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Metal Market Conditions Good Says E. A. Haggen

SILVER DEVELOPING UNEXPECTED STRENGTH AND THE PRICE OF COPPER IS RISING—SMELTER AT LADYSMITH

The metal market situation has been so unsatisfactory for some months that many operators are becoming anxious as to the outlook. It is probable that the smaller producers of lead and zinc have had difficulty in making ends meet, except in the case where their ores have carried high silver values. So many enquiries have come in regarding the prospects of the metals and markets that a review of the situation may prove of interest.

Good Price for Silver

Silver is commanding an unexpectedly good price, due entirely to the demand from China and India, though the average is 6c per ounce below 1926. The latter market is a surprise, as it was expected the recommendations of the India Currency Commission would result in India becoming a seller rather than a buyer of silver, with consequent slumping of demand and price. Such has not proved to be the case, for the metal is at the highest price since February last.

Except the Premier Mine, there is no large mine in the province dependent on its silver values, though several smaller mines, as those of Beaverdell, are worked for silver. The lead-zinc ores of West Kootenay carry high silver values, and since this metal has maintained a fair average price throughout the year, these mines have not felt the effect of the low prices for lead and zinc so severely as other operators.

It can not be said that the outlook for silver is of the brightest. The metal is to such a large extent a by-product of lead, zinc and copper ores, that it will continue to be produced in large quantities irrespective of price, and since so many nations have abandoned it as a basis for their currency, its future use will be limited to subsidiary coinage and the industrial arts.

B.C. Leads in Silver

For some years metallurgists have been endeavoring to find an alloy which would prevent silver from tarnishing and so increase its use by silversmiths. So far no such alloy has been found. On the other hand, the use of silver in photographic and chemical arts is steadily increasing, the present ratio of increase being 20 per cent. per annum.

The silver market is important to the mining industry of British Columbia. This province is the largest producer of silver in Canada, and every cent an ounce of rise or fall in the price makes a difference of $100,000 a year one way or another in the value of the output.

It is a remarkable fact that while Canada is the world's third largest producer of silver, it is one of the poorest in silver coinage, the per capita circulation of silver being less than half that of Great Britain or the United States. If our silver coinage were in the same ratio to population as in these countries the addition to the present coinage would absorb the entire silver output of Canada for three years.

Copper Market

Copper has been in the doldrums since the close of the war, owing to the immense stimulation of production for war purposes. A brighter day is at last dawning for the industry. Surplus supplies have been absorbed. Production and consumption are now in balance. This has been brought about by the organization of the Copper Exporters' Association, the policy of which will be to regulate production of its member companies in accordance with consumption. The Granby Company is a member of this organization.

The bugbears of the industry have been the immense low cost producers of South America and the Belgian Congo. At the recent meeting of the Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress at Vancouver the question was raised as to the menace of our mines from these competitors.

Price of Copper Rising

Today the price of copper is decidedly on the rise and market conditions are good. When copper does take a definite turn for the better it generally maintains it for a considerable time. The outlook now is for 15-cent copper. This is good news for British Columbia, which operates the three largest copper mines and mills in the British Empire. Copper represents the greatest value of any metal mined in the province. It amounts to 20 per cent. of the total mineral production. Production is approaching the 100,000,000-lb. a year mark. Every cent per lb. that the price increases adds nearly $1,000,000 a year to the value of the mineral production.

World production of copper is running neck and neck with lead in quantity, but has double the value. Copper has replaced iron as the barometer of prosperity or adversity in the metal trades. Fifty per cent. of the total production goes into electrical equipment and development, the steady expansion of which is assured. An interesting situation is the proposed tariff on copper entering the United States. The writer is assured that the American Government is pledged to this policy. In that case the copper production of British Columbia which hitherto has all gone to the United States to be smelted or refined, with the exception of the small amount handled by Trail smelter, will have to be smelted and refined in this province, so that the metal may be shipped direct to British and other markets. This probably accounts for the recent activity of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. in the acquisition of new copper properties on the Coast.

It also assures the completion of the plans of the Ladysmith Tidewater Smelters Ltd. for the construction of its new smelter at Ladysmith. That company is already negotiating for the concentrates from the Britannia Mine, sufficient in itself to warrant the operation of a smelter. Granby smelts its Anyox product to blister copper, in which form the metal will either have to be shipped to European refineries or arrangements made for refining it here. A former board of directors of Granby announced it as the policy of the company to establish an electrolytic copper refinery on Burrard Inlet.

The average cost of producing copper is 12 cents per pound. British Columbia copper companies beat that, with the exception of Allenby, and steps are being taken to reduce costs there. A remarkable feature of the copper industry is that it can treat at a profit the ores of the lowest value in the history of the mining industry. It seems almost unbelievable, but it is a fact, that copper ores of a gross value of as low as $2.25 a ton are now treated at a profit. The company which does this makes copper at a cost of 10 cents per pound and pays handsome dividends. On 15-cent copper the mines of this province should be able to pay 3½ cents per pound in dividends. For many years British Columbia has been the leading copper-producing province in Canada and is likely to maintain that lead indefinitely, notwithstanding the new copper developments in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.

ED. N. GRUBB DEAD AT COAST

Penticton, Dec. 9.—The death of Edward Napoleon Grubb, for several years proprietor of the Penticton Hotel, occurred at St. Paul's hospital, Vancouver, on Tuesday, according to a wire received here by Mr. T. R. Hanson.

Mrs. Grubb took her husband to the coast on Wednesday of last week and at the time that Mr. Hanson left there for Penticton on Friday he seemed to be failing rapidly. He had been ill for the past two years.

The body is to be taken by Mrs. Grubb to Spokane for burial. The Grubbs came to Penticton from Oroville about six years ago, assuming the control of the Penticton Hotel. The couple were highly thought of in Penticton.

They suffered a severe loss in the burning of the hotel during the early autumn, and worry over this probably aggravated Mr. Grubb's malady.

FIREMEN'S BALL SUCCESS FINANCIALLY

The committee of the firemen's ball wish to thank the people who helped to make it a success. The L.D. Cafe contributed the labor in making the sandwiches and coffe, P. Burns the ham and butter. Kit Summers donated five dollars and Alec washed the dishes.

"Sparkey" won the ten-dollar gold piece and his mother says she has not received it yet.

The gross proceeds were $169.00; expenses, $99.00; net $70.00, which goes to reduce our obligation on the new fire hall.

It was the coldest night of the season and a great number of people stayed home to keep the fires going, or we would have had a larger crowd, but as it was everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the music was excellent.—con.

BASKETBALL

Keremeos, Dec. 12.—On Wednesday, Dec. 7th, two men's game of basketball were played with teams from Princeton and Penticton.

Keremeos Intermediates vs. Princeton

This was a fast clean game and evenly contested all the way through. Keremeos opened the scoring with three baskets early in the game and held the lead all the way through. Final score 24-18 in favor Keremeos intermediates. D. Parsons in the first half and A. Mills in the second half were the sharpshooters.

Keremeos—D. Parsons (12), A. Mills (10), Sismey (2), R. Innis and F. Innis.

Princeton—Ritchie (3), Madore (7), McAlpine (5), Muir (1), Gibson (2), Coles, Boult, Broderick, Parsons.

