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Would Have Steel Plants At Coast

EXPERT SUGGESTS SEVERAL STEEL PLANTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA—FIRST SHOULD BE AT COAST

Victoria, Dec. 14.—That an iron and steel industry can be established in the province.

That the necessary materials for the successful working of such an industry are available.

That there is a good and increasing market for the product.

That the time for the launching of such an industry is opportune.

That the enterprise should be most successful.

These are the conclusions reached by Mr. C. P. Williams, the expert English mining engineer, engaged by the Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, to make a thorough nvestigation into the tonnage possibilities of the iron ore deposits of British Columbia and other iron ore bearing zones on the Pacific Coast as far south as Mexico and as far north as Alaska. The object was to endeavor to obtain such data that it might be clearly established either that extensive iron and steel furnaces situated in this province could or could not be maintained by material obtained on this coast.

Prefers Fraser River

"From my experience," Mr. Williams says, "in several European countries and from an enquiry into costs at a few Eastern American works, I am of the opinion that iron and steel can be manufactured on the Pacific Coast today as cheaply as in any of the well-known iron and steel producing countries of the world, excepting Germany and possibly Belgium."

At this point Mr. Williams makes a statement of rather more than ordinary interest. He says it is possible to outline for this province not one iron and steel project but several, each of which, in his opinion, eventually would become of very great importance. "All the conditions," he asserts, "are now present for establishing such an industry on a successful commercial basis. It is possible to sketch a plan for such a work at a suitable site on Vancouver Island and also one on the mainland near the coast." As between these two locations, however, a preference is expressed for a site on the Fraser river. On this point he says, "with respect to the location of the works and with due regard to the areas I have visited, my opinion is that the first iron and steel works of the province should be on the Fraser river."

Iron Deposits

Discussing the iron ore deposits, the investigator states that there are suitable ores at different points in the eastern portion of British Columbia. He mentions the deposits of Kitchener, and Sand Creek near Fort Steele, that of Ironton opposite Proctor near Nelson, a large body near Rossland, one at Keremeos, one at Bull River, and the International property near Waneta. In this region there are red and brown haematites, specular ore and magnetites which if properly selected would make suitable mixtures for blast furnace operation. Limestones of good quality and ample in quantity are present. In this region also are found quartzites for manufacfacturing silica bricks. There is an abundance of water power, and the Crows Nest coal field is within reasonable distance from a central point that could be decided upon as the operating centre to assemble and convert these minerals into finished iron and steel goods.

The Northern Coast

It is stated that the Prince Rupert district is worthy of every consideration and that the iron ore zones of that part of the coast should have minute consideration. The Louise Island deposit is thought to be of special importance, and Mr. Williams attaches a special report on that property. It consists of four claims, two of which have been developed by numerous large and small open-cuts, as a result of which work it is said to be probable that the area is altogether underlaid with ore without any intervening country rock. Ore from this source, it is suggested, might be made the basis of the undertaking, the product being supplemented by imported ores.

Mr. Williams concludes by affirming that British Columbia's possibilities as an iron and steel production centre have impressed him and that there now is an unparalleled and unique opportunity for whoever is first in the field; whether the project be undertaken under the auspices of the government or by private enterprise.

Markets at Hand

The body of Mr. Williams' report is taken up by detailed statements regarding the character of the iron ore of the coast and of the interior, the coal deposits of British Columbia, the cheap and abundant electrical energy available and the limestone and other material available for fluxing and refining purposes. The question of markets also is discussed and Mr. Williams concludes from the information available to him from various sources that there is a sufficient demand to absorb the output of a good-sized plant.

Mr. Williams and his assistants visited iron ore deposits in the following districts: Harrison Lake, Gordon River, Texada Island, Alta Lake, Queen Charlotte group (Louise Island, Burnaby Island), Fanny Bay, Kamloops, Seymour Inlet, and Waneta district. They examined limestone on Texada Island, and went into the coal supply question in the Crows Nest and Nicola Valley regions. Exhaustive reports are appended on all the iron ore deposits seen, and some interesting notes are given dealing with the coal supply of the province.

An approximate estimate is given of the cost of establishing an iron and steel works capable of producing 125,000 tons of foundry iron per annum, and 120,000 tons of finished steel per annum. The total, exclusive of the cost of purchasing properties, and of the cost of coal mining equipment, is placed at $15,592,000. It is figured that it would take four years before a plant of this magnitude could become productive and revenue producing, so that the capital expenditure referred to would be spread over four years approximately as follows: First year, $2,000,000; second year, $3,600,000; third year, $5,000,000; fourth year, $4,992,000.

These calculations are given with the explanation that an accurate estimate of cost of plant without obaining actual tenders is impossible when prices are fluctuating as now is the case. It is thought likely that there will be a reduction in the near future in the market price of the materials required, so that a reduction in the estimate may be expected.

A Merry, Merry Christmas To All Our Patrons

LAST SESSION OF LEGISLATURE DESCRIBED AS NEGATIVE ONE

Victoria, Dec. 18.—A negative session to all but the Liberal members of the Legislative Assembly, is the estimate of the Legislature's proceedings, expressed in the capital during the week-end as the cleaning up process was carried out by officials and members following prorogation on Saturday. Many of the Mainland members left for their respective homes on Saturday, while but three others than the cabinet ministers remain here today.

Not a single outstanding feature can be gleaned from the long list of 100 bills which were given Royal assent on Saturday. The people of the province were expecting some definite announcement on the government's policy towards the Pacific Great Eastern railway, but the caucus rule prevailed. Instead of Premier Oliver coming out in the open and telling the people whether the government would accept the report of the special investigation carried out during the summer or will proceed with the line to Fort George, it is announced that he and his Minister of Railways, Hon. J. D. MacLean, will shortly proceed over the road and investigate its possibilities—a farmer and a doctor diagnosing a provincial-owned railway.

Nothing was done as regards unemployment. Civil Service reform remains untouched. The amedments to the Liquor Control Act are but minor affairs with the exception of eliminating the small fry in the exporting business and placing the traffic in the hands of the recent amalgamation of Vancouver export houses.

Public Deluded

One thing brought out in the Public Accounts committee was that the public is being deluded in the matter of whiskey blended by government employees. There is no guarantee attached to the brands put up by the government. There is no guarantee of age or the stamp of an analyst. Brands which the public had refused to buy when the liquor is placed on the shelves of the retail vendors is dumped into the melting pot, as it were, and later peddled under the guise of a label "L. C. B."

No Tax Reduction

Taxation has not been decreased, but rather a further burden is placed on the people of the province by reason of the borrowing powers of the government being extended to the extent of $3,500,000. This will have to be shouldered by the half million or more residents of the province in years to come unless immigration is speeded up and a paltry $50,000 has been set aside for this work, probably to be used by close friends of the government proceeding to England and the Continent, a trip Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, has twice made in the past two years.

A former Attorney-General, J. W. deB. Farris, and a present member of the House, is to make a trip to London at the public's expense. Rushing through an amendment to the constitution which will allow a former Attorney-General to represent the government in legal matters without imperilling his seat, a thing unheard of before in legislative circles, the government gives "Wally" his reward. Mr. Farris will assume a portion of the burden of Attorney-General Manson, the "moral-welfare" member of the North, who intends to stick close at home during the next twelve months and possibly assist in curbing the activities of the bootlegging fraternity with such assistants as La Chance and Ledoux.

The failure of the session lies in the fact that it has done nothing to promote provincial development on broad and sagacious lines.

Changes In Liquor Act Brought Down

PERMITS REDUCED FROM $5 TO $2—JAIL FOR ILLEGAL BEER SELLING

Victoria, Dec. 14.—Amendments to the Government Liquor Act were introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Attorney-General Manson and given first reading without debate. The amendments are generally along the line of recent forcasts and embody the following points:

Jail sentence of from one to three months substituted for $50 fine for the illegal sale of beer.

Liquor permits reduced from $5 to $2 per annum, beer permits reduced from $2 to $1. Single purchase and visitors' permits abolished.

License fee for export warehouses raised from $3000 to $10,000 and subagencies required to pay an additional $10,000.

Only sales to government purchasing agents to constitute sales to the government. This is to meet arguments of counsel defending alleged liquor sellers that sales to detectives are legal because the government provides the money.

Government given power to change the composition of the board to any number between one and four, instead of being restricted to three as at present.

Interdicts not only forbidden to purchase liquor but also to have it in possession.

Instead of paying 50 per cent. of profits direct to municipalities, they will get only 35 per cent., the balance going direct to hospitals, two-sevenths of which is earmarked for school purposes.

Where fines or jail sentences are imposed in liquor cases, confiscation also to be legal, which was not before permissible.

Captain Ian Mackenzie has given notice of an amendment to the clause providing a jail sentence for selling beer. This would do away with the jail sentence for first offense and substitute a $500 fine for the present $50. In the case of second offenders it provides for a jail sentence of not less than one month or not more than three months, or to a fine not exceeding $1000 or to both fine and imprisonment. The penalty for a corporation is left at a fine of not less than $1000.

