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GREAT MINING ACTIVITY PROMISED B.C. FOR 1922

Canada Copper Co. to Resume Work in Spring—Also Hedley Gold Mine

(By E. A. Haggen.)

The new year will open with much promise for the mineral industry. After a period of much difficulty, several large metallurgical installations are planned. The Britannia Mining & Smelting Co. has set the ball rolling by letting the first contracts in connection with the installation and equipment of the new concentrating mill at Britannia Beach, with a capacity of 2500 tons a day. The Canadian Northwest Steel Co. of Vancouver has the contract for erection of the structural steel work for the new fireproof building. It is planned to have the mill completed and in operation by next autumn.

Canada Copper Co. expects to resume by spring. Drum Lummon mine, on Douglas channel, will also be a producer. On Vancouver Island the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. propose to go ahead with the construction of its 500-ton mill at the Sunloch Mine, on Jordan river, and the 250-ton mill at the Old Sport mine at Elk Lake, with railway and hydro-electric plant at the latter. The Tidewater, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, will resume, and has developed important reserves of ore. The new year will therefore see the copper industry back to its old stride, with the largest production in the history of the province.

The Hedley Gold Mining Company will resume operation of its mill at Hedley. The Premier Mine, at Portland Canal, will be operating to full capacity, and perhaps extending its milling operations by the construction of a new mill below the new low-level tunnel. The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. will go ahead with the first units of its proposed 5000-ton mill to treat the Rossland ores prior to the smelting operation. These plants will eventually increase the gold output by between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000 a year, and restore the gold mining industry to more than its former importance, while new copper operations will increase the proportion of the gold output, which is a by-product of the copper mines.

Slocan and Ainsworth mines will be operating to full capacity, with the Noble Five and Silversmith mills as additions to the former plants. The Consolidated will begin its large hydro-electric development at Skookumchuck, south of Columbia Lake, and also the installation of the first units of its 20,000-ton mill, planned for the Sullivan Mine in East Kotenay. The Cronin Mine, in the Babine, will probably become the largest silver producer in the province. The copper mines will add their quota to the silver product as a by-product of their ores. The production of silver, lead and zinc will therefore, in the near future, far surpass anything on record in the past.

These large plants, with the Granby mill at Anyox, will provide for the treatment of 40,000 tons of ore a day, or four times the record tonnage hitherto. They will give employment to an army of 20,000 men, and double the value of the mineral production over its record year of high prices for the metals.

This year, with the poorest mineral production in point of value in seven years, the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. showed what can be accomplished even under the most adverse conditions of market and operation by mining and smelting about 400,000 tons of ore, the largest tonnage on record in the history of the company.

During 1921, mineral production shows a falling off of 25 per cent. as compared with the previous year. Even this is a better showing than has been made by the mining industry of any other country during the past year. Gold production was the lowest of any year for a quarter of a century. Dividends for 1921 are conspicuous by their absence.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

U. S. Customs Officers J. H. Moran and Wm. S. Cummings of this portion Monday night caught Lawrence Smith of Spokane, in a 5-passenger Buick auto with 240 quarts of the choicest Canadian intoxicating liquors. The arrest was made at Deep Creek lake and the outfit brought to Northport where he was tried before U.S. Commissioner Hughes on the charge of illegally transporting the liquor within the United States. He refused to plead, but as he was caught red-handed with the evidence, commissioner held him for trial before the next term of the U. S. District Court in Spokane. As he refused to give bail, he was remanded to the Spokane county jail until court meets. Deputy U. S. Marshall Eslick came up Tuesday and took him to Spokane on Wednesday.—Northport News.

PRINCETON WEATHER

1921.	Max.	Min.
December 28	30	10
December 29	28	18
December 30	19	1
December 31	13	—7
1922.		
January 1	30	10
January 2	22	4
January 3	17	—5

Snowfall for December, 5⅛ inch.
Rain and melted snow, 1.64 inch.
Depth of snow on ground December 31st, 9 inches.

ARBUCKLE SAYS IS NOW BROKE

"Fatty" Hopes To Be Back in Movie Work Again After Trial for Manslaughter

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Roscoe Arbuckle is broke. That is, financially.

But that doesn't worry Roscoe or his friends as his second trial on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rapp approaches.

Those friends are few; but they have confidence in Roscoe Arbuckle's innocence, integrity and ability to "come back."

Such is the gist of statements made by Arbuckle and by Joseph M. Schenck, motion picture producer, and Arbuckle's best friend.

"The fact that I have hardly a dollar in the world," Arbuckle told me, "doesn't worry me, for in losing about a hundred thousand dollars I have gained the lifelong friendship of a few men and women I am proud to know, who came to my aid unsolicited."

It has been reported that Arbuckle's trial cost an enormous sum, but actually it cost less than $35,000. However, his total financial loss amounts to more than $100,000.

The comedian has not drawn a penny from the Famous Players-Lasky company since September 10.

"I wouldn't have taken it had they offered it to me," Arbuckle said, "because they're not getting anything from me. But I hope to be back on the payroll by February 1."

Arbuckle believes that he will be not only acquitted at his second trial next month but wholly vindicated of causing the death of Virginia Rappe.

Arbuckle says he hasn't been able to understand yet why he was picked to be the "goat," when he had no more to do with the death of Virginia Rappe than any other member of the party, and that was "nothing at all."

Arbuckle maintains he will reenter pictures.

Have Arbuckle and his wife patched up their differences, is the question uppermost in many minds.

"Absolutely," is Arbuckle's reply to the question. "My wife has proven that she is the one woman in the world for me, and I intend to keep her—if she'll let me, and I think she will."

Arbuckle told me that he has not taken a drink since his original commitment in the San Francisco jail, and added, "I never will."

HOSPITAL MASQUERADE BALL

The only adverse criticism heard on the occasion of the hospital masquerade ball here on Monday night was on the size of the hall, which was much too small to accommodate comfortably the large number in attendance. Not only was the attendance large but the percentage in costumes was exceptionally high. A portion of these was of nondescript order but the majority showed originality in design and pains in making up.