Keremeos Seniors vs. Penticton Ace of Clubs

This resulted in a win for the Ace of Clubs team by a score of 35-18. Our boys did not appear to be able to find the basket during the first half of the game.

Keremeos—Gurney (10), Coleman (6), Clarke (2), Lundy, Campbell, Sidney.

Penticton—Baulkham (6), Husband (12), Routh (6), Barber (11), Watson.

Owing to the Christmas holidays and the state of the roads, there will be no more play till after the new year.

"Lucky" Todd Meets With Violent Death

FOUND DEAD IN POOL OF OWN BLOOD IN ROOMING HOUSE IN MERRITT VICTIM OF MURDEROUS ATTACK

Merritt, Dec. 12.—Emmett "Lucky" Todd, grizzled prospector of the Nicola and Similkameen valleys, who discovered the immensely rich Iron Mountain silver-lead vein last spring, was found lying dead in a pool of his own blood in a lodging-house here.

Foul play is suspected, but police have so far made no arrests, and not even a clue has been found that would likely lead to identity of the slayer. An ugly gash was found on Todd's nose, and it was at first suspected that the man might have fallen in a stupor, his face striking some object in the room with sufficient force to cause his death. But no such object has been found, and for that reason it is thought that the mortal wound was caused by some unknown assailant. The room was in disorder, indicating that there had been a fight. Todd had been dead about six hours when the body was discovered by the Japanese housekeeper on Sunday.

Coroner Gillis reached here from Vancouver this morning, and an autopsy will be held before the inquest.

Merritt, Dec. 14.—An open verdict that death was due to suffocation caused by blood from a wound inflicted by a person unknown, was returned by a coroner's jury here Tuesday night after enquiring into the death of Emmett "Lucky" Todd, prospector, who was found lying in a pool of his own blood in a rooming house. A rider was added strongly censuring the lodging house keeper for the lax manner in which he kept the room register.

Medical evidence stated that Todd's nose was completely smashed and that the wound could not have been self-inflicted. No article that could have been the cause was found in the room but no evidence was revealed that might implicate anyone.

"Lucky" Todd was well known to most of the odltimers of this district, having made his home near Tulameen for many years. He was typical of the rugged old prospector of the early days; rough and ready, but, withal generous and hospitable.

ROCK CREEK OLDTIMER PASSES

Rock Creek.—In the death of John Nelson Luce in Greenwood hospital early last Monday morning another of the real pioneers of this district passed to the Great Beyond. He had been ailing for a couple of years, but his condition became critical a few weeks ago and he was removed to the District Hospital at Greenwood and it was soon realized that the end was near. His remains were brought to Rock Creek, where the funeral was held on Tuesday, services being conducted by the Rev. Andrew Walker of the United Church. Interment took place in the local cemetery, amid scenes with which he had been familiar for more than a third of a century. The pall bearers were: William O'Donnell, Morris C. Jewell, Carl Olsen, George Green, W. R. Foster and Henry Madge. Floral tributes were received from many friends of Rock Creek, from the Rock Creek Women's Institute and from Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gibson of Penticton. The late Mr. Luce was 70 years of age and a typical pioneer. He came to the Boundary country in 1893 and for many years did placer mining on Rock Creek, later owning and developing mining claims near Camp McKinney. He was known as one of the best rifle shots in the country, was a great hunter and angler, and for some years trapped in the Camp McKinney district. He has many old friends who genuinely regret his passing. Among those from a distance present for the funeral was his nephew, Dr. C. C. Wilcox of Portland, Oregon, who arrived at the bedside of his uncle on Friday.

WOMAN LOSES DAMAGE SUIT

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—Finding that while the defendant had been guilty of negligent driving, the plaintiff had realized the risk she took when she accepted a ride with him from Abbotsford to Vancouver on July 2, a jury at trial of an action brought by Mrs. Florence Pearce, 626 Granville street, against Edwin Louis Irvine, 1140 Pender street, returned a verdict on Monday afternoon awarding the plaintiff damages previously paid by the defendant. Mr. Justice Morrison accordingly made an order dismissing the action.

Returning to Vancouver from Abbotsford, Irvine's auto skidded and turned over near Langley Prairie. Mrs. Pearce receiving severe injuries. She asked fo $473.75 special and unstated general damages.

P. S. Marden appeared for the plaintiff, and J. W. deB. Farris, K.C., and Gordon Shaw for the defense.

Eve was satisfied with a fig leaf dress because there was no other woman in the garden trying to outdress her.

G.N. Trains Again Reach Princeton

OBSTRUCTION TO TRACK THREE MILES EAST OF HERE WAS GREAER THAN FIRST REPORTS INDICATED

The first Great Northern train to reach the station here in nearly two weeks pulled in shortly after six o'clock Wednesday evening, having waited at the scene of the rock slide, three miles east of here until the track was cleared sufficiently for it to pass.

The quantity of rock blocking the track proved to be much greater than indicated by our report last week. The first slide on Saturday, Dec. 3, buried the track to a depth of over 15 feet but this was followed some days later by another of even greater magnitude. Efforts of the section crews to clear the obstruction by hand were inadequate and on Sunday a steam shovel arrived on the scene from Hillyard.

By tonight the work of clearing the track will have been completed. Excessive moisture followed by freezing temperatures was evidently the cause of the rock being loosened in such large quantities.

CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Wagenhauser are entertaining the school children of Princeton, Copper Mountain, Allenby and district at a special showing at the Princess Theatre of seven reels entitled "A Lunatic at Large," featuring Broadway's most famous fun maker, Leon Errol, and Miss Dorothy Mackaill, next Thursday, Dec. 22, after the school breaks up. As nearly 400 children are expected to attend there will be two performances, the first at two o'clock, to which outside children that are present will be given preference. The second performance will be at four o'clock, the reel taking two hours. Tickets may be obtained by children attending the different schools free of charge from Mr. Wagenhauser at the Princeton Departmental Stores, or Mr. Lindsay at the Copper Mountain store.

TRY AGAIN DEL

The ways of the Canadian postal service are evidently not the ways of Uncle Sam. Up here if a letter or postal card is insufficiently stamped it still goes forward and the addressee can get it by paying double the shortage. Not so across the line. Uncle Sam insists on his dues before the parcel moves.

Some time ago we received a card from the post office at Los Angeles stating that they held a postal card addressed to us and that same would be forwarded upon receipt of a one cent stamp to make up the deficiency in postage on said postal card.

We had little difficulty in guessing who the writer of the card was, so dispatched the additional postage requested and after a long delay received the card which carried the picture of an orange grove and the following message:

"Dear Joe—Arrived in fine shape Tuesday, just five days on the road. The weather is great; all in shirt sleeves. Los Angeles is some city; you need a bell on here. Dell."

This will explain to Mr. Young why we have been so long in acknowledging his card, and also why he may not have had other replies. Would also suggest that a two cent stamp would ensure delivery of a nice long Christmas letter from him to The Star which we are sure our readers would appreciate.

ARM BROKEN BY COAL TRUCK

Gunnar Lind is a patient in the Princeton Hospital suffering with a broken arm the result of an accident sustained by him on Tuesday afternoon while driving a truck for the Tulameen Valley Coal Mines.

