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Returns from Customs Shows Increase

Improvement Thought to Promise Better Average This Year Compared With 1923

The customs house returns for the district of which Penticton is the chief port show an increase in January as compared with December, the figures for the first month of this year being $463.47 higher than those for the last month of 1923. This is regarded as a healthy sign and believed to indicate that the returns may not drop to and remain at such low levels as last year.

No figures for the first three months of 1923 are available for comparison, but the record shows that in April 1923 the returns totalled $6313.37. In May they reached their lowest level, $5998.04. In June they were $6240.70 and in July $6034.52. For August the figures were $7378.37 and in September they increased to $7780.84. They reached the peak for 1923 in October, when they were $12,498.07, and in November dropped $9432.95, and in December they were back to $6283.21 or approximately the April figure. The fact that January showed an increase without the figures going to so low a level as the lowest last year is thought to be some sign that they will return to the higher levels more rapidly and make a better average.

Import duties showed a decrease of $505.55 compared with December, the figures for January being $1174.84 against $1680.39. There was, however an increase of $969.02 in excise taxes, which were $5451.84 in January as against $4482.82 in December. Excise duties in both months amounted to $120. The totals were, January, $6746.68; December $6283.21.

Collections by ports were as follows: Penticton, import duties $329.40; excise taxes, $1686.03; total, $2015.43. Kelowna, import duties, $401.14; excise taxes, $3255.43; total, $3656.57. Osoyoos, import duties, $0.14; excise taxes, $34.66 total, $114.80. Princeton, import duties, $206.39; excise taxes $436.33; excise duties, $120; total, $762.72. Similkameen, import duties, $142.77; excise taxes, $34.33; total, $177.10. Summerland P.O., import duties, $15; excise taxes, $5.06; total, $20.06.

New Game Board Regulations in Force

The new Game Conservation Board regulations, passed at the last session of the legislature, which were expected to do much towards the conservation of fur in this province, are now in effect, and reports from game wardens show that the changes have resulted in much improved conditions.

The board points out that British Columbia is the chief source of fur on the continent. There are 100,000 square miles of virgin terrtiory where the sound of the rifle is rarely heard and where the fur-bearers require only reasonable protection to ensure a good "crop" for many decades to come. Every effort is being put forth to conserve this valuable industry, which produces several millions of dollars of revenue annually.

SECOND PAYMENT MADE ON BIG MISSOURI

The payment due a few days ago on the Big Missouri was made on time, according to reports from Seattle.

The exact amount involved is not known, but is of such a substantial nature as to prove conclusively that the work done on the property by Messrs. Trites & Wilson, warranted the big outlay of capital that is known to have made.

PRINCESS THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 22 AND 23

The Speediest Star in the Speediest Play

"The Road Demon"

Comedy

"Three Gun Man"

COAL INDUSTRY IS NOT KEEPING PACE

"Disabilities and Problems of the Coal Mining Industry in British Columbia," was the subject that engrossed the entire attention of the delegates to the annual convention of the British Columbia division of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, being held last week.

Charles Graham, superintendent at Cumberland of the Canadian Collieries, reviewed the difficulties of coal mining on Vancouver Island, and presented figures to show that the coal production in British Columbia during 1923 was 600,000 tons less than in 1910, and pointed out that British Columbia's coal industry was not keeping pace with her industrial progress.

COURT OF REVISION ANNOUNCED

Mr. W. R. Dewdney, Registrar of Voters of the Similkameen Electoral District, will hold a Court of Revision at Penticton on April 7th.

B. C. FRUIT FOR HONG KONG CITY

Hong Kong is to see what fine fruit is grown in British Columbia. Douglas Sherman of Boswell has been appointed to a position with a shipping firm in the Chinese city and he has taken with him a representative assortment of B. C. products for display there.

Associated Growers' New Board Meets

Few Changes in Personnel—President Howe Re-Elected—General Manager To Be Appointed

The new Board of Directors of the Associated Growers of British Columbia met at Vernon on Thursday last and continued their sessions until the end of the week. The Board shows few changes as compared with that of 1923 and is constituted as follows: Col. B. Scott, Salmon Arm; Messrs. R. B. Homersham, Kamloops; A. T. Howe, Vernon; O. W. Hembling, Oyama; J. Goldie, Okanagan Centre; R. Wood, Armstrong; A. Melville Dollar, Vancouver; G. A. Barrat, T. Bulmand and F. A. Lewis, Kelowna; W. Dryden, Peachland; B. Steuart, Summerland; E. J. Chambers, Peneicton; D. McCallum, Keremeos; H. E. Woodland, Grand Forks; J. J. Campbell, Willow Point; C. Squires, West Robson, and P. Simpson, Oliver.

Mr. A. T. Howe was re-elected president, and Col. B. Scott was chosen as vice-president, ehese two directors together with Messrs. J. J. Campbell, B. Steuart, G. A. Barrat and F. A. Lewis (as Vegetable Representative) to form an Advisory Committee. Of this body, the president or one other member is to be in constant attendance at headquarters, the other members to be called in as required and to be paid only for time actually given and at the same rate as paid to all directors.

A detailed report of the proceedings of the Board has not been made public, but it has been given out that many matters are awaiting consideration by the Advisory Committee, chief among which is the question of looking for a general manager. This search will be undertaken at once and as soon as progress is made in this direction, the whole Board will be assembled to decide upon the appointment. Meantime, Mr. B. Steuart will continue to act as managing director.

MIX DOES THRILLING STUNTS IN NEW PLAY AT PRINCESS THEATRE THIS WEEK

Tom Mix's pictures are always enjoyable. He does the things we always hope he will do. He battles in realistic style with the gangs that beset his path. Mix has a compelling personality. He carries you with him from the beginning.

Mix opens this week at the Princess Theatre in his latest William Fox production, "The Road Demon." In this he not only thrills with his horsemanship, but with his daredevil work in a speedy automobile in which he wins a road race. This is one of the best pictures in which the clever Fox star has appeared, and he won general admiration.

He puts much more character work than usual into this play, in which his role is that of a cowboy who "won't cowboy," who has a leaning toward mechanical contrivances, and manages to get various sorts of adventure and much romance out of his experience with autos.

"The Road Demon" is a big entertainment.