Following is as complete a list of the maskers and their costumes as it was possible to secure: Mrs. P. W. Gregory, Irish colleen; Miss Freeman, Spanish lady; P. W. Gregory, huntsman; W. Houston, beef-eater; Frank Iacchini, rooster; Mrs. P. Grant, chicken; Chester Smith, Mexican; Mrs. C. Smith, Queen of Hearts; Mrs. Graham, nurse; Mrs. A. D. Broomfield, Sis Hopkins; Len Marson, Mrs. Pankhurst; Mrs. Marston, Red Cross nurse; Maud Beale, nun; C. P. Charlton, half and half; Mrs. Charlton, Spanish lady; Mrs. Prideaux, Princeton Star; A. Sorenson, clown; Mrs. Sorenson, merry-go-round; Mrs. C. F. Ryer, Miss Canada; Dr. Smith, Ace of Hearts; Mrs. Smith, nurse; Mrs. McLean, nurse; Miss Knowlton, modern girl; Edna Garrison, lady of twenty years ago; Babbie Thomas, Mexican lady; Ida Johnson, folly; Fred Schisler, Scotia; Mrs. Storer, poker queen; Mr. and Mrs. Lyall, hop pickers; J. Forsythe, Rob Roy McGregor; George Schisler, clown; F. Darragh, clown; H. E. Hansen, "nigga" clown; E. Waterman, Old Black Joe; Mrs. Waterman, Jap lady; F. Garrison, Paddy; John Norman, cowboy; Miss Brady, Colonial lady; Win Almstrom, Happy Hooligan; Mrs. C. Garrison, gipsy woman; Mrs. Marino, Spanish lady; John Vittoney, Mexican coolie; A. J. Woking, cavalier of Charles I.; Mrs. Bysouth, Duchess of Devonshire; Mrs. R. V. Shaw, Indian princess; C. Bernard, the devil; C. A. Pease, Royal Flying Corps; Dan Rogers, R.C.N.W.M.P.; G. Farrar, "Polarine"; L. Lavalley, Morning Glory; Mrs. Farrar, Dutch lady; Mrs. F. Garrison and Mrs. J. Gellatly, dutch cleanser; Mrs. Houston, Topsy; F. Glover, Sir Walter Raleigh; Mrs. Glover, Elizabethian lady; J. Ray, jockey; Mrs. Wardle, squaw; J. A. Brown, Ku Klux Khan; Mrs. Brown, gipsy dancer; Robt. Taylor, clown; W. Hamilton, clown; E. B. Slevin, hobo; W. H. Thomas, Charlie Chaplin; Elva and Clara Geary, clowns; J. Wareing, clown.

Many from outside attended the masquerade. Coalmont and Allenby being particularly well represented. On account of a "hard times" dance being held at Keremeos the same night there was not the usual crowd from down the valley. The music and refreshments left nothing to be desired in those lines, and so enjoyable was the evening that it was nearly four o'clock in the morning when the dance broke up.

The Women's Hospital Auxiliary, under whose auspices the dance was held, are to be congratulated. As a result the hospital will benefit to the amount of about $120 net.

Last year Trail smelter doubled its output of lead and increased the output of zinc by 44 per cent. There was a decrease in the output of copper.

VAST COPPER ORE BODIES DISCOVERED IN MOROCCO

Paris, Dec. 30.—News has been received in Paris the last few days from Morocco which, while entirely in the nature of "big business," has such a political bearing that it may prove the key to the solution of the entire "Moroccan prob'em" which, twice prior to the great war, namely at the moments of the Algeciras and Agadir incidents, brought Europe almost to the point of conflict.

The news is in the form of a report of a well-known mining engineer, Frank Gardner, on copper and lead deposits in French Morocco, extending south of Casablanca, a distance of 150 miles, to Marrakesh, and which according to reports, are by far the largest deposits ever found and of fantastic value, "almost sufficient to pay the French debt."

Tip From Germany

Mr. Gardner, whose report is substantiated in every particular by a second report made by the Dutch mining experts, Muller & Co., is one of the world's most experienced copper men and is founder of the Boston Consolidated and Utah Consolidated Mines and also one of the proprietors of the Broken Hill mine in New South Wales. He has lived in Paris a number of years and throughout the war was a consulting engineer in the construction of Spad airplanes. The story of his recent trip to Morocco which resulted in the discovery of ore in a land where it had been too persistently insisted that no ore existed, reads like fiction.

According to the report he became interested in French Morocco about a year and a half ago, and whether it may seem strange or only natural, the tip that aroused his interest came from Germany—from none other than the great Mannesmann metal interests, which now that Mr. Gardner's report is in hand, may be suspected of causing imperial German ambitions in Morocco long before the Algeciras affair.

German Engineers

Mr. Gardner surveyed every foot of ground to the Marrakesh, which is at civilization's end, being the gateway to the desert at the foot of the Atlas mountains. For weeks he lived with the Arabs and finally discovered, disguised as Arabs, several high-class German engineers, carefully completing, so far as possible, the work of Mannesmann, who had been interrupted at the outbreak of the war.

Mr. Gardner knew those men of old. So, when they saw their own game was up, they made no secret of their mission. In the last year, Mr Gardner has surveyed half a million acres, which contain copper, all of which are accessible to four ports—Casablanca, Mazagan, Haffi and Mogador—all within ten-hour going, over good French-made roads, and entirely traversed by a narrow gauge railway. He reports copper reefs from east to west, with vast lead deposits running from north to south.

Reefs of Copper

Mr. Gardner obtained from the government 121 "permits of research" which enable him to remain three years. He maintains the actual existence of copper reefs totalling 240 miles, averaging more than a foot in width, while the supplemental Muller Co. report declares that, with development, this total will reach 400 to 600 miles. One reef alone is twenty-four mies long, where the copper sticks out above the ground at many points and where, at any point, one may strike metal with a small hand hammer.

In fact the Muller report maintains that more than 2,000,000 pounds of ore are exposed, all of which would yield from 8 to 10 per cent. copper which means a quarter of a million tons without sinking a single shaft. The greatest depth of any of the reefs is 150 feet.

Both reports assume that with the present price of copper at fourteen cents a pound, France can, with the proper development of this new field, produce copper at four cents a pound, thus revolutionizing the copper market of the world.

PRINCETON GENERAL HOSPITAL

The secretary of the Hospital board desires to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations for the month ending December 31, 1921:

Mrs. Moore, $2; Mrs. Gellatly, $1; C. O. Day, $1; Hedley miners, $23; F. Anderson, $1; F. Hampton, $1; J. H. Gauld, $2; L. P. Harrison, $1; E. E. Burr, $2; W. B. Ewart, $1.50; R. Herbison, $1; P. Russell, $3; C. Summers, $3; E. Waterman, $2; A. E. Wilson, $1; P. E. Rowlands, $3; P. W. Gregory, $2.50; Dr. Butler, $3; C. Cornish, $1; W. Freeman, $1.50; H. McConnell, $1; Dr. L. Smith, $5; R. Taylor, $1; Thomas Bros., $3. Chas. Armstrong, chicken and eggs; Mrs. Bird, pickles and preserves; J. Davidson, Coalmont, one box appes and one box pears; Mrs. A. E. Howse, pickes and preserves; Mrs. C. Armstrong, Sr., preserved fruit; Mrs. J. Gellatly, pickles and preserves; Mr. J. Morrison, chicken and venison; Mr. McDermid, venison; Mr. Corbett, wood.

