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TWO HIJACKERS ARRESTED

Spokane Brothers Held in Connection With Recent Grand Forks Affair

Inspector W. R. Dunwoody of the provincial police, has returned to Nelson after a visit to Grand Forks which has resulted in two men being placed in jail in connection with the recent sensational hijacking of a cargo of liquor on the Canadian side of the boundary line.

It will be remembered that about a month ago O. Docksteader and son, of Grand Forks, were making delivery of a motor car load of liquor to the boundary when they were seized, bound with ropes to trees, and left there while the hijackers drove off with their motor car and its cargo.

Inspector Dunwoody went to Grand Forks and as a result of his investigation, Bob Cress and his brother, Dan, were placed under arrest in Spokane and brought to Grand Forks to await trial.

Allege Conspiracies

It is alleged that the whole affair was planned by the Cress brothers, of whom there are three. They are reported to have been seen driving in a Cadillac car from Spokane to Grand Forks the day before the holdup. It is stated that two of the brothers went into hiding while the third, Bob, went to Grand Forks and made arrangements with Docksteader to have the liquor delivered to the boundary. He was with the Docksteaders when they were seized, and he, too, was tied up, but the latter fact is regarded as merely a "blind."

Liquor Had Been Paid For

After the holdup the Docksteader car was taken, but the Cadillac was left behind, and in it Bob Cress came back to Grand Forks to report, with the Docksteaders, the loss of the car and liquor. It is reported that Cress had previously paid for the stolen liquor, but after the robbery took the stand that he should have his money back on the grounds that the delivery had not been made as agreed upon.

THEY ALL HAVE 'EM

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Crashing into a street car at Main and Front streets at 7.20 p. m. Christmas Day, when the steering gear of his auto developed a defect, Chief Anderson received injuries which for a time were thought to be serious.

Today he is resting easily in the General hospital with a severe cut on the head and painful body bruises.

The chief was driving south on Main street, when, as he approached Front street, his car suddenly swerved, the left front wheel striking a northbound car.

The auto was thrown to the curb and badly smashed, the chief being cut by the broken glass, and rendered unconscious.

He was hurried to the General hospital, where he remained unconscious for over an hour, fear of a fracture of the skull being at first entertained. Close examination, however, revealed that such was not the case, the victim, however, suffering from a severe concussion of the brain.

Cranbrook, Dec. 22.—Mr. E. Paulson of the Kootenay Garage was the recipient the other day of a letter from Germany carrying postage of forty thousand million marks. There were on it eight stamps of five thousand million marks each.

JUST ACROSS THE LINE

Items of Interest From the Oroville Gazette.

The U. S. Customs Office has been moved from Chopaka to Nighthawk. The office is located in the house formerly occupied by W. C. Jones.

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On January 1, 1924, the Great Northern railway station at Chopaka will be closed and the station at Nighthawk opened. The opening of this station will be greeted as a long felt want supplied, by the people living in the Nighthawk territory.

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While excavating in Horse Springs Coulee for the irrigation ditch Wednesday, the crew uncovered a human skeleton that some evolutionists would probably assign to some neolithic or paleolithic age. The skull is reported to be of a shape that might supply Darwin's missing link. The skeleton was taken to Sheriff E. J. Wilson's office.

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According to A. W. Cadwell of Keremeos, who was in Oroville Friday, the tomato cannery at Keremeos has found a profitable means of utilizing the wast products about the cannery. The waste is ground into a pulp which is shipped in five gallon cans and used in making catsup. The returns from a car has been found to fully justify the trouble.

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The new brick store building of Len Eisle on Main street will be completed before Christmas. Mr. Eisle will not move into the new building until after the holidays.

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A strike of very high grade ore was made at the Triune mine last week. Although until recently the Triune mine had not been worked for a number of years it is one of the oldest properties in the district and has produced about $250,000 in gold.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PRINCETON SCHOOL

High School

Grade XI.—1, M. Hunter.
Grade X.—1, N. French; 2, I Huston.
Grade IX.—1, Jessie Ewart; 2, Clifford Avery.

Public School

Grade 8—1, Mary Herbison; 2, Gladys Wardle.
Grade 7—1, Wilfred Webster; 2, Edward Cook.
Grade 6—1, Edward Almstrom; 2, Muriel McLaughlin.
Grade 5—1, Melville Young.
Grade 4—1, Lilian Mitchell; 2, Gerald Burr.
Grade 3—Senior: 1, Mary Oreskovich; 2, Arnold Wilson. Junior: 1, Hugh Herbison; 2, Lilian Johnson and Marshall Gellatly.
Grade 2—Senior: 1, Mary White; 2, Bunty Waterman. Junior: 1, George Wiles; 2, Josie Doerflinger.
Grade 1, Sr.—1, Winifred White; 2, Mary Grant.
Receiving Class—1, Jackie McConnell; 2, Bernard McLaughlin.

LONDON STAR RAPS CANADA

Says Complaint From Vancouver Shows Unemployment

London, Dec. 24.—"Canada is no place for emigrants," is the heading in large type in an article in the Star this evening which occupies considerable space.

"No work is available in any of the cities in Canada," the Star says, and it bases its statement on a letter received from one of is old readers dated at Vancouver, B. C., December 8. Enclosed in the letter is a clipping from a Vancouver paper of December 4 stating that unemployed men from Great rBitain are flocking to Vancouver.

Many of these, according to the writer of the letter, said they were induced to leave the old country in the summer for work in the western harvest fields, but were able only to secure a few days' employment, after which they were advised to come to British Columbia.

The writer asks the Star to tell its readers, especially tne working class, that "there is positively no work available for them in any Canadian city right now."

The Star, apparently not appreciating the seasonal character of employment in Canada, draws the moral that "the unemployment question here is not going to be settled by shovelling the unemployed into the dominions." It says further: "Some more effective policy (than the present emigration policy) will have to be adopted here."