His truck had just been loaded at the coal chute and in climbing to the driver's seat he slipped and fell in the path of another loaded truck driven by George Pesut. A wheel passed over Gunnar's left arm, breaking it above the elbow, and missing his head and neck by a matter of inches.

He was immediately taken to the hospital where Dr. McCaffrey set the broken bone and attended to various bruises which the victim of the accident had received.

YOUNG BUFFALO MEAT FOR CHRISTMAS MENU

Young buffalo meat will be available for the Christmas menu in Princeton this year. Harry Newman, manager of the P. Burns meat market, has received the carcass of a year old bison, and after hanging it for a few days will have it on the block this week-end in plenty of time for the Christmas festive season.

The animal is one from the Dominion Government herd at Wainwright, which is thriving and multiplying so that a number have to be slaughtered each year. The surplus animals are taken to Calgary, slaughtered at the abattoir of the P. Burns Company, and distributed to the market from there.

Seventy-four per cent. of the 1926 output of cars were enclosed models.

WRITES FROM INDIA

The editor of the Star is in receipt of a letter from Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, formerly pastor of St. Paul's United Church here. The envelope bears the post mark Dhar, Central India, dated Nov. 8th. It was received here Dec. 14th, which indicates about the time usually required for mail to pass between the two places. In his letter Mr. Ashford says:

"At last we are settled in Central India. We had a most beautiful voyage all the way and have enjoyed every moment thus far.

"We are working in the Independent States. Each state has its own rajah or king and today happens to be the birthday of the Rajah of Dhar. We were invited to the ceremony. It was most grand. All his chieftains and chief officers of state gave him presents. He must have received some hundreds.

"His body guard was out, and I do think they were just as snappy as the guards of Buckingham. The strange thing to me was that his band played all American pieces and played them very well.

"We are in the cold season now but even cold as it is, it is much hotter than the hottest day we had in Princeton. I shudder to think of the hot weather when it comes."

Mr. Ashford also requests us to send him the Princeton Star regularly and tells us how much he appreciates this way of being able to keep in touch with affairs in his old district.

SICK MAN OF MINING INDUSTRY

Prefacing his remarks with the statement that the placer production of gold in B.C. has dropped from $355,503 in 1926 to between $125,000 and $159,000 for the present year, Mr. R. W. Haggen describes placering as "the sick man of the mining industry" in our province.

He, however, considers the outlook for 1928 as somewhat brighter and intimates that the "Similkameen, where one, and probably two, new plants will be in operation may save the situation." He also quotes the entry of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company into the field of placer mining as an interesting and promising feature.

Analyzing the cause for the great slump in placer production, he does not attribute it to any scarcity of likely fields for operation, but to the methods that have been employed in the past and to the obvious weakness of the Placer Act.

"The reason," he states, "for the slump is, of course, economic. Investors have not seen opportunities for sound investment with safe return. Capital has become shy, on account of unfortunate losses that should never have been incurred, and lack of detailed information regarding properties offered for investigation.

"In the known placer fields the working of rich diggings is a thing of the past. The ground remaining to be mined consists of deep channels or else large bodies of gravel carrying a certain gold content per yard. Satisfactory methods for economically mining deep, wet ground with unstable strata have not yet been discovered unless the claims of new inventions are correct. Certainly their feasibility has not been demonstrated in British Columbia. The large bodies of gravel, however, offer one of the safest forms of mining investment. They can be drilled and tested as exactly as, and more cheaply than, lode deposits. The problem becomes one of cost and revenue, which can be fairly computed. Capital investment must be returned from the ground, in addition to working costs and profit. There is invariably a definite limit to the ground in sight. Placers, unlike some lode deposits, do not go into the bowels of the earth. The speculative 'possible ore' is not there as a lure.

"It is interesting to recall that, while geological studies have made great strides in relation to mineral deposits, no complete, tenable theory has yet been advanced to account for the concentration of gold in placers, nor of the platinum occurences of Similkameen district, which promise to develop into importance. Does gold grow? If so, what unknown agency or combination of conditions cause it so to do? Closer study of the similarity of certain points in placers of the world is needed. Mr. Douglas Lay, resident engineer for the Northeast district told the Mining Institute of his observance of "green mariposa" in Cariboo and Manson Creek, one new point. The working out of a tenable theory from hitherto unobserved and uncorrelated conditions that must apply in know camps can easily be of use in locating new fields, of which it is probable British Columbia is not devoid.

PRINCESS THEATRE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
December 16th and 17th

"The Sea Tiger"

featuring
MILTON SILLS

A story of thrills, love and hate.

Preliminary Mining Report Is Issued

DISTRICT MINING ENGINEER P. B. FREELAND REVIEWS YEAR'S MINING OPERATIONS IN THE SIMILKAMEEN

Continued activity prevailed in mining throughout the year in spite of the generally low prices of metal. Many properties have been examined by representatives of capital, with the result that several likely-looking prospects have been bonded. The gravel benches along the Tulameen River near Granite Creek are being tested by New York interests and attractive preliminary results have been obtained. The lignite-coal deposits are being explored, and if a continuous yearly market can be obtained for this class of coal the operations will probably pay. The seams are wide and generally clean. There is but little doubt that a higher tonnage production will be attained in comparison with 1926.

A great many recommendations were made and assistance given by the government for road and trail building and improvements. The subsidy of 25 per cent. on powder purchased by bona-fide prospectors was taken advantage of to a much greater extent than in former years.

A generally rainy season and consequent high water in the creeks and rivers prohibited placer operations in the region adjacent to Princeton. Prospecting was very much more general, especially in the Similkameen Mining Division. This can be accounted for by the large wage distribution from the Granby Company mines at Copper Mountain and the keenness of the Princeton residents. Several attractive-looking samples were brought in from the area south of Princeton, and when these prospects have had some work done upon them an examination and reports will be made.

Prospecting

Areas which warrant close prospecting include that enclosed by the Tulameen and Similkameen Rivers and the International Boundary. In this area a wide belt of sedimentaries intruded by igneous rocks lies to the south of Princeton and the contacts are worth investigating. Platinum-bearing peridotite and pyroxenite rocks extend from the Tulameen River to the boundary in a south-easterly direction. Panning of the gravels in this belt would be advisable.

Summit Camp area at the head of Tulameen River should be thoroughly prospected, and among others are the following: The arsenical-gold bearing deposits near Hedley and Apex basin; the pyrrhotite and arsenopyrite veins between the main Kettle River and Westkettle River; the area west of Greenwood; Franklin camp; Granby River area; the vicinities of Paulson and Lightning peak.

Similkameen Mining Division

Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.—The Granby Company operated its mine at Copper Mountain and the mill at Allenby steadily. Improvements at the mine, consisting of new crushers and a sorting-belt to eliminate waste rock and additional plant at the mill, have enabled the company to increase the production of copper concentrates. The grade of ore continues to be satisfactory and the developments underground are encouraging. The new tailings-pond is working well and will probably take care of this residue for many years to come. Tonnage mined and milled from January 1st to October 31st, inclusive, amounted to 625,126 tons.