Mr. W. E. Errett has been taken on the staff of the "Star." He is a man of wide experience in the printing and publishing business, having successfully conducted weekly publications of his own in both eastern and western Canada. Mr. Errett will practically take charge of the printing office and news columns, an arrangement which will leave the editor more time to visit the various districts lying within the territory covered by the Star.

-- The Pedlar's Pack --

By Autolycus

"A Snapper up of Unconsidered Trifles."

A SANE LETTER

Over the signature of Charles H. Huestis, there lately appeared in a letter in the "Vancouver Province" which contained as much sound sense to the square inch as it would be possible to get into a given space. I do not know whether the writer is the Reverend gentleman who is active in Sunday observance—if so, all the better. Omitting certain references to the Poincaire and Mussolini policies, which do not in any way fit the subject, the letter puts the issue between education and repression so clearly that it might well be studied by every advocate of force where moral questions are involved. It seems to have been inspired by a recent cartoon depicting the attorney-general of this province handing the new police chief a deadly looking bludgeon with which to chastice offenders against the liquor laws;—and is also obviously tinctured with what may be called "essence of Philadelphia" distilled from spasmodic house cleaning operations in that city. The writer is like Mr. Clennam when disturbing the calm of the Circumlocution office, in that "he wants to know, you know" the burden of his enquiry being condensed in the pertinent question: "When are we going to learn that in social and moral reform, force gets us nowhere?" As a sort of illustration of his query he invites a comparison between the number of laws passed in the United States in its comparatively short existence, and those in Great Britain since the days of William the Conqueror, and, as a sequel to that comparison, a study of the crime records in the two countries today. The figures are familiar to most of us, and we need not dwell on them, as they only concern us indirectly. But it is worth noting that this country affords a receptive soil for cultivation by apostles from the south, and that we have formed the habit of copying the methods of our big neighbor. The tendency of some of these methods is put thus by one American editor: "Look where you will, you find a fanaticism which expresses itself in amazing self-righteousness, with utter disregard for the opinions and convictions of others"—the result we see for ourselves in an unparalelled record of deliberate and contemptuous law breaking, and a consequent lowering of respect for the whole legislative machinery. It is a strictly logical sequence of retrogressive steps, and we shall do well to limit such possibilities in this country.

Mr. Huestis states that in his twenty years' residence in Western Canada, he has seen "no constructive and sustained effort to educate the public maind upon the evils of alcoholic excess," and I am bound to say I am in the same position. Temperance is the one thing I never see inculcated—total abstinence, intolerance and prohibition by force have been the burdens of the refrain, couched very often in terms which a life-long abstainer recently admitted to me were positively sickening. The enormous weight of public opinion as a force for steady improvement has apparently never been considered by prohibitionists, in spite of the evidences all around us of its irresistible power. How long could open excess in drinking survive against the steady disapproval of public sentiment? And let it be remembered that the very same body of opinion which revolts against enforced abstinence, is yet overwhelmingly in favor of real temperance. Prohibition propaganda apparently assumes that we are all potential drunkards, but in doing so it isguilty of an unwarrantable libel.

As a matter of fact, the prohibitionist is a modern Frankenstein, and has created his own monster. Bootlegging is a direct result of intolerance, and will continue to evade the law in prohibition countries despite all efforts. In this province it is now an anarchromism, a survival of conditions which no longer exist, and no decent man should connive at its continuance. It will eventually die for lack of sustenance, and its demise will be hastened more by the trend of public disapproval than by the operations of that monstrosity known as the stool pigeon.

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"STOLEN GOODS"

This is the very appropriate epithet applied by a "Daily Telegraph" writer to "adaptations" of certain famous melodies to the base uses of jazz productions. He is commenting on the legal action taken by Puccini against his publishers who allowed some of his themes to be prostituted as material for American ragtime stuff, and claims that while a publisher who so uses a beautiful melody written by a composer still living, steals another man's property, he who seizes for that purpose the gems of composers who are no longer alive, is practically publishing a libel on the dead. In the case of the composer who has brought action, the court will probably give protection—where the creator of melody can no longer protect his work, the robbery is indefensible. Grieg, Wagner, Tchaikovshy, and even Handel himself have all been desecrated by the perpetrators of jazz, the one redeeming feature in the list being the suppression, for very shame, of a travesty on the "Peer Gynt" of the first named. Wagner's "Oh, Star of Eve" has even been distorted into what is described by the publishers as "a cute comedy fox trot song,' the refrain being a suggestive banality touching on the dress of "Zulu ladies!"

When we realize that all these low grade productions come from the United States, and are eagerly absorbed by the American people, we find it easier to accept the statement of their doctors that a very large percentage of the population is of a type which necessitated the coining of the term moron to describe. But the musician finds it hard to understand how it is that the musical profession of that country can tolerate such desecration of masterpieces as I have indicated. It may be impossible to stem the tide of ragtime and jazz so long as the public demand it—if they really do—but it should be fairly easy to discountenance absolute piracy and abortion of classics. One particular stream of such stuff could probably be stopped at the very fountain head if concerted effort were made. The big phonograph record producers would doubtless take notice of a united request from reputable music centres, and apply a reasonable censorship along these lines. They would lose nothing by so doing, and would add considerably to their own standing in the musical world.

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A DIFFERENCE IN CONCLUSIONS

Recent migrations of negroes from the southern States of America to many northern centres are regarded in many quarters as being the first stages of a serious problem, which is probably true. But it is curious to note the divergence of views on the situation. Corra Harris, in her work "My Heart and Book," had the following sentence: "The apostles of purely emotional idealism are reaping what they have sowed. The class of negroes made dangerous by their teachings have gone north. They continue to go, cleansing the south. In twenty years you will see something doing among the altruists." Corra Harris lived a great many years in the south, and knows her subject pretty well. Obviously, to her mind, the altruists of the north are going to face a serious social problem in the negro question, and the average observer will probably think she is right. But, looking through a rather old copy of "World Wide" I note an editorial from a Pittsburgh paper which seem to assume that the south is the chief sufferer. It says in part: "Because negroes in large numbers have been attracted to northern cities by the scarcity of common labor and the high wages paid, alarm has spread over the south. In Mississippi joint meetings of whites and negroes are to be held in every county seat to devise plans to retain these laborers for southern industry."