CONSOLIDATED COMPANY DECLARES DIVIDEND

That the program of deferring dividends of The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd., and getting properties on the soundest basis has brought most excellent results and will merit praise for the management, is evidenced in the announcement just made that at a meeting of the directors held in Montreal Tuesday, a dividend of 6 per cent. has been declared, payable January 1 to all shareholders of record December 31.

They're all talking about the freak weather this year, but we must pass the leather medal to T. A. Love of the Grand Forks' Gazette, who quite seriously tells of the presence of large coveys of robins and a frolicksome ground hog seen in that city Christmas week. While our local weather bureau reports a minimum temperature for the season of six degrees above zero on Dec. 1st we can't help wondering what new brew the government has been supplying its Grand Forks' store. Apart from that the present winter has established a record that has not been approached during the 22 years that records have been kept here.

PRINCESS THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
Dec. 28 and 29
"The Green Temptation"
— WITH —
BETTY COMPSON
and LEATHER PUSHERS

MONDAY and TUESDAY
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
"DRIVEN"
An All Star Cast
ALSO A COMEDY

New Year - 1924

Star wishes its readers one and all a very happy and prosperous New Year. If, during the past twelve months, in attempting to record all that has occurred in our territory, we have unjustly hurt the feelings of any of our readers, we can only assure them that it has been done unwittingly and we ask their favorable consideration and also their co-operation for the coming year.

WEATHER MILDEST IN MANY YEARS

But Snowfall on Mountains Is Much Deeper Than the Average

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—While Vancouver is enjoying the mildest Christmas weather for some years there is more snow on the mountains across Burrard Inlet than in any year since 1912, according to the records kept at the city engineer's office. The man who tramps the hills winter and summer to gather data on which to base a calculation of the prospects for an ample water supply for Greater Vancouver has come down to sea level for the Christmas Festivities. At the lower altitudes the weather is so mild that he states he has found wild plants in bloom, while the white mantle of snow which is visible on the top of the "Yions" is nine feet six in depth.

Average Rainfall

A partial explanation may be that last month the rainfall was below the average, while this month the precipitation at the average temperature produces about 3 feet 6 inches of snow at an altitude of 1000 feet. Another fact which may account for the apparent paradox is that the temperature at sea level was fairly constant during the last four weeks, while at 2500 feet there was a temperature which produced snow. Only once in this time did the temperature allow the rain to fall at 4000 feet.

NO ELECTION

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Although there is no question about the fact that the government regards the loss sustained in Kent by-election seriously, any suggestion that it may lead to an early dissolution of parliament is quite without foundation.

In a brief reference to the Kent result this evening, Premier King stated that the government was now very much in the same position as at the time it assumed power. The losses which have been sustained in Halifax and Kent are offset, insofar as the standing in the house is concerned by the fact that the government gained recruits from the ranks of the Progressives after taking office.

On the other hand, it lost when A. R. McMaster, member for Brome, crossed the floor of the house.

Under the proposed redistribution bill Trail city will become a part of Rossland constituency. While the consolidation of the legislative districts would probably be a good thing, yet to tack Trail on to Rossland looks a little like the tail wagging the dog.—Trail News.

MINERAL OUTPUT MUCH INCREASED

Value for 1923 Forty Per Cent. Greater Than for 1922, States Sloan

Victoria, Dec. 26.—British Columbia's mineral production for 1923 shows an increase of 12.8 per cent. in monetary value over that of 1922, according to a statement issued by Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines. The output is valued at $39,699,758 as against $35,158,843 for the previous year, an increase of $4,540,915. The productions of 1921 had a value of $28,066,641, so that in two years the industry has made an advance equal to $11,633,117, or 41 per cent.

SALES TAX EFFECTIVE

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—All doubt as to whether or not the new sales tax will go into effect on January 1 was removed this evening following a sitting of cabinet council, when Premier King stated positively that the tax would be enforced.

The premier said that the government must carry out the will of parliament, which had approved the new tax. He intimated, however, that the minister of customs was prepared to consider appeals against the tax, and that where its operation appeared to work an injustice, effort would be made to remedy this.

SYLVESTER BUILDING FUND

The Editor,
Princeton Star.

I enclose herewith statement of the amounts received by me for the Sylvester Building Fund, and I will esteem it a favor if you will kindly publish same in your paper. A complete list, containing the names of individual subscribers, may be seen by subscribers at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Keremeos; I wish to thank all who so generously contributed to this fund.

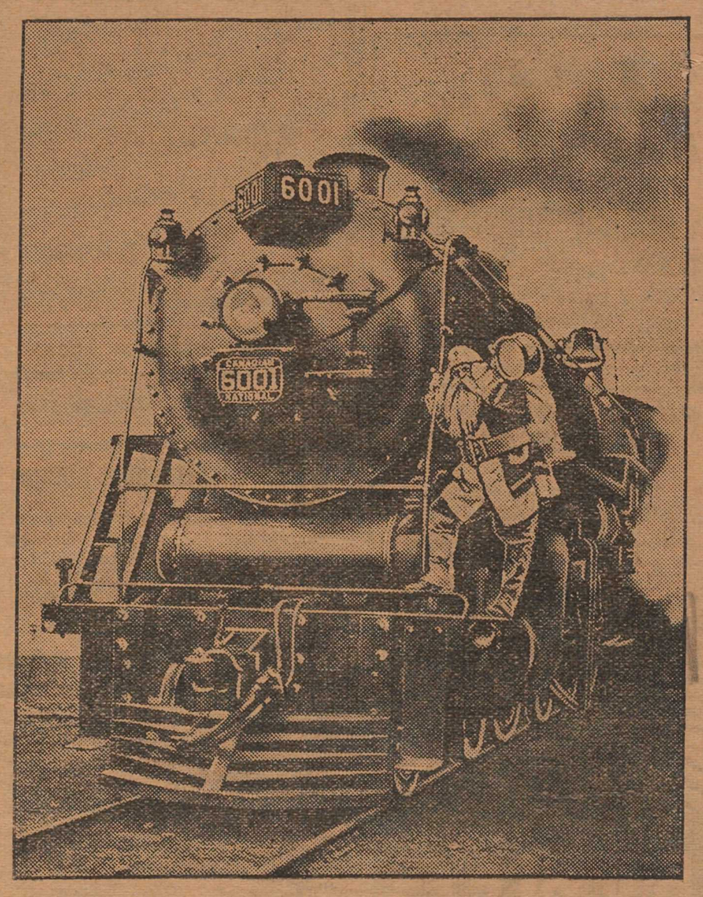
Yours truly,
E. C. CURRY.