WILL START WORK FROM HOPE END IN SPRING

Says the Victoria Daily Times:

Government plans to start construction of the trans-provincial highway from Hope next year, Hon. W. H. Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, announced in the legislature when estimates for his department were up.

Surveying gangs under W. K. Gwyer, as chief engineer, have been at work on the western end of the Hope-Princeton route, surveying east from Hope, it was explained when W. A. McKenzie, member for Similkameen raised the question.

Mr. McKenzie, members of the Princeton Board of Trade, and members of the Vancouver Automobile Club went over the Gwyer-King route over the 5,800-foot summit. A few weeks ago, just before the Legislature opened, Dr. Sutherland travelled with Engineer Gwyer to make a personal survey of the routes. They went over the old Cleveland survey for 25 to 30 miles, then on through the Allison Pass at an altitude of 4,400 feet and then they struck the Dewdney Trail 25 to 30 miles east of Hope and followed it into Hope.

This is taken to mean, it was pointed out, that the highway will for 25 to 30 miles follow the Dewdney Trail, take the Allison Pass, then strike the Cleveland survey 25 miles west of Princeton. This would involve using part of the King route, and one-third of each of the other routes and the lower altitude of the Allison Pass. It was pointed out by Mr. McKenzie that for the first 25 to 30 miles east of Hope is a good grade well built and so well preserved that Ford cars can go over parts of it now.

FROZEN APPLES

Apples may be frozen solid and thawed out in such a way as to be none the worse. By placing them in a temperature of 32 degrees for a few days and then raising it by very slow degrees they will be found as good as ever though their keeping qualities are likely to be effected. So Harry Armstrong, manager of the Keremeos Packing Company informed the Star while in Princeton on Wednesday on his way to the coast where he and Mrs. Armstrong will spend the winter.

Late as the cold weather was in setting in this season, Harry states that owing to shortage of cars for shipping, it caught them with a considerable quantity on hand. Some of these have been shipped to outside points already and will be treated in storage there. One carload is undergoing the thawing process now in the cave cellar of the A. E. Howse Company.

Memorial Concert Tuesday, Jan. 16

COMMITTEE ANXIOUS TO SEE MORE INTEREST SHOWN IN MEMORIAL SCHEME

A concert, provided by local talent, and Princeton possesses a large number of entertainers of no mean ability, is to be staged here on Tuesday evening, January 16th. The primary object is to get citizens together in order to permit of reaching a conclusion in respect to what form it is desirable the proposed memorial should take. For this purpose a half hour interval, between parts of the programme will be devoted to discussion of the memorial. The price of admission will be 50 cents and the money raised will go to the memorial fund.

This action was decided on at the public meeting held on Wednesday evening. It was felt that the result of the ballot taken was not a satisfactory expression of opinion and that it would be advisable to make another effort to create more public interest and provide some means of getting the people together. There were only seven put in an appearance at the meeting on Wednesday and sixteen at the prior meeting, but this is not taken as an indication that the public are as indifferent as it would seem to appear. It is believed that a scheme, which does not contemplate expending too great an amount of money, would receive liberal support.

It was pointed out that of the 145 ballots marked, 86 favored a form of memorial which would not exceed more than approximately $1,000. Attention was also drawn to the fact that of twelve ballots marked by returned men nine were in favor of a monument.

BONDHOLDERS TO TAKE OVER COPPER MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

A Vancouver despatch says:

Bondholders of the Canada Copper Corporation Limited propose taking over the Copper Mountain and Ferry County, Wash., properties of that company following non-payment of more than $300,000 of interest and $2,500,000 principal.

Action has been commenced in the Supreme Court by Messrs. Mayers, Stockton & Smith, solicitors for the bondholders' trustee, the Equitable Trust Company of New York, to foreclose a mortgage deed of trust given by the Canada Copper Corporation on November 1, 1917.

In 1920 the company was reorganized and the bonded indebtedness was assumed by the new company of the same name. Extensive development work, such as the construction of a railroad and the installation of an electric power plant, has proceeded at Copper Mountain.

No interest has been paid by the company since January 1, 1921, it is stated, and on September 28 last the bondholders declared the principal sum due.

The mines at Copper Mountain have been idle for some time.

RECEIPT TAX NOT TO BE DRASTIC

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—There does not appear to be the slightest likelihood that the stamp tax on receipts, effective on January 1, will be postponed. As a matter of fact, the objection is not to the principle of a two-cent tax on receipts, but as to how and to what extent this is to be applied.

It is claimed at the department that there has been misrepresentation of what is involved. A circular will be issued early next week giving definite rulings on varous points raised. What, essentially, the tax means is that on a receipt for money as ordinarily understood, and with certain exceptions specified, it will be necessary to put on a two cent stamp when the amount is $10 or over.

A cash register ticket will not be regarded as a receipt unless it specifically purports to be a receipt as distinguished from a record of the amount of a sale.

MAKE GIFT OF MOTOR CAR TO POPULAR CLARGYMAN

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Friends of Rev. F. C. C. Heathcote, archdeacon of the diocese of New Westminster paid a surprise visit to the home of the popular clergyman Saturday morning and presented him with an automobile. The car was the gift of a number of admirers of the archdeacon and the presentation was made by Mr. A. Kaye of Christ Church. Bishop A. U. de Pencier attended.

The duties of the archdeacon give him occasion to travel very widely and to visit all parts of the city and the Lower Mainland. The gift came as a very welcome surprise to Mr. Heathcote, who declared "it is certainly a wonderful Christmas gift."

Members of St. Cuthbert's church, Princeton, had the pleasure of listening to services conducted by archdeacon a couple of weeks ago and will agree that he is well deserving of the high opinion in which he is held by his parishioners, as indicated above.

FAVORS CENTRAL AGENCY; FROWNS ON BD. OF CONTROL

Authority on Agricultural Economics Consults With Fruit Growers at Vernon

Vernon, Dec. 18.—Not for a long time have so many fruit meetings, caucuses and conferences been held in the Okanagan as took place last week. The week preceding the growers from every district in the interior sent delegates to a convention at Kelowna, where marketing problems were discussed, and the board of control evolved for 1923 with a central selling agency for 1924.

At that meeting the growers named a committee of seven to carry out their wishes. This committee met for the first time last Monday and every day since, and they will continue for a good part of this week.

The committee's work, however, was interrupted on the arrival of Dr. Theodore Macklin, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin, who had included the valley in his itinerary on a tour of the western states to study co-operative organizations.

Barrage of Questions

When the distinguished visitor arrived a meeting was hurriedly arranged and all manner of questions were hurled at him. His questioners asked his opinion on the board of control plan, central selling agency scheme and co-operative and marketing problems in general. Dr. Macklin stood up well under the barrage of questions and condemned the board plan as being unsound and unworkable because the growers were trying to amalgamate two divergent interests, the shippers, who were in the business for private gain, and the co-operative enterprises.

The central scheme, he asserted, could just as easily be arranged as the first plan and with the same effect, but the results would be infinitely greater and a thousand times more satisfactory to the growers and to the trade generally.

The shippers sat at some of the meetings and listened with much interest to all Dr. Macklin had to say. Then they met him in private and discussed the present situation.

Dr. Macklin, at a public meeting called by the Vernon Board of Trade, expressed his disappointment and pleasure at being here at this time. He was disappointed because he was unable to investigate the co-operative organizations, but was pleased to be able to attend so many interesting conferences and obtain the views of the different growers and shippers.

Outlook Promising

One well-known grower stated Saturday that if anyone had planned the meetings the results could not have been more satisfactory, for the feeling throughout the district is much better and there is an improved tone everywhere.

Growers in close touch with developments are of the opinion that out of all these meetings and conferences will emerge a big co-operative organization that will absorb practically all of the existing growers' associations as well as some of the larger independent interests that have already signified their willingness to sell their businesses at a reasonable price. This news has been received with much satisfaction and the situation toady is most encouraging and hopeful with everyone interested sinking petty differences in an effort to bring about the best solution possible.

JOINT MEETING OF WATER USERS AND FRUIT GROWERS

Keremeos, December 21.—A meeting of the fruit growers of the Keremeos district will be held in Coleman's hall on Wednesday evening next, December 27th, at 8 o'clock, when the report of the delegates to the Kelowna convention will be received. Following this meeting will be another of the water users under the Keremeos Land Company's irrigation system to decide what action shall be taken in connection with the schedule of water rates which Mr. Castleman, as liquidator of the Keremeos Land Company, has submitted to the water users' committee for consideration.

The vital importance of both these questions in connection with the fruit industry in this district will be apparent to every one and all interested are urged to attend.