The Hospital board will appreciate it if those who have subscribed monthly payments and are in arrears, will arrange to have these paid up to date.

Former officers of the Canadian Militia or Canadian Expeditionary Force, now resident in the Province of British Columbia, who have been transferred to the Reserve of Officers, are reminded that they should report in writing to the General Officer commanding Military District No. 11, Esquimalt, B. C., not later than April 1st, 1922, giving address for the current year; otherwise they will be removed from the Reserve of Officers on September 1st following.

BOARD OF TRADE MET TUESDAY

Nominate Officers—Members Discuss Incorporation

At the board of trade meeting last Tuesday evening the secretary read replies received from J. D. McLean, provincial secretary, and W. A. McKenzie, M.L.A., re protest against removal of the mining recorder from Princeton. The letters promised consideration of Princeton's claims but nothing further.

The secretary reported that, although he had notified the Dominion Auto Trails Association of the cancelling of the contract with them, he had received no reply. Steps were taken to protect the board from any liability owing to lack of proper notice as provided in the contract.

A reply from W. A. McKenzie, to a letter re the cutting down of the estimates, assured the board that the supplementary estimates of nearly a million, passed by the government, more than made up the amount pared off the regular estimates, and that any reductions made did not apply on the department of public works. Which means," remarked the president, "that Prince Rupert gets its court house and we get the Hope-Princeton highway."

The question of securing some of the easy money, accruing from the liquor traffic, for the benefit of the Princeton hospital was brought up. It was pointed out that Princeton's position is unique in this connection. We have a liquor store and hospital, but not being an organized municipality are passed up in the distribution of this fund; one half of which is ear-marked for the benefit of hospitals. It was pointed out that, although the secretary of the hospital had written the office of the provincial secretary in connection with the matter, his letter had not even drawn the courtesy of a reply. A resolution was passed by the board asking consideration, on the part of the government, of the Princeton hospital's claim.

The question of the advisability of incorporating, introduced by Mr. A. E. Howse, was discussed at length. Reasons for and against were advanced, but it was decided to take no action, but to leave the matter over for further discussion at the next meeting of the board on Monday next, which is the annual meeting.

The attendance at Tuesday night's meeting was not as large as usual, but it is hoped that there will be a good turn-out next Monday, when, in addition to a full discussion on incorporation, there will be election of officers. Mr. Waterman is retiring from the president's chair and Mr. G. C. Lyall and C. E. Thomas have been nominated for the position. The nominees for the position of vice-president, from which Mr. Sorenson is retiring, are Mr. H. C. B. Lucas and Mr. Barr Hall. Mr. P. W. Gregory retains the office of secretary.

SUMMERLAND AUTO ACCIDENT

Summerland—A remarkable escape from serious injury occurred on Monday when W. J. Robinson in his Oldsmobile backed over the side of the hill just south of the Telephone company's office, and was brought up short by hitting an electric light pole at the foot of the incline, thereby saving he car from turning turtle and pinning him underneath.

It appears that Mr. Robinson was ascending the hill and in endeavoring to change gears, stalled his engine and started to slide backwards, his emergency brake not working. Under the circumstances he had no control of his machine, the trouble being further augmented by the ice which covered the road at that point, and he was unable to avoid going over the side, the car coming to a stop on its side against an electric light pole beside the sidewalk on the lower road.

The car was not damaged as much as at first expected, the top saving the body of the automobile to a very large extent. The former was completely spoiled, while the radiator cover was badly bent; otherwise the machine appears to be none the worse for the adventure. Mr. Robinson was tangled up in the seat, but with the help of a few passers-by managed to extricate himself without being injured in any way.

MOTOR ROADS IN B. C.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The year 1922 is to be a banner year for the Canadian motorist. Towards the end of next summer there will be completed for his pleasure a 500-mile stretch of road through mountain and foothill, by lake and park, a 500-mile panorama in nature's most impressive design, either among or within sight of the Rocky Mountain's snow peaks over the whole journey. That is to say that the Dominion Parks Branch promise to complete next summer the last 50 miles of an automobile route which will connect Canada's natural parks and incidentally link up for the motor tourist the grand canyon, Yellowstone and Glacier Parks and Banff and Southern California. The highest crossing will be at Vermilion summit, just south of Castle. It is 5264 feet above sea level and approached by an easy grade on both sides.

COPPER MINES RE-OPEN

Butte, Mont., Dec. 29.—Mines and reduction plants in the Butte, Great Falls and Anaconda districts will resume on the morning of January 6, it was announced today by all the local mining companies. Starting on January 16, a horizontal wage decrease of 50c a shift will go into effect.

Princeton Paragraphs

Jack Benson, of the Veterans, is spending the week in Vancouver.

Dr. Thomson, Dominion Veterinary Inspector, of Keremeos, was in town on New Year's day.

Mr. R. B. Lindsay and family have moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. J. H. Gauld.

Mrs. McLean, of Vancouver, who has been visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, returned home on Tuesday.

Teachers and pupils who had gone away for their Christmas holidays, were all back in time for the re-opening of the school Tuesday.

Mr. P. W. Gregory will leave on Sunday to attend the annual convention of the B. C. Land surveyors in Vancouver next week.

F. J. Harrison and son Milt leave on Sunday on a business trip for Calgary, near where Mr. Harrison still has an interest in property.

Harry Tweddle was in town Wednesday on his way back from Vancouver, where he delivered three carloads of cattle to P. Burns & Co.

Mrs. Dorothy Haynes, the genial night operator at the government telephone office, left for Vancouver on Saturday, having resigned her position.

The road between Princeton and Keremeos continues good for motor traffic, also the road to Allenby; but few cars care to attempt the Coalmont trip.

An amendment to the Game Act provides that applications for bounty may be signed by any magistrate, and when so signed are payable at a government agent's office.

Contributions are being asked for around town to defray the cost of surgical and hospital treatment for Lawrence Hewitt, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Hewitt, on the automobile road.

R. E. Baxter, of Hedley, motored to Princeton on Sunday, with his daughter, Edna, who was returning to Victoria to resume her studies, after spending the Xmas holiday at home.

Mr. Percy Bird returned yesterday after a few days' visit at the coast. He was accompanied on his return by Mrs. Bird and little Betty, who have been spending the past three weeks with friends in Vancouver.

Mr. V. Davenport, until recently of the Bank of Montreal staff at Vernon, spent a few days in town this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gauld. He left yesterday afternoon for the Coast.

As a result of a meeting of the Princeton hockey team held last night, J. H. Gauld was appointed as manager and W. Almstrom captain. Arrangements are being made for a game at Keremeos on Friday evening next.