Keremeos, Dec. 20.

Subscriptions

Keremeos	
Individual subscriptions	$100.00
Keremeos Co-Operative Packing Co. Employees	81.00
Keremeos Packing Co. and Cannery Employees	35.00
	$216.00
Hedley	
Hedley Gold Mining Co. and Employees at mine	$39.00
Individual subscriptions	38.50
Hedley United Church Ladies' Aid	25.00
	$102.50

A MODERN SANTA CLAUS



THE world is getting so big and there are so many little folks and big folks in it who look forward to a visit from Santa Claus, all on the same day, that the genial old gentleman is forced by the pressure of his duties to discard his reindeer and his sleigh on occasions and to travel on the fast passenger trains that are speeding people home for Christmas Day. Nothing but the very best will do Santa Claus, and that is why, as you see here, he has chosen as his steed one of the huge locomotives of the Canadian National Railways. These locomotives, known as the 6000 type, are the biggest passenger locomotives in Canada. Santa Claus posed for this picture when he was inspecting the engine so that all the boys and girls, and grown-ups, too, could be sure that he would reach them on Christmas Eve.

CAR LOAD OF LIQUOR SEIZED NEAR LINDEN

Aldergrove, Dec. 26.—Containing a load of liquor for thirsty Americans across the line, a Canadian car driven by P. Peterson of Vancouver was seized by Deputy Sheriffs R. Drain and G. Rouch of Bellingham about three miles north of Linden near the international boundary at South Aldergrove on Sunday evening, according to reports received by customs officers at Aldergrove port of entry. Just what quantity of liquor the car contained is not definitely known, but it is stated that the entire back seat was completely filled. The driver neglected to report at the customs, but in spite of this his efforts to supply a little Christmas cheer to American residents proved fuitly, for he was apprehended before he had time to dispose of any of his cargo.

CHIEF CHAMBERLIN

Commenting on the death of R. G. Chamberlin, who, from occasional visits to his son Milt, formerly collector of customs at Similkameen, was not unknown through this valley, the Vancouver Province says editorially:

"A large number of people in Vancouver and many throughout Canada will learn with sincere regret of the death in Montreal of R. G. Chamberlin, head of the investigation department of the Canadian Pacific Railway. When Mr. Chamberlin came to Vancouver in 1907 the city was in a transition stage. It was just beginning to find its feet and wa pushing into the front rank of Canadian cities. Its police force, built up in less strenuous days, was beginning to struggle with metropolitan problems and felt the need of a strong guiding and organizing head. Chief Chamberlin had many of the qualities that make for success in big undertakings, energy, enthusiasm, executive ability and a stern sense of duty, and he had the gifts that go to make friends as well. He took hold of the young department and created the police force as we know it today, developing an esprit de corps and furnishing an impetus which the organization has never lost. And he also won the friendship of the men he worked with, and of the civic officials and the business men with whom he came into contact.

"Chief Chamberlin's reputation as a first-class police officer and a forceful personality was Dominion-wide, and when the C. P. R. decided to establish an investigation department in connection with he railway, Vancouver's chief was entrusted with the work of organization, and here again he built up an important and efficient force. It is ten years since he relinquished his Vancouver position, and his duties in these years were many. But he never lost interest in the police force he had created in this city, and his advice and assistance were always at its command."

WOULD SIDE-STEP NATURE

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The rejuvenation goat and monkey gland fad has struck Vancouver. A number of elderly men are receiving literature extolling the merits of various rejuvenation specialists who offer to turn back the clock of Time and restore the vigor of youth to enfeebled men. Some enterprising publicity man has secured a well informed line-up of various prominent professional and business men, with their ages and other conditions, as each letter seems to fit the particular prospective patient. One monkey and goat gland specialist offers to visit Vancouver and Victoria to perform the operations. The fees are stated to range between $75 and $500. The Hook is featuring an exposure of the industry.

W. A. McKenzie has announced his intention of visiting Princeton at an early date, when it is expected we may get a little inside information as to "what is what" and "wnat isn't what" in respect to the coast-interior highway.

Messrs. Hunter and Garrison have now four four-horse teams employed hauling coal for the Princeton Coal & Land Company from their new mine south of town. Sleighing has improved slightly during the past few days and they are now able to haul between six and seven tons to a load.

A treat is in store for those who attend the hospital masquerade dance on Monday evening. The original Princeton orchestra, with Harry Knighton hitting the ivories, Albert Butler tapping the drums and Billy Daly of Keremeos tickling the fiddle, will supply the music. See the old year out and Leap Year in.

The latest transfer of property reported in Princeton is the sale of the small building on Bridge Street from Frances Whalen to Linn Q. (Tug) Wilson and Roderick McDonald. The latter has been occupying a small building opposite the Similkameen Hotel and has established a reputation as a first class boot and shoe doctor.