ROYALTIES TO BE COLLECTED ON PELTS

Royalties, or the tax to be paid by fur traders, have been introduced so as to make uniform the royalties of the four western provinces. They are: Bear 40c, beaver $1, fisher $1.50, silver and black fox $5, cross fox $1.50, red fox 75 cents, lynx 75 cents, marten $1, mink 25 cents, muskrat 5 cents otter $1, raccoon 10 cents, skunk 10 cents, wolverine 50 cents, and weasel 3 cents.

Bounties have, however, been enacted for coyotes, wolves and cougar, of $2, $25 and $40 respectively, and it will not be necessary to surrender the pelt, provided it is produced for identification. The royalties on these skins have been abolished.

Survey Work Starts From Princeton End

ENGINEER WHITTAKER OF PENTICTON, ARRIVES WITH GANG AND WILL START WORK AT ONCE

H. C. Whittaker and party of five men will spend Christmas in camp on the route of the Hope-Princeton highway. With Mr. Whittaker are G. P. Hayman, instrument man, R. C. Powers, rod man, E. V. Sworder and Lisle Chambers (son of Reeve E. J. Chambers) axemen and James Christian, cook. With the exception of Chambers the men have all been working with Mr. Whittaker on the Rossland-Cascade section, recently completed, and hence are seasoned to their job. Snow, frost and the work in the hills has no terrors for them.

They arrived in town Wednesday evening; spent yesterday collecting supplies and equipment and will leave this morning to establish their camp, which, for the present will be at the end of the road, about twelve miles from town. Camp will be shifted from week to week farther on as the work proceeds. Moving camp will be an easy job as they use only tents and light camp equipment. James Gellatly who organized the pack trains on the occasions of Dr. Sutherland's trip over to Hope and also that of the representatives of the Vancouver Automobile Club, will provide the pack service. All purchases required to be made by Mr. Whittaker will be made locally.

The work to be done by the party is purely reconnaisance. They will pick up the line of the old Cleveland survey at the end of the road and follow it through as far as Cambie Creek bridge, or as far as the proposed new route follows that of the Cleveland survey. The object is to collect data as to the topography of the country through which the road will pass. Mr. Whittaker explains that this can be done as well now, with the snow on the ground, as at any other time. This data is also required before other work can proceed and, as Mr. Whittaker remarks, will save a lot of time in the spring. The actual locating of this section of the road was accomplished and plans drawn many years ago. These plans, we understand, will be used for the present work of construction.

That the men should have started out with Christmas only a few days distant would indicate that there must be a certain amount of urgency in securing the data they are to collect. Mr. Whittaker expects that his present job will occupy him about six weeks.

HOUSEHOLDERS WARNED NOT TO LIGHT FIRES WHEN PIPES FROZEN

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—"I trust a warning will be sent broadcast to householders through this tragedy to exercise care during severe weather, in regard to lighting fires in ranges," said Coroner Jeffs on Monday at the inquest on Muriel Edbrooke Stark, tiny victim of a range explosion at her home, 1133 McLean Drive, on Sunday.

"When the water in the taps fails to run, something is wrong," continued Dr. Jefffs," and to light a fire in the range is flirting with death which, in this case has been done once too often."

Mrs. Stark told how she had on previous occasions lighted the fire when the pipes had been frozen without any accident and said the plumber whom she had called in several times during the recent hard spell, had told her it was "all right" to do this.

A verdict of death through the accidental explosion of the kitchen range on account of water being frozen was returned.

G. N. WILL PUT UP USUAL ICE PACK AT TULAMEEN

A rumor was about town to the effect that the Great Northern Railway Company would not be putting up ice at Tulameen this year; that owing to the extreme cold it would be possible to get it across the line, where in ordinary winters it is not procurable. Apparently there was no foundation for the report as enquiry at the depot brings the information that the company will put up the usual pack of about 800 cars and that men and teams are already engaged clearing the ice of snow.

At present the ice is reported to be about seven inches thick and as soon as it attains the depth of about 14 inches, which is considered the most suitable, the ice crew will be on hand to begin operations. The ice harvest always furnishes employment for quite a number of men and proves quite a benefit in a business way while it lasts on this side of the line.

KEREMEOS BOY WEDS

Keremeos, Dec. 21.—Word has just been received here that Cecil Harrison, who was for many years a resident in this district and who enlisted from here for service overseas, has taken unto himself a wife at Boulton, Ont. It was only last spring that Cecil left Keremeos for the "cent belt." Numerous friends here extend their congratulations.

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MUST BE SHOWN

A resident of the Five-Mile district, smarting under what he considers an un-merited chastisement from the correspondent for that district, requests an apology through the columns of the Star. We are not altogether certain that this particular rebuke and others to which he refers may not have been merited. While we try to impress upon our correspondents that the columns of this paper must not be used for venting personal spite or fomenting trouble, on the other hand we do not believe in muzzling a good correspondent. Just because an item may prove unpalatable to one or more of our readers is not always a reason why it should not be published. Fear of publicity is one of the great restraining factors in most people's make-up, and the paper that is too timid to publish an item, because it is objectionable to some, is too insipid to be interesting.

We are used to threats of libel suits (there is one on our table now) and demands for apologies. They belong to the day's work. The Star, however, does not claim to be above making a mistake and when convinced that it has done so will always hasten to make the necessary correction, but we must insist on reasonable proof that a mistake has been made.

WE THOUGHT THE BOOT WAS ON THE OTHER FOOT

(From the Kamloops Telegram.)

The question of the route for the projected Coast-to-Interior highway was brought to the fore again last week, when F. W. Anderson, member for Kamloops, requested the provincial government to take up with the federal government the question of restoration of the old Cariboo road, a large part of which was destroyed in the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway line, and Premier Oliver received the suggestion sympathetically, promising that the matter would be discussed with the Dominion authorities.

As the provincial minister of public works at the Good Roads League convention in this city last fall promised that a decision regarding the route to be adopted would be made before the spring it is important that all the advantages of the Fraser Canyon route should be brought to the attention of the government. At the ouset, the Kamloops Board of Trade went on record as prepared to abide by the decision of competent engineers regarding the route to be adopted, and other Boards of Trade subscribed to this stand, but have not adhered to it. For certain reasons certain men have persistenely worked for the adoption of the Hope-Princeton route. It is generally acknowledged that the survey of the Fraser Canyon route was made by competent engineers. The grades, however, were maintained much lower than those in the Hope-Princeton survey. The estimated cost of a highway through the Fraser canyon is higher than that of the Hope-Princeton route, but in comparing these figures it should be remembered that should grades like those of the southern route be used fully seventy per cent. of the railway crossings would be eliminated and the cost of the highway would be reduced by about one quarter.

THE RECEIPT STAMP TAX

There apepars to be no doubt about the Dominion Government being determined to put the tax on receipts into force on January 1 next. The purpose, apart from the raising of revenue, is said to be to balance the tax on cheques, and reach transactions in which money is used. The exemptions are taken to indicate this. They are five in number. A receipt of money deposited in bank, and entered in a pass-book, for instance, is not taxable; nor is a receipt arising out of money paid to or by the Dominion or any provincial government; nor is an acknowledgment by a bank of the receipt of a bill of exchange or promissory note for the purpose of being presented for acceptance or payment. There are two payment for an article or in payment further exemptions from the tax which concern the general public, and which are as follows:

"A receipt, or document in the nature of a receipt, which is taxable under any other section of this Act."

"A receipt endorsed, or otherwise written upon or contained in any instrument liable to stamp duty, and duly stamped, acknowledging the receipt of the consideration money therein expressed."

The Montreal Gazette regards these clauses as clear, explicit and understandable. It points out that they exempt cheques from the receipt stamp tax. They exempt cheques under both sections, because when endorsed, a cheque is a "document in the nature of a receipt," and cheques are taxable under another section of the Act. And if this exemption clause is not sufficient, there is the other one specifically exempting what are popularly termed "voucher cheques." A cheque drawn in payment of a debt and so specified, or a receipt endorsed or otherwise written upon a cheque acknowledging receipt of the consideration money, is not liable for the tax, because this instrument is already subject to stamp duty.

The Retail Merchants' Association, on the other hand, declares that several of the exemptions are not clear, as in the case of cheques received in payment for an article or in payment of an account, that when stamps have been put on the cheque it is not necessary to put them on the receipt. It represents that the Act will give the retail trade of Canada a staggering blow, that it will disrupt every cash and credit sales slip and cash register system now in operation in Canada, hampering trade and interfering with business generally.—British Columbian.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GROWERS ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Report No. 1

Your committee appointed by the fruit growers convention of Dec. 6, 7 and 8 has been in session throughout this week, and considers it in the general interest to report on developments, and its proceedings.

Mr. Kinghorn, as chairman of the Kelowna convention, attended and presented the records of the convention.

Your committee first took into its consideration methods of operating a board of control, including the matter of contracts.

Later in the week your committee met Dr. Macklin in three private sessions, including one with representatives of the bank, and once in a general meeting. There was also a joint meeting with the shippers committee.

