Williams; 2, Melville Young.

Grade 4—1, Lilian Mitchell; 2, Annie Mitchell.

Grade 3—Senior: 1, Mary Oreskovich; 2, Arnold Wilson. Junior: 1, Hugh Herbison; 2, Marshell Gellatly.

Grade 2—Senior: 1, Mary White; 2, Bunty Waterman. Junior: 1, George Wiles; 2, Margaret Wilson.

Grade 1—Senior. 1, Winnifred White; 2, May Grant. Receiving Class—1, Bernard McLaughlin; 2, Dorothy MacKinnon.

William J. Farney, an oldtimer of the Boundary, died in the General Hospital, Vancouver, on Nov. 26th in his 73rd year. Prior to going to the coast six years ago, deceased had been a resident of Phoenix and Greenwood and was well known among all oldtimers. He was also interested in mining ventures along the main Kettle river.

Remove Professional Politician

PROVINCIAL PARTY IN CONVENTION AT VANCOUVER ADOPTS CONSTITUTION AND DRAFTS PLATFORM

To secure and maintain good government in the Province of British Columbia by the advocacy and support of the principles set in the platform of the party.

To suggest and promote the enactment of advanced legislation in the interests of the masses of the people.

To secure the abolition of the evils of political patronage.

To remove the professional politician from public life in British Columbia.

These are the objects of the Provincial Party of British Columbia as adopted in the constitution at the first convention of the organization held in Vancouver this week.

Just how keen an interest the public is taking in the new movement is indicated by the fact there were upwards of three hundred delegates present out of a possible 368, which the plans of the committee in charge of the convention provided for.

Mr. E. Waterman and E. E. Hardwick, president of the Princeton local, U.F. of B.C. represented Princeton at the convention. They had been appointed substitutes for H. R. Plommer and Dr. Lee Smith who, at the last moment, were unable to attend. The Star was also premature in announcing that Mr. S. J. Castleman would attend as delegate from Keremeos. Supporters of the party in the lower valley did not hold their meeting until last Saturday evening when Mr. Harry Armstrong was unanimously chosen to represent Keremeos.

Blue Birds Bazaar Proves Big Success

SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE ON HAND AFTER PURCHASING SEWING MACHINE FOR HOSPITAL—A FAIR ATTENDANCE

In those rather far off days when the study of English history was part of the daily task, the monotony was somewhat relieved by reading of a certain Duke of Clarence, who on being condemned to death was given the choice as to what method should be adopted for his despatch—and elected (probably after due consideration) to be drowned in a butt of Malmsley wine. I have never had the pleasure of sampling this particular brand but presume it was either a cheap vintage or was not purchased through the government vendor of the period; however, that is beside the question, the point is that even dukes in those days had a sense of humor and a man sized thirst, and I have no doubt that had he lived at the present time he would much preferred to have been pecked to death by the Blue Birds when they held their bazaar at Princeton on December 1st in the present year of Grace. Thus ends the preface.

The bazaar—why a mere man should be expected to do justice to a distinctly feminine invention, designed for the sole and only purpose of extracting the last copper from any member of the opposite sex who is bold enough to venture near, is a mystery—but there you are, or rather here I am— and it becomes my task to tell of the twelve dainty tea tables, the gaily decorated stalls festooned in Blue Bird colors—blue and gold; the orange tree, a new device, which judging by results, must have emptied many small pockets, and shows that the lesson learned in the Garden of Eden is still borne in mind by the predatory female; and whether it be an apple or a bag of sweets, so long as it hangs from a bough 'tis made to serve her end.

I don't know the names of half the things that were on sale at the fancy work stall presided over by Misses Ida Huston and Norma French; all I know is that they realized over $55.00.

The home cooking table was in charge of Misses Hilda Howarth and Louise Johnson who handled their department in a very businesslike manner. They managed to dispose of all of their wares, and were well rewarded for their efforts.

Misses Viola Dignan and Ethel Garrison presided over the candy stall and did a roaring trade from the first "call to arms" as little was left when I interviewed them.

Misses Agnes Cook and Dolly Waterman looked after the requirements of the tea drinkers, doling out sandwiches and cakes. They were not very talkative and worked hard. This brings me to the waitresses, most tender and attractive subject—it is an accepted axiom that "All Blue Birds are Attractive" so they draw invidious conclusions. The tea tables were presided over in an efficient manner by Misses Dorothy Meausette, Edna Garrison and Margaret Darragh.

Much credit is due Lady Blue Bird French for the admirable result of her venture. She has trained her Blue Bird Brigade to a state of great efficiency—that such training is severe is evidenced by the fact that one Blue Bird (doubtless of a rebellious nature) had her head tied round with a piece of red rag, however, discipline must be maintained ever at the cost of bloodshed.

Mrs. Almstrom and her daughter-in-law tended the tea bar, and I can bear witness to the excellent brew they dispersed. The making of the tea was under the capable supervision of Mrs. Darragh.

Mrs. Garrison sat at the "receipt of customs," but mysteriously disappeared later in the afternoon. The report that she attempted to short-change her own daughters has not been confirmed. Mrs. Waterman and Miss Barr took turns at officiating at the piano while tea was being served.

No account of this bazaar would be complete without mentioning the noble work performed by Masters Jack Gellatly and Kenneth Garrison, and it shows that ever the efficient Blue Birds have to rely on the more dependable male help when it comes to washing dishes.

The main object of the bazaar was to raise funds to purchase a sewing machine for the hospital. A full account of the receipts is not yet to hand but I am assured that not only was their objective attained but also a nice balance will be left to go into the general fund of the club. "Here's to the Blue Birds."—com.

ACCOUNTS IN ORDER

Victoria, Dec. 3.—For another year the opposition members of the public accounts committee have been unable to find anything wrong with the financial dealing of the government. A certain amount of noise was heard over alleged wrong spending, but when vouchers and accounts were freely placed before the committee everything was found in order. Premier Oliver draws attention to the fact that never since the government came into power seven years ago, has the public accounts committee brought a resolution before the legislature showing that one dollar had been wrongfully expended. This, said the government leader, was at least a feather in the cap of the administration.

Survey Completed on Hope-Princeton Road

MEN EMPLOYED ON WORK REPORT THAT SNOW-FALL AT SUMMIT DID NOT EXCEED SIX INCHES

Survey of the Hope-Princeton section of the trans-provincial highway is now complete. Early in the week the last of the men employed at the survey camp under Engineer Stevens came into town and at the same time the packers brought in the last load of camp equipment.

These men—and it should be noted that one of them comes from near Kamloops—are all strong boosters for the southern route. They all believe that it is the feasable route and will be easy of construction. Up till the time of December, the day on which they broke camp, they had not encountered more than six inches of snow.

In their opinion the right of way for the road could be cleared to advantage during the winter weather and by burning the brush early in the spring, the work of building the road next summer could be greatly speeded up.

COMPLICITY OF MOUNTED POLICE IN DOPE SCANDAL

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—Continued astounding revelations of the complicity of Royal Canadian Mounted police officers with underworld dope peddlers and addicts, are coming to light as the result of the enquiry into the charges made by Attorney-General Manson. Among the latest witnesses are two young women who have been rescued through the agency of Mrs. James O'Brien of the Anti-Narcotic Drug League. One of these testified that she had been induced to try the drug habit and introduced to Chinese drug peddlers by Constable "Doc" Smith when a girl of fifteen. One Chinese peddler, Lee Shon, who committed suicide recently when arrested on a dope charge, refused at first to sell drugs to so young a girl, she testified, so the constable took her to the notorious J. J. Wing. The defence, as outlined by the cross examination of J. B. Pattullo, K. C., is that the officer was using the girls for the purpose of getting evidence against the Chinese.

RETURNS BY RADIO

Through the courtesy of Elmer Burr and the efficiency of his radio apparatus we were able to secure last evening early returns from elections held in the old country yesterday.

The first summary, dispatched from London at 2.40 Friday morning, was received here shortly before eight o'clock Thursday evening. Allowing for the difference in time it took just about one hour in reaching Calgary and being relayed from there.

His early report, while too incomplete to indicate anything like the final result, serves to give some idea how the elections were going. It reported the standing as follows: Conservatives, 110; Labor, 76; Liberals, 59; Independent, 6; Nationals, 1. It further showed the Conservatives as having gained 3 seats and lost 38; the Liberals as having gained 30 seats and lost 12; the Labor party as having gained 29 seats and lost 9.

Mr. Burr, who kept in touch with Calgary most of the evening also heard the result of the hockey game, played at Regina between Edmonton and Regina, a few minutes after the game was over. The result was a win for the home team by a score of 1 to 0.

Owing to the sleet, rain and snow which fell Wednesday night nearly all the telegraph and telephone wires throughout B. C. appear to have been out of commission yesterday and it was impossible to get in touch with the east by wire.

PRINCESS THEATRE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

December 7 and 8

DOROTHY PHILLIPS

—IN—

"Hurricane's Gal"

A FIRST NATIONAL PICTURE

Comedy—Leather Pushers

REGINALD DENNY

—IN—

"THE WANDERING TWO"

NO CAUSE TO WORRY OVER TRANS-PROVINCIAL ROUTE

Members of the board of trade were rather at a loss for something to do at the regular monthly meeting on Monday evening. Though the majority of members felt that they had played their last card in the highway controversy and that there was nothing to do now but await with patience an announcement from the government, Messrs. A. S. Black and E. E. Burr thought that the board should keep pegging way. A resolution was finally passed authorizing the secretary to wire W. A. McKenzie at Victoria asking if the government had arrived at any decision and also as to the advisability of sending down a good influential Liberal to interview them.