The last dance of this year and the first for next year will be the big masquerade, under the auspices of the Princeton hospital, in the Oddfellows' hall on Monday evening next. Patrons will please remember that dancing will start promptly at 9.00. The "Grand March" will be at 9.30 and the "Judges' Parade" at 11.00. Mr. "Bach" is also reminded that at 12 o'clock Leap Year will be ushered in.

THREE BANKS ARE VICTIMIZED

Forged Acceptance on Cheque Is Successfully Worked on Union and Standard Also

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—It now develops that the swindler who mulcted the Canadian Bank of Commerce on Saturday of $3,262,60, also succeeded the same day in victimizing the main branch of the Union Bank to the extent of a similar amount, and the Standard Bank, Hastings and Richards streets, to the extent of $2,550.

In each case the procedure was the same. The man kept a small account in each bank under an alias, and each month withdrew the fund apparently for payroll purposes, and then deposited the withdrawn fund in one of the other banks. After gaining the confidence of the bank employees, who took him for a small but reliable business man, he presented cheques bearing a forged acceptance stamp and mulcted the banks for the sums mentioned.

EAT APPLES!— "THERE'S A REASON"

"When a man bites into a mellow sour apple, he does something more than absorb a pleasant mouthful," remarks the Rural New Yorker. "He cleans his teeth with the most sanitary toothbrush in the world. Perhaps the worst enemy of the teeth is pyorrhoea. In these modern days this trouble seems to be worse than when we were children, but perhaps this is because we know more about it now, and increased knowledge means increased advertising. The bacteria which go with this disease, if unchecked, cause the gums to recede and the teeth to loosen. The acids of the apple act to destroy or injure the work of these bacteria. A solution of weak vinegar makes a good mouth wash, and the flesh of the apple, when driven in around the teeth and gums, as is forcibly done by a good strong bite, is about as effective as any of the dental pastes now on the market. It is as effective and very much more agreeable. Yes, a good sour apple is a sanitary toothbrush; there is no danger that someone else will use it after you have finished. By using three such brushes every day you will keep your teeth and the rest of your body in fine condition, and also provide a market which will save a great industry from loss. Eat aplpes-"

WINDERMERE MINES WILL WORK STEADILY

Invermere, B. C., Dec. 19.—Development work is being actively carried on at the Phoenix group situated on the south fork of Horse Thief Creek, west of Wilmer. Here winter camps have been erected and the necessary food packed in for the two shifts of miners who are busily engaged under Mr. Walter Scorgie of Nelson, in driving a thousand foot tunnel into the property. The property is owned by Mr. Ritchie Spurgeon Gallop of Victoria. Mr. Gallop mined in the neighborhood of this place for many years but of late has only taken an active interest in the Phoenix group.

A steady gang of about thirty men is being constantly employed on the Paradise, which is a big shipper to the Trail smelter.

WHAT WAS DOING HERE TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Similkameen Star of Saturday, December 26, 1923

Police court held by magistrates Thomas and Murphy on Thursday fined Jamieson Bros., respectively, $29 and $6 for disorderly conduct.

Mrs. Geo. Aldous, it will be learned with deep regret by many friends, is seriously ill.

Driver Small, injured in a runaway stage accident some three months ago, is in a Victoria hospital and is slowly recovering.

An English paper records the recent marriage near Cornwall, England, of Miss Jane Weeks to Tommie Day, and adds: "A Day is gained, a week is lost, but time cannot complain, for soon there will be Days enough to make a week again."

D. L. Munro is handling the 'ribbons' on the stage route between here and Spences Bridge and reports special stages as being frequent in the Nicola district with coal hunters.

Among the aspirants already mentioned for Liberal candidature at the coming convention at Kamloops are H. McCutcheon and Duncan Ross, Greenwood; W. S. Keith, Boundary Falls, and W. H. P. Clement, Grand Forks.

Driver McLean of the Welby mail line got two serious kicks from a leader and in consequence has a bandaged hand and a swollen groin.

Frank Bailey, mayor, alderman and lone citizen of Similkameen City was in town recently packing his "turkey."

Del Young as ringmaster in the circus is a Christmas diversion never-to-be-forgotten.

There was a general exodus of teachers from Princeton last Friday with the exception of Miss McCourt who is spending her holidays here. After spending the holidays at their respective homes will return for the opening of school on Monday, Jan. 7th. Miss Wilkie is not returning and her place will be taken by Miss M. Steele of Nanaimo.

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The New Year, from a practice which is older than the hills themselves, is recognized as the time for turning over a new leaf the making of many good resolutions. As a rule these resolutions are the result of impulse and are as evanescent as a mist on a summer's day. Should they be the result of a careful stock-taking of the experiences of the dying year and a deliberate determination to benefit from the mistakes of the past, they cannot fail to prove beneficial even if not as enduring as intended.

SOME REACTIONARY LEGISLATION

(From Penticton Herald.)