At the shippers meeting of Dec. 13, which your committee attended by invitation, their chairman, Mr. Doberer, as their delegate to Kelowna, reported the proceedings of your convention, and recommended the adoption of the resolution. The shippers, however, failed to endorse it. They then appointed a committee of seven to confer with your committee. The two committees met on Dec. 14, and the shipper representatives stated their individual views. A majority were strongly opposed to a temporary board of control, and none present favored it. Their attitude toward a central selling agency, with the present shippers operating only as packers, was much the same.

A third alternative was then introduced, on the principle of a straight co-operative packing and selling organization formed outright by the growers. The answers of the shippers, made on the assumption that say 95 per cent. of the growers would support it, differed. Several were quite prepared to sell out on an equitable basis; others were not able to answer for their organizations without consultation.

The shippers agreed to the proposal that your committee for its confidential information, ask all shippers as to their willingness to name a price on their interests, subject to arbitration, the replies to be received by the end of December.

Dr. Mack'in put himself very fully at your committee's service. He expressed his very strong conviction that, for permanent success in marketing, a selling organization must give the best possible service to the consumer; he considered it not only inexpedient but impossible to carry out a policy of sound merchandising under a combination of growers and shippers with necessarily divergent interests; he was quite sure that the proposed board of control would be a failure in consequence of dual interest, he was confident that the necessary co-operative system could be as readily created now as a year later, and strongly recommended that the whole-hearted support of the community and, not of the growers alone be enlisted; this support he considered abso'utely essential and obtainable.

In view of the attitude of the shippers, and of Dr. Macklin's advice, your committee purposes to continue investigations, paying particular attention to the princple of complete co-operation, both in packing and in marketing.

The members of your committee realize more and more strongly the magnitude of the problems before them and of the great responsibility that has been placed upon them.

Your committee will not lose time, but has no intention of making a hasty decision.

Any expression of opinion from your district will be of the utmost value in guiding your committee in further deliberations.

P. E. R. WOLLASTON,
Chairman.

PROMINENT MINING MAN PASSES BEYOND

The funeral of J. D. MacKenzie head of the British Columbia office of the Geological Survey of Canada, who died on Saturday in Montreal, as a result of an operation performed in an attempt to alleviate injuries obtained in France, will be held on Saturday afternoon from Center & Hanna's undertaking parlors, Vancouver, to the Mountain View cemetery. The body will arrive from the East on Saturday morning.

Dr. MacKenzie had recently engaged in an exhaustive survey of the coal measures of Vancouver Island, results of his investigations being attended by Dominion-wide interest. He had almost completed his task on the Island and while in the field was building up reserve strength for an operation which he knew to be necessary.

He had gained considerably in health and last month was one of the leading spirits in the western meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy here. Two weeks ago he went East to St. Anne de Bellevue hospital to undergo the operation, which proved fatal.

In April, 1916, Dr. MacKenzie enlisted as a private in the 185th Cape Breton Highlanders, but in June of the same year he was promoted to a lieutenancy, and was despatched overseas with the 85th Nova Scotia Highland Brigade. In France he distinguished himself when in command of the Cape Breton Company of the 85th Battalion, and in recognition of his gal'antry he was awarded the Military Cross. Later he had the misfortune to be severely wounded, and was in hospital until after the close of the war.

Receiving his discharge in June, 1920, Dr. MacKenzie rejoined the staff of the Geological Survey, and in October of that year was placed in charge of the British Columbia office in sucession to Dr. Charles Camsell, now deputy minister of mines.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS

After thiry years of operation the British embargo on Canadian live cattle has been removed. Last week the King assented to the measure abolishing the prohibition. While Canada was not designated particularly in the exclusion regulations the law prohibiting the importation of livestock was directed against this country, which was the only one shipping store cattle to the United Kingdom. The business in 1891 was large and rapidly growing. Canadians considered it important. They had shipped 800,000 head to great Britain during the period in which the trade was active, and were then shipping over 100,000 a year, amounting in value to one-tenth of their export to the United Kingdom.

It was also considered important by the British producers of beef cattle. Advantage was taken of the condemnation of one consignment of cattle from Canada in which two or three animals were declared to have pleuro-pneumonia. Sir Charles Tupper, who was then high commissioner, was on the spot and among the slaughtered cattle as soon as the train could take him thither. His professional know'edge enabled him to dispute the finding. But since exclusion was demanded for economic rather than sanitary reasons argument in favor of the health of Canadian stock was unavailing. At the end of 1892 the privilege of shipping cattle to be sold alive in Great Britain was revoked.

Restoration of the privilege has come after a long contest in which Canada protested less against the exclusion as a measure of economic protection than against the alleged reasons given for the embargo. The Canadian claim was supported by many in Britain, not only on the ground of fairness and straightforward dealing, but in the interest of the British consumer. Many changes have taken place in the cattle and meat trade in these thirty years. Methods of shipment of fresh beef have been discovered or developed. But the British consumer still prefers meat fresh from the butcher, and it is altogether likely that before this year is out he will be buying more Canadian cattle than he did in 1891.

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No. 12—Leaves	Vancouv'r	7.30 p.m.
	Princeton	4.02 a.m.
	Nelson	10.55 p.m.

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DAILY

No. 11—Leaves	Nelson	9.05 p.m.
	Princeton	3.10 p.m.
	Vancouver	11.00 p.m.

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WATER NOTICE

DIVERSION AND USE

TAKE NOTICE that The Summerland Lumber Company, whose address is West Summerland, B. C., will apply for a licence to take and use 600,000 cubic feet of water out of Otter Creek, which flows southerly and drains into Tulameen river at Tulameen, B. C.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about 1350 feet northeasterly from the southwest corner of Lot 1009, Yale Division, Yale District, and will be used for industrial log pond purpose upon the land described as portion of Lot 1009, Yale Division, Yale District.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 18th day of December, 1922.

A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Princeton, B. C.

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

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The date of the first publication of this notice is 22nd December, 1922. 5-4

TIMBER SALE X 4576

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands at Victoria, not later than noon on the 5th day of January, 1923, for the purchase of Licence X 4576, to cut 1,359,500 feet of Yellow Pine and Douglas Fir, situated on an area on Myren creek, in vicinity of Pike Mountain, Yale Land Listrict.

Two years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or from the District Forester, Vernon, B. C. 4-4

SYNOPSIS OF Land Act Amendments

Minimum price of first-class land reduced to $5 an acre; second-class to $2.50 an acre.

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emptions abolished but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions with joint residences, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and must make improvements to value of $10 per acre including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 3 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health, or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of $10.00 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years are required.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

Mill, factory or industrial sites on timber land not exceding 40 acres may be purchased; conditions include payment of stumpage.

Natural hay meadows inaccessible by existing roads may be purchased conditional upon construction of a road to them. Rebate of one-half of cost of road, not exceeding half of purchase price, is made.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

No fees relating to pre-emptions are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emptions recorded after June 26, 1918. Taxes are remitted for five years.

Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emptions.

Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied Forces, or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from enlistment to March 31, 1920.

SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LAND.

Provision made for insurance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown Lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase, involving forfeiture, on fulfillment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. Where sub-purchasers do not claim whole of original parcel, purchase price due and taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.

GRAZING.

Grazing Act, 1919, for systematic development of livestock industry provides for grazing districts and range administration under Commissioner. Annual grazing permits issued based on numbers ranged; priority for established owners. Stock owners may form Associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits for settlers, campers or travellers, up to ten head.

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P. RUSSELL, K. R. S.

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A. F. & A. M.

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THOS. S. HUGHES, Sec'y.

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CAWSTON NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

Benj. Thompson, of Chopaka, is the guest of Cawston friends.

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The Cawston Girl Giudes are planning to hold a concert Jan. 26.

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Mrs. C. Æ. Shaw returned on Monday from Victoria.

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A. H. Cawston spent Sunday in Penticton, the guest of M. Peel and family.

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Mr. Havens, of Marron valley, was the guest of W. J. Hammill and family.

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The Cawston Sunday school will hold a concert in the Community hall, Friday evening, December 22.

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Mrs. E. L. Twiss, of Chaplin, Sask., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Dye.

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Percy Pettipiece, of Vancouver is spending the holidays in Cawston with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pettipiece.

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Murdock McIntyre has started logging at his saw-mill and expects to have a full crew working early in the spring at the mill.

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R. W. Sheridan, who has been employed in Kelowna for several months, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sheridan.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Prentice have returned home from Summerland, where Mrs. Prentice underwent a serious operation. Mrs. Prentice's friends will be pleased to learn she is getting along nicely.

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The sign board leading into Cawston was moved to its proper place by J. McDonald and T. Rooney and travellers can now find their way to Cawston.