Frank Dakin, formerly of the Veterans' Cafe, was in town for a few days last week. He has recently been at his old home in Cape Breton visiting his invalid mother. Saturday he left for Vancoveur, returning to Princeton yesterday.

Kelowna ratepayers have decided in favor of electric juice from the West Kootenay Power company. The rate for light will be 9 cents and for power 6 cents. Penticton expects to be connected up with the West Kootenay power line next week.

Last Sunday Alf. McLellan shipped the steam engine belonging to the Schisler saw-mill to Tulameen, where it will again supply power for the Great Northern Railway company in putting up ice. Alf. has been engaged to operate the engine.

Major Dufresne and survey party are expected in town tomorrow evening, having finished work for the season. The boys have been on the job steady since the start and it is a safe bet that a touch of town life will prove a welcome change.

The Great Northern ice crew commenced the work of putting up the season's pack of ice at Tulameen yesterday. To start with the crew consists of about forty men, but this will be increased as operations proceed and more men can be employed. The wages offered are 40c per hour, with a deduction of one bone a day for board.

The funeral of Hugh McRae, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place to the Princeton cemetery on Monday. A large number of friends attended the service conducted in the Presbyterian church by Rev R. Herbison. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Alex. Broomfield, Neil McFadden, Bob Cramer, Dan Rogers, Jim Gellatly and Van H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jones, of Hedley, were in Princeton on Monday en route to the Coast, California and New Mexico, where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Prior. Before returning, Mr. Jones will go to New York to consult with the directors of the Hedley Gold Mining Co. regarding operations at Hedley next year. It is practically a certainty that the mill will re-open early in the spring.

Superintendent J. M. Doyle and Assistant Superintendent B. Lantry of the Great Northern, Spokane, arrived in their special car on Wednesday on a tour of inspection. Later they proceeded to Tulameen, where the company has just commenced putting up ice. Mr. Doyle describes business conditions as very dull, but with the industrial barometer as rising, indicating a renewal of activity in the near future. C. E. Legg, K. V. trainmaster, accompanied the party on the trip.

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DELIVERIES 11 A.M. & 4 P.M.

An Irish priest told the following story as an exemplification of the difficulty of getting home a well-merited rebuke to his quick-witted race:

He was accustomed to go to the village barber's—one of his flock—for his daily shave. This man drank more than he should, and consequently in the morning his hand was not always steady.

One day he cut the priest's chin, which brought the remark from the reverend gentleman: "Ah, Mick, the drink is a terrible thing."

"Thrue, your riverance," came the instant response, "it do make the skin so tinder."

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WHY NOT CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION?

Liberal members in Ontario have decided to hold a provincial convention to select a new leader and outline a policy to follow before the opening of the next session of the legislature. The premier of our own province has signified his approval of a provincial convention this month to discuss affairs pertaining to the welfare of the party. Mr. Meighen has himself insisted upon endorsation by a Dominion convention of Conservatives before he will consent to act as leader of the opposition in the federal house.

Why should the Conservatives of British Columbia not follow suit? Why should not the rank and file of the party, through accredited delegates, at a regularly convened convention, have a say in the organization and policy of the party? Coast papers recently reported what was termed a conspiracy on the part of a few to oust Mr. Bowser from his position as leader. Mr. Bowser immediately retorts that he has all to say in a matter of that sort; that he is master of the situation. We do not approve of the tactics of the anti-Bowser clique, as reported by the press. Neither are we willing to concede to Mr. Bowser the prowess which he claims and the eternal right to leadership. As defeated premier, the mantle of leader of the opposition fell upon his shoulders, according to a custom, the wisdom of which is open to question. To say that it should always remain there is assuming too much. Conditions change and it is possible that Mr. Bowser is no longer the best man to lead the party to victory. But if such a change is to be made it should be by a majority vote of the Conservatives throughout the province and not by a clique whose actions are sufficiently secretive to earn the term "conspiracy."

INCORPORATION

The progressive business men of Princeton are considering the question of incorporation. It was discussed at a meeting of the board of trade on Tuesday evening and will come up again at the annual meeting on Monday evening next, when a decision will likely be made, for or against, calling a meeting of the rate-payers for the further consideration and action.

Princeton possesses many advantages over other towns of its size when the question of incorporation is considered. It already possesses an electric light and domestic water system (which eventually might be taken over), items, which more than any others, have plunged young municipalities hopelessly in debt. The town itself is compact, necessitating a minimum of upkeep in the way of streets and roads and there is the all-pervading and sanguine feeling that, in the not distant future, the town will witness an improvement in industrial conditions such as will make it advisable to have a civic organization by which the town can guide and control to a greater extent than at present its own affairs. Added to this is the feeling that, as a municipality, not only the town but the local hospital, an institution which always receives the greatest consideration from the citizens of Princeton, would be entitled to their share of the liquor profits. This feature, however, is too paltry and too uncertain to consider more than casually.

Alluring, as may be the advantages there are also many pit-falls in the way of incorporation of a town the size of this, and ratepayers will be well advised to ponder every step most carefully. Every member of the board of trade should make it a point to attend the meeting Monday night, and business men in and around Princeton, who are not already members of the board, should decide to join at the annual meeting and begin the new year with a determination to boost for Princeton as they never have before.

"MOTHERS' PENSIONS ACT"

(Order-in-Council, Dec. 15th.)

Regulations

1. No applicant for pension shall be considered as "indigent" if that person possesses more than $500 in cash, bonds, stocks, or other negotiable securities, or personal property whatsoever except necessary household furniture and wearing apparel, or more than an assessed value of $1,500 in real estate used as a home, or an equity in real estate used as a home of a value in excess of $1,500.

2. Where an applicant has a home valued at $1,500 or less, or an equity of $1,500 or less in a home, a reduction of $10 per month shall be made in the pension which would otherwise be payable.

3. No applicant shall be granted a pension on the grounds of her husband being "an inmate of a penitentiary" unless there is a period of two or more years of his penal term still unserved at the date of the passing of the Act.

4. No applicant shall be granted a pension on the grounds of her husband being "unable to support his family by reason of total disability from sickness or accident" unless the applicant produces medical evidence satisfactory to the Board that the total disability may reasonably be expected to continue for at least one year, and any such pension granted shall not commence until at least two months from the commencement of such total disability.

5. No applicant shall be granted a pension on the grounds of being "a deserted wife" unless such desertion shall have continued for a period of at least two years prior to the filing of an application for a pension, or if the husband is a resident of British Columbia or the owner of property therein.

6. No applicant shall be granted a pension unless such applicant is the mother of the child or children for whom assistance is asked.