A reply has since been received stating that no decision has yet been announced and that the appropriation for the connecting link in the trans-provincial highway would most likely be segregated with that for other roads in the two million loan that was put through. The reply also intimated that circumstances would not seem to warrant the expense of sending a delegate down and further that the Princeton board of trade had no cause to feel uneasy in respect to the route that would be selected.

The question of fire protection and means of meeting expenses incurred in fighting fires, which was slated for discussion, was further shelved awaiting a visit from the chief fire warden, who some time ago anonunced his intention of making a visit of inspection to Princeton.

BRANDY DOWN 75 CENTS

Vancouver.—Evidence that the B. C. government's liquor vending department has the Christmas spirit—in more ways than one—may be read in the new price list for brandies.

Prices are down 75 cents a quart on Hennessy and Mratelle brands, and 25 cents on Denis Moonies', bringing the price of the first two to $4.25 a quart and the last $3.75.

Port wines have been cut 50 cents. French brands of Vermouth are down to 50 cents to $1.50 a bottle. Chinese wines of all kinds have been reduced.

One of the principal reasons for the reductions, it was stated at government liquor stores, is that the Dominion government has cut the duty on French liquors. Anyway, it will cost less to illuminate oneself and the Christmas pudding than it did last year.

Scotch whisky? Price firm and demand for it stronger, the liquor vendors say.

Motor Car Dealers Had Good Season

PRINCETON GARAGES ALL REPORT THAT SALES FOR 1923 HAVE FAR EXCEEDED ANY PREVIOUS YEAR

If automobile sales can be taken as any indication of business conditions things have not been too bad in the valley this season. All three garages in town report an exceptionally good year so far as sales are concerned.

The Similkameen Garage, the proprietors of which—Daily and Walmsley—are sales agents for the Studebaker and Star cars, report the sale of ten new cars as follows: four "Special" Studebakers, two "Light-Six" and four Stars, together with the sale of a number of second-hand cars.

Bert Hill, of the Princeton Garage, has disposed of 24 cars in all; 14 of which were new and divided as follows: five Chevrolet "Superior" touring cars, one Chevrolet roadster, three Oldsmobile touring, one Oldsmobile truck, three Dodge touring cars and one Dodge delivery car.

Burr's Garage reports the sale of 15 new Fords and 9 second hand ones, three new Ford trucks, seven new and two old Dodge cars and one second-hand Chevrolet; a total of 37 sales.

The Princeton Garage, which recently secured the agency for "Radiolite" has had a big run in that line having already equipped 45 batteries with this non-freezing, live-giving fluid. Bert has also installed what is known as a "Hall" cylinder hone, which enables him to re-bore cylinders in his own shop. This machine is found in few garages outside of the cities. By its use our enterprising garage man is able to save customers the two or three days time and the express charges required to send the cylinders to the city for repairs.

NEW MOTOR LICENSE PLATES

Motor license plates for the season of 1924 have just been completed at the coast. The numerals and letterings are in yellow, on a black background, and where the license number runs into four or more figures a dash has been inserted between the figures separating hundreds and thousands. The words "British Columbia" are printed in full at the bottom of the plates and the space to the left of the license number formerly occupied by the letters "B. C." is utilized by the insertion of the letter denoting the type of vehicle for which the license is issued.

Motor cycle, trailer and motor cycle dealers' single license plates are about half the size of the truck and passenger car plates.

Similkameen Member Criticizes Government

COULD SAVE ENOUGH ON GOVMENT CONTRACTS TO BUILD HOPE-PRINCETON HIGHWAY—WOULD ENTIRELY ABOLISH PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

(Special Correspondence to the Princeton Star.)

Victoria, Dec. 4.—The public works policy of the government came in for much criticism on Monday night from Mr. W. A. McKenzie, Conservative member for Similkameen, who asserted the people of the province were not getting full value for the money being spent. The member from the interior made the longest speech in the history of his political career, occupying the attention of the House for over two hours during which time and to demonstrate that his criticism had gone home, he drew the fire of every minister of the Crown with the exception of the minister of mines, Hon. William Sloan.

An appeal for the total abolition of the personal property tax and a more equitable arrangement with the owners of motor cars in respect to the proposed tax on gasoline and the reduction in the price of licenses, were matters referring to Hon. John Hart's department of finance.

Work Proves Costly

Considerable cross-firing took place between Mr. McKenzie and Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, when Similkameen's member drew attention to the heavy increase in cost from the original estimate of close to a million dollars to the statement made by E. A. Cleveland, water comptroller, earlier in the day, that the total cost of the Southern Okanagan irrigation scheme when completed would run to $5,000,000. The government must be prepared to accept its loss and there must be a re-valuation of the land irrigated in order that the settlers may have a chance to make a living.

Cuts in several departments were suggested by the member who drew attention to the sweeping reduction made by the Manitoba government during the week-end when a saving of $500,000 a year was made in the civil service department. "Motor cars in the hands of government officials are a curse of British Columbia today," was one telling point made by Mr. McKenzie as he related that these officials were literally falling over each other in the interior.

Let B. C. Follow Manitoba

Expressing his regret that the budget speech of the minister of finance did not indicate any reduction in the cost of the civil service, Mr. McKenzie drew attention to an announcement made from Winnipeg during the week-end that the Manitoba government had made plans for a campaign of economy in many government departments which meant a saving of $500,000 in the annual expenditure. The people of British Columbia would welcome any such news coming from Victoria while it would also welcome the abolition of the personal property tax. Similkameen's member cited instances where the personal property tax was becoming unbearable. The iniquity of the tax had to be faced by a reduction of fifty per cent. in the rate as against that of one per cent. The rate proposed was that which the government found the tax when they took office seven years ago. Then as now, claimed the member, there was a demand for its abolition but with the characteristic contempt for public opinion, the government met the situation by doubling the rate.

Mr. McKenzie cited an instance where a merchant in his riding had stock valued at $13,643. In 1921 he had a profit of $257.07 and he was assessed at $136 which left him $10 a month profit. The same merchant in 1922 had stock on hand valued at $14,037 and showed a profit of $690.81. The assessment was $140 which only allowed him a profit of $57 a month during the year. Some of the stock on hand in 1921 was re-assessed in 1922.

Still another case, explained Mr. McKenzie, was where a business man in his riding showed a loss of the year's operation in 1922. His plant was valued at $30,000 and his assessment placed at $300. This man was an employer of labor and yet the government stepped in and piled on the agony. The tax should be wiped out altogether, claimed the member. Mr. McKenzie congratulated Hon. Mr. Hart in abolishing the tax on amateur sports which should never have been placed on the statute books.

Not Fair Arrangement

Mr. McKenzie twitted Hon. Dr. Sutherland on his statements made at the Good Roads convention in Vancouver in August when the public works minister advocated a reduction of fifty per cent. in motor license fees and a tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline. Now comes the government announcement that the gasoline tax will amount to three cents a gallon as against a reduction of 15 per cent. in motor licenses. British Columbia autoists were paying the highest fees of anywhere in Canada and the United States. They also pay the highest price for gas. The government was apparently running true to form in this as in all other forms of taxation—out to extract from the people of the province the last red cent.

Mr. McKenzie asked Premier Oliver

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FORCING AN ISSUE

A Victoria dispatch to the New Westminster British Columbian of Wednesday's date says:

"Indications point to the Oliver government making an issue of the charges levelled by the new Provincial party and staging a by-election in Vancouver in the early spring, which will test Gen. A. D. McRae's assertion that the country wants a change. A hint of this was brought to light today when The British Columbian staff correspondent was in conversation with a prominent member of the Liberal party, who is not a member of the government.

"Edition No. 7 of 'The Searchlight,' the organ of the Provincial party, in which serious charges are laid at the door of Premier Oliver's administration in relation to Pacific Great Eastern railway matters, led this prominent Vancouver Liberal to expound his views. Edition No. 7 reached the Legislature yesterday morning, but even promises of prompt return failed to induce any member of the Legislature to release his copy to members of the press gallery. Members of the Fourth Estate are unanimous in the opinion that the revelations of this latest issue of the organ of the new party constitute the closest approach to libel yet printed.

"It is up to John Oliver either to issue a writ against the author of this latest pamphlet or throw his hat in the ring in Vancouver and take a chance of filling the seat vacated by M. A. Macdonald, unsuccessful Liberal candidate in the last federal general election," stated this prominent Liberal at luncheon yesterday. "The Premier has got to take a chance on this within the next few months. If he is successful with his candidate, the Liberal government's hand will be considerably strengthened, once the news circulates throughout the province. If he is defeated, the Premier has the chance to hang on till 1925, and in the meantime can catch for straws, railway and express rates, better business conditions, and so on, which may possibly place the party in a better light than it is today."

"It leaks out that a significant statement was made at the Liberal party gathering in Vancouver on Saturday after the Legislature members had investigated "Eddie" Ryan's cost-plus contract at the University site, when the name of Dr. R. E. McKechnie, chancellor of the U. B. C., was referred to as the forthcoming member of the Liberal forces and possibly as a future cabinet minister. Efforts are being made to induce the head of the British Columbia University to agree to placing his name in nomination at the next election, whether it be a by-election or a general election.

"Interesting developments are expected at Victoria. Every C. P. R. boat brings down a covey of friends of the government to help swell the Liberal forces at the Capital City. They arrive here on the morning boat, interview cabinet ministers and return. There is something in the wind."