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The Cawston Board of Trade put on before a well packed house the comedy "A Runaway Couple," Under the skillful direction of Miss M. Newton the players performed with assurance worthy of professionals. Miss Weaver, as the runaway niece and ward of Colonel Martin, and R. L. Cawston, Jr., as the lawyer, Horace Singleton, at whose home the runaways sought refuge, while Harry, went to Princeton to procure the license, very successfully carried the heavy parts. Mr. Harold Wainwright, as Harry, surely deserved the forgiveness of the uncle, Col. Martin, (Mr. T. E. Wight) who is good either here or "in India." Mrs. R. B. Sheridan was very much at home as kindly Mrs. Singleton, while Mrs. P. M. Madden made a charming and sympathetic maid. It was no fault of hers the heroine had to exist three whole hours on caramels. Mr. R. B. Sheridan looked and acted the part of the deaf gardener and Mrs. A. Whyte was so realistic as the "Dragon" principal of the "ladies seminary" that she quite won our temporary dislike. In the intermission between Acts 1 and 2 Mrs. T. Daly and Mr. G. L. Pearce sang solos and encores, all of which were very much enjoyed, and Miss M. Newton recited Drummond's "Little Red Canoe" and gave as an encore for the young folks a recitation, "The Dead Kitty." After the play Misses Elsie Wainwright and Alma Sheridan gave a reception to the Runaway Couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sheridan. About twenty guests were present, including the players, Mr. and Mrs. T. Daly and Mr. Pearce. The tables were decorated suitably and a wedding breakfast was served. The proceeds of the play are in aid of the Cawston Community hall.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT AT BLAKEBURN

Blakeburn Christmas entertainment held Saturday, December 16th, was one of the most brilliant and enjoyable affairs ever held in that locality. Practically everyone was present from the mine and the springs and a good number from Coalmont as well. The committee were congratulated on every hand on the successful issue of their labors. The members of the committee were: J. B. Brown, chairman; Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. Tatum, Mr. Jack Cavill, Mrs. Geo. Pollock, Mr. Bill Ritchie, Mr. Alex Smith, Mr. Danny Deane and Mr. Tatum. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the Christmas tree resplendent with its wealth of gifts. The ladies of the committee are deserving of a great praise for the weeks spent gathering and preparing for the event. It is estimated that over $200 passed through their hands in the process.

By seven o'clock the committee had everything ready and none too soon for the boys and girls were already trooping in, their eyes big with excitement and expectation. By eight o'clock, when the chairman called to order, the hall was full to the door. Mr. J. P. Brown, the chairman, opened the proceedings by congratulating his committee on their faithful work and promising old and young an enjoyable evening.

The first item on the progamme was a piano solo by Mrs. Morrison. The school children, under the direction of Miss Park, the school teacher, then took charge and gave the following programme, Miss Mary Tappero acting as herald announcing each performance:

1—"O Canada," song, Class.
2—"O Little Town of Bethlehem," song, Class.
3—"Santa Claus," rec., Mary Tappero.
4—"The Night Before Christmas," rec., Helen McEachern.
5—"The First Nowell," song, some of class.
6—"The Birthday of Our King," rec., Elsie Mulholland.
7—"O Dear Little Birds," rec., Audrey McLeod.
8—"Good King Wencelas," old song, Stanley and Edna Pughe.
9—"Little Children Wake and Listen," rec., Dorothy Saunders.
10—"Only a Baby Small," rec., Edna Pughe.
11—"Christmas Eve," rec., Charlie Smith.
12—"Christmas Wish," rec., Annie Davidson.
13—"Christmas Bell," rec., John Tappero.
14—"We Three from the Orient Are," Harold Pughe, Stanley Pughe and Charlie Smith.
15—"Once in David's Royal City," rec., Ronald McEeachern.
16—"Old Santa Claus," rec., Annie Tappero.
17—"In a Manger So Low," rec., group of girls.
18—"Silent Night," song, class.
19—"What Day," rec., Annie Mulholland.
20—"Reindeer," rec., Ella McWhirter.
21—"Little Jack Horner," rec., David Davidson.
22—"Little Boy Blue," rec., Richard Clare.
23—"Christmas Coming," rec., Samson Gould.
24—Rec., Isobel Vincent.
25—"Ding Dong Bell," rec., Donald Miller.
26—"Jack and Gill," rec., Frances Barnes and Irwin Cunningham.
27—"Santa Claus," song, class.

This whole programme was rendered in such excellent style as to be highly creditable to Miss Park who had trained the children. The songs and choruses were of unusual merit for a small school.

After a slight interval a second programme was given by the adults as follows:

1—"Always in the Way," song, Mr. Alex. Smith; encore, "Hello Central, Give Me Heaven."
2—"When You Come Home, Dear," song, Mrs. Donald; encore, "Until."
3—Violin Duet, Mr. Joe Delprato and Mr. Archie McWhirter.
4.—"The World Will Be Jealous of Me," song, Mr. Challenger; encore, "Memories."
5—Step Dance, Mr. Carson.
6—Violin Duet, Mr. Joe Delprato and Mr. Rhodes.
7—"The Boys of the Old Brigade," song, Mr. Gould; encore.
8—Violin Solo, Mr. Joe Delprato.
9—"Silver Threads Among the Gold," song, Mr. Foster.
10—"Genevieve," song, Mr. Vincent.

This programme showed considerable talent and was much appreciated by the audience as was shown by the hearty applause and the number of encores. The piano recently purchased by the ladies for the Sunday school made its first public appearance and proved a great help. Mrs. Rutledge and Mr. Morrison acted as accompanists.

The third part of the programme, the Christmas tree, proved most interesting to all. The last number was hardly finished before sleigh bells were heard and Santa Claus appeared clad in fur and covered with snow . After a few words of greeting he distributed the numerous gifts to the eagerly waiting boys and girls. After the tree was denuded a presentation was made to Miss Park by the school children of a lovely pearl neck'ace; Miss Park replied with a few words, expressing her gratitude. Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. Tatum were then presented with a hand bag each, by the entertainment committee. Rev. R. Herbison was also presented with a handsome fountain pen by his congregation. After these presentations, a couple of comic prizes were given Mr. Jackson and Mr. N. Vickers much to the amusement of the crowd.

The chairman, Mr. J. P. Brown, to whose energy and effort the success of the whole affair was in no small measure due, closed the programme by announcing supper would be served by the ladies, to be followed by dancing. While the children played with their toys supper was prepared and the whole company sat down to an abundant repast. After a breathing spell the floor was cleared and waxed, and the vio'ins tuned up. The orchestra consisted of Joe Delprato and Archie McWhirter, violins; Reg. Morrison, pianist; Vickers Bros., drums. From that on "Soft eyes looked love to eyes that spake again and all went merry as a marriage bell."

Old and young entered heartily into the dance and when the time of closing came all went home feeling this had been one of the happiest nights they ever spent together.

RESUME OF SESSION'S LEGISLATION BY ADMINISTRATION

Victoria, Dec. 18.—A resume of the legislative business transacted at the Fall session which prorogued on Saturday was contained in the King's Speech delivered by Chief Justice J. A. Macdona'd, Official Administrator in the absence of Lieutenant-Governor Walter Nichol. The speech was as follows:

"Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

"In relieving you from your legislative duties, it is with pleasure that I express my appreciation of the earnestness with which you have applied yourselves to the important questions submitted for your consideration.

"I note with gratification the humanitarian aim of measures to provide for the maintenance of the children of unmarried parents, and for the support of needy parents by their children.

"The amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act will enlarge its scope and increase its benefits.

"The act to ratify an agreement with the Dominion government for the examination of the iron-ore deposits of the province marks an important step in the investigation of our iron resources.

"The consolidation and revision of the Public Schools Act places in convenient form the legislation relating to public education.

"The amendments to the Forest Act will provide additional safeguards against forest fires.

"The laws relating to taxation have been consolidated.

"The Act relating to passenger charges on the British Columbia Electric railway provides a necessary means of adjusting disputes in the matter of rates.

"The Electrical Energy Inspection Act will make for greater safety in the uses of electricity.

"The Conditional Sales Act is intended to define the rights of persons interested in goods subject to conditional sale agreements.

"The Codling Moth Control Act should prove of great assistance in combating a menace to one of the great industries of the province.

"The Act to provide for the establishment of a Provincial Home for Incurables promises amelioration of the lot of the permanently afflicted.

"In conformity with legislation in other parts of the Empire, the Jury Act has been amended to qualify women for jury service.

"These, and other Acts passed at this session, will, I am sure, prove of advantage to the people of British Columbia.

"I thank you for the supplies granted for the administration of public affairs, and in taking leave of you I express the hope that your efforts during the session now closed will be followed with the fullest measure of success and result in the continued progress and prosperity of the province."

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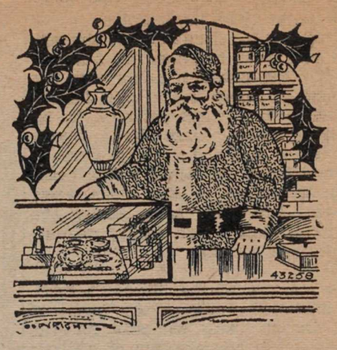

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KEREMEOS LAND COMPANY, Limited

(IN LIQUIDATION)

KEERMEOS NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. S. J. Castleman, liquidator for the Keremeos Land Co., left on Wednesday's train for his home in Vancouver for the Xmas holidays.