So it seems that, while the north is uneasy at the flowing tide, the south is equally alarmed at its ebb! And neither side takes note of the natural prolificacy of the negro race, an ommission which appears very strange. Statistics along that line must be very misleading, or the Pittsburgh paper was misinformed. A shortage of negroes is highly improbable, and even this country may one day have to check an overflow from the other side of the line.

A NEW INDUSTRY FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Brattic cloth, a close-woven jute material, when chemically treated becoming fireproof, is to be manufactured in British Columbia.

This material is used extensively in the coal mining industry and has hitherto been imported from Scotland.

COAL PROSPECTS IN UPPER HAT CREEK

The Clear Mountain Coal Co. prospect of Upper Hat Creek, on the old English ranch just a mile and half off Lillooet road, is turning out to be something valuable judging from reports left here on Wednesday last, by Mr. McKay, manager of that concern. At present the company has a payroll of 13 men with five more to start the beginning of next week.

VOTERS' LIST TO CLOSE SATURDAY

Prospective voters in the provincial elections will continue to be registered until Saturday, February 23. Officials of all three political parties gave assurances last night that every assistance would be extended until the closing date for registration on Saturday, to the men and women of the province who wished to have their names appear on the voting lists of British Columbia.

MANY FAIL TO PAY THEIR TAXES

At Summerland only 57 per cent. of the taxes have been paid, while Penticton taxpayers liquidated 77 per cent. and Kelowna 80 per cent.

COQUIHALLA PASS REOPENED TODAY

The rains of last week left their mark on the K. V. R. with the result that all trains had to be routed via Spence's Bridge.

Several minor landslides had to be cleared from the tracks, which were soon disposed of.

The main damage was done at a culvert which was too small to carry away the flood waters and became jammed. The water forced its way under the tracks sweeping a huge hole through the fill, making it necessary to construct a trestle 120 feet long and 40 feet high. This work has been completed and the trains will be able to come through on their proper route today.

Keen Competition Here

A young matron in whom the shopping instinct was strong asked a Germen butcher the price of a Hamburger steak.

"Twenty-fife cents a poundt," he replied.

"But," she remonstrated, "the price at the corner store is only twelve cents."

"Vell," asked Otto, 'vy don't you puy idt down there?"

"They haven't any," she explained.

"Oh, I see," replied the butcher. "Ven I don't have it, I sell idt for ten cents."

Mission City Thinks Well of Incorporation

Village Incorporation Has Been a Big Help to the People

While here two weeks ago Fire Marshall J. A. Thomas was asked several questions regarding the advantages of village incorporation. At the time he admitted he was not conversant with the question. Upon his return to Vancouver he wrote to Mission City for couver he wrote to Mission City, which had taken advantage of the village incorporation, for information and we reproduce the reply recieved by Mr. Thomas.

J. A. Thomas, Esq.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:—With reference to your letter of February 5th. I beg to say that Mission City and its inhabitants are more than pleased with the results of incorporation.

We entered incorporation as a "village" with considerable fears but one year as a village, has convinced even the most obstinate opponents on incorporation, as to its merits.

As to demerits—it has none. It is absolutely O. K.

The government surrenders all general taxation to the "village" but schools and police are administered by the government or the school district, everything else we control.

Cost of administration is hard to determine, but is very little, and is determined by the number of officials you employ.

Mission City finished up the first year, with between $1000 and $2000 surplus, and that without increasing the rate of taxation as imposed by the government, previously.

Our paid officials number 3. Clerk and collecter, J. A. Barr; myself as assessor and Mr. F. Hughes road foreman, with a gang of road workmen of the number of two to five, when required, in addition we have three commissioners, who are paid $100 per annum.

If your procure a "Village Incorporation Act" from Victoria, you will be able to see the powers of same.

The one great advantage of a village is that they cannot get into debt, as they cannot borrow, except for current expenses.

Trusting this will be satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,
(Sgnd.) ANTHONY S. TAULBUT.

COPPER BELT GROUP PROMISING CLAIM

Develpment is Resumed on Mineral Claims on Outskirts of City—Contract Let Yesterday

Recent returns from samples of ore forwarded from the Copper Belt group of mineral claims, situated in Isadore Canyon, five miles east of Cranbrook justify extensive revelopment of the property, it is learned. Mr. W. S. Santo, who holds the principal interest in the mineral deposit, has let a contract to Albert Rebel to carry out certain plans along the line of development which the owners of the property have in mind. Four men will be kept at work crosscutting and driving tunnels for the greater part of the spring and summer. The men began work yesterday.

Mr. Santo freely admits being in high grade ore and that its gold content, as shown by the latest assay, is rising in value with increasing depth. He is, however, somewhat reticent as to plans covering development. It is clear, nevertheless, that the owners are highly satisfied with showings to date and that drifting on the vein is at least a part of the season's programme. So is it common gossip among mining men that the Copper Belt group fully justifies the confidence of its owners.

Cariboo Roundup To End Wild Horses

Every Cowboy Available Will Take Part in Spectacular Last Great Drive

The last great round-up of the wild horses of the Cariboo will be staged this spring. Every cowboy in the district will take part. The animals will be sold at $5 a head. Those not sold will be shot. There are literally thousands of these wild horses overrunning the rich grazing lands, and the event of rounding them up will be spectacular and exciting in the extreme.

Government officials and farmers have combined in planning the monster drive for the early spring, and it is hoped that the measure will be effective in removing a nuisance which is becoming every year more and more pronounced.

Locating the Bands

Men have been chosen to locate the whereabouts of the bands which roam the district, enticing domestic animals away and causing considerable damage to the ranches, and an effort will be made to secure an approximate estimate of their numbers so that when the round-up takes place a sufficient force shall be on hand to effectively deal with the situation. The horses will be driven into large corrals, which are to be erected in suitable places.

This will be by no means the first round-up of wild horses in the interior country. Wild horses in fact have been more or less a nuisance to farmers in the upper country for many years. The Okanagan was formerly overrun with them and the ranchers waged deadly war against them until their numbers in that district are now comparatively trifling. There have been numerous round-ups in the Cariboo, but when left unmolested for a few years the bands rapidly increase and become a very pressing menace to prosperity of farmers and ranchers. As the districts become thickly settled their depredations become more noticeable and in the Cariboo their extermination is becoming a matter of actual necessity.