Princeton Mining and Development Co.—This company continued the development of No. 2 tunnel and the lead was intersected beyond the porphyry dyke. At the time of examination the lead consisted of stringers and small segregations of chalcopyrite intermingled with crushed country rock. As the walls of the lead had not been determined, no samples were taken.

Lynden Coal Mines, Ltd.—This company is developing a coal-seam on its properties about 9½ miles south of Princeton. Work in June consisted of a 70-foot opening, an inclined opening 95 feet long, and a drift 41 feet long. A seam of clean lignite coal was developed in the incline. An attempt is being made to truck this coal 9 miles to the railway and from thence to a market. If a constant yearly market can be found for this product and the coal continues clean and persistent, this operation will probably pay the operators. A continuous market is essential.

John Guest Leases—These bench leases, situated between Granite Creek and Princeton, are being systematically explored by shafts and open cuts. New York capital is behind the venture and sufficient money is available to carry out large operations if necessary. Up to the present time encouraging values in gold and platinum have been found in the gravels.

McCormick Leases.—A Marion ¾-yard (gasolene-driven) shovel has been purchased and is being moved to these leases, about 6 miles up the Similkameen River from Princeton. A follower to carry the sluice-boxes, etc., is also being erected on the

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VILLAGE INCORPORATION

(Cariboo Observer)

Every taxpayer in Quesnel will this week receive a folder on the question of incorporating the town. This movement has had the attention of the members of the board of trade, which body appointed a commission to go into the advisability of incorporation thoroughly. It found that conditions would be better in every town if incorporated. Others towns, some of them larger and some a good deal smaller have found that before incorporating there was a great deal of misunderstanding as to what incorporation embraced. One of the hardest features was the fallacy of raised taxation. In the towns already incorporated under the Village Municipalities Act of British Columbia, the taxes, on the contrary, have been much reduced. Considering the amount the government spends on our town at present we could easily spend four times as much, if incorporated, and our taxes would not be any higher than at present. Why not spend this money in our own town, where we can get some good from it? As everyone knows, a good deal of repair work could be done on the sidewalks alone, as they are not only in a bad state, but are positively dangerous.

The present assessed value of the property in Quesnel and North Quesnel is $211,300. A tax of one per cent. would bring the taxes to $2,113. Then there is the dog tax amounting to $41 during the current year, and trade licenses amounting to $325. The poll tax is believed to be in the neighborhood of $50. Then there are the liquor profits and motor license grants, which in Abbotsford brought respectively $1,763 and $332.75 during the current year, and pari-mutuel grants $159.09 during the same period. Abbotsford has a population of 450, which is slightly smaller than our own. Adding these together we get a total of $4,873, which is a very conservative estimate, and which is about the amount the government spends here in five years.

COAL MINING

Important among the discussions at the sessions of the British Columbia division of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy held recently in Vancouver and Nanaimo was that on the coal situation. A paper was read on "The Production of Liquid Fuels From Coal," prepared by Prof. R. H. Clark, University of B.C., who added that on account of the low price of petroleum in America no satisfactory application of oil extraction from coal was practical at present. The suggestion was made that the government send representatives to investigate what was being done elsewhere. Thomas Graham, general manager of Canadian Collieries, remarked that in view of these statements the present condition of the coal industry in this province could be benefitted only by the application of more scientific principles. Also, that coal producers should develop their own market.

The hope had been entertained by those interested in the coal mining industry that better times were contained in the results of processes to extract gasoline and oils from coal, immense quantities of which are in British Columbia. Prof. Clark's observations place this hope so far in the future that it cannot be taken into account. The only thing to do is to promote the consumption of coal. On previous occasion his point has been discussed in this column, when it was pointed out that unless the government assisted ther would be little increase in the amount of coal consumed, unless perchance the winter was extremely severe.

Fuel oils imported from the United States, have played havoc with the coal industry in British Columbia. Its use has been adopted by all large monopolistic concerns and even by the Dominion Government itself. It will be news to many to learn that fuel oil is used for heating purposes in the post office, the Winch annex of the post office, the customs examining warehouse, in short, all the large government buildings and in the majority of all its building on this coast. Then there are the big public utility companies, who, if they used coal, would greatly improve local conditions. The government and these other companies enjoy monopolies in their respective lines and are in very affluent circumstances, with large revenues and paying large dividends. One would think they would take the interest in the community from which they seucre such handsome returns as to use coal, the result of which would be general benefit. Instead, they shave the dollar. They may cry they must practice economy, but with better conditions throughout the province their revenues would be greater and it might be that in the end there would be no loss at all. Even so, the showing of interest in the public welfare would certainly be appreciated.

So when it is suggested by members of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy that the greater use of coal be promoted, mine operators are bucking against a stone wall. No he p is vouchsafed by those who are in a position to help. Rather it must be as Mr. Graham says, production costs must be lessened. It is doubtful if costs could be brought down to the point where the interest of these large consuming companies would be aroused, or their attention diverted from the close pursuit of the almighty dollar.

THE PERFECT SOLUTION?

(Contributed)

Looking back over a period which is rapidly—too rapidly—approaching a point when it may be called a long life, the liquor question looms up large in attempts, in resurging waves, of a perfect solution. From the Scott Act and many "temperance" appeals, which were really "tee-total" appeals, to moderation which was intended to be a temperance measure, but which seems to have slipped a cog, and has become immoderation.

There was a period of prohibition which did not prohibit, followed by government control in which the government cannot control chiefly because the attorney-general is supposed to have made some nasty remarks about the stately senate.

Attempts, many and varied, have been made by legislation enactments to make man behave by law in a manner in which he should behave by common sense. After all, the essence of good and bad is based on what is good for the human family and what is bad for the human family. That "booze" taken beyond strict moderation is bad for the human, few will fail to admit.

The latest attempts at legislation known as government control, and even total prohibition as enacted by our neighbor, are proving as being far from the perfect solution. Further they are tending to prove that there is no perfect solution possible by legislation, and that the only solution will be that of the natural working out of the problem itse'f. The realization of what is good for the human family.

To anyone who is interested in getting a little amusement out of curious positions, and who is sufficiently disinterested in the pros and cons of either the "wets" or "drys," considerable "kick" can be had by glancing at the present position the government occupies in relation to itself.

The government calls upon its po'ice force to arrest intoxicated citizens, and the laws enacted by the government proscribe a penalty. The government liquor control board sells the intoxicating liquors. Does the government liquor board expect people to buy intoxicating liquor and not get intoxicated? If so, why sell intoxicating liquors? Why have a code of 'aws and a po'ice force to stop people from getting in'oxicated after se'ling them the goods (at a stiff price) that will make them that way? Of course we know the answer but the curious posit'on of the government to itself remains.

Again the government says "I and I alone will sell you the stuff, but you must not drink it here. Neither must you drink it on the streets or roads which are my property. Nor in any pub'ic places, which are supervised by my police." You buy your intoxicants from the government, but you must seek private property to indulge in it.

Then the horrid bootlegger comes into the scenery and how does the government stand in regard to him. The bootlegger is the arch-enemy of the government, as it maintains the right to be the only retailer of the joyous fluid. It hounds the bootlegger with its police, and incidently it hounds the police if they do not hound the bootlegger. At the same time it, as a liquor selling department, sells the bootlegger all the booze he requires to bootleg with. True, it has enactments which, on paper, permits a person to purchase only sufficient for his own consumption. A'so quite as true it does sell individuals enough juice to float a ship, knowing quite well that the purchaser has no intention of making either the said ship nor even himself buoyant.