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The teachers leave on Friday's train for Vancouver, where they will spend the Xmas holidays.

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A number from Keremeos attended the concert given by the Cawston Dramatic Society last Friday evening in the Cawston Community hall.

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Mr. G. L. Pearce, manager of the Bank of Montreal, visietd the dentist in Princeton between trains on Monday.

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Mr. T. W. Coleman was a business visitor to Princeton and Coalmont this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Armstrong left on Monday's train for Vancouver, where they will sepnd the winter. Mr. Armstrong will return here the first of the year for a few days in connection with his business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, after spending the autumn on their fruit ranch here, left for their home in Vancouver on Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hood left on Monday's train for Vancouver, where they will spend Xmas with relatives.

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Miss Laura Leanvard, who has spent the last year with Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, left on Monday's train for her home in Vancouver, where she will visit with her parents for a month.

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Mr. J. E. Matheson, accountant for the Keremeos Packing Co., left last week for his home in Vancouver.

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Miss Mary Gray, stenographer for the Keremeos Packing Co. for the last two months, left last week for her home in Vancouver.

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Mr. Patten returned home from Princeton on Monday's tran, where he has been on business for a few days.

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The Community Club met in the Orange hall on Thursday evening. Mr. Park gave a splendid essay on the life of Dickens, which was enjoyed very much by all present. Readings from his works were given by Misses Walker and Robertson and Messrs Crossley and Morrant. Mr. Currie illustrated the lecture by lantern slides.

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Miss Mildred Kirby (Babe), whose marriage takes place on Xmas Day, was completely surprised on Wednesday afternoon when a large number of her friends gathered at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. S. Coleman and tendered her a miscellaneous shower, which had been arranged by her girl friends. The guest of honor was the recipient of many useful and beautiful gifts which were wheeled in by her little neice, Miss Willa Blackwood in a gaily decorated cart in pink and blue; the house being beautifully decorated in the same color scheme. Mrs. Daly sang during the afternoon, after which dainty refreshments were served.

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The meeting of the Women's Institute met last week at the home of Mrs. Keeler. The business for the afternoon was the election of officers for the coming year, which resulted as follows: Mrs. J. W. Armstrong was re-elected as president; Mrs. R. C. Clarke, vice-president; Mrs. G. G. Keeler, secretary-treasurer; directors, Mesdames Tweddle, Loudon and Lintott. After this a presentation was made by Mrs. E. M. Daly from the members to Mrs. Armstrong for her splendid work for the past three years. This consisted of a pair of sterling silver bon-bon dishes in a beautiful case. Mrs. Armtrong made a suitable reply, thanking the members for their hearty supoprt. A report of the past year's work will be given later.

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The December examinations held at the Keremeos High School during the past two weeks show a very creditable record on the part of all the pupils. Competition was keen, ranks in many instances being separated by only a few marks. The totals of the pupils ranking first and second in each of the three years are given below. In the first and third years the maximum is 1000, while in the second year it is 900.

Preliminary—1, Arthur Wainwright, 715; 2, Miss Elsie Wainwright, 707.

Junior—1. Miss Merta Ring, 568; 2, Marguerite Hains, 514.

Matriculation—1, Miss Mary Frith, 677; 2, Hubert Frith, 675.

(Keremeos News from Harry Tidy, Special Correspondent.)

It is hoped to hold the postponed, annual meeting of the Board of Trade some time this week. The weather has been so inclement that it is hard to get a decent percentage of the members out.

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If the weather keeps the way it has for the last week, by the time that this issue of the Star is out, the ice men will all be at work. The ice on the river is now nearly a foot thick and a few more nights of zero weather will put it in good shape for cutting.

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There was an epidemic of hiccoughs going around the town. The first man to get hit was our local tonsorial artist, Ben Williams. Ben had it so bad for three days that when a stranger came into his shop to get a shave, he said "hic" so much that the stranger thought he referred to him and was so insulted that he left the shop before Ben was able to explain the trouble that he was in. The next victim was "Smiler" Pentley, the genial manager of the Globe Export Liquor Co., Ltd. It was suggested to him that he buy a bottle of 35 O. P. rum, take a real snort of it and that would take his breath right away from him.

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The piece of bush land belonging to the Keremeos Land Co., Ltd., on the south of the railroad track, is certainly ringing with the sound of the woodsmen's axes these days. It is rumored that the company are going to clear up this hundred and fifty acres and the residents are getting in enough wood from it, while the getting is good, to last them for a couple of years.

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Mr. George Baldwin, the local vendor of the Liquor Control Board, has been laid up for the last week, with blood poisoning in his left arm. While opening a box of liquor, he accidently scratched his finger and infection took place. Dr. McEwen, of Hedley, has been tending him. Here's hoping that everything is O. K. by Xmas.

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Three more days and then Christmas. We are having the real Xmas weather, but from the reports from the headquarters of Santa Claus, things are pretty bad up there and he will not be able to be so generous as he has been in the past. However, we will all be thankful for what we receive.

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Good news for the fruit grower. Mr. Armstrnog states that the Packing Company will be distributing some money this week. He would not say that it would be the peach or tomato pool, but just stated that they would send some money in. Every little will help, whether it is peach, tomato, apricot or apple money.

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Mr. Pat Woods, packing house manager of the Keremeos Packing Co., Ltd., left for Summerland on Saturday's stage, where he intends to hibernate for the winter. Pat has worked in the packing houses from one end of the Okanagan to the other, for the past twelve years, but states that he never, in all his experience, saw a better all round crop of apples than we had this year.

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The apple packing season for this year is over and the officials of the Keremeos Packing Company, Limited, have scattered high, wide and handsome. Mr. Harry Armstrong, the general manager of the company, accompanied by Mrs. Armstrong, left for the coast on Monday's train. Mr. Armstrong will be pretty busy in Vancouver for the next three months. He has about ten cars of apples in storage there and it will take him that length of time to dispose of them. Mr. J. E. Matheson, the book-keeper, has gone to Vancouver and will open up an office next to the Armstrong, Morrison Co., Ltd., in the Bower building. He has taken the books of the company with him and will close the fruit pools from the Vancouver office. He jokingly stated, before leaving, that he thought it would be just as well to have a couple of hundred miles between the growers and himself, when he closed the pools. Perhaps so, but we hope not.

WHAT WAS DOING HERE

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Similkameen Star of Friday, Dec. 20, 1902

F. P. Cook and J. W. Dryden, of Granite Creek, spent a few days in town this week.

W. J. Lawrence, of Hedley City, was a visitor to town on Sunday last.

W. Wilson came up on Monday from Hedley City. He was temporarily disabled through a wound in the hand in which he caught cold.

The genial Judge Murphy, of Granite Creek, visited town this week and regaled the good folks of this place with an assortment of his inimitable stories, told as only the judge knows how to tell them.

Mr. Cody, of Vancouver, with his wife and three little ones, drove in from Spence's Bridge this week, reaching here Tuesday. Mr. Cody has taken up land between here and Wolf Creek mountain, on which he intends settling.

F. W. Groves, P. L. S., left Princeton on Thursday for Greenwood, where he intends remaining for the next couple of months. Mr. Groves intends bringing his family in with him when he returns.

Al. Johnston has taken a contract for supplying Cook & Co. with five hundred thousand feet of logs for their One Mile Creek sawmill.

A number of enjoyable dances have been held lately at Granite Creek and up the Otter valley. The people up the Tulameen appear to have the pleasant knack of "pulling together."

E. J. Dunsmoor, the local druggist, was a visitor to Hedley City early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jackson left Otter Flat last Sunday to take charge of the Driard hotel at Nicola Lake.

F. H. French, of Fairview, was up during the week making arrangements for lumber for W. T. Shatford's new store at Hedley City. W. S. Wilson has the contract for building the store, which will be 25 feet wide by 60 feet long.

Miss Black, who has taught the Princeton school for the past year and a half, left on Sunday's stage for her home in Victoria.

KEREMEOS WEATHER

Date.	Max.	Min.
December 10	6.	— 8
December 11	1.	— 9
December 12	2.	— 4
December 13	13	0
December 14	6.	—12
December 15	6.	— 9
December 16	9.	— 7

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In the re-distribution just put through for the Dominion British Columbia gains one seat, Alberta four, Saskatchewan five and Manitoba two. Nova Scotia loses two and Ontario one, while Quebec, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island remain the same. The result is a net increase of nine seats, making a total of 244.

COMING EVENTS

Annual Masquerade dance under the auspices of the Princeton Hospital, Oddfellows' hall, New Years night, Jan. 1st. Prepare your costume in good time.

BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR SALE—New Singer sewing machine for $65.00. A-1 condition. H. M. Shaw, Coalmont.

WANTED—Cattle to feed for winter; 75 to 100 head. Apply A. Prentice, Cawston, B. C. 4-2p

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Princeton Paragraphs

The weather man evidently believes in variety. Last week it was 30 below and this week as much above.

Miss M. Graham, who has been in charge of the school at East Princeton for the past term has resigned. Her successor has not yet been appointed.

The Rev. R. Axon, of St. Augustine's church, Marpole, B. C., will hold services in St. Cuthbert's church (Church of England) on Sunday, December 31. Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; children's service, 3 p. m.; evening service, 7.30 p. m.

While it is a little tough on the boys having to leave home just a few days before Christmas, the commencement of survey work, from this end, on the Hope-Princeton highway, is Christmas cheer for the people of Princeton.

The near approach of Christmas is evidenced by increased travel on all trains. Yesterday there was an exodus of all the lady teachers from Princeton, who will spend tne holiday season at their respective homes at the coast. It is not expected that this temporary flitting will add in any way to the enjoyment of a number of young bachelors around town.

"A Prince There Was" will be the principal attraction on the boards at the Princess theatre tonight and tomorrow night, when Thomas Meighan —the old favorite—will be featured.

Frank Ellis, of Vancouver, whose business card bears the inscription: "Dealers in Princeton Coal (B. C.'s Best) sootless, clinkerless, little ash and double-screened," was a visitor in town this week. According to Mr. Ellis the Princeton coal is very popular with those who have used it at the coast, and his only complaint is that they cannot get as much as they want.

Notice of the birth of twins to Mr. and Mrs. Silvester, of Cawston, last week, which brings their total count up to eighteen, reminds us of a "good one" on himself, which Mr. Silvester told us last year on the occasion of a visit to his ranch. He had been marketing large quantities of strawberries, of his own production, in Penticton and one of his customers asked him how he managed to get pickers. "Oh! I raise them," he stated.

Opinion may differ as to the advisability of incurring, at the present time, the expense of purchasing a church bell but it does not detract from the well merited success that resulted from the bazaar given by the Princeton "Bluebirds" last Saturday. The girls certainly worked hard and are to be congratulated on raising the substantial sum of about one hundred dollars, which will make close to their objective. The members of the club would like to thank those who so kindly helped to make their bazaar such a success.

The Penticton Herald draws the attention of its readers to the fact that W. A. McKenzie, our member in the local house, voted against the proposed amendment to the liquor act which would provide for the sale of beer by the glass and against the bill restricting chiropractors in their practice. He also supported the bill which provides jail sentence instead of a fine for the sale of "suds."

Several parties who have been making prolonged visits with friends in Princeton, left for their varous homes during the week so as to be home in time for Christmas. Among these are Mrs.Clifford, of Alberta, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bell; Mrs. Tyler, of Vancouver, who has been visiting her cousin Mrs. Swanson and Mr. Bob Rennie, of Vancouver, who has spent a couple of very pleasant months a guest at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Bell.

Yesterday and today are the shortest days in the year and theoretically we should be just at the peak of winter.

To enable the teachers to leave here for their respective homes for the holidays, the various rooms of the public school were kept open last Saturday.

All stores will be open till late this evening. Do not leave your Christmas shopping till the last moment. It is very trying on storekeepers and clerks and apt to be disappointing to yourself.

Judge Coleman, of Keremeos, was a visitor in town for a couple of days this week. While business was the principal object of his trip he managed to find time to give a few lessons in the gentle art of "solo" to some of the alleged players here.

Mike Mirkovitch (Big Mike) arrived back in Princeton Sunday morning looking none the worse for his enforced sojourn at the coast. Monday he went up to give his old home at Granite Creek the "once over" before deciding where he will camp. Mike received a warm welcome from his many friends around town.

Forcing his unwelcome attentions upon the fair sex of Princeton cost Joe Catalino $20 and costs in the local police court on Saturday last before Justice of the Peace C. E. Thomas. It was a light penalty but will serve as a wholesome warning. L. H. Patten, of Keremeos, acted for the defendant and the case occupied the court all day Friday.

Princeton's stores, with their Christmas decorations, all present a very attractive appearance this week. It would seem like "gilding refined gold" to add to the attractiveness of the liquor store during the festive season but Vendor Jas. Forsyth has done so and in a most effective manner. There was just one omission that struck us—a Christmas tree with a "sealed package" for each of the patrons.

S. J. Castleman, liquidator of the Keremeos Land Company, was in town on Wednesday on his way to Vancouver, where he will spend Christmas with his family. Asked by the representative of the Star as to how matters stood with respect to irrigation matters at Keremeos, he stated that there were no developments further than that he had arrived at an estimate of what the new rates should be, but that while these had been submited to the water users' committee and to the Water Commissioner for approval, they were not yet ready for publication. Mr. Castleman has had a very busy season getting acquainted with conditions at Keremeos and grasping the loose ends of the many business matters his duties as liquidator require of him.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Armstrong, who have been spending the past few months on their fruit ranch at Keremeos, passed through Princeton on Monday on the way to their home in Vancouver where they will spend the winter. Mr. Armstrong states that the sale of the farm stock, implements and other effects of his brother's estate, fixed for Friday last has been postponed till the month of March. The day fixed for the sale, he states, proved to be one of the most inclement ever experienced in the lower valley. The temperature stood at 12 below with a cutting wind blowing and effectively prevented intending purchasers from attending. The season of the year was also doubtless a factor which had an adverse influence. Arrangements have been made for wintering the stock while some of the items, such as a large stock of poultry, were prepared for the market and disposed of.

KIDDING THEMSELVES

Oroville Gazette—"From the character of weather that the surrounding country has been experiencing during the past week the lives of the people of Oroville are dropped in a pleasant place. The railroad boys report that cold registered 35 degrees below at Princeton, only some 70 miles west of Oroville, Tuesday. Twelve miles to the east, at Molson reports place the temperature Tuesday at from 20 to 29 below. Ellemeham six or eight miles to the southwest, suffered from an 18 degree below snap. The World reports 18 below at Wenatchee. Several townships have not been heard from yet. While all this was going on around us the lowest the mercury dropped at Oroville was 2 below."

How the residents in the lower valleys do "kid" themselves, or is their bunk just intended for uninitiated outsiders. Give us a clear quiet atmosphere thirty to forty below every time to zero weather with a wind blowing the paint off the houses. We have tried both.

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR UNITY

Penticton, Dec. 20.—Reports from the Northern Okanagan today say that one or two of the largest independent shippers of the valley have declared that they are willing to sell out to a big co-operative movement and will sell at a very moderate price.

Every present indication from Vernon is that the movement for the "one big union" seems to be making good headway.

There is a feeling in some quarters that in order to aid the growers' committee of seven in every possible way, the present directors of the O. U. G. should announce a willingness to vacate office in case the machinery of that institution is desired in the formation of the larger body.

PRINCETON SKATING RINK

Season tickets are now for sale and should be purchased before the skater goes on the ice. Gents, $2.50; Ladies, $2.00; Children, $1.50.

Afternoons are devoted to children and beginners although others are not debarred. Skating every afternoon except Tuesday and Wednesday from from 3.00 till 5.30. Junior hockey: Tuesday afternoon and from 1.00 till 3.00 on Saturday.

Senior boys' hockey every evening, except Wednesday, from 7.00 till 8.00. Skating: every evening from 8.00 till 9.30.

Wednesday evening will be devoted entirely to skating and on that night efforts will be made to have the ice in the best possible condition.

PETTY THEFTS IN PENTICTON

Penticton, Dec. 20.—An epidemic of petty thefts appers to have broken out in the town during the past week or ten days, the latest reports of premises being entered coming from R. Wilton, W. H. Adams and Basham & Finch.

The most serious of these occurrences was reported by R. Wilton on Tuesday. It appears from Mr. Wilton's statements that on Tuesday morning upon arriving at his store at the corner of Main street and Fairview avenue, he discovered the south west window had been broken, 90c taken from the till and three boxes of chocolates from among his stock.

Where does the money go? At the session of the local legislature just ended the sum of $41,000 was voted for roads and trails in the Similkameen electoral district for the ensuing fiscal year. Ten years ago, when Premier McBride controlled the affairs of the province; when L. W. Shatford represented this riding, and when the revenue was just one-half of what it is today the grant to the Similkameen district was $190,000.

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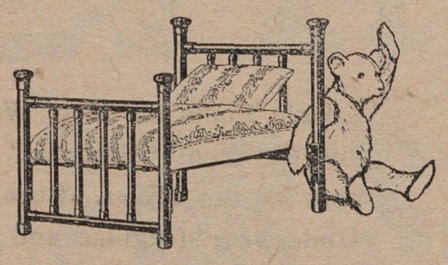

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CONCENTRATES

(Rossland Miner.)