7. No pension shall be granted to any applicant who has children over the age of 16 years and who are capable of earning sufficient to support the family.

8. Where there are other relatives financially able to assist the applicant, partial pension only may be granted.

9. If the applicant is being furnished with board and lodging without monetary cost to her for herself and family, the pension shall not exceed the sum of $15 for the mother and one child, and $7.50 for each additional child.

10. No pension shall be granted an applicant unless her husband was a resident of this province at the time of the onset of the conditions which resulted in his death.

11. No pension shall be allowed unless the Board is satisfied that the applicant is a person of good moral character and a fit and proper custodian for the child or children.

12. No pension shall be allowed when the child or children to be cared for are of a mentality making it more in their interests to receive institutional care.

13. No pension shall be granted if the applicant has made any false statement in her application for pension.

14. No pension shall be granted to an applicant unless she is the support of a child, or children, in such circumstances that proper care could not be furnished without government aid.

J. W. deB. FARRIS,
Attorney-General.

JUST ACROSS THE LINE

Items of Interest From the Oroville Gazette.

GETSEY IN ON RICH ORE CLAIMS

Veteran Railroad Man Interested in Free Gold Prospect Located In British Columbia

J. F. Getsey, the veteran railroad man, is interested in a free gold prospect in British Columbia that holds promise of establishing him on easy street for the balance of his life.

Mr. Getsey displayed samples of the ore here Saturday that were speckled with knobs of free gold visible to the eye as evidence of the promise his prospect holds of becoming a wealth producer under development.

This property is located on Monahee mountain, about 45 miles east of Vernon, B. C. It is known as the St. Paul mine and consists of five crown grant claims, while two more claims are now being staked out.

Interested with Mr. Getsey in this prospect are his son-in-law, J. N. McCracken, and George Evans, a mining engineer of Nelson, B.C. These three have a bond on the group of claims and now have four men at work on the ore bodies. The free gold quartz lies in a three foot ledge that crops for 200 feet on the surface. Fifteen thousand dollars' worth of underground work had been done on the ledge before Mr. Getsey and his associates got hold of it. A two stamp mill run by water power is among the improvements, and plans are to start this mill about April, when it is expected that 150 tons of ore will be blocked out.

Besides the gold ledge, 1,500 feet lower down the mountain a two foot silver bearing ore body has been uncovered, and a tunnel is being driven in on this vein.

Assays show an average value of over $50 per ton for the gold bearing ore, with the free gold rock eliminated from the samples, while the silver ledge runs $35.50 to the ton.

The property is located in an excessively rugged country and the ore taken from the workings is now rawhided down the mountain. Recently 750 pounds of ore was brought out on toboggans and shipped to Spokane, the work being done in 27 degrees below zero weather.

Ed. Note:—Mr. Getsey is well known in the Similkameen, having been conductor for years on the Oroville-Princeton run. The worst his friends here wish him is that he may make a million out of his mining operations.

Regina, Dec. 29.—At a meeting of unemployed held here Tuesday night, a resolution for consideration of the city council was drawn up asking for cash payments instead of meal and bed tickets. It is claimed the resolution will be presented by a deputation from the workless to a meeting of the council tonight.

PRINCETON ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Court of Revision and Appeal under the provisions of the "Taxation Act" and amendments thereof, and under the "Public Schools Act" respecting the Assessment Roll for the year 1922, for the Princeton Assessment District, will be held in the Provincial Government building, Princeton, B. C., on Monday, the 23rd day of January, 1922, at 3 o'clock p. m.

December 31st, 1921.

J. R. BROWN,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

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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 exceeding 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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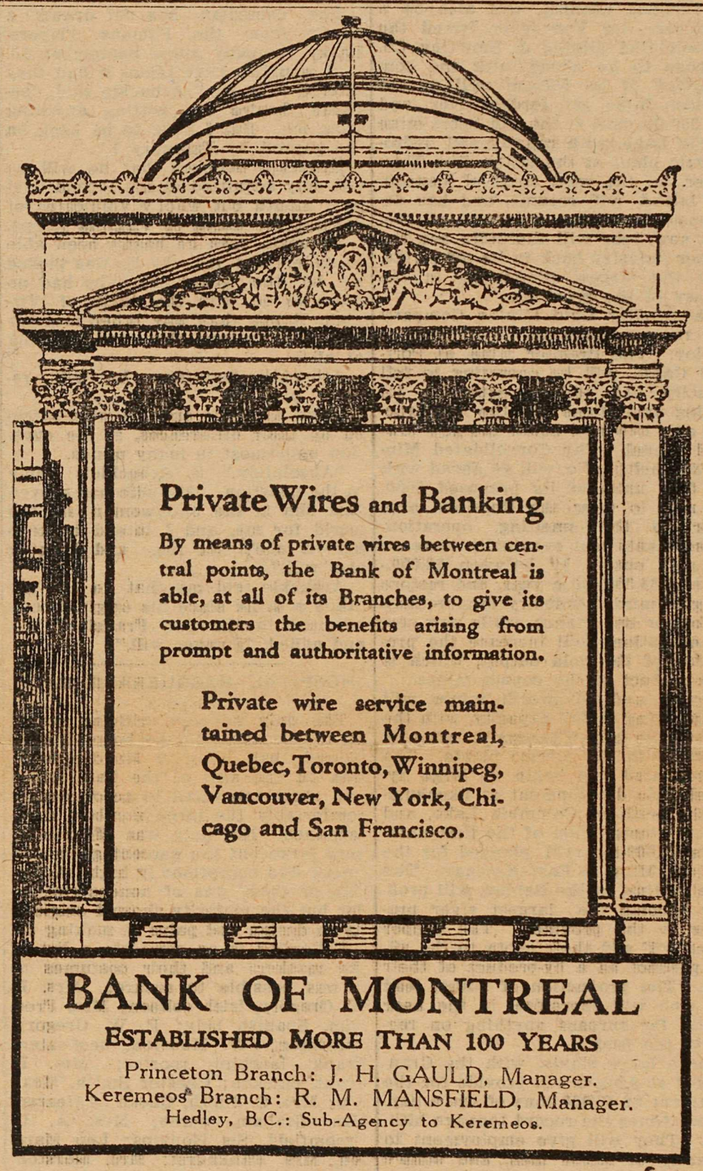

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WHAT WAS DOING HERE TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Similkameen Star of January 4th, 1902.

Peter Merkley, of Fairview, visited town this week.

W. H. Wheeler arrived on Friday with freight from Penticton.

"Judge" Murphy and A. R. Hitchcock, drove to Granite Creek, Thursday.

A series of "chicken shoots" will commence on Monday next at one o'clock.