CANNOT SHELVE RESPONSIBILITY

Smarting under the opposition leader's criticism of the government's "Creston" and "South Okanagan" soldier settlement schemes, Premier Oliver attempts to throw the entire blame on the returned soldiers. On the floor of the legislature on Monday he stated "that pressure from the returned soldier community had been responsible for these undertakings. They swarmed into the parliament buildings, took possession of the committee rooms, and clamored that we take steps to provide employment for them so that they and their families could eat," he declared.

And why shouldn't the returned men expect something from a government that had promised so much? But it is not the conception of the schemes in themselves that is open to criticism. It is the reckless extravagance shown in the carrying out of them and the deplorable incompetence of the engineers who made the estimates and who had the work in hand.

TWENTY MILLIONS FOR ROADS

According to a Victoria dispatch, which appeared in the Vancouver World of yesterday, the minister of public works announces his intention of spending twenty million dollars during the next five years in building in British Columbia a system of trunk roads and feeders that will place our province in a class by itself so far as highway communication is concerned.

There is scarcely a district in the province, outside the Similkameen, but is to be given something that they want in the way of roads. The proposition should prove a great vote getter in the event of an election being pulled off in the near future.

No mention is made of building the connecting link in the trans-provincial highway but doubtless that was an oversight on the part of the minister.

Judging from the returns to hand at the time of going to press it looks exceedingly doubtful if the Baldwin administration will have a sufficient majority to enable it to put into effect the customs tariff contemplated. It looks like "good-bye" to any preference on Canadian fruit, which the growers of this province so ardently hoped for.

The Pedlar's Pack

By AUTOLYCUS

"A Snapper up of Unconsidered Trifles."

WAITING FOR THE VERDICT

Before the week is out we shall presumably know whether the policy of preference within the Empire is to be advanced another step, or whether the preachers of the shadowy alternative of a stabilized Europe are to have the next innings. It has taken twenty years to bring the teachings of the late Joseph Chamberlain into the region of possibilities, and even now we find that political cross currents are menacing the natural flow of the stream. Lloyd George, seeing no place for himself but in the Liberal ranks, has taken Asquith once more to his bosom, and has seized on a tin can as a missle to throw at Baldwin's proposals concerning Canadian trade with the motherland. That tin can would never have been thrown had the brilliant Welshman visited this end of Canada and seen something of prospects here—as it is, his ill-considered jibe is probably already regretted, and would be recalled if that were possible.

To British Columbia fruit growers, the Baldwin proposals necessarily appear quite obviously reasonable. It is nothing short of an anomaly that United States orchardists should be able to flood the British market to the detriment of those countries which go to make up the British Empire as it exists. The fallacy of the dear food bogie has been exploded so often that it has become discredited, but I see it is being put forward once more for what it is worth, and may be effective among a certain type of voter. It is a pity that some stress is not laid on the fundamental truth that the price of a commodity should be established by its cost of production, and that the consumer has really no claim to be able to purchase it at a figure which spells a loss to the producer. If this fact were kept in mind it would be seen that dumping surplus fruit from a competitor at ruinous prices is not legitimate business, and may fairly be checked. And this becomes still more evident when that competitor take very good care that no commodity whatever shall be dumped on his own home markets!

If we look at the present issue on broader grounds we shall see that the alternative offered by the Lloyd George-Asquith party is hazy in the extreme. It is easy to talk of stabilizing Europe, but after five years' struggle to that end we cannot claim to be one step nearer. It is quite evident that Germany does not, and never did, intend to pay a reparation bill of her own free will, but has persistently and very successfully evaded all well meant attempts to help her straighten out the tangle which she herself has made. The amazing swindle by which she has practically repudiated her internal liabilities, and appropriated all her real money to build up new industries, has long been apparent to France, and it is one of the most extraordinary conditions imaginable that the Allies either ignore the truth, or calmly acquiesce in the position. That Britain should now continue to expose her own industries to the coming onslaughts of German imports of goods prduced under such unfair circumstances, seems incredible, but persistence in free trade really means nothing less. The British people are as slow in discarding existing conditions as they are in adopting new policies, but it may be a fairly safe wager that the Baldwin administration will be sent back to power, and that the Old Country will be enabled to use the same weapon of defense which is in the hands of every one of its trade competitors.

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DELINQUENT GROWERS

The matter of contract enforcement among the fruit growers who compose the Associated organization has been to the front recently, and is worth a little consideration. We have been in the habit of blaming the outstanding twenty per cent. for the breaking of the market where such has occurred, but it is an open secret that there have been other leakages responsible. It has been pointed out that there is generally a great difficulty in obtaining proof in suspected cases, which is a very natural position of affairs, since most people are reluctant to inform against their neighbors. And there is always the danger of wrongful suspicion working more or less injury and consequent ill-feeling. It may be that, as conditions improve, the temptation to secretly break the contract will disappear, and that those who have been virtually driven to sell where they ought not will be able to live up to their contract without hardship. Meantime, it is good to learn that the agreemen entered into is holeproof and can be legally enforced. The legal decisions given may not be agreeable to the type of contract holder (fortunately a very small minority) who thinks nothing of breaking an agreement, but it will decidedly strengthen the hands of the executive, and work out to the permanent beenfit of the growers in general. If, side by side with these law court verdicts, were given a wise exposition of the folly of growers themselves helping to destroy their own market by illegitimate selling, the two combined mignt help to bring the situation into a plainer focus.

While on the subject of the association's affairs, it may be in order to refer to one or two matter which I hear much discussed, and which might be considered by the new directors when appointed. The one is concerned with the local representation at the central meetings, and the other concerns the delay in making payments on sales. I find it widely held that the central body does its work with too small an element of representation from the various local bodies, and there is a suggestion that monthly meetings of all directors would give opportunities for the use of that collective wisdom which we are told is found in a multitude of counsellors. The question of delayed payment needs no introductory explanation. The average grower cannot understand why payments for fruit sold (presumably) on short terms of credit should not be forthcoming much sooner than is usually the case. This season it is of course realized that the banks had to receive their loans before the growers could be paid, nevertheless there is a very general feeling that there is opportunity for speeding up in this direction. This seems to be fairly constructive criticism, and should be discussed at the beginning of the coming season.

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CONCERNING CAKES

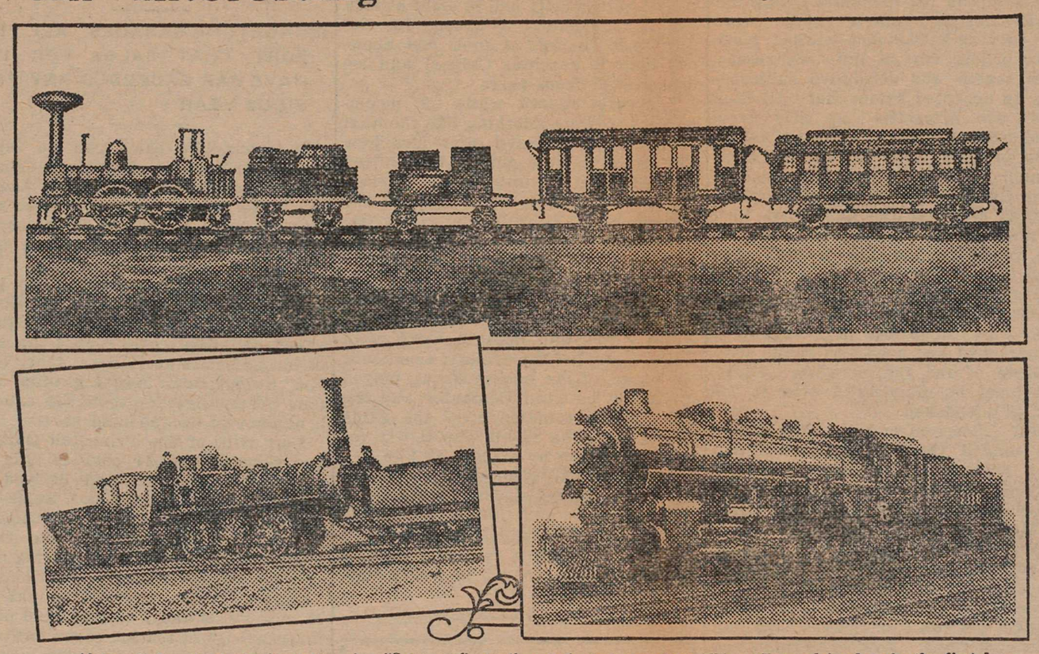
My friend George was lately moved to a sort of enthusiasm over a cake of which he partook at a friend's house. He said, "For the moment I imagined myself back home, and tasting a cake which was actually what it professed to be. It was light, but not elusively so,—it was not too sweet, but just sweet enough—it had just the proper proportion of raisins, and above all, it had none of that sticky, sickly mess common to what I am told is a "layer" cake. Neither was it smeared all over the top with atrocious compound of chocolate smudge, but was just a good, honest and wholesome cake without frills or flourishes."

George is a confirmed crank on cakes and pies. I can remember him in the Old Country a lover of a slice of Madeira cake with a glass of sherry, and his verdict that the combination was food for the gods. His description of the sickly "layer" cake puts me in mind of some of the transcendental language used by certain modern musical critics, or reporters, to be more exact. The "cake" served up to their inoffensive and helpless readers by these people has so much filling and topdressing as to be almost smothered out of sight. Here, for example, are a few word pictures perpetrated on the occasion of a recent organ recital in Vancouver. The performer did not play, or render, or execute—no indeed—"he etched with glittering manual and pedal accuracy and dignity of ensemble." Later on he "brilliantly elucidated" a prelude, and "surrounded with ravishing color contrasts and mechanical clarity" a further composition. After this the "flashing brilliance of the final effort seems rather tame. Probably the bottom crust of the cake, as it were.