Again look at the government's position to itself. In the crime of bootlegging it becomes "accessory before the fact," then sets its police force to work to run down the criminal, that is of course the other one.

Yes, verily, the government stands in a strange relation to itself, but of course forced into that position by the sovereign will of the people. The perfect solution must come by other means than legislation. It is in fact coming by slow degrees, by a hidden force which is the natural solution of most of our problems, the automatic balance and reaction, a force which neither the mora'ist nor the legislator can either speed up nor prevent.

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Boundary District
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Deer—These animals show an appreciable increase in this district, and although the local Game Warden there reports the proportion of bucks and does in much better shape than formerly, I am of the opinion, from reports received from all over the division, that we have now arrived at a time when a change should be made in the "buck" law. Were the reports I have received confined to the fact that does are seen out of all proportion to bucks, this would not be of much importance as the bucks are generally found on the higher summits; but all information points to the fact that there is an ever increasing number of barren does to be found.

Reports show that in the neighborhood of thirty cougar were killed last winter in the Boundary District, and as statistics show that cougar will kill three deer in a week for food, the slaughter of this type of vermin must prove very beneficial to the increase of the deer family.

Mountain-sheep—I regret to report that, although a closed season has been in effect for nearly eighteen years in the Similkameen District, there is not a corresponding increase shown in the number of mountain sheep to be seen either on the range southeast of Penticton or in the Ashnola District.

Mountain-goat—There are only a few mountain-goat and these are reported to be in the Skagit River District and in the Chopaka area.

Bear—These animals are not reported as plentiful.

Beaver—Beaver are reported as very plentiful in this district. I trust that a similar report can be furnished next season, when we will then be able to speak from experience as to the results of the open trapping season on this fur-bearing animal. Personally, I must say that I have some misgivings as to the outcome of the open season, as apparently every trapper and hundreds of others who are not trappers have registered traplines in order to be in a position to get these animals when the season opens.

Muskrats—These animals are very plentiful.

Lynx—Lynx are in fair numbers only. Lynx being carnivorous animals, I have always been in some doubt as to the advisability of keeping this animal on the fur-protected list.

Marten and Mink—These animals are scarce throughout the district.

Pheasants—Pheasants during the past two seasons have shown a general decline in numbers in this district. I am of the opinion that the last open season was altogether too long. The birds are smaller and the cocks are scarce. From my own observations in this district and from reports of the local Game Warden, I think that during a very limited open season birds of both sexes could be shot, the bag of course to be extremely limited.

Partridge—Although this bird two years ago was reported a menace to crops, I do not think we are likely to have a complaint of this nature in the near future, as there is a considerable falling-off in the numbers of these birds. Reports indicate that they have gone north to Vernon District, where more grain is grown.

Quail—Quail are reported as being numerous east of Penticton, on the benches.

Grouse—Rejorted plentiful throughout the district, with the exception of the Similkameen, where I would recommend a closed season for three years, so that these birds may have an opportunity of again propagating.

Vermin—Under this heading cougar and coyotes are the main menace to game life. Realizing this, the department had Special Constable Shuttleworth appointed for this work, and I think this officer's record in the destruction of predatory animals has been excellent. Nine cougar were killed by Constable Shuttleworth last winter and in all thirty cougar were killed in the Boundary District.

Constable Robertson reports that the use of the oil of catnip has been demonstrated as a lure for members of the cat family, and it is hoped that with the use of traps in conjunction with the oil of catnip some benefit will be derived by way of thinning out these animals.

The same Constable offers the suggestion in connection with coyotes that the present bounty of $2 be cut down to $1 during the winter months, when the fur is in good condition and commands a good market price, and increased to $5 per pelt from May to September. I would endorse this suggestion.

Game-protection and Hunting Accidents—The continual appearance in various parts of the district within a short space of time of Constables Robertson and Shuttleworth has been a deterring factor in preventing violations of the "Game Act" by Indians and others. There were no hunting accidents in this district.

Game Reserves—We have two game reserves in this district, one the Vaseaux Lake Sanctuary (bird) and the Kettle River game reserve. The former is without doubt one of the finest bird reserves in the Interior and has been responsible for an increase in migratory birds, particulaly geese.

It is scarcely necessary for me to go into details with reference to the Kettle River game reserve, as I note from a recent issue of the British Columbia Gazette that the reserve has been cancelled. It is regrettable that through the condition of the ranchers in that district the department found it necessary to cancel the reserve, as I feel assured that this was a wonderful portion of the province for the propagation of game.

Fur-farming—It is reported by Constable Robertson that the Dominion Government has silver-fox farming under supervision and that it is proving a wonderful success. Fur-farming being only in its infancy the Constable suggests that the industry be carefully guided by the Department.

Railway First Aid Champions

First Aid teams of the Canadian Pacific Railway made a clean sweep this year of St. John Ambulance Association competitions in which they were eligible. Outstanding among the trophies won by the various teams of the Company were the Montizambert Trophy, representing the open championship of the Dominion won by the Chapleau, Ontario, team; the Wallace Nesbitt trophy, emblematic of the open championship among railways in Canada, the States of Maine and Michigan, which was won by the Toronto Freight Offices and the Sherwood Police Shield, for the highest honors in police competitions open to all uniformed forces in the Dominion. This trophy was carried off by the Angus Police Team No. 1 of the Angus works, Montreal.

In the photograph above is seen the team representing the Toronto Freight Offices, holders of the Wallace Nesbitt Railway trophy. Members are, from left to right, top row: W. T. Warren, A. G. Shakespeare, first aid instructor of eastern lines; and A. T. Curle. Lower row, left to right: C. Sellen and H. H. Braid. The team are also holders of the Grand Challenge Cup, representing the championship of the C.P.R. system, the Oborne Cup, symbolic of the championship of Ontario district of the Company, and the Shaughnessy Shield, representing the championship of eastern lines. The Wallace Nesbitt trophy is seen in the centre above, while below it is the Shaughnessy Shield. At the right is the Grand Challenge Cup and, at the left, the Oborne Cup.

The various awards were presented to the Canadian Pacific teams in the board room of the Company in Montreal recently, in the presence of E. W. Beatty, Chairman and President of the C.P.R., and a large gathering of the officials; also officers of the St. John Ambulance Association.

MERRITT MAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Spences Bride, B.C., Dec. 12.—E. Mickleson, 35, road patrol worker, employed by the provincial government, was killed Sunday night near Clapperton, when an automobile which he was driving plunged from the edge of Spence's bridge, Merritt highway, one mile north of Clapperton. Fred Mallory, K.V.R. section foreman, a passenger in the auto, jumped out as the car went over the bank. He sustained a broken nose and bruises. Mickleson was unmarried. It is believed the auto skidded on ice, the road being in dangerous condition owing to deep snow.

Provincial Constable Percy Carr and Dr. A. Gillis of Merritt have gone to the scene of the fatality. The body will be taken to Merritt tonight. Mickleson's duty was to patrol the road for maintenance inspection in the interest of public safety when the road was too dangerous for ordinary use.