One cannot help but feel that the Oliver government did a foolish thing from a political standpoint in insisting on forcing through the house the amendments to Public Inquiries act, an action that was based undoubtedly upon political feelings rather than political common sense. While it is easy to understand that Premier Oliver and his ministers have felt keenly the campaign waged against them by General McRae and his associates, they are not a bit worse off than any other government charged with wrongdoing. When men enter public life they do it with the full knowledge that they will be subjected to all kinds of criticism, but this is the first instance on record in recent years of a government so assailed deeming it necessary to perpetrate what has been described as "a most reactionary throw-back to the worst days of unscrupulous autocracy." Rather strong words, and it is only fair to explain that they are used by the Victoria Colonist, a Conservative newspaper, but there is some justification for them. The Public Inquiries act as it stands today provides that commissioners inquiring into charges against a government may institute an inquisition into the motives of the persons demanding such an inquiry, as well as into their conduct and character. Owners, publishers and editors of newspapers supporting a demand for an investigation may be subjected to cross-examination. In other words, it is conceivable that the purposes of an inquiry may be frustrated if the accuser is forced into a position to become the defendant. In view of the disposition on the part of the government to question the motives of General McRae and associates, there will, no doubt, be a strong effort on the part of govern ment counsel when the Royal Commission gets down to business, to make him (General McRae) the defendant rather than the accuser in this particular instance. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that the government, because of the nature of the Provincial Party's line of attack and the vulnerability of General McRae's record, has some justification for having adopted an unusual course, it is reasonably certain that this legislative back-fire will not remain a permanent feature of the Public Enquiries act. It is altogether too reactionary a piece of legislation to be permitted to remain the permanent law of a progressive and enlightened community. The next legislature, no matter what its political color may be, should not hesitate to wipe the amendments from the statute books.

13-MONTH YEAR

A thirteen-month calendar year, by which all months will become the same length—exactly four weeks long—will be adopted in the United States next year, and go into operation beginning January 1, 1928.

This is the statement of M. B. Cotsworth, of Vancouver, B. C., founder of the International Fixed Calendar league, who declares that the standard calendar will soon become as indispensable a part of our daily lives as standard time.

Religious groups of Europe and Asia, whose objections have for years been the chief stumbling block in the road of the plan, have already agreed upon it, together with the International Chamber of Commerce, Cotsworth declared.

Is Nearly Ready

All that remains is to place the plan before the countries of the world at an international meeting in Switzerland, called for next year, after which an act will be presented to the United States congress for its adoption.

"By this plan, many irregularities and injustices will be smoothed out," declared Mr. Cotsworth, who was the originator of the fixed calendar idea and has worked for its adoption for the past thirty years. "Every month will be 28 days in length, and the extra day left over in the year will become known as Leapday. The extra month will be inserted between July and August and because it represents the time when the sun is at its hottest, is tentatively named Sol.

For Fixed Dates

"All holidays will be observed on fixed dates, from year to year, preferably on Monday, so that the week-end will simply be lengthened, and holidays will not occur in the middle of the week, disrupting business.

Four years must elapse before the plan can go into active operation to allow time for world wide adjustment to the new calendar, which would make the day set for adoption fall upon January 1, 1928.

Princeton merchants all report the holiday trade as having been much better than the average.

The Pedlar's Pack

By AUTOLYCUS

"A Snapper up of Unconsidered Trifles."

OUR POLISHED POLITICIANS

I read the other day a remark that the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier was never guilty of invective in debate, and can quite believe it, although I only once heard him speak, and then but for a few moments. If I remember rightly, he rose in the House on that occasion to compliment Sir (the then Hon.) George Foster on the conclusion of a speech on some non-contentius subject, and cannot conceive him as giving way to abuse to an opponent. It seems to me, reading some accounts of recent discussions at Victoria, that a few of our representatives might do as well to copy such a model, and assume the virtue of common politeness even if they have it not. Reports of the wrangles and interchanges of epithets lately in evidence in the provincial legislature do not impress the reader as being either dignified or effective, and we common people, who have to pay the parliamentary bills of expense, may also be excused if we feel some doubt as to what real value we are getting for our money. When the whole exhibition is analysed it merely comes down to a vulgar exchanges of retorts which do not convince anybody, do not prove anything, and certainly do not advance the business of the province. "You're another!" may be a relief to the feelings of the person who utters such a well worn retort, but no affairs are advanced by it, and it does not even shock the addressee into submission. It may possibly be necessary for a provincial legislator to foam at the mouth and bang on the table in more or less honest wrath at the depravity of his traducers, but I have my doubts. They seem to manage these things in slow, benighted old England, where charges of wrong doing are taken to court, and settled by libel actions. This method saves waste of public time in the House, and makes a much cleaner and better finish. It also relieves an inoffensive public from the necessity of wading through columns of political mudslinging, in the vain search for some record of business done.

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AFRAID OF REPRISALS

Before leaving the precincts of the legislative fane, I wish to refer once again to the timber question recently voted on. It may perhaps be remembered that I suggested not long ago the propriety of the Federal government dissolving the Royal Pulpwood Commission, and acting on the evident needs of the position. Since then, our own legislature has decided to wait for the decision of that commission before changing conditions in this province. That may be in order under the circumstances, but it is interesting to note what some eastern timber men think of the commission in question. Writing from Montreal on November 22nd, two or three weeks after the appearance of my own suggestion, Mr. Barnjum has this to say: "If the government at Ottawa does not possess a sufficient sense of propriety to now issue an order disbanding that worse than useless waste of the people's money, the Royal Pulpwood Commission, then the members of this Commission, out of self-respect, should hand in their resignations and decline to any longer participate in these farcial proceedings." The figures and facts given by the writer against delay of an embargo on raw material take up too moch space to use here, but there may be room to quote the views of Sir John Willison on the subject in general. He says: "We must either manufacture the raw materials of Canada within the country, or the sons of Canada will follow them out of the country and establish themselves in foreign centres. . . . . Every sound economic and natural reason demands that the raw materials of Canada shall be manufactured in Canada, and the Canadian people protected in the control of their natural inheritance."

It is worth noting that since the matter of an embargo has been broached, Ontario alone has received nearly a dozen application for locations on which to establish pulpmills. Yet we hesitate to control our own resources for fear of American reprisals!