Liquor Act Amendments Rather Drastic

If the following amendment to legislation 22, of the Government Liquor Act is properly enforced the clubs will have to have a staff of trained accountants. The amendment reads:

The entrance or membership fee and the annual subscription or dues fixed by the constitution and by-laws of the club shall be bona fide and reasonable, having regard in every case to the aims and objects of the club, its membership, and the circumstances and conditions under which it exists, is conducted or carried on:

No person shall be entitled to be registered as a guest of any member of a club for more than fourteen (14) days in the aggregate in any calendar year:

No club shall be entitled to charge or receive from any member thereof, or from the guest of any such member any fee in excess of three cents (3c) for each service of liquor to such member or guest. Such fee shall be paid by tickets to be printed and issued by the club. Each of such tickets shall have printed thereon the full name of the club, and the amount of money represented thereby. All tickets shall be sold to and purchased by the members of club from the secretary or other duly authorized official of the club. No ticket which has been used shall be re-issued or resold to any member:

The rental or fee to be charged or fixed for use of a locker in every club shall be not less than the sum of twenty-five cents (25c) per month:

Every club shall keep a true accurate and separate account of all moneys received by the club for service fees for serving liquor to any member or guest of such member, and of all moneys received from the rental of lockers:

The books and accounts of the club shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection and audit of the auditor of the Board, who shall be invited to make copies thereof or extracts therefrom.

KEREMEOS WEATHER

Date.	Max.	Min.
February 1	49	35
February 2	51	28
February 3	37	30
February 4	45	34
February 5	44	31
February 6	41	35
February 7	52	32
February 8	51	20
February 9	43	21
February 10	41	26
February 11	48	38
February 12	57	33
February 13	48	28
February 14	50	28
February 15	46	20
February 16	46	25
February 17	48	30

H. S. VERRALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burr left for Vancouver on Sunday last on a combined business and pleasure trip.

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A short salary makes a long face.

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The beauty of scenic railways and of women depends on their curves.

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If for nothing else, 1923 can be remembered as the year we had no bananas.

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What has become of the old-fashioned man who wouldn't sleep after five o'clock on Sunday morning.

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JOURNALISTIC ACCURACY

Complaints are frequently made against newspapers because of inaccuracy. People often jeer at newspapers because of mistakes which occur in their columns.

People who are prone to so criticize newspapers should remember that a newspaper's mistake is usually conspicuous. Perhaps the average business man makes more mistakes, but no one but himself knows it.

Newspaper work is done in a hurry, even in Princeton, and no paper could possibly engage a staff sufficiently large to keep all errors out, without landing in the bankruptcy courts.

The newspapers are all anxious that their reports be true, but all any human being can do is make an honest-to-God effort to verify reports, and pass the revised news on to their readers.

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HIGH TAXATION RESULTS

The municipal council of Penticton now have on their hands $31,000 worth of town property through realty coming back to the town due to unpaid taxes. This we admit is not a large amount in comparison to many towns and cities in Canada, but nevertheless it is caused very largely by high taxes. People who have purchased property expecting an increase in value, which fails to materialize, willingly lose their holdings rather than pay taxes. This, in itself is no fault of the town, nor does it necessarily reflect upon the towns and their management. However, here is a cause of continually increased taxation. Suppose the tax rate in a town is 40 mills and their assessed valuation is $500,000 their taxes would be $20,000. If $50,000 reverted to the municipality it would mean a shortage in tax receipts of $2000 and if the $20,000 was needed for maintenace the millage rate would have to be increased to 44 mills. This might go on year after year, steadily increasing the taxes until they become a burden upon those who must pay.

Every municipal council finding property reverting, due to unpaid taxes, should dispose of them promptly, and if unsaleable should be willing to donate them, or practically so, to someone willing to pay the taxes.

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WHY THE GREATER COST?

EDITORIAL

According to the Engineering Journal the Banff-Windermere road which traverses two distinct mountain passes and was constructed on a basis of a maximum of 6 per cent., with a clear available wheelway of 16 feet and additional space on the curves, was built at an average cost of $7,600 per mile.

To those who are familiar with the country through which the proposed southern route for the coast-interior highway passes it is difficult to understand how the engineers estimate that it will require approximately twice as much per mile to build the latter road. It is a safe bet that no engineering difficulties would be encountered on the latter road greater than those on the former. The summits traversed on the Banff-Windermere road are 5,660 feet and 4,950 feet respectively while the one summit on the Hope-Princeton route is only 4,450.

The snowfall in the Windermere district if anything exceeds that in this district yet according to the Journal much of the work on the Banff-Windermere road was carried on in the winter time. The report says:

"In clearing this length of right-of-way, the greatest care was necessary to avoid disastrous forest fires that would, if started, do immense damage. Clearing and burning operations were, consequently, undertaken during the winter months, winter camps being established at suitable points along the right-ofway. Considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping open the sixty miles of winter tote road necessary in view of the snow fall on the Vermilion and Sinclair summits, which averaged 5 feet and 3 feet, respectively. Practically all bridge work was also done during the winter months of 1920-21 and 1921-22. These winter operations were not only carried on at a time when labor was plentiful, but appreciably relieved unemployment in the west at that time."

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THE COPPER QUESTION

British Columbia is, and long has been, the principal base metal producing province of the Dominion; the prices of these metals, therefore, and the probable demand for them in the near future always is a subject of absorbing interest.

The average price of copper during the last three years has been marked by lower than the average price for the 10 years before the war, while the average cost of production has been at least 50 per cent. higher. The main reason for the low cost of copper has been that during the last years of the war a great effort was made, resulting in a production of more than 50 per cent. above normal, and, under the idea that large quantities of copper would be required to rehabilitate the war-torn countries, the high rate of production was maintained for more than a year after the signing of the armistice. The latter theory was all right up to a point. European countries did, and do, want copper, but, unfortunately, the majority of them have not the money to pay for it.