It has been rumored that some hunter recently shot an elk on the east side hills and removed a hind quarter, leaving the remainder of the carcass for the coyotes. Up to date the game warden has no confirmation of the story. Elk are taboo to hunters in this district.—Penticton Herald.

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Synopsis of Land Act Amendments

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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) 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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Preliminary figures indicate that mining production in British Columbia this year will exceed all previous records, although prices will be somewhat below those of 1926, when a total of $67,000,000 was recorded.

Tobacco growing in the Kelowna district, B.C., has been so successful this year that the acreage will probably be increased to 1,000 next season. The present crop has been safely harvested and cured.

Not since 1917 has the Nova Scotia mining industry enjoyed so prosperous a season. During the fiscal year ending September, approximately 6,640,000 tons of coal were produced in the province against approximately 5,000,000 for the same period of last year.

The biggest shipment of live foxes to leave North America for the European market since the industry has been developed left Charlottetown in a consignment of 1,000, bound for Norway, via Halifax. These animals are valued at from $500 to $1,500 a pair, and the entire shipment is valued at approximately half a million dollars.

Her Grace the Duchess of Atholl, prominent British peeress and Parliamentarian, was the central figure recently at the launching on the Clyde, Scotland, of the first of the four new Canadian Pacific "Duchess" ships—the 20,000-ton passenger liner "Duchess of Atholl." These vessels will go into the Canadian Pacific Atlantic passenger service.

The elaborate figurehead of the "Empress of Japan," the first trans-Pacific liner on the Canadian Pacific, has been mounted in Stanley Park, Vancouver. The "Empress of Japan" was a clipper type steamer and the largest and fastest vessel navigating the Pacific. The figurehead was presented to the Vancouver Parks Board as a historic relic of that great port.

A special train of six cars carrying pure bred swine and sheep for exhibition and instruction purpose is now travelling through Southern Saskatchewan over the Canadian Pacific Railway. The stock is supplied by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, the Dominion Livestock Branch, Stockyard Companies, Packers and Breeders — all high-class stock. Lectures dealing with the breeding, feeding and management of sheep and swine are given by experts.

Through the auspices of the Canada Colonization Association, 509 families, consisting of 2,799 persons, were settled in Canada on 130,928 acres of land from January 1st to October 31st. The settlement of these families was personally supervised by officials of the Association, who completed the contracts, inspected the lands and closed transactions. It is expected that 100 additional families will be settled before the end of the year. Since its start, the Canada Colonization Association (a subsidiary of the Department of Colonization and Development, Canadian Pacific Railway), has settled 2,227 families on 554,189 acres and there are still settlement opportunities on 296,500 acres for 1,164 families. The percentage of success in these settlements is unusually high, being 100 per cent. in Alberta and 99.80 in Saskatchewan.

PLENTY OF SNOW AT PENTICTON

Penticton, Dec. 9.—Keeping up its record for being the most unusual season on record, 1927 is alternatively donating us with rainfall and snowfall. After a wet autumn, November kept up the good work with both rain and snow, providing a total precipitation in terms of water of 2.53 inches. The precipitation in December has totalled so far up to noon today 1.46 inches of water, making a total for the five weeks of almost three inches. This appears to be a record.

"Daddy" Wade says that he has never seen a season like this in the two score years and more he has lived here.

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CHINESE PRISONS

(by Rev. A. J. Williams)

There are in Peking and other large centres in China, which are on the tourist lines of travel, Modal Prisons which impress the visitor with their up-to-date methods and the way in which the prisoners are looked after. The prisons in our Kueiteh Prefecture, which has a population of three million souls but which is never visited by Extraterritoriality Commissions and such like, impress one otherwise.

I went into the prison at Yung Ch'eng one day and at first one is struck with the poverty of the means employed to keep the prisoners in as far as the walls and buildings are concerned, for the walls are only about ten feet high, rough mud and brick surmounted by thorn branches, and the compounds are like those in any other Chinese dwellings. When the inmates were paraded, however, for us to see them we could easily realize how it was that escapes were few. In the first place they were so weak and sickly that some of them could not stand upright without leaning on one of their fellows. Then in addition to the manacles on their ankles which only allowed a very short step to be taken at a time, they were all linked up into one line by iron rings around their necks connected by a chain. Of course even if one had got away under such conditions it is not so easy to get out of the city, which has high walls and gates which are secured at night and guarded by day.

Our prison in Kueiteh is a little better, for the prisoners are not linked up by the neck chain. This last January I took one of our newcomers in China along to have a look at it. He soon got a taste of what to expect for as we neared the place a couple of the prisoners passed us carrying on a pole slung between them a poor dead wretch who had given up the unequal struggle for existence against too heavy odds. He was filthy and emaciated to the last degree and was not even being accorded the usual last courtesy of a bit of used matting to cover his worn-out bones. There is very little attempt made at burial in such cases as the scavenger dogs know very well.

We first visited the house of detention where the prisoners are kept whose cases are not yet decided. The government does not assume responsibility for their keep since they are not yet convicted so it goes very ill indeed with an unfortunate who may be there without funds or friends. Death by ill-nutrition is his portion and one could see it not far off in the faces of some of those lined up for us to see. It was Chinese New Year time and we were giving a little money to help the most hopeless cases but in some ways one felt it was not doing any real kindness to drag out their misery just a little bit longer. Still one cannot tell and it is a work upon which the Master of all masters has set His seal of approval, "I was in prison," "One of of the least of these" and surely nothing can be less than these. We tried to cheer them up a little but such crass injustice and cruelty in dealing with men who are perhaps not guilty at all leaves one rather appalled and aghast.

From there we went to the place in another building where those convicted of crimes are lodged. Not much difference in the buildings and in some ways the inmates are better off for they have an official grant of sixteen coppers a day for food. With coppers exchanging at the rate they are now that would amount to about two cents of Canadian money. They might struggle along on this if they got it all but they are at the mercy of the jailers and the money, however small in amount has to pass through several itching palms before it goes into food for the prisoners. I think it would be well within the bounds of truth to say that a twelve months sentence would be about the same as a death one to a white man unless one of a very tough kind indeed. Only thirty prisoners were lined up, we had just seen number thirty-one carried past us and a day or two would see several of the others go the same way from the look of them. A fresh-faced cheerful official stood near me, very fat and well-liking he was, and I pointed out to him one or two of the sickest looking cases, one man just propped against the wall unable to walk, another with runnings from his nose and mouth being supported by a comrade, and asked him if we might not send Dr. Chang to attend to them.

I had made a break it seems for the gentleman I appealed to was none other than the prison doctor and he explained to me that these subjects were not really sick but were merely suffering from lack of food. "If they could be fed properly," quoth he, "they would soon be all right but the food allowance is not enough and the magistrate will not allow any more." I had never guessed before that there was such a being as a prison doctor but the thought naturally occurred to me that if his salary could be divided among the prisoners they would gladly dispense with such medical attention as he might be disposed to give.