HEAVY GOING

Autos crossing the summit from Greenwood to Grand Forks on Saturday, Nov. 24th, encountered 9 inches of heavy wet snow, which made the going rather heavy. Autoist's going to the Forks from now on would be well advised to take the river road. If sleighs were a standard gauge the road from Greenwood to the Forks could be travelled by autos the greater part of the winter. It is to be hoped when the trans-provincial highway is put through, that the government will pass legislation to that effect.—Ledge.

An Interesting Bit of Railway History.



Above, "The Dorchester." Left, the "Sampson," another early train, used at Albian Mines, claimed to be the first locomotive used in America. Right, one of the most modern of locomotives, as used by the Canadian Pacific Railway in passenger service.

THERE has been considerable speculation as to what the first railway train to be run in Canada really looked like. People have exercised their imagination considerably in drawing what they thought it looked like but the most authentic and reliable picture that has been preserved is the one reproduced above. The original is the property of Mrs. A. J. Wight, of St. Johns, Que., who has kindly permitted it to be photographed and reproduced. It was drawn from careful sketches of the original engine and cars, and can be depended upon as giving an exact outline of Canada's first train.

Interest centres in the engine which was named "The Dorchester." It is described as follows in Wishaw's "Railways of Great Britain and Ireland":—Cylinders, 9 in. in diameter, 14 in. stroke. Drive wheels, two pair coupled, 48 ins. diameter. Length of boiler, 78 ins., and 37 ins. in diameter. Length of fire-box 18¼ ins., width 43 ins., depth 28 ins. Total weight of machine in working order, 12,544 lbs. The cost of the engine was £1,500.

The Dorchester was built in Stephenson's works, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and came to her destination via New York City, the Hudson River, Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River, being transported on a barge. In after years she was rebuilt, fitted out with a funnel, a cab, a bogey truck and a cow-catcher. She finished her days in the service of the Lanoraie and Industry R.R., running between Lanoraie and Joliette, Que., and when this railroad was absorbed by another the Dorchester was ruthlessly broken up for scrap.

With this engine the first railway in Canada, the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railway, running between St. Johns and Laprairie, Que., a distance of 14½ miles, began operations on July 21st, 1836, when it was formally opened by His Excellency the Earl of Gosford. Owing to an accident to the engine a few days prior to the opening, it was thought safest to attach only two cars to it for the opening run. In these the more distinguished guests rode while the balance of the 300 persons who participated in the function were transported from Laprairie to St. Johns in cars drawn by horses. The rate of speed was low, but did not disappoint those who had depended upon the terms of the prospectus of the railway which promised to transport passengers at "the unprecedented speed of 10, 12 and even 15 miles per hour." On the day following the opening the engine covered the distance between its two terminal points in thirty minutes.

The road had a five feet six inch gauge, the rails were of wood with iron strips laid on top of them, and the rolling stock of the railway consisted of one engine, four passenger cars and twenty freight cars, with a capacity of about ten tons each. The cost of each passenger car was about £1,000 and the cost of the road itself was estimated at £33,500.

Commenting on the significance of the opening of this Canadian railway, the "Montreal Courier," of July 23, 1836, a copy of which is preserved among the files of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, said:—

"The completion of this new and admirable mode of communication between the above water (the St. Lawrence and the Richelieu) is the first event of the kind that falls to be recorded in the annals of this province, and judging from the onward march of the spirit among us, it may be considered only the first of a series of railways that will be the necessary auxiliaries to our noble lakes and rivers in fostering the vast commerce of which this province is destined to be the seat."

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Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

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SIMILKAMEEN MEMBER CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT

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what effect had the Premier's letter to the Imperial Oil Company in September with the demand for a reduction in the price of gas.

Premier Oliver—Why, they reduced the price three or four days following the receipt of my letter, a statement which Mr. McKenzie questioned by giving the credit to the B. C. Automobile Association.

Licenses Too High

A comparative statement in regard to motor fees was read in the House by the member for Similkameen who pointed out that while a Ford car license cost $22.50 in British Columbia, the costin Alberta was only $15, Saskatchewan $12, Manitoba $12, Washington $10 and California $7.20. For a car costing $2,500 the figures were much higher, $43 being charged in this province as against $25 in Alberta, $15 in Manitoba and only $10.88 in California.

On a $50 license the saving under Mr. Hart's proposal would be $7.50, stated Mr. McKenzie, while the saving for a Ford license only amounted to $3.37. The government was losing $200,000 in motor license fees as against a gain of $400,000 from the gasoline tax. The member from the interior thought the gas tax would bring $700,000 and the tourist business should account for one-sixth of this.

Turning to possible points where a saving in government could be made Mr. McKenzie stated that land surveys had cost the people since 1917 $1,053,244, the estimate for next year being $135,000. It could well be cut down to $10,000. Photo topographical surveys had cost $166,523 in eight years while $30,000 had been set aside for water surveys. Both the last two items could well be considerably reduced for a few years at least. Oil investigations had cost the country $125,501 since 1919 and so far the people had hard nothing of the results.

Must Revalue Land

Mr. McKenzie expressed his regret that the Southern Okanagan irrigation project was costing the province so much money and advocated a revaluation of the property already sold or ready to be sold and to extend the time of payment from ten to twenty years. He had always contended the government would have to accept a certain amount of loss through the scheme but the chief business now was to make the project a success by having the lands settled and developed. During the next ten years the valley should be able to accommodate an additional 6000 settlers if proper publicity was given to the scheme and a practical experienced instructor located in the district. This man should be one who has gone through the pioneer days of the Okanagan and who would assist the settlers in selecting suitable varieties and teach them to look after the trees and also in the work of vegetable growing while the trees are coming in to bearing.

"Do not apopint a man who will try to do the work sitting in a Ford car," asked Mr. McKenzie. "Motor cars in the hands of government officials are the curse of British Columbia today." The member claimed there should be no excuse for a repetition of the planting of unsuitable trees as has been the case in some parts of the district year ago.

Mr. McKenzie defended the opposition tactics in the past few years in its criticism of the government's land policy and referred to the demand for a re-valuation of the Merville settlement on Vancouver Island where returned soldiers are located. A still further re-valuation would have to be made before this scheme could be called any kind of success. Mr. McKenzie congratulated the minister of railways in inaugurating an extensive land settlement policy along the line of the P.G.E. It came at a late period the government having been inactive for seven years even though they had spent $44,000,000 on the government owned road. Special privileges would be given to a party of Swiss Settlers on lines tributary to the P.G.E., one of these being a remission of part of the purchase price after 25 acres have been cleared. He suggested to Hon. Dr. MacLean that a new settler be given clear title to the land after he has cleared 50 acres from government land. What the country needed was more settlers of the type who were not afraid to work.

Too Much Time Lost

While agreeing with the policy inaugurated by Hon. Dr. King in relation to the system of district engineers, Mr. McKenzie claimed the overhead expense was far too high. Engineers' salaries, clerks and expenses amount to $63,989 a year in addition to fifteen or twenty thousand dollars invested in motor cars. He favored an eight-hour day provided a full eight hour's work was performed. Road gangs were charging up their time taken while proceeding to and from work and the people of the province were not getting 50 per cent. value for the money spent.

Give Small Man a Chance

Mr. McKenzie drew attention to the letting of the contract for the Fairview-Penticton road, the engineer's estimate being $32,229.25 as against an actual cost of $46,100.91. The real trouble had been the letting of the contract for the entire route instead of cutting it up into nine sections. This would have saved the contractor's profit of $8000 and would have given the man with the small capital a chance to bid. Contracts should also be awarded to practical men. Mr. McKenzie citing an instance of the Anarchist Mountain road where $132,937 was spent on the cost-plus basis and the contractor—a mining engineer—received a profit of $9,354. An additional $8000 was spent on this road the following year, bringing the total cost to $141,262.30 Too much money was expended on temporary repairs when a larger amount would make the work more permanent. The member for Similkameen also suggested to Hon. Dr. Sutherland to thin out and remove the dead wood from his department by securing more competent road builders and thereby securing value for the money expended.

Patronage Not Abolished

Political favoritism entered too much in the letting of contracts, claimed Mr. McKenzie, who cited the construction of government buildings at Wiliams Lake. R. Moncrief was the lowest tenderer with a bid of $15,590 yet the contract was awarded to the E. J. Ryan contracting concern at a cost of $4,800 higher than the lowest tender. Moncrief had built many buildings, both government and private, throughout the province, and if his deposit of ten per cent. was put up he should have been entitled to the contract.

Old buildings had been purchased at Fort George at a cost of $73,000 while an entirely new building could have been constructed for $50,000 with provision being made at the time of construction for enlargement at a later date, the new building being good enough for many years to come.

Expensive Buildings

Still another glaring indictment of the government's purchase of buildings was cited by Mr. McKenzie in the matter of the Home for Incurables at Marpole, in the heart of a busy business section, at a cost of $80,000. Renovations and furnishings had brought the total cost to $105,000. During the negotiations, a hotel at Port Coquitlam, including several acres of ground, was offered the government for $12,000, this being an ideal location for such patients. Mr. McKenzie asked Hon. Dr. MacLean the reason for such a purchase at Marpole to which the minister replied that the Port Coquitlam property was not large enough.