With large production and small sales an immense stock of copper accumulated. On January 1, 1920, the stock of copper on hand in the United States alone was 631,000,000 pounds, and a year later it had increased to 659,000,000 pounds. The curtailing of production then began to be felt, and at the beginning of 1922 the reserve stock had fallen to 589,000,000 pounds, and a year later stood at 216,000,000 pounds. The normal rate of production was resumed, with the result that at the beginning of the present year the stock had increased to 256,000,000 pounds. The refinery production for 1923 was 2,118,000,000 pounds, compared with 1,359,000 pounds in the previous year, and the domestic consumption and copper exported amounted to 2,078,000 pounds above that needed for export and domestic consumption, so that, unless the purchasing powers of European nations increase, there appears to be little likelihood of any marked improvement in the price of the metal in the near future.

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FRASER CANYON IMAGINATION

"Within three years, motor cars will be whizzing through Hell's Gate and the perpendicular banked Fraser Canyon." So spoke the Vancouver Daily Sun, last Sunday.

Whether this is the ramblings of some small-paid reporter, the imaginations of a curiously effected brain, or plain unmitigated gall of Fraser Canyon route supporters is hard to say. However, the report is certainly based upon a myth, inaccuracy and imagination. The report says that during the past year practically all survey work has been done on the northerly route. This in itself is absolutely incorrect. During the past session of the legislature Hon. Dr. Sutherland, minister of public works, was asked by Mr. W. A. McKenzie, M.L.A., if any survey work was being done on the Fraser Canyon route, to which the minister emphatically replied in the negative. But it is a well-known fact that a survey party was constantly at work on the Hope-Princeton route.

On November 5th, 1923, Mr. McKenzie asked these questions: 1. "Were surveys carried on during the past year on the Fraser Canyon route of the transprovincial highway." Answer, by Dr. Sutherland, "No". 6. "Were surveys carried on during the past year on the Hope-Princeton route?" Answer, "Yes." 7. "What was the name of the engineer in charge of the work?" Answer: "W. K. Gwyer, district engineer. This is according to the proceedings of the B. C. legislature as published by the government.

In the face of thes facts it must not be concluded that the people of this valley can sit idle. We must all realize that politics play an important part in the location of roads and the expenditure of the public's money, more so, than the necessity of economy and provincial development in the way of agriculture and mining. While we take the announcemining. Dr. Sutherland has definitely announced that no action would be taken until the Federal House meets and arrives at a decision for further aid toward provincial highways.

Magistrate's Sentence Is Quashed

DEPARTMENT SLOW IN GIVING NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO LIQUOR ACT CLAIMS MR. WATERMAN

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Conviction of Margaret Scott by Magistrate Ernest Waterman of Princeton on February 4 last for being drunk and disorderly "contrary to the Government Liquor Act," for which she was sentenced to four months' imprisonment was quashed by Mr. Justice Morrison.

"The conviction is bad," agreed Mr. W. D. Carter, K.C., deputy attorney-general, "but I ask that the magistrate be protected against costs or further proceedings.

This was done by his lordship.

Mr. Cecil Killam, counsel for the appellant, was not required to argue.

Mr. Waterman, in a letter to the Vancouver Province thus explains his position in the matter:

"It is to be regretted that the provincial police authorities at Victoria do not consider it necessary to furnish copies of the above amendments to police officers in the country districts until some time after the amendments have come into force.

I have reference to a recent conviction of mine which was quashed and reported in the Daily Province of 15th inst.

Briefly the facts are as follows: The accused was brought before me on February 2nd inst. and pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly "contrary to the Government Liquor Act"—this being her second offence she was liable under the Government Liquor Act of 1923 to a fine of $200.00, or to imprisonment for not less than two, or more than four months.

Certain circumstances in connection with this case made it advisable not to impose a fine, so a sentence of imprisonment was imposed.

Nothing was known in the local police office of the recent amendmen s to the Act which reduced the penalty for a second offence to a fine of $50.00, in consequence the woman was committed to jail.

"The amendments came into force on February 1st and yet the Princeton police office was not notified until February 16th.

"The position of Justice of the Peace in this province is a sufficiently thankless task without having to be subjected to inefficiency and neglect of this kind on the part of the authorities, and which might at any time lead to a gross miscarriage of justice."

WHAT WAS DOING HERE TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Similkameen Star of Saturday, February 15, 1904

Saturday, February 20, 1904

Angus Stewart, of the Similkameen Sawmill Co., was in town Wednesday on business.

Dunc. Woods, of Hedley, was in town last Saturday. With his agricultural and mineral holdings Mr. Woods is destined to be a millionaire-philanthropist. Like others he is waiting for a railroad although chafing a little around the collar from the long delay.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., is at Copper Mountain surveying.

Arthur Reith, who has been at Keremeos with his brother, was in town on Tuesday and reports a new hotel as being started in the old Richter hall with Jas. Reith as proprietor.

John Gulliford and "Daddy" Hewat are engaged tracklaying and re-timbering the V.F.M. & D. Co.'s coal mine. At the face of the mine, some 300 feet from tunnel mouth, an excellent showing of coal is made.

COPPER MOUNTAIN

A most enjoyable social evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jones on Friday last, when a large number of the young people gathered to take part in a Valentine dance. Each guest was given a Valentine and by matching them secured their partners for the dance.

Those present were: Mr. Claudius E. Beaulieu, Miss Evelyn Leadbetter, Mr. Stephen M. Jones, Miss Elsie Hansen, Mr. Owen D. Davis, Jr. Miss Annie Campbell, Mr. Jack Beaulieu, Miss Sadie McKinnon, Mr. Duncan Campbell, Miss Estelle Butler, Mr. Richard G. Davis, Miss Virginia Leadbetter, Mr. Jas. McKinnon and Miss Ida Johnson, of Princeton.

During the evening the Misses Butler and Hansen, who had made arrangements for the social event, gave a most entertaining demonstration of a series of the latest heel and toe dancing and a polka.

Mrs. Jones, assisted by Mrs. O. Hansen, Mrs. A. McQuarrie, Mrs. T. Beaulieu, Mrs. O. Davis and Mrs. J. Graham served the coffee and refreshments.

KETTLE RIVER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision and Appeal, under the "Taxation Act" and "Public Schools Act" for the Princeton Assessment District, respecting the assessment for the year 1924, will be held at Princeton on Tuesday, March the 4th, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Provincial Court House.