A crew of five men were put to work last week on the Golden Drip, the property of Mrs. A. I. McKinnon, of Lincoln, Neb., which is being developed under the supervision of Mr. E. Purcell, M. E., of this city.

The Golden Drip lies in close proximity to the I. X. L., which latter property, practically abandoned, has of late been giving up some of the richest ore ever encountered in any mine in this area, it is said.

Recently it is said the lessees of the I. X. L., a'l local men, who have been operating the property for the past two years, encountered the main vein for which all those who have undertaken development since the early days of mining here, have been searching.

The lessees held a meeting recently at which meeting it is said a definite plan of development was decided upon.

"Josie" Mine

While there are no new developments regarding the pending deal for the Le Roi No. 2 ("Josie") mine, it is known that the option does not cease to become operative on the first of the New Year as is generally supposed and reported on the streets.

Negotiations for the purchase of the well known mine and Cliff group are still under way, and it is reaffirmed by those on the inside that the chances of the dea' being consummated are excellent.

Thirteen-Mile Claims Bonded

W. H. Burgess bonded two claims at 13-mile—the Silver Bell and Silver Hoard—on Thursday last from Alfred Edwards. These are silver-lead properties that look very promising, as the surface showings are exceptionally good.—Kaslo Kootenaian.

Gladstone Lets Ore Contract

The G'adstone Mountain Mining company, in which a number of Rossland people are interested, has made a contract with Chris Johnson for hauling its ore from the mine near Leadpoint, Wash., says a dispatch to the Spokesman-Review. The contract calls for an average movement of thirty tons daily. Dan Dodd, superintendent of the mine, states that with an additional snow-fall of six inches hauling could be started. Johnson has two four-horse teams ready.

A line of square sets has been put in for 25 feet and 23 feet of the work is in ore. The ore is 12 feet wide and appearances seem to suggest it is being crossed with the drift.

The development is proceeding at a depth of 100 feet in the shaft workings, where crosscuts are also being driven to other chimneys. The existence of 12 chimneys has been shown on the property, a'l of them within a few acres and some of them 50 to 70 feet apart. On the Electric Point mine adjoining three chimneys yielded a large tonnage of shipping ore.

MORE PROSPERITY THROUGH TOURIST TRAVEL

The tourist travel will greatly help in making the farmer more prosperous. In the first place it must help the farmer by creating a greater demand for what he produces. According to modern estimates there will be not less than one million people, transient visitors, in the Pacific Northwest in 1923, which must create a greater demand for thousands of dollars worth of farm products, especially in dairying, poultry raising, all kinds of meats, truck gardening and the growing of fruit.

Mr. Scollard, president United Dairymen's Association, has referred to the great injury done to dairymen through the sale of substitutes for milk and butter. The tourist travel large'y repairs that injury in the Pacific Northwest, and I would like to draw Mr. Scollard's attention to this and ask him how many quarts of milk, pounds of butter, as well as pounds of meats, vegetables, poultry, and dozens of eggs a million people sojourning amongst us for fourteen days will purchase from the dairymen and the farmers.

If these were the only benefits, the development of tourist travel wou'd be well worth while, but the bringing of a million people into the Pacific Northwest will have a much greater effect on rural upbuilding in many other ways.

We have referred to the tourist as the colonizer. This is especially true of the man who travels by automobile. A very large percentage of them are looking for new lands upon which to settle, for new homes or for new farms and ranches. They may be dissatisfied with the climate and conditions under which they live in the East. They may have some sons who wish to secure places of their own and prefer to locate in the West. They may desire to partially retire and instead of cultivating from three hundred to a thousand acres of land at home to secure smaller areas that will not entail so much arduous work and yet bring them in a fair living.

To these men our cut-over and logged-off lands, our fruit growing areas, irrigated or non-irrigated, our pou'try ranches and our berry growing districts will particularly appeal, but you cannot sell to these people if they remain in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan or New York. You cannot sell them homes by mail, or ranches by literature. They must see what you have to sell personally and, therefore, the best thing you can do for this state and the Pacific Northwest is to induce them to make a tour of the state and of this western country. That this is the most effective way of getting a new popu'ation is brought out by the fact that 60 per cent. of the new residents of California came first as tourists.

JUST COLD FACTS

Story of the Camp McKinney Hold-up Shorn of All Romance

New Denver Leaser: An amusing story is credited to the Grand Forks Gazette, regarding the Cariboo-Camp McKinney "hold-up" in 1896. The writer was working on the Midway Advance when Geo. B. McAuley dropped in to tell the editor about the holdup. He had driven 22 miles through a sett'ed district to give the editor a scoop. Considerate, wasn't it? It was reported that Geo. B. retired a note in one of the Spokane banks for eight or nine thousand dollars a few days after the holdup. A man named Roderick, a workman at the mine, had gone to Seattle for medical treatment a few days before the holdup. He was the goat. On his return trip an Indian runner brought the information of his coming. There were two provincial constables at Camp McKinney at the time, whose duty it was to arrest Roderick if necessary. J. P. Keane and Hugh Graham went out and met Roderick on the trail—it was after dark—and shot him. An information was laid before W. H. Norris, J. P., by Constable McMynn, charging Keane with murder. An attempt was made to amend the information to one of manslaughter but the magistrate refused, and when he appeared at the hour set for trial the case had been adjourned without his consent. Charley Lambly, S. M., and Dick Cawston, J. P., arrived from Similkameen the next day, and tried the case, committing Keane on a charge of manslaughter. He elected for speedy tria' and was sentenced to one day by Judge Spinks. Persons looking for buried gold bricks in the vicinity of Camp McKinney should first get a line on bricks received and notes cancelled in Spokane banks in August, 1896. The Grand Forks story is true so far as the murder of Roderick is concerned. Most of those connected with the incident are now dead. W. H. Norris is still a resident of Midway; Wm. G. McMynn is chief of provincial police; Dick Cawston is still a resident of the Similkameen; Jos. Keane is at Rock Creek; Judge Spinks is running an hotel in California with a probable side line of gambling; G. B. McAuley dropped dead in Scotland; Charley Lambly died at Osoyoos; Constable Deane at Summerland; the other constable, Hawtry, if still alive, is probably in an imbecile asylum. The foregoing is the story of the alleged holdup of McAu'ey and the murder of Roderick without any romonce in it. Just cold facts.

PROSPECTOR'S GRIM STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Stories of wonderful endurance and grim battles for life on the part of prospectors, when overtaken by misfortune in pursuit of their lonesome vocation, are numerous enough in the Northland, but it is doubtful if the experience of any of these hardy heroes can equal that of Dan Keene.

It was during March that Mr. Keene was prospecting in the Cassiar country. A dislodged boulder pinned him to the ground. It would have become his tombstone had he not managed to pry and dig himself free, through being ab'e to pick up a crowbar luckily lying within reach.

It was then he discovered a broken ankle and another fracture near the knee.

Keene was 50 miles from any real source of help. For the vast Cassiar is pretty much as the Lord left it. Keene knew of an Indian village two miles distant, so towards that village he commenced to crawl. March nights in the mountains of the Cassiar, are cool.

To the crippled miner, the nights were long, as well as chilly. But he did his best to keep a tiny camp fire going. Chilled and famished (there were times he tried to find nourishment by chewing bits of rawhide) he crawled into the village. His knees were bruised and bleeding. And the village had been deserted, probably for months.

If he had not been something of an iron man, Keene would have given up, right there. He knew of another native village twenty miles away, and kept on crawling in that direction. He was found on the trail, nearly "a'l in," but still putting up a game fight for life. He was taken to Telegraph Creek, and from there to Ketchikan hospital. From Ketchikan he was sent to Prince Rupert, where he is gradually making a good recovery, and according to latest reports is now able to walk with the aid of crutches.

FAMOUS COUGAR HUNTER STILL IN THE BUSINESS

Penticton, Dec. 18.—Charlie Shuttleworth got another cougar on Thursday of this week, adding one more to the long list of these destructive felines which he has put out of business in the southern interior. With Gerald Shuttleworth, Charlie tracked the animal bout six miles up Shuttleworth Creek, near Okanagan Fal's, and when his dogs had treed it, brought it down with a couple of well-directed shots.

The cougar dogs jumped for the big cat the moment it fell. One, half Airedale, grabbed the cougar by the hind leg. The dying cat swiped the dog over the head, tearing the scalp completely off the bone. As a result it is just possible that Shuttleworth will be minus one of his va'uable allies. A small terrier leaped in and worried the cougar, thus saving the Airedale from further injury. To show the courage of the dogs it may be mentioned that although badly hurt the Airedale hung right on.

The cougar, a female, had a fine skin, which is now in the possession of Monte Bowdery.

Charlie Shuttleworth intends to go cougar hunting up Ellis Creek next week. He was up Deep Creek, behind Peachland, a few days ago but cou'd not find any new tracks.

He got nineteen cougars last winter.

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