Government buildings at Prince Rupert were a monument of extravagance, stated Mr. McKenzie, who pointed out that the total cost to date was $417,995. An unnecessary expenditure had been made in this case of $217,000 which could have been spent on roads in the district. There was no justification for such an expensive building in a city of 5000 population. Elaborate fittings had been installed at a cost of thousands of dollars, oak trimmings, specially selected, being purchaed at $330 a thousand.

Another public building that has proved to be expensive is the new acute mental hospital at Essondale, claimed Mr. McKenzie. The policy of the late government in looking after the patients had been followed up by present administration. The building was an excellent one and the work had been well done but the government, after letting the contract for $627,022, discovered seven months after the work had been started, that something was wrong and called in a structural expert, P. P. Brown, who reported that too much steel and concrete had been placed in the building. It was too late to make any changes although Similkameen's member asked the government why was not the expert called in sooner when the plans were being prepared. Wooden doors of mahogany inlaid with ebony and boxwood and calling for a high piano finish, were some of the details called for in the contract, all of which were unnecessary for a building of this type.

Ryan Provided For

The 10% bogey was referred to by Mr. McKenzie in the matter of the new science building at the university at Point Grey where the E. J. Ryan Contracting Company received the contract for $715,000, the firm to receive 10 per cent. basis of cost up to $600,000, the contractors to supply the necessary equipment. No deposit was required by the government. The advantages of this for the Ryan company was that additional contracts could and had been secured in the same location. The government had built a mile of track to haul gravel to the site, the contractor getting 10 per cent. commission for insalling same and now has the use of it in building both science and library buildings. Tenders were not called in the regular way, claimed Mr. McKenzie. Ryan's contract for the library building amounts to $461,000, or $36,500 above the estimates prepared by the government architect.

"Money saved on the construction of these government buildings would amount to $460,000 and by adding an additional $100,000, the total necessary for the construction of the trans-provincial highway from Hope to Princeton could have been established," said Mr. McKenzie.

Mr. McKenzie stated that the people of the interior were pleased at the announcment from the government that work on this trans-provincial highway would be commenced in the spring. Other road work of not such a pressing nature could well be laid over for the time being in order to get this important link of a provincial and Canadian highway under way and completed.

Mr. McKenzie finished his speech, after being on the floor well over two hours, with an appeal for unity and rigid economy in the expenditure of public money and greater efficiency in all departments.

HELD UP BY HIJACKERS

Grand Forks, Dec. 3.—Hijackers held up and robbed Dan Docksteader and his nephew Orville, on the Canadian side of the international boundary line near Danville, Wash., at 5 o'clock this morning and appropriated their automobile and its load of 22 cases of liquor, valued around $1000, police say.

The liquor hijacks roped Docksteader and the boy to trees, after having used guns which burrowed holes in their flesh. The bandits rifled the pockets of their victims, getting $35 in cash.

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"We wonder if our readers sense the spectacular in the events that have been transpiring in the Okanogan and North Central Washington county. It is a story at once tragic and gripipng, but it is more than that—it is the story of the issue of this country. From Canada, winding through and along the valley, up over the mountains, down through the unfrequented roads, comes the caravan of eight automobiles. The automobiles are loaded with liquor and the men who accompany them are armed for any battle that may be necessary in order to force their illicit liquor to Spokane and other points.

It is a movie altogether more gripping than any that has been shown in the local theaters for years.

There is trouble with one car. The deputy sheriff coming down on the train has a suspicion that it is a rum running car. Finding that his suspicions are well grounded he goes on to Okanogan. A sherff's posse is soon organized and up the Corkcrew grade they went. Even the name 'Corkscrew' grade lends color to the picture. The capture of the men as they were having a drink of some of the liquor which they were carrying—the car stuck in the sand—the chase made after the driver of the car as he made a desperate effort to get away—the shots by the officers down the road—the death of Benton Werner as he was shot through the head in attempt to dodge the bullets—the unfrequented ferry, "Wild Goose Bill's ferry," as it has been known for forty years—the return of some of the party including the wife of the dead man—the scream of anguish at the sight of her dead husband—the bringing back to the county jail of the eight men—the escape of the others—the discovery that one of the prisoners was himself a deputy sheriff of Ferry county—the attempt on the part of the prisoners to minimize their own crime by charging that they had paid $500 for a safe delivery through the county—and the passing of the body of the dead rum-runner as it went through Wenatchee on its way to Spokane.

No picture man with the most vived imagination ever created a movie to beat it. It is all there—the story of the law breaking, attempted bribery, forces of law and order vs. the criminal. It is the story of a great movement to end the liquor traffic—the fight that is going on from one end of the continent to the other to eliminate the smuggling of illicit liquor.

Up in the jail in Okanogan incommunicado, are the men involved in the affair. What must be the attitude of the mind of the men who now look through the bars? What must be the mental strain through which these eight men must now be living?

When a law is broken, someone, somewhere, must pay the price. It matters not whether that law is a law of health, a law of God or one of the laws of man. When one of those laws are broken someone must pay the price. In this case Werner paid the price and down in Spokane is a little woman whose scream of anguish can almost still be heard reverberating in the canyon leading to Condon ferry. She, too is paying the price!—Wenatchee Daily World.

CURB THE ORIENTAL

Victoria, Dec. 3.—Unanimous endorsation has been given by the legislature to Major Burde's resolution asking Ottawa to carefully consider the advisability of refusing the franchise to Hindus. Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, was the only speaker to the resolution. He warned against the inroads of the Oriental and said that if B. C. were to remain a white man's country, the Oriental must be effectively curbed; he was already too well entrenched in this province.

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BURDEN OF THE P. G. E.

Victoria, Dec. 3.—Determined to reduce taxation wherever possible, Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, has announced that the tax on farm property will be cut in half and the personal property tax will also be split in two. The minister's budget shows that approximately $19,286,413 will be spent in the next fiscal year, while the estimated revenue is $18,359,000. Were it not for the millions necessary to carry the P. G. E. burden annually a handsome surplus could be shown.

MINING NOTES

ACTIVITY AT OROVILLE

There is now more activity at the mines in the vicinity of Oroville than there has been at any time in the past thirty years, according to statements made by local pioneer miners.

Today a number of men are working at the Iron Horse, the Okanogan Star, the Triune, the Kaaba and at a number of properties on Palmer mountain and Horse Springs Coulee. Diamond drilling is now under way at the Golden Zone and work will be resumed at the Spokane mine near Wannicut lake within a short time.

After a lapse of several years work has been resumed at the Triune mine. Rich strikes of gold were made at this property, some 30 years ago which caused the town of Golden to spring up near Wannicut lake. At one time Dell Hart took $18,000 in gold from the Triune in 15 days. The mine was sold and was under litigation for a number of years, but recently Mr. Hart again got possession of the property and has resumed work there.—Oroville Gazette.

SHIPS RICH ORE

Rossland, Nov. 29.—Even the snow which now covers the hills surrounding Rossland and has made its appearance in the streets of the city, is not checking the development work on O. K. mountain. The last shipment from the I. X. L. was the richest yet shipped out from that record-breaking claim, and another shipment is almost ready for despatching to Kellogg.

The lessees of the O. K. mine are now working in high grade quartz with the vein widening daily, and it would not surprise those familiar with that claim if another strike of rich free milling ore should be made at any time. Robert Lamont, pioneer of the Golden City, was in the city this week looking after the interests of he Wallingford claim, owned by him, which is also on O. K. mountain.

Work on this claim will probably start as soon as the snow is gone, possibly before. The number of men employed on the properties of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. is increasing daily. New families are moving into town and vacant houses are becoming scarcer.

EXTRA PROVINCIAL COMPANY

The Jack Paul Mining Company, an Extra-Provincial Company, was registered last week under the "Companies Act, 1921," of British Columbia. The head office of the company without the province is situate at 610 Hutton Building, Spokane, Wash., and the head office in this province is situate at the office of Ola Lofstad, Greenwood. This company is operating the Riverside mine near Rock Creek.—Ledge.

DEFIANCE MINE

Greenwood, Dec. 1.—Three men are working in the tunnel at the Defiance mine. This mine seems to be improving daily and the samples running high. Robt. Lee is the owner adn hopes to make a shipment by the New Year.

SULLIVAN MINE WORLD'S LARGEST

Complete Zinc-Lead Deposit Being Handled With Latest in Milling Equipment

Trail, Dec. 1.—The Sullivan mine at Kimberley, B. C. owned by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company of Canada, which operates the Trail smelter, is one of the largest in the west and probably contains the largest deposit of complex zinc-lead ore known in the world, according to Frank M. Smith, smelter director of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Concentrating company, after inspecting the property a few days ago, says the Spokesman-Review.

"For many years it lay idle because no process was know for dressing its complex ore successfully," he said yesterday. "After experimenting for several years, the Trail smelter people devised a process of separating the zinc and lead sulphides by selective flotation and they have completed recently a thoroughly up-to-date mill at Kimberley for the purpose. The capacity is 3,000 tons a day, but 2,000 tons are being put through because of a shortage of power.

Fire Proof Plant

"The mill consists of steel and gunnite. There is not a stick of wood in it. All of the ore is crushed in ball mills to less than 200 mesh and a separation of the zinc and lead sulphides is made in flotation cells. The products are a lead concentrate consisting of 65 to 70 per cent. lead and 5 per cent. zinc concentrate consisting of about 42 per cent. zinc. Both contain 10 to 12 ounces of silver to the ton. These products are shipped to Trail for smelting and refining.