E. J. CHAMEBERS,
Judge of Court of Revision and Appeal.
14-1

NOTICE

Application for Grazing Permits for the Season of 1924

Applications for permits to graze livestock on the Crown range within each grazing district of the Province of British Columbia, must be filed with the District Forester at Cranbrook, Fort George, Kamloops, Nelson, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Vernon and Williams Lake, or with the Commissioner of Grazing, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., on or before March 15th, 1924.

Blank forms upon which to submit applications may be obtained from the District Foresters at the above named places, or from the Department of Lands at Victoria, B. C.

G. R. NADEN,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Department of Lands, Victoria, B. C., January 5th, 1924. 8&14

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Synopsis of Land Act Amendments

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subject over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

PURCHASE

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

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

HOMESITE LEASES

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

LEASES

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

GRAZING

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

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Princeton Paragraphs

Dr. Butler will be in Hedley all next week.

Mr. E. T. Temple, of Vernon, spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. L. S. McKee, of Rossland was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. George Cave left on Sunday to visit his father in Vancouver.

Mr. T. J. M. Hick came up from Victoria on Thursday on business.

Mr. R. Little, of Merritt, was a business visitor in Princeton on Thursday.

The Princeton coal mine reduced their force this week by laying off three men.

Mr. T. F. Barbour, of Calgary, was a business visitor in Princeton on Wednesday.

Mr. R. Echlin, government telephone line-man spent the week-end in Princeton.

Mr. A. Pedy, of Keremeos, returned to her home on Monday after spending a few days with Mrs. H. B. Meausette.

Mr. John Knudson, of Keremeos paid a visit to his daughter, Mrs. C. V. Prosser, on Sunday, while on his way to the coast.

Mr. L. V. Newton, Cawston's genial optometrist was in Princeton in connection with his profession on Monday.

Mr. R. A. Ballantyne, of Spokane, was in town last week on his way to Merritt on business in connection with the Nicoal Pine Mills Limited.

Mrs. Chester Smith, who has been a patient in the local hospitl for several weeks, was sufficiently recovered to be able to leave for home on Tuesday.

Mr. S. R. Gibson was appointed deputy grand lecturer for the Provincial Grand Black Chapter which met in annual convention at Vancouver on Tuesday.

A falling pile of lumber at the Myren Mills on Wednesday caused minor injuries to two white men and resulted in a broken leg for a Chinaman. The latter is in the local hospital for treatment.

Mrs. G. G. Lyall, who is at present in the Vancouver General Hospital undergoing a bone grafting operation is getting along nicely, but will be confined to that institution for at least another week.

Mr. W. J. Twiss, provincial manager of the Mutual Life Assurance Co., passed through Princeton on Sunday on his way to the coast after attending the annual meeting held at Waterloo, Ontario.

Mr. I. T. King of the Great Northern bridge crew, who has been in the hospital with an injured ankle is again able to be around though it will be some time yet before he is able to resume work.

Local Liberal party workers, it is expected will be favored in the very near future with a visit from Mr. J. G. Turgeon, provincial organizer, who is on his way through the district in the interests of his party.

Early in the week Duncan Fergusson, of Coalmont, was brought to the Princeton hospital suffering from a severe attack of pulmonary trouble. At the time of going to press his condition has not changed appreciably.

Princeton residents will be glad to learn that copper has advanced to 13½ cents. This is particularly interesting when it is known that the Copper Mountain interests contemplate operations when the price hits 14.

The Princeton hospital board announces the receipt of a cheque, as their share of the liquor profits from Victoria of $236, for six months ending September 30th. This is $6 more than received for the former period of six months.

Messrs. H. H. Avery, grand master, H. B. Meausette, past county master, S. R. Gibson, grand lecturer, and Geo. Aldous, worshipful master L. O. L. 2102, Princeton, left on Sunday to attend the 34th session of the Orange Grand Lodge at Vancouver.

Messrs. J. H. Gauld, manager of the Bank of Montreal, A. E. Wilson, accountant for the Princeton Coal & Land Co., and G. H. Dyson, of the Princeton high school, journeyed to Hedley on Sunday last and enjoyed the recreation afforded by a good game of golf on the Hedley links.

James Corrie, the genial clerk at the Hotel Keremeos for several years, has quit the lower valley. After spending a couple of days in Princeton this week he left for Vancouver yesterday. He expects to return shortly and take up his residence here.

A whist drive will be held in the Oddfellows' hall this evening (Friday) under the auspices of the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary. For the admission of half a dollar you have the whole evening in which to play whist, and in addition all the coffee and doughnuts you want.

The stork was busy around our local hospital on Tuesday and Wednesday, delivering three fine baby girls within twenty-four hours. The pround and happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. "Monty" Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbs, of Cawston, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Glen, of Allenby.

A supplementary meeting of the Farmers' Institute is to be held in the Princess Theatre on Monday afternoon, next, at two o'clock. There will be a poultry demonstration and a lecture on "The Swine Industry," illustrated by lantern slides. An extra good attendance has been requested.

Business men, says an authority, are using better English in their letters, which leads us to believe that stenographers are becoming more capable.

On Monday May Miller, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller of Allenby, was unluckly enough to fall from the verandah of their home with the result that one of the bones in her leg was broken between the knee and the ankle. Dr. Lee Smith is in attendance. He made an X-ray examinat on of the injury at the little patient's home.

The W. A. of St. Cuthbert's Anglican church entertained at a delightful tea on Tuesday afternoon in the Parish hall. The novel means of admission—a cup and saucer—added about forty of these to the former number. Two interesting contests provided entertainment during the afternoon, after which a social hour was spent over the teacups.

The past week has seen a continual rush of trains through Princeton on their way loaded with ice for the G. N. R. at Wenatchee, Wash. The weather has been ideal, fortunately, for the cutting and loading of ice at Otter Lake and a large crew of men are working at top speed. Of the 800 cars necessary, about 300 have been taken out this week.

One of the biggest times of the season is being anticipated next Friday evening, Feb. 29, when the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge and the members of the local I. O. O. F. will stage a leap year dance. The event will take place in the Oddfellows' hall, Princeton, and after the dancing dainty refreshments will be served. Excellent music is being provided and no effort is being avoided to make the event a success.