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REMINISCENT

The news of the appointment of W. J. Blair to the leadership of the Conservative party in Alberta recalls old days in Cobalt, where Mr. Blair was one of the fortunate discoverers of silver. At that time (1905 or thereabouts) he was a civil engineer student, and, in company with two other young University men, spent his vacation in a prospecting trip in the newly discovered silver area. The three were lucky enough to discover a prospect which showed up so well that it sold for one million dollars, and was later incorporated as The University Mines. This gift from the gods put the finders on that delectable thoroughfare known as Easy Street, and W. J. became the target for financial propositions of every kind. I have in my possession an illustrated volume called "Canadians as we see 'em," in which a few of us were portrayed, and where Mr. Blair is depicted as garbed in a suit made of dollar bills, and surrounded by gentlemen offering him "gilt edged propositions" and tempting investments. I fancy, however, that he was proof against most of these, and after two or three years of intermittent residence in the town of New Liskeard, including one season as mayor of that municipality, he departed for the west and settled down to farming in Alberta.

In those days we were in a whirlwind of discoveries and incorporations, and much money was made. A very large proportion of this was soon lost by speculation, but a certain percentage of the favored ones were level-headed enough to know when they were safe. The railwayman La Rose, who made the initial discovery of silver, is aid to have sold his claim for $25,000 cash, and I hope he enjoyed the full benefit of a sale, which meant comparative riches to him. His find was capitalized up in the millions, and is still, in conjunction with some other properties later taken in, producing much silver. A prospect found on the actual right of way itself, and sold by tender by the T. & N. O. Ry., yielded silver in chunks almost on the surface and $1.00 shares of the Right of Way Company soared to $12.00. The stock paid 60 per cent. for some time, but suddenly the vein took a sudden turn to one side, and ran off the track, where it was lost to the lessees, since their rights extended only to the railway boundaries on eiher side. The most spectacular career among Cobalt properties, however, was that of a local company known as The Hudson Bay Mining Company, incorporated by a few local citizens with the modest capital of $25,000. This concern was floated before Cobalt was generally taken seriously, and only seven thousand and odd shares were sold. Development work presently showed signs of future results, and the directors very cannily closed the books, and sold no more shares from the treasury. Even then scepticism prevailed until a really gorgeous find was made, and speculation began to grow. Eventually the first claims, comprising fifty-eight acres, were sold to a Toronto syndicate for $1,500,000, and incorporated as "The Silver Queen." The Hudson Bay holders received a preliminary dividend of $90 per share on their one dollar stock, and proceeded to investigate other claims held by them. Fortune still pursued them, in the shape of a further rich discovery, and the stock reached teh dizzy altitude of $305.00 at which figure there was, I believe, one sale. Dividends of $3 per share monthly continued for a long time, and finally the properties were sold and re-incorporated at a commensurate value.

The remark of the vice-president at one of the meetings of directors has always stuck in my mind as particularly fitting to the occasion. "Boys," said he, "this money has been thrown in our laps.

Mrs. Mannie Barcelo and children of Keremeos was in Princeton on Monday on her way to spend Christmas at her old home in the Fraser Valley.

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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.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

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COALMONT NEWS

(By "Jay Ell.")

Mrs. Jessie Hays, of Seattle, is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hays.

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Mrs. Ceo. Pollock and infant son returned from Princeton hospital Monday and spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rhodes.

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One of the troubles that afflict the just—meaning ourselves—is to have to listen to the tale of woe of the pro tem grass widower. Hans Christensen was in the other day and told us all about it but, we confess, we did not lend a very sympathetic ear.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Milligan and family of Penticton are the guests for the festive season of Mrs. Milligan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. MacCulloch, Blakeburn.

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Mrs. Hans Christensen and family left for Vancouver to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. McGeer.

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Mrs. J. Rhodes visited Princeton Monday.

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Mabel McKay is home for the Christmas holidays.

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The Blakeburn Christmas exodus began Friday when quite a number of residents left for the coast. Among those who boarded the train we noticed: Miss Muriel Irwin, Miss Olive Gibson, Mrs. G. MacEachern, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sheriff, Wilfrid Bryden, Harry Ashworth, Bob Blair, Fred Fielding, Alec MacDonald and Bob Clare.

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The Blakeburn citizens who left for the coast Saturday included James Webster, G. Banaskey, Sep. Thornton, W. Buchan, R. Cuthbertson, Bob Docherty and W. Wilkie.

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Sunday was a busy day at the Coalmont station. Passengers from Blakeburn en route for the coast included Mr. and Mrs. R. Haddow and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mulholland and family, Miss J. Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Morrishaw, Mat Docherty, Dave Bryden, J. Cullen, W. Olds, D. Kerr, Albert Long.

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Mrs. H. Larsen and son Gus left for Vancouver Sunday to spend Christmas with her daughters Mrs. M. McGeer and Effie Larsen.

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J. Prendergast of the Mac Pren Lumber Co., Duncan, B. C., came in from the Island Sunday morning. Jim is a busy man these days so had to return the same day. Mrs. Prendergast accompanied him to the coast.

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Mrs. Schisler and Miss Myrtle Marcotte are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marcotte.

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Mrs. D. Kidd and son Edward left for the coast Sunday.

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C. R. Malcolm left on Monday to spend Christmas at his home in Victoria.

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Jas. McKiernan left for Vancouver Monday.

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A surprise party visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Galloway on Christmas night and had a good reception and a jovial time.

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Pipes at cost to clear out my Christmas stock. Fresh tobacco every week. A. O. Johnson, Coalmont Pool Hall.

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Mrs. M. J. Matheson and Allan Matheson of Otter Valley, left on Sunday to visit friends at the coast.

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Miss A. Cunningham, of Princeton, is nurse to Mrs. A. Challanger, of Blakeburn, who had a baby daughter last week.

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You may have heard that old time song
"Oft in the stilly night,"
And mayhap where that song was writ.
It may have been all right,
But if the writer had lived here
About the Christmas time
He'd had a different song to sing
And not the "stilly" rhyme.