"The mill was designed so that the utmost economy and efficiency are reached in handling crude ore between the mine and the mill, the flow of the cre and the ground pulp through the mill and the final handling of the product and the disposal of the tailings at the end of the treatment. Taking everything into consideration," said Mr. Smith, "it is one of the finest plants I have seen."

Steam Railway Haulage

"Ore is hauled from the mine to the mill, which are two miles apart, in open cars by the Canadian Pacific railway. The company is completing bunk and boarding houses and a large number of small dwelling houses to take care of its employees properly."

The officers of the Consolidated copmany are S. G. Blaylock, general manager, Trail; Edward Montgomery, superintendent in charge of Sullivan mine and Kimberley mill; Fred Chapman, superintendent of mill construction; W. H. Hanney, mill superintendent; William Poole, assistant mill superintendent and William Lindsay, mine foreman.

BANK OF MONTREAL HONORS ITS FALLEN HEROES

Montreal, December 3.—The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, held at noon today, was followed by the unveiling in the head office of the bank of a monument to the memory of the two hundred and thirty members of the staff who fell in the Great War. This is to be followed shortly by the unveiling of another monument, now in the course of erection, at the office of the bank in Winnipeg.

The memorial at the headquarters in Montreal is in the centre of the entrance hall facing the doorway and consists of an impressive figure in white marble symbolizing victory. The monument in Winnipeg is to be situated outside the portals of the main office and will consist of a bronze figure of a soldier in full military equipment.

The ceremony of unveiling in Montreal was performed by the president, Sir Vincent Meredith, Baronet, in the presence of the directors and a large gathering of shareholders, members of the staff and relatives of the fallen.

KITTEN WITH HANDS

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Three months ago, a homeless kitten was picked up by the owners of the Canada Club. Now the feline is worth hundreds of dollars and many offers have been refused from society folk and the owner of a circus. The cat is found to have two perfectly formed human furry hands, including thumbs, instead of paws on its front legs. Veterinarians state it is the only known instance recorded on the continent in many years.

SPEED IN PACKING APPLES

Grand Forks Gazette.)

When Miss Isabel Bowen, apple-packer at the Growers' Exchange, recently packed 212 boxes of apples in an eight hour day, she jumped right to the forefront of the speediest apple packers of British Columbia.

Recently The Gazette noted the fact that a Miss English at Vernon had packed 208 boxes of apples in a ten-hour day and was thought to hold the record for the province at the time. Since that time, however, there appears to have been considerable rivalry in the Okanagan among the packing speed artists with the result that a Miss Mattock at Vernon has packed 265 boxes in ten hours.

By packing 212 boxes in eight hours, Miss Bowen's equivalent for 10 hours would be 265 and thus shows a light advantage over the Vernon packer. It is of particular note, however, that Miss Bowen had not started out the day with any intention of making a record, and that during the day there had been several "clean ups" of varieties in the grader and a packer thus loses considerable time which is of much value in a speed test of this character.

On the basis of the average box containing 150 apples Miss Bowen has packed slightly faster than an apple every second.

EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

Victoria, Dec. 3.—Effectively silencing the repeated rumors that the government did not want an educational survey made, Hon. Dr. MacLean, minister of education, has stated that his department had no such objection, but he warned that it would cost a lot of money and he doubted if there was any real reason for such an enquiry. The minister pointed to the great increase in the school population, the many new schools erected on the present system. He admitted that when reports got around that things could be improved upon a great many people began to think there was something wrong. This, he stated emphatically, was not the case, and while an educational survey might show where slight improvements could be made, the children in B. C. schools were getting the best education of any in Canada.

S. O. IRRIGATION SCHEME

Victoria, Dec. 3.—The Southern Okanagan irrigation scheme, first estimated by the former water comptroller to cost $900,000, and later by F. H. Latimer, resident engineer in charge of the work since it was started in 1919, at $615,000, will in fact cost the taxpayers the sum of four million dollars before it is completed.

This was admitted in the Public Accounts committee this morning by E. A. Cleveland, water comptroller. Nearly three million dollars have already been sunk in the project. Interest charges will take up $300,000, while of the 13,000 irrigable acres, only 1400 acres are settled. All work is shut down at the present time, and it is unlikely that work will resume in 1924 unless the situation in the fruit industry materially improves.

FARM PRODUCTS INCREASE

Victoria, Dec. 3.—Enormous increases in British Columbia's agricultural and dairy production over the last five years are shown in information furnished the House by Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture. Fruit production increased 137 per cent., the increase in value being from $1,806,489, in 1916, to $3,764,000 last year. Dairy production increased in that period by 134 per cent.; poultry production, 114 per cent. and potato production 58 per cent. The value of egg production increased from $1,585,000 to $2,002,000. Increases are shown of similar proportions in nearly every class of products.

Magnificent Specimen of Moose Head

THIS record moose head from an animal shot in Northern Ontario has been secured by the Canadian National Railways to be placed in their building at the British Empire Exhibition in London. The head has been specially mounted for display and is one of the finest specimens ever secured. As far as is known only two larger moose heads have ever been secured and one of these was presented to the late King Edward II. by Canadian sportsmen.

The particulars of the head shown in the photograph are interesting. The spread of the antlers is 70½ inches from tip to tip. The weight of the antlers, before mounting, was 64 pounds. The length of the right antler from the base of horn to the tip is 37½ inches and that of the left antler 39 inches. The width of the left palm at the widest point is 15 inches and that of the right 14¼ inches. The points total 28 in number, there being 14 on each antler. The weight of the animal was 1,400 pounds.

Before being shipped to England the head will be displayed in the windows of ticket offices of the Canadian National Railways in various cities. It is now on exhibition at the ticket office at the northwest corner of King and Yonge Sts., Toronto, where it is attracting much attention and comment.

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DRESSMAKING—We are glad to announce that dressmaking orders will be accepted until Dec. 17 instead of Dec. 11 as was previously advertised. Miss M. E. Barr. 3-1

LOST—Somewhere on the road between Allenby and Five-Mile, on Sunday, Nov. 11, one Ford rim with Goodyear tire. Finder please leave with E. E. Burr, Princeton. Reasonable reward. 2- tf

LOST OR TAKEN—From I.O.O.F. hall night of Farmers' Supper, Friday, Nov. 26th, 3 silver table knives, blade stamped W. M. Roger, warranted 12 dwt. Wallingford Ct.; 1 silver table spoon, stamped Birks' and initial K on handle. Please leave at W. B. Ewart's Hardware store. Mrs. R. C. Gibson, Jura, B.C.

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Application will be made to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, one month after the first publication of this notice to change the name of this company to "Princeton Club Limited."

Dated at Princeton, B. C., this 1st day of December, 1923.

J. H. PRIDE, Secretary.

COALMONT NEWS

(By "Jay Ell.")

November 30.—Mrs. T. Holmes, who has been sick for some time was taken to the Vancouver General Hospital Friday.

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Dune Ferguson and Dave Shearer returned Wednesday from a week's visit at the coast

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R. Boyd, Hedley, a former resident of Blakeburn returned Thursday and is working in the mine.

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James Cochrane and Walter Cochrane visited the coast last week to attend the funeral of a relative.

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Tom Wilkie, Blakeburn, was a visitor at the coast over the week-end.

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Mrs. L. S. Morrison, of Fresno, Zacatuos, Mexico, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Robertson returned Wednesday from a visit at the coast.

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James McKiernan, of the Coalmont Hotel, is visiting at the coast.

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The newly organized Canadian Club is advertising its first dance for Dec. 1st.

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Mrs. R. V. Shaw was in Princeton Wednesday visiting her brother, Gus, in Princeton hospital, also her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Murchy.

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Large shipment of Christmas toys just arrived, also hand painted china suitable for Christmas presents. R. V. Shaw. 3-1

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I. MacTavish is on a business trip at the coast.

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A. O. Johnson motored to Princeton Wednesday.

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We noticed Perley Russell in town Sunday.

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December 6.—See our new stock of pipes in cases suitable for Christmas present. A. O. Johnson, Coalmont Pool Hall. 3-1

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Do not forget the masquerade dance in the Coalmont hotel on Saturday, Dec. 8th.

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The winning numbers in the draw for Alfred Marler's shot gun and rifle were: Shotgun, 153; Rifle, 143.

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We will have Shelly's cakes and puddings for Christmas. Leave your orders now so as to save disappointment. F. P. Cook Estate, estbl'd 1885. 3-1

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Oh Deer!

He wanders round and chews the rag,
And darns his awful luck
Because so far he failed to bag
A great big bounding buck.

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Chas. Barnard has stored his car in Princeton for the winter.

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The children of Blakeburn are to have a Christmas tree on Dec. 15th.

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Mrs. Ruby Larkins and daughter, Leone, of Hedley, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Marcotte for a few days before leaving for their home at Arrow Lake.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Lloyd walked up to Tulameen Monday and while there Mrs. Lloyd gathered enough pansies to make a beautiful bouquet. That's growing some in the tail end of November.

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Victor records make an ideal Christmas present and are long cherished by the recipients. Drop in and hear the latest selections. F. P. Cook Estate, estbl'd. 1885. 3-1

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The inaugural dance of the Canadian Club was a great success. The music was of the sort to suit all votaries of the dance. Credit is due to the gentlemen who promoted the affair.

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We noticed a paragraph in a paper last week in which the writer used the feminine gender in referring to John Bull. Mentioning the British election he referred to it as "the old, old question she has fought tooth and nail on many times before." Usually john is depicted as a big upstanding he-man. Querry? Did the writer use the she to fit in with the figurative tooth and nail part of it?