I was interested to see a nest of drawers in the waiting room and to be informed that they were for using the finger print method on the criminals. Very up-to-date I thought and very interesting to be able to tell the different commissions in Peking that such western methods were now being used even in such out-of-the-way places as Kueiteh. As the drawers were all empty no harm was being done.

That it may please Thee to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives.

QUESNEL CITIZENS SEEK VILLAGE INCORPORATION

Vote Ten to One in Favor of Holding a Poll

Quesnel, Dec. 8.—

Considering the inclement weather which prevailed on Thursday, a goodly number of our adult residents attended the public meeting at the Rex Theatre that night, to consider the question of incorporating the townsite under the Village Municipalities' Act. President LeBourdais of the Board of Trade, under whose auspices the meeting was held, called the meeting to order at 8.30, and briefly outlined the steps taken by the board. They had been considering the question for the past six months, and had a mass of information available. The board had unanimously adopted the report of its committee recommending incorporation, and he hoped that the citizens at this meeting would discuss the subject fully and freely. He would ask that the discussion be conducted in a parliamentary manner, with all remarks addressed to the chair.

It was moved by Mr. J. G. Cowan, and seconded by Mr. C. H. Allison, that this meeting endorse the action taken so far by the board of trade in the matter of incorporation, and that we petition the Lieut.-Governor in Council to grant the holding of a poll for the purpose of deciding the issue, and to also specify the area in favor of incorporation, but would to be incorporated under the Act."

Mr. Vaughan, chairman of the committee which investigated and reported to the board, then addressed the meeting, and analyzed the information contained in the report, the gist of which had been included in the pamphlet circulated among the our ratepayers recently. He also referred to the matter of the collection of taxes, stating that if incorporation was effected the taxes became subject to the municipality—would not be collected by the government. He dealt with probable sources of income of the municipality, which the committee estimated at between four and five thousand dollars, and also gave a list of some of the expenditures. He next referred to the steps to be taken to secure incorporation, and followed on with a reference to the experiences of Creston, Abbotsford, Vanderhoof and other places which had recently incorporated, and all of which, he said, were satisfied with the results.

Mr. A. Carson announced that the government was running the town well enough to suit him, and would vote against incorporation.

Discussion of various points ensued, various questions being asked and answered, those contributing to the dialogue being Messrs. Elliott, Lockhart, Allison, Vaughan, Fraser and Healey.

Mr. E. J. Avison addressed the meeting, stating that he was heartily support the movement only on one condition—that the clerk of the municipality be elected by the ratepayers, and not appointed by the commissioners. He claimed the electors could ask for this change in the Act when sending in their petition to the executive council. The speaker then enlarged upon the important duties which would devolve upon this official, and dissected the financial statements of the towns presented in the pamphlet to prove his point, showing the discrepancies in the per capita costs between the various mnuicipalities. He moved an amendment to the Cowan motion to the effect "that the petition to the Lieut.-Governor in Council asking for a vote on incorporation be accompanied by a request that the office of the clerk be made elective." The amendment was seconded by Mr. J. W. Fearson. Mr. Vaughan objected, on the ground that such a procedure would tend to make the clerk a town manager, or dictator, and that as such he would be usurping the duties of the commissioners. After some further discussion Mr. Avison's amendment was voted on, and defeated by 22 to 11. The Cowan motion was then put, and carried by 32 votes to 3.

Mr. Avison moved, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that the clerk be one of the commissioners. The motion was ruled out of order by the chairman on the ground that it was ultra vires of the Act, and the meeting then adjourned.

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5 lbs. for ... 70c

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Almonds—Per lb. ... 35c

Peanuts—2 lbs. for ... 35c

Table Cluster Raisins—
Per packet ... 30c

Maraschino Cherries—
Per bottle ... 25c and 40c

Glace Cherries—For Xmas cake. Per half pound ... 30c

Sunmaid Seedless Raisins—

Creamery Butter — Keremeos, Enderby, Armstrong, Noca Brand, Thames Valley and New Zealand. Per pound ... 50c

Jap Oranges—Per box ... $1.00

Large Juicy Navel Oranges—Per dozen ... 50c, 60c and 70c

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Per dozen ... 60c

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Strictly New Laid Eggs—We guarantee these eggs to be no more than six days from the nest when sold, as they come from an up-to-date poultry farm at Summerland. Per doz. 60c

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Cherry or Maple Bon Bons—Per pound ... 45c

Fancy Boxes Chocolates—
From ... $1.00 to $2.25

Candies—We have a very large range of Xmas mixed Candies from, per lb. ... 20c to 35c

Sweet Potatoes—Per lb. ... 10c

Celery—Each ... 10c, 15c, 20c

Head Lettuce—Each ... 15c

Cranberries—For your Xmas turkey, per lb. ... 30c

Okanagan Onions—5 lbs. for .. 25c

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Almond Paste—We have been complimented many times this year on the quality of the Almond Paste. Per pound ... 75c and 60c

Del Monte Sliced Pineapple—
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Princeton Paragraphs

Christmas Joy Makers—open evenings. A. L. White.

Mr. C. F. Tupper returned from Calgary Tuesday morning.

Chas. Bromfield has resumed the duties of engineer for the water works company.

"Lutfisk," the popular Scandinavian Christmas dish, will again be on the menus at the Tulameen Hotel during the holidays. 5-1

Mr. A. Gould has gone to work at Blakeburn but his family will remain in Princeton during the winter months.

Miss Hilda Howarth of the Departmental Stores has been confined to her home for several days by a severe attack of flu.

Gold Commissioner Dodd announces Monday, Jan. 9th, as the date on which the poll on village incorporation will be held here.

Full line line now on hand of smokers' supplies, cigars cigarettes, etc., in Christmas packages; confectionery has arrived. Tulameen Hotel Cigar Store. 5-1

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Forsyth announce the engagement of their niece, Ida May Huston, to Mr. Charles F. Tupper, of Calgary, the wedding to take place at their residence on Fenchurch Avenue December 25.

The editor of The Star has been suffering from a rather severe attack of rheumatism this week. Perversely, it had to hit us in the right arm, and we haven't yet mastered the art of writing with our left hand. This accounts for a dearth of local news matter this week and also for being late in getting to press.

A "Star Reader" writes from Demuth's lumber camp asking us to publish the number and names of the continents of the world. It is a long time since the editor attended school, but to the best of our recollection we were taught five, viz: America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australasia. Personally we would be inclined to treat north and South America as separate continents.

CUSTOMS OFFICER KILLS BIG COUGAR

Big Demand Among Chinamen for Flesh of Cat

Rossland, Dec. 9.—One of the largest specimens of the cougar family ever seen here was brought in from Brilliant section Saturday by Messrs. Assistant Customs Officer Warren Crowe and Stephen Atkinson who had gone into that section in search of deer.

"Deer tracks were plentiful," said Mr. Atkinson, "but there were also tracks of a monster cougar which was following the deer, the cougars tracks being quite fresh. Mr. Crowe and myself agreed on a meeting place at the top of the mountain on separating near the bridge at Brilliant, and I went around the mountain and met him at the appointed spot. But, before we met I had to go around a huge rock. After circling this obstacle in my path I rejoined my companion and we agreed to partake of our lunch. While I was in the act of preparing the lunch, Mr. Crowe enquired of me what the brown object might be on the rock I had circled, but before I could look his rifle was at his shoulder and the next thing I knew was a monster cougar leaping from this very rock about ten feet in the air. The cougar had probably been basking in the sunshine or was asleep and when Mr. Crowe spoke to me awoke and moved just enough for him to feel sure it was the cougar, for the 'cat' was a corpse when we came up with his carcass some distance down the mountain side."