NOTICE

Take notice that we, Daniel Ferguson and Charles W. Hartman of Princeton, B. C., intend to apply within sixty days to the Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over the following described lands:

Commencing at the north-west corner of Lot 299, Yale Division of Yale District, British Columbia, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

DANIEL FERGUSON,
CHARLES W. HARTMAN.

Dated at Princeton, B. C., this 8th day of December, 1923. 5-4

KETTLE VALLEY RAILWAY TIME TABLE

EASTBOUND
DAILY

No. 12—Leaves Vancouver 7.15 p.m.
Princeton ..... 4.05 a.m.
Nelson ..... 10.55 p.m.

WESTBOUND
DAILY

No. 11—Leaves Nelson .... 9.05 p.m.
Princeton ..... 2.53 p.m.
Vancouver ..... 10.30 p.m.

Observation and dining car service on all trains.

H. E. HANSEN, Agent.
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Princeton Paragraphs

James McNulty has been spending a few days with friends in Princeton.

Mrs. Alex MceKnzie returned the first of the week from a few days' visit at the coast.

Miss Dolly Waterman, who has been spending the past few months at Coalmont, returned home last week.

Have you your costume ready for the masqueade ball on Monday evening?

Miss Kalla Kirkpatrick of the government telephone office at Kamloops spent Christmas with her parents at Five-Mile.

Miss Maud Beale passed through town on Monday on her way from the coast to spend Christmas with her parents at Hedley.

The pupils of the Princeton high school were entertained at the home of Principal G. H. Dyson on Saturday evening.

Miss Lucy Boult, who is training as nurse in St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boult.

Drivers of automobiles in Princeton report that there is less snow in town than there is lower down the valley or at any of the neighboring points.

It was just about a stand-off the numbers leaving here to spend Christmas elsewhere and the numbers arriving from outside points to spend the holidays with friends here.

The editor of the Merritt Herald has a funny sense of humor. He states "the Princeton Board of Trade spent nearly $800 in its propaganda work for the Fraser Canyon route."

On account of the annual meeting of the board of trade falling on the second Monday in January it is understood that the regular monthly meeting on the first Monday, will be postponed.

Perry Hall, who is attending technical school and Miss Jean, who is attending Miss Gordon's school in Vancouver, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Ms. E. Barr Hall.

The finishing touches have now been added to the coal chute installed in the K. V. R. yards here. The hoisting machinery is capable of elevating twenty tons in fifteen minutes, or a ton every 45 seconds.

Members of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary are requested to be present at the next meeting which will be held at the residence of Mrs. (Dr.) Lee Smith on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, at 3 p. m.

The Great Northern train, which has been travelling more closely to schedule time lately than is usual, was held up on Monday awaiting the arrival of a car load of 28 heifers, shipped from Calgary and destined for Sam McCurdy at Similkameen.

Charley DePfyffer with a guess of 13 lbs. 15 ozs. won the Christmas cake that was put up for competition by the Princeton Bakery. The exact weight was 13 lbs. 15¼ozs. There were several guesses of 16 lbs. The total number of guesses was 176, ranging from 6 lbs. to 20 lbs.

Mr. F. Coruso of the Venice Cafe; Mrs. De Silva of Allenby and Mr. Robt. Schulli were the respective winners of the turkey, goose and chicken put up for drawing by the Economy Market. Mr. Gellatly informs the Star that he had difficulty in securing enough poultry to meet the demands of the Christmas trade.

The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company observed Christmas by giving each of its married employees a nice fat turkey. Something over 1200 birds were required to go the rounds. Several thousand dollars was also spent on Christmas cheer for the unmarried men.

For once the oldtimers are mum when asked if they ever saw a winter like the present one. Not within the recollection of the oldest resident has there ever been a year when the thermometer failed to drop below the record of this year for the months of November and December.

Mr. Harry Knighton has arranged for an extra bill at the Princess Theatre for next week. Monday and Tuesday evening (New Year's Eve and New Year's Night) there is an all star production "Driven." Tonight and tomorrow night is "The Green Temptation," featuring Betty Compson, and another "Leather Pushers" comedy. Harry is arranging for a selection of pictures that should not fail to draw packed houses.

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

J. H. PRIDE, Secretary.

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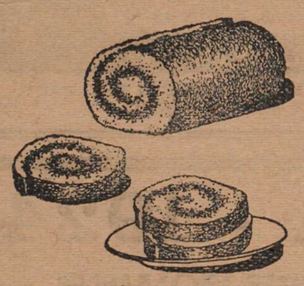

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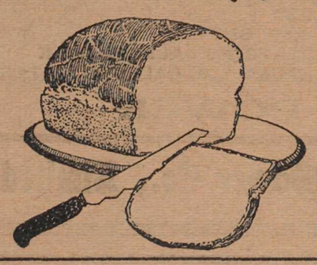

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THE PRINCETON COAL & LAND COMPANY, LTD.,
P. W. Gregory, Agent.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1923.

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NOTICE

Take notice that I, P. W. Gregory of Princeton, B. C., acting as agent for James N. Paton of Greenwood, B. C., intend to apply within sixty days to the Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over the following described land:

Commencing at the south-east corner of Lot 364 in the vicinity of Nine Mile Creek, Yale Division of Yale District, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to the point of commencement.

JAMES N. PATON, Locator.
P. W. Gregory, Agent.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1923.

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"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

OLALLA SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

Olalla Public School held its twentieth (about) Christmas entertainment on Friday evening last, when the schoolroom was crowded to its utmost seating capacity. Although the 21st is noted as being the shortest day in the year the program was a very long one, probably the longest in the history of the school, containing no less than thirty-eight items, but this large number of items was counter balanced by their brevity and it did not take so very long to run through them. It would be invidious to pick out any individual scholar for praise from amongst a score of children who each and all did their little piece with that correct cocksureness that distinguishes the present day child in comparison with the awkward shyness of the average child a generation or two ago. There are no flies on the kids of today.