A. McLean, of Penticton, drove in T. J. Buckley from that point on New Year's Day.

Jas. Hislop's residence on Fenchurch avenue, is assuming symetrical proportions under the active construction of Contractor Wilson.

It has transpired that Rockefellers were going to buy 100 acres of coal lands in the Similkameen, but could not get assurance from the C. P. R. or Jim Hill that there would be any railway facilities, and therefore dropped the deal.

The guests of mine host Worgan, of the Similkameen hotel, Allison, had a royal time on New Year's Eve at the dance held there. The festivities were kept up till an early hour. Everyone went home well pleased with the pleasant hours which merged the old year into the new.

J. J. Buckley, of New York, representative of the Davis-Calyx Co., arrived in town New Year's Day to take charge of the drilling plant recently purchased by the Vermilion Forks Mining & Development Co. Winter quarters are now being built to protect the plant, and drilling operations will be commenced immediately.

A turkey shoot took place New Year's Day on Vermilion avenue. Among the winners were Luke Gibson, Ernest Waterman, Barr Hall and Bob Jameson. A contest especially for the ladies was held Thursday, and some splendid marksmanship displayed. After a spirited contest Mrs. Richter was declared the winner, with Mrs. Gibson a close second and Miss Carrie Allison third, followed by Miss G. Allison and Mrs. (Dr.) Whillans.

I. Eastwood, of Tulameen, who has been developing some mining property at Aspen Grove, paid us a visit this week. He is particularly optimistic in his views of the Aspen Grove Camp, and regards a particularly bright future in store for it. In company with his partner, E. H. Smith, and G. Gladman, he has been doing assessment work upon the Standard claim. On this property two shafts have been sunk to a depth of twenty feet and fifteen feet respectively, tapping a fine ledge of grey copper ore.

The ramifications of the long distance telephone was brought to the realization of a Vancouver firm last week in a pleasing manner says the World: "C. S. Douglas & Co., the official brokers of the Similkameen Valley Coal Co., Ltd., received a message from a gentleman in Loomis Wash., ordering a block of shares in that company." Loomis is situated in northern Washington, southeast of the Similkameen valley, and the message was telephoned from there to Spokane, via Greenwood, B.C., and from Spokane, via Seattle to Vancouver.

COALMONT NEWS

Manager McLean was called to the coast on Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. Wilson returned on Sunday, from a month's visit with Mrs. Wilson's parents in Vancouver.

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The tiny, two-pound girl baby, born to Mr. and Mrs. Zaharroff on Christmas Day, was buried Tuesday. The parents have our deepest sympathy.

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Master "Punch" Bernard, of Penticton, is here visiting his brother, Chas. Bernard, our genial station agent.

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Mrs. M. McLeod is home again, after a fortnight's visit in Vancouver with her people. With her is Mr. McLeod's sister, Mrs. Colville, of Tacoma, Wash.

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Mr. Smith, of the Union Bank, returned from his vacation on Wednesday, and Mr. Horstman, who was relieving him, left for Nelson the same day.

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The dance at the Coalmont hotel Saturday night, was voted a decided success by everyone lucky enough to be there. The music, floor, supper and punch were excellent. Encore.

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Several of our townspeople got up a sleighing party and went to Princeton to attend the mask ball Monday night. All report having a fine time—but somewhat cool ride home, with the temperature ten below.

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The Presbyterian Sunday school had their Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday last. The parents as well as the kiddies enjoyed the evening, and all went home pleased and happy.

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John Boris returned from Ladysmith on Tuesday. John went down to spend Christmas with his family, and reports the whole "bunch" on dress parade" meeting him at the station—only thing lacking was the brass band; next time, John.

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Keep your eye on Coalmont!

HERE AND THERE

The Summerland Mercantile Co. has been granted a year's extension of time by its creditors.

The Mara-Sicamous highway has been finished. This completes connection between the Okanagan valley and the main line of the C. P. R. at Sicamous Junction.

There will be no street railway strike. Employees of the three divisions of the B. C. Electric Railway at Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, voted 503 for and 814 against a strike, with five spoiled ballots.

London, Dec. 29.—Official figures just published, says a Reuter cable from Melbourne, shows that 2,885,000 tons of wheat were shipped from Australia in 1921, the whole of which, except 212,000 tons, went to Europe. The sum of £55,000,000 was disbursed to the farmers, being a record for one season.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Writs for ten federal by-elections were issued at a late hour last night. Nominations will be received on January 19. Election day will be February 2. The constituencies have been rendered vacant in each case by the appointment of the member-elect to a portfolio in the new government.

New Westminster, Jan. 4.—The first shipment of forest seed for the reforestation scheme in Great Britain was send out last week over the Canadian National railways. It consisted of 1500 pounds of Douglas fir seed and 1500 pounds of Sitka spruce. The seed-extraction plant on the public works wharf here is still in operation, shaking the seed out of the cones, and eventually it is expected to produce about six tons of spruce and about five tons of fir.

A despatch from Olympia, Wash., states that the Great Northern Railway has tendered to the State department of Public Works, its line from Northport, Wash., to the Canadian line, a distance of about ten miles, to be converted into a public highway. The offer includes the bridge across the Columbia river at Northport which cost originally $500,000. State officials said permission of the Interstate Commission would be necessary before the offer could be accepted.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Canada is to have a "big nickel" coin. Minting is to begin this week. In issuance, the same procedure will be followed as was adopted in regard to the small one-cent piece, that is, the new coin will be requisitioned, the older coin remaining in circulation. Of pure nickel, the new five-cent coin will have a diameter of .835 of an inch, and be 70 grains in weight. It will approximate the size of the American nickel.

The honey production in British Columbia this year reached 155 tons, a gain of 33 per cent. over last year's figures, the report of the provincial apiarist shows. The average price to the producer was 29 cents per pound. Apiaries increased during the year from 1,986 to 2,072, and hives from 9,537 to 10,329. Of 37 local districts reporting, Matsqui led the province with an average yield of 72 pounds of honey per hive. Thompson River was second with 55; Slocan Valley was third with 50. Of the great districts, Okanagan led with an average yield of 47 pounds.

London, Dec. 31.—Canada must wait a long time yet before receiving her full share of the war canteen profits. It had been thought that acceptance by the Canadian government of the "cut the losses" scheme devised by the English parliamentary committee, which enquired into the canteen profits would have ended the matter. Further enquiries by the high commissioner's office, however, have not only failed to secure the Canadian share but have even failed to elicit a statement as to its amount. The exact additional sum to be credited to Canada is, therefore not yet known.