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The home of Mr. J. Thynne, Otter Valley, was the scene of a very enjoyable dance on Saturday evening last. About forty-five couples were present among whom might be mentioned from these parts: Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marcotte and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schubert of Tulameen. Mr. and Mrs. Bapston and Mrs. Thynne supplied music which was greatly appreciated by all present.

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Quite a number of our dance artists journeyed to Tulameen on Friday the 30th Nov. to do homage to Terpischore, St. Andrew and St. Similkameen. The dance was under the patronage and presence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schubert and Mr. and Mrs. T. Rabbitt. There was a fine gathering of young people present and of course a quota of old "has beens" including the tartor and truck driver. However, despite the presence of the last named patrons the dance was a great success. During the evening George Schubert played some beautiful ? solos or something on the guitar. However, as they were short they were much appreciated on that account. Midnight lunch was served by the ladies, the gentlemen being too tired to assist, except by helping to dispose of the sandwiches, cake and coffee. Everybody came away happy.

ADMITS INEFFICIENCY

Victoria, Dec. 5.—A more eloquent admission of inefficiency he had never heard, was the declaration of Col. Fred Lister, Conservative member for Kaslo, yesterday, when he injected himself into the debate on the proposed embargo on logs from this province. "After seven years in office the minister of lands is possessed of but one-half knowledge of his job," stated the member.

Hon. Mr. Pattullo—At no time did I make that statement. I know more about this business, I may say, than most of the members of this House altogether."

Colonel Lister declared that what the former Conservative government did was not the question. The issue is a present and live one, and must be dealt with.

"We want Canadian industry deeloped by Canadians for Canada," declared Kaslo's member amid applause. "We know our young men are streaming into the United States to be employed in the lumber industry, because they cannot get employment at home."

Colonel Lister quoted from a lumber journal to show that J. H. Bloedel, Bellingham manufacturer, had given an interview in which he claimed that the imposition by the United Staes of a dollar duty on Canadian logs entering the States would be a serious mistake. Such a duty would allow of the Canadian manufactured product entering the States, while the raw material would be prohibited. The result would be, Mr. Bloedel had argued, to drive the United States sawmill interests to the Canadian side, where their taxes would go towards the upbuilding of Canada.

Colonel Lister declared that when one secured such admissions from great American operators, the talk of retaliation need not be a source of worry.

NO EMBARGO ON LOGS

Victoria, Dec. 4.—The logging export situation was cleared off the order paper of the legislature today with a series of divisions on which, pro forma, the government's position was sustained. The entire afternoon sitting today was given over to the last lap of the debate on this issue, which has been the outstanding issue of the proceedings of the house to date. Liberal efforts were devoted to driving a wedge between the Conservatives and the Independents, in which they were partially successful.

Claims Confidence Motion

Joshua Hinchliffe's sub-amendment regretting failure of the government to introduce legislation prohibiting the export of rough logs, which was described by Premier Oliver as a subtle attempt at a want of confidence motion, was defeated by 27 to 13, Messrs. Duncan, Hanes, Burde and Menzies voting with the government.

Major Burde stated the Independent position when he said that he refused to vote an Oliver out to put a Bowser in, accepting the government interpretation of Mr. Hinchliffe's amendment as a vote of want of confidence.

The next question was Hon. T. D. Pattullo's amendment propsing that the entire question be referred to the federal government's pulp wood commission, and on this the Independents joined with the Conservative members in voting against the government, the count being 23 to 17 for the amendment.

Labor members dodged the vote by staying out of the house.

Kenneth Duncan's original motion calling for an export duty on raw logs was not voted on, although Premier Oliver endeavored to have the question put, so as to record the Conservative party against it, if possible.

Asks Ottawa to Act

The final diposition of the question, therefore, imposed upon the government the duty of wiring the Dominion government to instruct the royal commission investigating the port of pulpwood to widen the scope of that commission to include the question of export of unmanufactured lumber generally.

CALGARY FIGHTER GETS LIFE TERM

Man Who Killed Two Dance Hall Women Is Glad He "Didn't Lose His Neck"

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 3. — Harry Johnson, former Calgary pugilist, convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing of Hilda Weiss and Luella Boadway here on September 24, left today for McNeil's island in custody of Marshal Beaumont.

Before his departure, Johnson is said to have admitted his guilt, but would give no particulars of the actual slaying.

He gave a minute description of his movements up to the point of the killing, and of his robbery and escape from the building afterward.

Johnson stated that he was "not ashamed of anything I did," and added that he considered himself very fortunate that "I didn't lose my neck."

UNIFORM ROAD SIGNS FOR THE DOMINION

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—The adoption of uniform standard types of danger and other warning signs by all the provinces of the Dominion was recommended in a resolution passed by the interprovincial good roads conference in session here. This, it was declared in an official statement issued this afternoon, is in the public interest, and the conference will recommend the adoption of certain standards covering size, location, distance, visibility and design.

Safety on the highways was fully discussed, and it was declared essential, from the standpoint of safety to pedestrians and the preservation of roads, that uniform speed laws be adopted.

Princeton Paragraphs

Miss Dolly Waterman spent the week end with her parents here, having come down from Coalmont to assist with the Blue Birds bazaar.

Thos. Priest, of Penticton and W. F. Maloney, of Spokane, auditors for the Kettle Valley and Great Northern railways, were in Princeton Wednesday in their official capacities.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Cuthbert's church will hold a Christmas novelty, home cooking and "white elephant" sale on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, in the Parish hall from 3 to 6 p. m. Everybody welcome.

I have the equipment to give you a careful, complete and scientific examination of the eyes for glasses, along with eighteen years experience. All work guaranteed. At Hotel Princeton Wednesday noon, Dec. 12, till Thursday noon, Dec. 13. Hotel, Hedley, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13. L. V. Newton. 3-1

The Blue Birds wish to thank all who attended their bazaar, or who helped in any way to make it the success it proved to be. Approximately $115.00 was realized.

Friends of Bill Martin have received word that he recently underwent a serious operation in the Vancouver General Hospital and is progressing nicely.

John Donahue, who has been sufficiently ill during the past week to cause his friends much uneasiness is reported to be on the mend.

Mr. W. Hutchinson, teller in the local branch of the Bank of Commerce, left on Sunday to fill a position in the Nelson branch. His place here has been filled by S. R. Stocken, from the main office, Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuck, who have been spending the last few months on their ranch south of town pulled out of town with their belongings on Tuesday morning for Penticton where they will spend the winter.

The coal bunkers in the K. V. yards here have been completed and the hoisting machinery is being installed. Mr. A. McCulloch, superintendent of the K. V. R. accompanied by Mr. Fisher, traffic manager, were in town on Tuesday inspecting the work.

To residents of the Similkameen who have occasion to travel to the Boundary country it may be of interest to know that the alternative road from Osoyoos, via Oroville and Molson has been improved so that it is now practically a three-per cent. grade, with the sandy section near the Winkler ranch eliminated.

Local radio owners will be interested to learn that Denver has been selected for the site of a new gigantic broadcasting station. The station which will be one of the largest and most complete in the world will be the third unit in the system of three broadcasting stations designed to serve the entire country by the Radio Corporation of America. The new station will be particularly valuable to this portion of the continent.

"No one in the west," says a Prince Rupert dispatch in reporting the marriage of "Curley" Phillips, guide at Jasper Park, "knows more about that district than Phillips. Away back in 1910, with Rev. Mr. Kinney, he scaled the hazardous sides of Mount Robson, highest of Canadian peaks, this being the first time that Mount Robson had been ascended." Many Keremeos and Hedley readers of the Star will remember that in 1910 Mr. Kinney had received a call to the Methodist church at Keremeos and that while he was engaged in climbing the mountain the church people of the lower valley were wondering what had happened to their new minister.

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Because he gave up washing himself after their marriage one year ago, and will not even compromise with an occasional neck lave, Mrs. Wybrant B. Wright, young and pretty, is suing for divorce. Mr. Wright is reputed to be well-off. "I simply can't stand him any longer," regretted the bride. "He seems to hate soap and water like the devil hates holy water but, when he was courting me, he was a regular dude."

TWO MILLIONS TO BE USED ON PROVINCIAL ROADS

Victoria, Dec. 5.—A new loan bill was introduced at the afternoon sitting of the Legislature by the Hon. John Hart, minister of finance.

This was for $2,000,000, the money to be used chiefly for highway purposes.

"POUND DISTRICT ACT"

WHEREAS notice has been duly given of the intention to constitute the following district as a pound district, under the provisions of Section 3 of the "Pound District Act," namely that portion of the Keremeos district in Similkameen Electoral District more particularly described as follows:

All that parcel or tract of land situated in Similkameen Division of Yale District comprised within Lots 174, 277 and 749, Similkameen, formerly Osoyoos Division of Yale District.

AND WHEREAS objection to the constitution of such proposed pound district has been received from seventeen proprietors of land within such proposed district:

Therefore notice is hereby given that the majority of the proprietors of land within the above-mentioned district must, within thirty days from the posting and publishing of this notice, forward to the Minister of Agriculture their petition in the form required by section 5 of the Act, or otherwise such pound district will not be constituted.