When interviewed by a "Star" representative on his way home from the mining convention at Vancouver Mr. Gomer P. Jones, manager of the Hedley Gold Mining Co., said that the convention this year was one of the most largely attended and enthusiastic ever convened. He considered from the opinion of those present that the mining industry was due for considerable development this coming year.

Court of revision under the "Taxation Act" will be held in Princeton on Tuesday, March 4th at 10 a. m., with E. J. Chambers of Penticton presiding. Judge Brown's request to be relieved of the work in connection with assessment revision was granted. Last week Mr. Chambers held court of revision in Keremeos, when several reductions in assessment were made on property belonging to the Land Company.

Last week-end the Star editor had occasion to motor to Keremeos. For the first ten miles there was sufficient snow left to make the going rather slow. Beyond Bromley the road was bare and as a rule fairly dry. Between Hedley and Keremeos the roads were splendid. Down in the fruit district we found the ranchers busy ploughing and preparing for another crop though they have not yet received returns for their last year's apple crop.

Robt. Berry of the firm of Buttar & Chiene, chartered accountants, Vancouver, and Mr. J. J. Plommer of the firm of Shaw, Salter & Plommer, Vancouver, are at present engaged making an audit of the books of the Princeton Coal & Land Company and making a final adjustment between the old and new companies. Mr. Plommer is a brother of H. R. Plommer, recently of Allenby. He is acting on behalf of the new company, which recently acquired the Princeton coal mines.

The Perfect Alibi

"Tommy, what do you mean by hitting little Alice over the head with a tomato can?"

"Well, er—right after that she threw sand at me."

Plenty of Time

The new hired man had been the most difficult to awaken in all Farmer Haytosser's long experience with that ilk, but he had been routed out of bed and was seated in a state of semi-somnolence at the breakfast table. Just to make conversation, his host and employer remarked:

"I thought it was going to rain last night."

"Well," yawned the assistant, "I reckon it might before mornin'."

MR. BRASS RETURNS TO HEDLEY

(From our own correspondent.)

Jas. Brass returned on Friday after spending the winter in southern California. While south he had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Thos. Rotherham at Burbank, California, and states that Mr. Rotherham is a great booster for sunny California. While at Long Beach he met Fred Gillespie, who is now in the jewellery business and is doing fine. On his way back he called on Mr. R. Wheeler at Berkley and reports that Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and family are enjoying Mr. Wheeler's holiday, after his long absence at the Hedley Gold Mining Co., Hedley, where he is mill superintendent. Mr. Brass when asked as to conditions in the south says that unless you have lots of money you are far better off to stay in Canada as the real hard times have not really got started yet, and that the great building boom is a thing of the past. The greatest industry down there now is the real estate game. He states that there are over 60,000 real estate agents in Southern California, so by the amount of real estate agents one would not have to look very long for a home if he was in the market for one. Mr. Brass is glad to get back and still has faith in the future of the Similkameen valley.

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CAWSTON NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

Ethel Gordon is confined to her home with tonsilitis.

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W. J. Manery, of Penticton, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. Tickell.

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L. V. Newton, Cawston's optometrist, is in Princeton on business.

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Miss Bodenham, nurse from Keremeos, called on friends in Cawston Tuesday.

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Mrs. T. Pettipiece entertained the ladies of the Cawston Mission Guild at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

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A large number of young people from Cawston attended the hard time dance in Keremeos last Friday night.

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Miss E. Wilson, primary teacher of the Cawston school, was ill on Monday and unable to take charge of her classes.

The Cawston Board of Trade are holding a social evening at the hall on Friday. A program has been arranged.

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H. E. Hall and R. B. Sheridan of the G. N. bridge carpenters, came down from Ashnola to spend Sunday with their families.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cutchie of Chopaka, passed through Cawston Tuesday en route to Princeton, where they were called on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Cutchie's sister, Mrs. Chester Smith.

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T. Rooney was badly bruised about the right arm and shoulder while digging a well at his home. The cribbing gave way allowing a large amount of dirt to fall on him, fortunately no bones were broken, but Mr. Rooney received such bad bruises that he is not able to work for a few days.

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The Keremeos Stock Association met in Coleman's hall, Monday afternoon. H. Oldham, of Penticton, was present and explained many matters regarding the range. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Thos. Daly; vice-president, H. Tweddle; secretary-treasurer, R. L. Cawston; directors, Mrs. H. Tweddle, Mrs. R. J. Armstrong, Sam McCurdy, L. Newby and P. M. Madden.

KEREMEOS NOTES

(Our regular correspondent.)

Mrs. J. A. Roddick returned Monday from the Princeton hospital where she underwent an operation.

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Mr. H. S. Verrall made a business trip to Princeton Friday last, returning in Mr. dePfyffer's car on Saturday.

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A general meeting of the congregation of St. John's church will be held in the Orange hall, on Monday, Nov. 10th, at 7.30 p. m. A report will be made by the committee who have in charge the list of subscribers to the stipend guarantee.

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Mr. Verrall has made and placed in the post office, a very neat and useful black board. This board is for the use of the community in making announcements of coming events, of interest to the community, and besides filling a long felt want, it adds to appearances.

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At the February meeting of the Women's Institute held at Keremeos on Tuesday, the 12th, it was decided that the Institute should make itself responsible for paying off one-half of the debt still owing on the Victory hall. Watch the debt fade and the hall flourish!

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Mr. John Knudson, of Keremeos, county master of the L. O. L. and J. Blythe, left on Sunday to attend the Grand Lodge session in Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. dePfyffer motored down from Princeton last Saturday, spending the week-end with friends in Keremeos.

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The W. I. are showing a very fancy and artistic poster announcing a masquerade dance for the 29th inst. This is a Leap Year dance, and we understand that the ladies are to have the "pick of the bunch" until midnight. The girls will now be able to show the boys how it should be done, and how to put "pep" in a dance. After 12.00 o'clock the boys will show how much they have learned.

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The "Hard Times" comic dance brought out some very good portrayals of the way the ranchers feel after a hard season. The costumes were many and varied, but as no prizes were awarded we will refrain from special mention. The dance was very much enjoyed and was well attended by our neighbors of Hedley and Cawston.