Trail, Dec. 30.—To go out hunting deer on the last day of the season and, locating none, pick off a fine pair of cougars which produced a cool $80 in good B. C. Government money as bounty is sport with a bunch or horses tied around it. It was Bob Simpson and a pard that were scaling the hil's around Pass creek in quest of deer when a mother cougar made a vicious leap at them and called for quick action on the part of their trusty muskets. They were "on the job," however, and not only felled the mother cougar but also a younger one, and gave chase for others that were apparently in the vicinity but were unable to locate them. The animals measured eight feet from tip to tip, and Mr. Simpson brought the skins to town this week and drew his bounty.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The United States silver dollar—the peace dollar—was placed in circulation yesterday, several hundred thousand having been shipped to the Federal Reserve Bank by the Philadelphia mint. The new coin was made in commemoration of the arms conference at Washington. It is designed with the head of Liberty on one side, and on the other, a dove upon a mountain top, clutching an olive branch, struck by the rays of the sun, with the word "Peace" beneath it. This is the first time the silver dollar has been changed since 1878. The coinage law forbids any change in the design more often than once in twenty-five years, except by special legislation. There will be 180,000,000 of the new coins issued, one-half of which will be dated 1921. The first dollar was sent by special messenger to President Harding.

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Miss K. Richter was a visitor to Oroville on Monday's train.

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The ice harvest is now at its height, everybody hauling ice.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Loudon spent New Year's Day with friends in Loomis.

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Several Hedleyites motored down on Monday night and attended the hard times dance here.

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Miss Mary Frith, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is able to be around again.

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The many friends of Mrs. L. A. Morrant are glad to see her out again after her long illness.

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Eight car loads of people from Loomis and the Ruby mine attended the dance here on Monday night.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Knudson, after spending the holidays in Vancouver, returned to their home here on Tuesday via Penticton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong and daughter returned home last week from Vancouver, where they had been visiting Mrs. Armstrong's parents.

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A magnificent altar cloth was presented to the St. John's church here on Christmas morning by Mrs. Robert Smith.

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Shipments of fruit and candies for our local merchants which shou'd have been in for the Christmas trade, arrived here on January 2.

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A splendid new stove has been installed in the Victory hall, which adds great comfort to the patrons of our popular auditorium.

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Mr. Towe'l, principal of the school, arrived back last week from Vancouver, where he had been visiting with his parents.

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Mrs. Lindsay left on Monday's train for her home in Okanogan, Wash., after spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Daly.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Knowles left on Wednesday's train for Denver, Colorado, where they will spend a couple of months visiting with Mr. Knowles' parents.

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Mr. R. Park, agent for the government telephone company here, after spending his holidays with his parents in Penticton, returned to his duties at the office on Tuesday.

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The skating rink is now running in full swing, and the hockey team is looking for victims. Several games have been played between our own boys.

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For the next month our rest will be broken by the noise of the big heavy ice trains passing through at night from Tulameen, where the G. N. R. Co. are getting their ice.

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Misses Walker and Brett, after spending a very pleasant holiday at the coast with friends, returned on Monday night to resume their duties as teachers in the school here.

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Messrs. H. Tweddle and R. Cawston, Jr., shipped three carloads of cattle to P. Burns & Co., of Vancouver, last week. Mr. Tweddle accompanied the shipment, returning on Wednesday.

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A Sunday School party was held at the Carleton rooms last week, where every kiddie received a sack of nuts and candy, and enjoyed and hour's fun. After which refreshments were served.

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A number of the citizens gathered at the Victory hall on Saturday evening to watch the old year out and the New Year in. A splendid programme of music, charades, and a boxing contest was given and was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served and an hour's dancing enjoyed. At twelve sharp, a circ'e was joined and all sang Auld Lang Syne. The party broke up with wishing all a Happy New Year and the singing of the National Anthem. This was given under the auspices of the Women's Institute.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jones and baby daughter arrived in Keremeos New Year's Eve and will spend the winter with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Honeywell. They motored all the way from Kamloops via Vernon. Mr. Jones has been electrician for a mining company up the North Thompson, 50 miles from Kamloops. The weather being so cold up there they had to close the mine down, and knowing the beautiful weather that the Sunny Similkameen is noted for they left for this spot, the temperature being up there 40 below zero.

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The Hard Times dance given here on Monday night under the executive of the Victory Hall, was a great success. The hall was well filled and a thorough New Year's spirit prevailed throughout the whole evening. The music was grand, the floor excel'ent, and the supper and temperature was all that could be desired. The subjects of Uncle Sam and King George were about equally divided, everybody having too glorious a time to discuss international questions. Some of the costumes certainly upheld the reputation of the name of the dance.

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Among those noticed from outside points at the dance on Monday night were: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Corrigan, Mr. and Mrs. B. W Knowles and Mr. H. D. Barnes, Hedley; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Flemming, Mr. Norman Shaw, Mr. R. Cawston, Jr., of Cawston; Mr. and Mrs. Rowley Bernard, Palmer Lake, Wn.; Mr. Wm. Alamanad and Mr. Payne, Nighthawk; Mr. and Mrs. Dempster, Ruby Mine; Mr. and Mrs. J. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gadbury, and others, from Loomis; Mr. and Mrs. Edgley and daughter, of Chelan; Frank Loudon and Wm. Lanson from Chopaka; F. Thomas, Richter Mountain.

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Miss Margery Milloy, who has been with the Government Telephone Co. here for the past two years, has been promoted to the office in Penticton. Her many friends here are sorry to see her leave, but knowing it is in the line of promotion, are g'ad, for Margery has been a very efficient operator.

ACCOUNTS FOR POOR APPLE MARKET

One of the most successful gatherings ever held under the auspices of the Penticton Co-Operative Growers, took place yesterday afternoon, in Burtch's hall, when C. E. Barnes, organization manager of the O. U. G., Vernon, addressed a crowded house, on the subject of, "Apple market conditions of 1921 and what they mean to the grower."

He said that he did not think it was generally understood that the season of 1921 had been remarkable in the way of disappointments, caused by the fact that none of the indications in the early part of the year came out as expected. The spring gave every indication to a successful year; the market and crop conditions were favorable and the only thing that caused the slightest anxiety was the general downward tendency of prices. The crop in the States was reported to be less than 50 per cent. of that of 1920 and the English crop reports showed that while the crop there was large the fruit was of poor quality. The prairies had promise of good crops and the fee'ing there was very optimistic. Everybody expected a good market for B. C. boxed apples.

Not one of the indications was fulfilled. On the prairie the prices fell so low that farmers could not get the cost of production out of their crops. Some farmers did not even get a return large enough to pay the threshing bill. The dealers had no money and as a result the four western provinces this year had consumed only 50 per cent. of the app'es they were expected to take.

In order to get the prairies to take this 50 per cent. the market had been flooded with inferior apples. At first, in an endeavor to stimulate the trade, apples were crated and sent out as orchard run, anything from No. 1 to cull fruit, but gradually the grade was reduced. It was soon seen that these low grade apples would not net the growers anything.