D. WARNOCK,
For Minister of Agriculture.

Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C., December 23rd, 1923. 3&6

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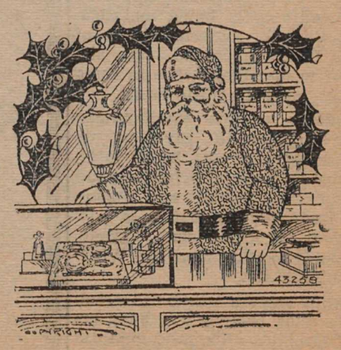

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LOWER LICENSE FEES FOR AUTOMOBILES

15% Reduction Not Sufficient in View of 3c Tax on Gasoline

Victoria, Dec. 3.—Appearances indicate that revision will be made in motor license fees, differing from the proposals in the government's bill introduced on Friday.

A delegation representing the Automobile Club of British Columbia and the Associated Motors Dealers, headed by President T. H. Kirk, interviewed Premier Oliver and Hon. John Hart, minister of finance. They objected to the proposed reduction of 15 per cent. in license fees and asked that this reduction be made 25 per cent. The contention was that the new gasoline tax would be much greater than the reduction on licenses and the motorist would be the victim.

It was also requested that the minimum license fee be $15. At present it is $22.50, which was shown to be $1.80 too high considering the weight of cars.

Premier Oliver suggested that if the minimum were $20, and a reduction of 25 per cent. were made that would bring the new minimum to $15. Another suggestion that appeared to meet with sympathy was that there should be a pro rata monthly rebate on licenses. At present the law operates on a three-month rebate plan, so that a man purchasing a motor car in December must pay three months' license with a minimum of $10. In other words, the December buyer of the smallest type of automobile pays as much for his license in December as for a full six months.

KEREMEOS NOTES

(Our regular correspondent.)

Miss Ada Bowler, of Winnipeg, Man., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Houghton, and will remain in Keremeos over Christmas, after which she will visit Vancouver and California.

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Keeler and Son have removed the back partition of their shop and thereby doubled the area of the floor space. This is a great improvement and adds much to the appearance of the stock.

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Mr. Berry of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has been transferred to the Coast and will leave shortly. Mr. Berry's tenure of office has been short in Keremeos but he has made many friends who will regret to see him depart.

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St. John's Anglican church will hold a service of Christmas carrols on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 3:30 o'clock p. m. There will be special services on Christmas day, and arrangements are being made to hold a service during the week following Christmas by a visiting clergyman, of which notice will be given later.

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Mr. Ezra Mills left this week for Vancouver taking a fair sampling of ore from the lead on the property being developed by himself and associates on Tenas creek. These samples have been taken at different points along the lead which has been uncovered for a considerable distance, and if the results of the assays prove up to expectations, the property will be visited by some Coast mining men.

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When the moon was in her glory a short time ago, one of our leading citizens stepped out into the night and was surprised to see a well defined Lunar Rainbow. He rapidly thought over the different "brands" he had been testing, and rubbed his eyes but it was still there. Returning inside he called to a friend to come out and see the rainbow, but the friend only gave him a "queer look" and was not taking anything. However, he succeeded in getting outside also another witness and now feels justified in speaking of the event. Lunar bows are not common and conditions must be just right to be seen. Their appearance is a band of white against a dark background, and they are always much lower, and an arc of smaller radius than the solar rainbow.

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The following list shows the standing of the Roll of Honor in the Keremeos school by grades:

Division I.

Grade 8—Ivy Smith, Frank Innis.

Grade 7—Billy Ramsey, Louise Roddick.

Division II.

Grade 6—Ernest Harris, George Echlin.

Grade 5—Reta Barlow, Fred Crooker.

Grade 4—Bertha Mills, Ronald Campbell.

Division III.

Grade 3—Yuen Chung, Harold Parsons.

Grade 2—Mary Sorge, Dora Mattice.

Grade 1—Phyllis Daly, Janet Derry.

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The board of trade held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., there being fourteen members present. The report of the delegate to Penticton, Mr. Spall, was read and proved very interesting on the subject of dehydrating. While the plant recently destroyed by fire was only an experimental one, the late manager stated that the results in the quality of the produce were very good, and in the drying of apples, the flavor of the variety used could be detected. The plant, however, was so small that the number employed made it impossible for use for commercial purposes, as with a larger plant the same working force could put out twice or three times the quantity with the same expense. He stated that in his opinion, within a few years all the principle points of fruit production would be operating dehydrating plants, and that much of the fruit which is now condemned as culls would be so treated. Overripe fruit could not be used, but fully ripe fruit made the best product when dried. In apples, pears, etc., any fruit with skin blemishes, and therefore unfit for packing, could be used by such a plant. A letter was also read from the department of Agriculture, Ottawa, stating that statistics from the Penticton plant, though not as full as might be, on account of some of the records being destroyed by fire, and also statistics from Grimsby, Ont., and the laboratory at Ottawa would soon be available and that Keremeos would be placed on the list and furnished with all the data obtained as soon as published. The department spoke highly of the process and signified their willingness to assist the district in any way it could. The petition for the pound law was advanced another notch, and the board passed a resolution expressing its approval of the application of the act. The next meeting will be held on the first Monday in January, and this being the annual meeting election of officers will be in order.

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Whether the microbe of politics now on the rampage in the Old Country has infected the district or not, it is evident that it is working here to some purpose. The Liberal association met last Thursday evening and elected the following officers. Mrs. A. F. Kirby, president; Mr. Ezra Mills, vice-president; Dr. Netherton, secretary-treasurer. Also during the week the Provincial Party organized and took root, with Mr. T. W. Coleman in the chair, and Mr. Castleman, secretary. Mr. H. Armstrong was appointed delegate and is now in Vancouver attending the first general convention of this party, which appears to be gaining in strength at every point in the province. On the 12th inst. a meeting will be held in the Victory hall at 2.00 o'clock p. m. to hear the report of the delegate, and to transact such business as may arise as a result of the convention. An outside speaker will address the meeting, and we understand that it is to be open to all and anyone wishing to get up on the "band wagon" will be given every assistance by the present members. Probably no other country with a population of little more than 600,000, barely enough to make a good sized city, has been called upon to bear the burden of expenses that has been placed upon this province, by the two parties who have governed us since 1900, and had it not been that the natural resources are great and have been used with a lavish hand we would, long ere this, have been overwhelmed.

Ed. Note.—It was entirely the Star's mistake in mentioning the name of S. J. Castleman as Keremeos representative to the Provincial Party convention.

CAWSTON NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

Mrs. A. B. Newton returned to Vancouver Friday, after spending the past few weeks with her sister Miss Alice Sinclair.

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The Cawston Co-Operative Cannery will ship another car of tomatoes Friday.

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The Cawston Women's Institute held a bazaar and sale of fancy work in the hall on Friday evening. Miss L. Dunnett won the broom and W. Shipton the water set, which were raffled off.

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Mrs. Thos. E. Wright returned from an extended visit in Vancouver.

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Franklin E. Wilson has purchased the Stibbens property in Cawston and will soon occupy his new home.

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Miss E. Wilson, primary teacher of the Cawton school, was confined to her home for a few days this week with a severe cold.

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Miss Scofield, of Keremeos, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Newton.

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R. B. Sheridan of the G. N. bridge crew spent Sunday with his family in Cawston.

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Messrs. Murry and Forest of Summerland, were in Cawston Saturday.

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Sam Manery and crew are threshing near Oliver.

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Mrs. Pearl Thomas and son, Buster, are guests of Mrs. R. J. Armstrong.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

Keremeos, Dec. 4.—The postmaster would like to say: How about those Christmas presents you are going to send to your friends by mail? Nearly ready? Be sure to mail them in good time, for when the post office gets choked with mail the last few days before Christmas, there just has to be delay to some parcels and yours may be among the unlucky ones. So please get them in the mail as early as possible, and, if you like, mark on the outside "Don't open until Christmas!" Even supposing your friends do open them too soon, you know the first Christmas parcels one receives have a special flavor, particularly if one has to pass over a "Don't open until Christmas" warning to get into them. And be sure to pack and wrap your parcels carefully, so that they will stand the strain of Christmas mail conditions and arrive in good order.

ANNUAL MEETING L. O. L.

Keremeos, Dec. 4.—There was a fine gathering of the brethern of L. O. L. 1770 at their annual meeting last Tuesday in the Orange hall. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Worshipful master, Bro. A. B. Gibb; deputy master, Bro. D. J. Innis; recording secretary, Bro. E. J. Rotherham; treasurer, Bro. H. C. N. Etches; financial secretary, Bro. E. M. Crooker; director of ceremonies, Bro. Ezra Mills; chaplain, Rev. Bro. E. C. Currie; first committee man, Bro. George Christie and four others, viz., Bros. O. H. Ring, S. J. O. Bligh, R. F. Park and A. F. Pedy. Commencing with January 1924 the lodge will meet once a month only; the first Tuesday in the month being the day selected.

PROVINCIAL PARTY

Keremeos, Dec. 4.—At a meeting called in the interests of the Provincial Party, on Saturday evening, December 1, it was decided to hold a public meeting in the Victory hall at Keremeos on Wednesday, the 12th December, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving the report from the delegate to the convention and for the further purpose of organizing and enrolling into membership all who may be in sympathy with the objects of the party. Everybody welcome.

S. J. CASTLEMAN,
Secretary, pro tem.

KEREMEOS WEATHER

Date.	Max.	Min.
November 28	41	30
November 29	38	30
November 30	38	20
	Temp.	Rain
November 1920	39.6	1.01
November 1921	33.8	.62
November 1922	33.5	.62
November 1923	37.6	.52

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Princeton		4.05 a.m.
Nelson		10.55 p.m.

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DAILY

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