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Eugene Quaedvlieg left on Friday last for the coast for the purpose of taking a short course provided by the government, in butter making, at the Fraser River Creamery. This is another indication that the management of the Keremeos Creamery are taking advantage of every possible means to make the creamery strictly up-to-date.

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Now we know spring is here; on the 20th inst. we saw a real live Bluebird, and it even tried to sing but did not succeed very well. We were reminded of an old ditty, which ran as follows:

The first bird of spring, attempted to sing,
But ere it had uttered a note
It fell from the limb; a dead bird was him,
For the music had frize in his froat.

Our Bluebird did not suffer this calamity however, but flew away cheerily. Perhaps because it was not sitting on a limb, but a post, and perhaps it was not the first bird.

GOALMONT NEWS

(By "Jay Ell.")

Mr. and Mrs. T. Boyce are visiting at the coast.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Cochrane left for the coast Wednesday.

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Yes, I keep fresh tobacco. A. O. Johnson, Coalmont Pool Hall.

Alec Leaman left for Vancouver Wednesday to have his eye examined.

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Mrs. C. Somers, of the Coalmon hotel staff, left for Vancouver Monday.

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General Manager Donald McLean and Mrs. McLean left for the coast Wednesday.

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Harry Ferguson, an old timer on the "hill," came in from Utan and way points recently.

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Mrs. Chas. Martin returned from the coast Saturday after visiting friends in Vancouver and Chilliwack.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillam were host and hostess last week at a party given in honor of Mrs. A. Mainwhirter before she left for the coast, where she expects to remain for some time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Danny Mullin did the honors at a birthday party given in the Blakeburn school house on Saturday evening. There was a big crowd present and all had an enjoyable time.

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Duncan Ferguson was taken to the Princeton hospital Monday morning suffering from pulmonary trouble. "Fergie" was gassed in the big war and still feels it. Dave Shearer, Alec Leaman and W. Buchan conveyed him to Princeton.

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Alec Leaman had a narrow escape last week at the mine when a heavy timber tipped over and fell upon him rendering him unconscious for some time and causing a severe contusion close to the right eye. He is able to be around again.

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I asked the local rhyme writer to write a couple of stanzas for this column but he claimed that he needed inspiration. There was none in the cellar and the L. C. B. store was closed so we shall have to forego the pleasure for another week.

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A postcard was received last week from Mr. I. MacTavish, who is taking a Mediterranean tour on the Empress of Scotland. At time of writing Mr. MacTavish was in Madeira and expected to reach Constantinople on the 20th of February.

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Mrs. W. H. Foster and family came in from Taber, Alta., Saturday and are now guests in the Coalmont hotel. Mr. Foster has been resident in Blakeburn for some months. Prior to coming to Canada Mr. and Mrs. Foster resided for some years in Peru, S. America. They have rented the bungalow in upper town.

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On Saturday evening, Feb. 16th, the mmbers of the Girl Club has a little party at the home of Mrs. C. Cornish. The club members were dressed in white dresses with red hearts. All the school children were invited, also Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. McKay and Miss Helen Robertson. The evening was spent in games, dancing and singing. Refreshments were served at ten o'clock. All the children report having a real good time. Who said Coalmont's dead?—Com.

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Some of our local merchants take exception to the proposal put up by a Princeton delegation which waited upon Roadmaster Finlay Fraser. None of us object to the Coalmont road being opened for traffic but it was surely a tactical error to give the Coalmont pay roll as the raison d'etre for having it done. To mention that it would be to Princeton's advantage to be in a position to be able to separate the Coalmont and Blakeburn people from some of their surplus shekels was, no doubt, true but raw. To have asked for it as a public utility or for inter-communal purposes would have sounded better.

Hedley News

Bert Lowe returned home after working a few weeks at Coalmont.

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John Martin spent a few days last week in Keremeos visiting old friends.

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One could call Hedley a measley town today as there are reported about thirty-five cases of measles here now.

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Several Hedleyites motored to Keremeos, on Friday night to attend the dance given by our Keremeos friends.

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Mrs. Gray is having the interior of the Stewart building painted up and expects to open up her restaurant sometime in the near future.

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Mrs. J. Howe is reported improving after her illness of several weeks and we hope that warm sunshine and mild weather will be of benefit to her.

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Mrs. Geo. Bowerman returned on Monday after spending Xmas week with her daughter at Harrington. She also visited friends at Spokane and Seattle.

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Hill Innis and family spent Sunday in Keremeos. He was accompanied back by his father who will spend a few days renewing acquaintances in Hedley.

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Mrs. G. P. Jones returned from her trip to Vancouver last Friday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Prior and little grand-daughter, Dorothy, who will spend a few months in Hedley.

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Jas. Maher (Yorkie) who operates the central station for the Hedley Gold Mining Co. Ltd., had the misfortune on Friday, of being struck on his leg by one of the heavy cables. This will lay Mr. Mehar off work for several days but we hope for his speedy recovery.

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Mr. G. P. Jones and H. D. Barnes attende the mining convention in Vancouver last week. Mr. Jones returned on Monday while Harry remained for a few days' visit at coast points.

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Born—On Friday, Feb. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. King, a daughter. Mother and new daughter are progressing fine. Congratulations to both Mr. and Mrs. King, as this is the first child to be born in Hedley in Leap Year.

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Messrs. Gauld, Wilson and Dyson of Princeton drove down on Sunday to play a friendly game of golf with our Hedley boys and the writer really thinks that the above gentlemen would if possible like to move to a place where they could have golf as early as Feb. 17th. California has not a great deal to boast of as far as golf and weather are concerned.

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Kirk Robinson returned home on Friday after having spent a few days in Vancouver. While there he had the pleasure of being present at the Retail Merchants' convention and reports that a start has been made to have this worthy association represented all over the province so as to try and get the merchants' conditions bettered, also to fight this big idea of large taxes on everything we eat or wear.

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1 OVERLAY, COTTON AND COTTON FELT	4 ft.	20.00	14.75	5.25
1 WHITE LABEL, COTTON AND COTTON FELT	4 ft.	16.85	12.50	4.35
2 WHITE LABEL, COTTON AND COTTON FELT	3 ft. 3 in.	16.00	11.85	4.15
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1 PRAIRIE, COLORED FELT	2 ft. 4 in. by 4 ft. 8 in.	4.25	3.15	1.10
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