Mr. W. C. McDougall filled the chair as usual, and filled it very well. The grown-up "choir" gave two or three Christmas carols in a pleasing manner, the members being Mesdames A. E. Irwin and C. W. James, Misses Beatrice Bolivar and Regina Cohen and Mr. C. W. James. Jimmy Riordon, the oldest old-timer in the valley, gave two songs and essayed an Irish jig, but in this latter he did not go far, his feet lacking the sprightliness of the days of yore. R. W. Northey, another old-timer, gave three recitations which were well received.

At the conclusion of the program every youngster present (and there were many there who were under the 6-year-old school age limit) seemed to be infected with St. Vitus's dance, and the boys seemed to be infected worse than the girls, for lo and behold the Christmas tree, the great tree that reached up to the very ceiling, was about to be stripped of its glittering foliage of toys "an everything." And the distribution of the prizes was surely a good sight for old eyes to see, and once again we enjoyed our youth with the little ones who put no mask upon the expressions of joy and delight with which they received their presents from the wonderful tree. But every good thing comes to an end, and all too soon the tree was stripped, and now in its desolate bareness it was not only bereft of its attractiveness, but it had lost its host of worshippers who no longer looked upon it with awe and wonderment, and if they looked upon it at all it was merely with the momentary glance of unconcern they would bestow upon any old tree outside, and goodness knows there are lots and lots of trees at Olalla. Stripped of its glittering display this tree—this Christmas tree—like all its predecessors, was only a common old fir tree and a day or two before school opened again it would be thrown out to die in the snowbank, and the spring sunshine would dry up its foliage so that it might again become useful as kindling to light somebody's fire in the months to come. How similar to the life of the average human.

Coffee, cake and sandwiches in unlimited quantity were then handed around and an hour or so was spent in gossipy conversation, this being the first time (if I remember right) that a Christmas entertainment at Olalla ever ended up without a dance. Ah, the old days, the old Christmas time, when big crowds came up from the big valley to participate in Olalla's Christmas dance, when the password was "We won't go home till morning, till daylight doth appear;" when there was always a fiddle handy and someone or other in the crowd who could play it—sometimes Mannie Barcelo, sometimes Billy Daly, sometimes somebody else. And then there was always Hans Richter to call off the squares and lead the round dances. Hans sure was a first-class M.C. Ah, me, Times do change. Also Tempus fugit.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDougall, of Morningside, gave their fourth annual Christmas dinner to the single men of the village and all who attended had a very enjoyable time.

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Nothing doing here in the way of news. They say that "A green Christmas makes a fat churchyard." Well, fortunately we are saved from that awful fate by a light fall of the beautiful last night, and at present the ground is covered with about half an inch of white moisture called snow, "to be continued," let us hope.

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Tuesday morning, Christmas Day—Six inches of snow fell last night, the first real snowfall for this winter.

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Wishing the editor and typos a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, I remain, yours, etc. R.W.N.

Saw Mill Lake Notes

Mr. E. Clerf spent the Xmas holdays with his sister at Chilliwack.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Waddell and sons, accompanied by Mr. Gordon Waddell motored to Penticton where they spent the Xmas holiday with Mrs. Waddell Sr.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Willis and daughter went down to Chilliwack by Sunday's train to spend the Xmas holidays with Mr. Willis' parents.

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Mr. Chet O'Donnell left for Everett, Wash., on Christmas Day. He received a wire stating that his sister, Helen, was dangerously ill, so caught the first train out.

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Mr. Harry Tidy has moved his family into town from Sawmill Lake. Mrs. Tidy with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Masters and two boys are occupying the residence formely tenanted by Mr. French on Kenley avenue. Harry is going to do the batching stunt at the mill.

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Summary of

Assets and Liabilities

31st October, 1923

ASSETS

Gold, Dominion Notes, and Silver Coin	$ 81,589,681.80
Deposit with Central Gold Reserve	17,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	14,259,744.89
Call and Short loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	129,984,917.90
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	63,185,030.88
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	2,328,051.22
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	37,601,758.88
Notes and cheques of other Banks	44,911,059.10
United States and other foreign currencies	361,593.00
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	281,888,581.74
Bank Premises	9,800,000.00
Liabilities to customers under letters of credit (as per contra)	9,471,690.01
	$692,382,109.42

LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC

Notes in circulation	$ 41,602,735.50
Deposits	583,391,196.23
Letters of credit outstanding	9,471,690.01
Other liabilities	1,384,628.14
	$635,850,249.88
Excess of Assets over Liabilities to public	$56,531,859.54

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JANUARY ROD AND GUN

The story of an eventful canoeing trip is told in the January issue of Rod and Gun in Canada by Frosty Snow in "With Paddle and Fish Pole in Quebec." There is also a good description of a moose hunt on the Athabasca river by H. K. Henry, while F. V. Williams vividly describes a tragedy of wild life as unfolded by tracks in the snow, in his story "As Told in the Snow." A. A. Haines who is an authority on hunting knives has a well illustrated article dealing with the various makes of hunting knives, together with his opinion of them. After trying for twenty-three years, Bonnycastle Dale has finally taken a splendid photograph of the Red Breasted Merganser, and his good description of the life and habits of this bird is of interest to all. Guns and ammunition is particularly well stocked with interesting articles, as well as the questions and difficulties of sportsmen, answered by C. S. Landis, while Fishing Notes, Along the Trapline, Outdoor Talk, and other departments are all filled with fine articles by specialists.

The January issue opens the first number of the new year with articles on canoeing, fishing, moose hunting, ski-ing, hunting knives, nature studies, guns and ammunition, trapping, kennel interests and a host of their subjects.