Almost every grower who shipped through the Co-operative fe't some disappointment because the O. U. G. would not send out poor grade apples. Had the orchard run been maintained but little harm would have been done, but not only were the ones, twos and threes held out of the crates but eventually some men bought up everything that could be found in the orchards in the way of culls and shipped them to the prairies. Mr. Barnes sa'd he did not know what return the growers wou'd receive for these apples because the O. U. G. did not ship any apples of that kind, but sent them to the evaporating plant. He then read an advertisement which appeared in an Edmonton paper offering 1000 crates of apples for sale at $1 per crate retail, and remarked that he did not see where the grower would come in as the cost of landing them in Edmonton would be 50c a crate and packing charges 65c, making a total of $1.15.

The O. U. G. had 150 cars of low grade apples and sent them a'l to the evaporating plant. Had these been sent to the prairie the apples would all have been sold at even a lower price and a loss would have been sustained all around.

"FIRST OFFENDERS"

Would gentler treatment by judges and magistrates save men and women from becoming confirmed criminals?

This question was raised at Glamorgan assizes, when Inspector Rees Davies stated that, in all his experience, he had not known one first offender bound over at an assize court go back to a life of crime. Mr. Justice McCard'e stated that he had come to the conclusion that in many cases he first offender had been saved from a future criminal life by the exercise of wide mercy on the part of the judge.

The opinion of probation officers in London coincides with these views, and Cecil Leeson, secretary of the Howard Association and formerly chief probation officer for Birmingham, says that in his experience he had found that at least 75 per cent. of the adults who were placed on probation were never charged again.

JANUARY ROD AND GUN

Lovers of the out-of-door life will welcome the January edition of Rod and Gun in Canada, which contains many interesting and instructive articles and stories dealing with Nature and her children, in the winter. "Teens Less Twenty," is the title of a romantic story by Charles Dorian, the well known short story writer, which appears in this issue along with several other stories by such well known writers as F. V. Wil'iams, Harry M. Moore, E. T. Martin and others equally famous. For the firearms crank there is the usual valuable Guns and Ammunition department and special articles on rifle and revolver shooting. The fisherman takes a trip along a Nova Scotia trout stream, by Bonnycastle Dale, while Robert Page Linco'n's articles open the road to the thrills of ice fishing. The trapper is taken care of by M. U. Bates and Archie Joscelyn, in the Trap Line department. Rod and Gun —the national sportsman's magazine of Canada—is published monthly by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock.

THE LIQUOR MONOPOLY

(The Saturday Review.)

Last Wednesday the premier called into conference the members of the Liquor Board. "There is a feeling that the liquor law has not been enforced as it shou'd be," declared the premier.

We are not on the Liquor board, neither have we taken out a permit to purchase from the Liquor board. This being the case, a few words of advice to the premier on the subject of liquor may not be out of place, and certainly cannot be classed as interested.

The whole situation lies in a nutshell—the prices of liquor sold by the province are much too high. Bootleggers are still doing a good trade in the province, and will continue to do so as long as prices remain at their present level. A cut in liquor prices would result, in the long run, in enhanced profits to the community and would do away with the business of the bootlegger. Premier Oliver has only to read history to find out that all monopo'ies go to the wall sooner or later—always because the people do not want them. English kings endangered their crowns by the sale of monopolies, and Premier Oliver is today heading himself and his party to oblivion by the same means. We repeat what we have said before, that any one law that cannot be enforced is better amended in the direction of the wishes of the majority of the people, or erased from the statute books altogether. Many men in many countries have tried to make their compatriots good by Act of Par'iament and have always failed. The parrot cry of Premier Oliver and his colleagues that the people of this province wanted sealed packages is nonsense. The people voted for liquor control by government, and never thought that any sane government could make such fools of themselves on that subject as the Oliver administration has done. If the hote's and restaurants are allowed to sell beer by the glass the troubles anent liquor control in this province will largely disappear.

We wonder how many people in this province have heard of the amendment to the Liquor Act, passed he last session. One cannot advertise liquor in any shape or form—and it is hardly too much to say that one dare hardly pronounce the word "liquor" for fear of pains and penalties. Why are the Oliver Government afraid to publish their Acts?

CANADA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Attention is now being directed towards the country's natural resources, as never before, since it is generally recognized that only by a more widespread utilization of Canada's undeveloped lands, mines, forests, water-powers and fisheries can present day economic problems be solved.

The Natural Resources Intelligence Branch of the Department of the Interior has published a map showing the leading natural resources of each province. In Nova Scotia mixed farming, mining and fishing predominate; in Prince Edward Island furfarming and agriculture. New Brunswick has large areas of timber, while mixed farming and fruit growing are outstanding interests. In Quebec may be found a wealth of timber for pu'pwood, also minerals such as asbestos, graphite and molybdenite, while in Ontario somewhat similar opportunities exist.

In the Prairie provinces the prospective settler or investor may obtain adequate returns on capital and labor in either grain growing, mixed farming or ranching, while in British Columbia timbering, fishing, fruitgrowing and mining are among the leading industries.

In addition to information on natural resources, the map shows all railways ad trade routes. An interesting and valuable feature is a series of comparative diagrams illustrating the production and exports of the various provinces. A copy of the map may be obtained free of charge upon application to the Natural Resources Intelligence Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

THE JOY OF LIFE

When the workmen own the workshops;
And the railroad men the rails;
And the grocery clerks the groceries;
And the mail clerks own the mails.
When the preachers own the pulpits;
And the pressmen own the shops;
And the drillers own the oil wells;
And the jails are owned by cops—
When conductors own the street cars
And each driver owns his bus;
Wil' you tell us common people—
Whatinell becomes of us?

The son of a shrewd financier was entertaining his uncle, who presently gave him a shil'ing.

"Suppose," said his uncle, "I gave you a thousand pounds—what would be the first thing you would do?"

"Count it," said the son of his father.

BUSINESS LOCALS

LOST—Watch fob with gold band ring on charm. Finder please leave at Star office and receive reward.

WANTED—At the Star office, apprentice who can give full time.

FOR SALE—Circular saw attachment for cutting up stove wood; will fit Ottawa 4 cycle 4 h. p. drag saw; reg. price $68, price now $52. Tree falling saw attachment to fit above drag saw; reg. price $61, price now $45. Apply H. H. Avery, Princeton.

$10.00 REWARD.—The above reward wi'l be paid for the recovery of two Holstein heifers; one is 3 years, branded on right hip, U.C. or G.A., the other is 2 years, with only a private mark; both black with white on belly, legs and tail. Apply to W. J. Hammill, Cawston, B. C.

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