The two proud hunters brought the animal out of the brush to Brilliant a distance of about two miles and on to Rossland, where it was placed in the show window of P. Burns & Co., where it attracted a large crowd all during Saturday evening and Sunday.

The animal was 6 feet in length from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail and weight 115 pounds. Mr. Crowe will collect a bounty of $10.00 from the government and will have the hide prepared into a rug as a trophy of his outing.

Cougar hunters who have looked at the carcass of the monster "cat" declare it to be the finest specimen of the cougar family ever seen in this section.

Mr. Crowe will also realize a neat sum from the sale of the carcass of the animal, Chinamen being very fond of this meat and are buying it in good sized pieces at 50 cents per pound.

SPUD GROWERS WANT RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Ashcroft B.C., Dec. 13.—Ashcroft and district board of trade at a fully representative meeting, after full discussion of the present affect of marketing control operations on the potato crop of this district passed the following resolution unanimously: "That the market control committee be again requested to lift all restrictions affecting the potato crop of this district as in the case of McIntosh apples and a previous order affecting cherries. Unless this is done at once there will positively be no crop put in next spring resulting in present cultivated irrigated lands again becoming wild and many growers being irretrievably ruined. We strongly urge your immediate and effective action in order that the present crop may be salvaged as far as possible and that copies of this resolution be sent to market control committee, premier and press."

HEDLEY GOLD MINE CLOSED FOR SEASON

Miners Disperse for Winter—Operations Will Resume in Spring

With the advent of cold weather which renders the obtaining of power from water supply very difficult, the Hedley Gold Mine closed down on Sunday for the winter. Many of the miners were in Princeton on Monday, some looking for work locally and others on their way through to the coast for a holiday. The married men with their families are remaining on the hill to wait for the resumption of work in the spring. Closing down at this time enables the members of the staff to return to their homes for the Christmas season, but General Manager G. P. Jones will remain on at the mill for the time being to put everything in shape for period of inactivity.

There has been an ample supply of water this year for power and the mill has been able to run at its full capacity. Extensive exploration of other properties in the neighborhood was carried on during the season but without any new ore bodies being discovered that would add to the high grade tonnage of the mine reserves. Work will be resumed in the spring as soon as weather conditions will permit.

All reports to the contrary, there are mighty few fathers who give their daughter away at the wedding ceremony. They let the grooms find out for themselves later.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Thomas Wharton Irwin, who passed away December 12th, 1923.

The evening stars shine on his grave,
The one we love but could not save
From earthly pain to heavenly rest,
Missed by those who loved him best.

Inserted by his loving Father and Mother, Brother and Sister.

COMING EVENTS

New Year's Macquerade Ball—Orange Hall, Princeton, Friday, Dec. 30; under auspices of Orange Hall Building Fund Committee.

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Church of England Services

Sunday, December 18th, 1927
ST. CUTHBERT'S, PRINCETON

Morning Prayer ... 11 a.m.
Sunday School ... 2 p.m.
Evening Prayer ... 7.30 p.m.

ALLENBY SCHOOL HOUSE
Thursday, December 22nd, 1927
Evening Prayer ... 7.30 p.m.

REV. A. J. WILLIAMS, B.D., Incumbent.

St. Paul's United Church

Princeton, B.C.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Sunday School ... 11 a.m.
Church Service ... 7:30 p.m.

REV. JOHN C. GOODFELLOW.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Similkameen Electoral District

Notice Regarding Discontinuing and Closing Portion of Street Between Blocks 25 and 26, Map 96, Town of Princeton.

Notice is hereby given that, under the authority conferred by Section 11 of the "Highway Act," Chapter 103 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924," it is the intention of the undersigned, after 30 days from date to discontinue and close the southerly 30 foot portion of the street north of Lot 23, Block 26, Map 96, Town of Princeton, B.C.

W. H. SUTHERLAND,
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Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., 1st December, 1927. 4-5

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KEREMEOS NOTES

Keremeos and district are enjoying, or rather experiencing, real winter weather. There have been several heavy snowfalls during the past week and as a consequence there is a layer of white beautifulness to approximate depth of eight inches.

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Word has been recently received that Donald McCallum, attending the University of British Columbia in his first year, was successful in qualifying for a position on the senior rowing team.

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The children's annual Christmas tree concert will be held in the Victory Hall on Thursday, December 22. A lengthy program, prepared by the school children under the supervision of the teachers and others will be presented. There will be plenty of candy for everyone and it will be handed out by a real Santa Claus to all children present. Come and bring the kiddies and enjoy an evening of true Christmas entertainment.

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The plays and concert, under the auspices of St. John's Guild, to have been held in the Victory Hall on Thursday has been postponed until the evening of Monday, Dec. 19th.

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Benny Clarke, who was taken to the hospital last week suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is now well on his way to recovery—Penticton Herald.

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Dr. Tolmie, leader of the Conservative party in the provincial House at Victoria, and Mr. W. A. McKenzie our district representative of the Conservative faction, addressed a large political meeting in the Victory Hall on Thursday evening. In spite of the stormy night and an excessive depth of snow the people came out en masse and were rewarded by hearing two able men deliver exceedingly informative and interesting addresses. Dr. Tolmie set forth his policy of whole hearted support for local industry and his loyalty and public spirited interest for and in British Columbia and her people. Mr. McKenzie gave an extremely illuminating address and enlightened many on the disbursement of government funds in the establishment and upkeep of public works. Mr. L. Coleman acted as chairman for the meeting.

KEREMEOS PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Division I.

(W. H. Gurney, teacher.)

Proficiency: Grade VIII.—1, Bertha Mills; 2, Fred Crooker. Grade VII.—1, Dorothy Clark; 2, Muriel Riley. Grade VI.—1, Elspeth Lintott; 2, Gladys Harris.

Perfect Attendance—Charlie Allen, Marjorie Bell, George Christian, Virginia Christian, Dorothy Clark, Billie Corrigan, Fred Derry, Gladys Harris, Annabelle La Bounty, Elspeth Lintott, Dora Mattice, Bertha Mills.

Division II.

(Miss E. Lewis, teacher.)

Proficiency: Grade V.—1, Phyllis Daly; 2, Daisy Bell. Grade IV.—1, Ruth Sorge; 2, Marion Blogg. Grade III.—1, Dorothy Sorge; 2, Bryan Colwell.

Perfect Attendance—Donald Barcello, May Carleton, Bryan Colwell, Lorine Daly, Janet Derry, Laurence Harris, Ross Echlin, Grant Echlin, Reggie Emith, Dorothy Sorge, Alec Milloy, Willie La Bounty.

Division III.

(Mrs. K. Clarke, teacher.)

Proficiency: Grade II.—1, Jack Riley; 2, Gladys Wheeler. Grade I.—1, Margaret Spall; 2, Muriel Smith.

Perfect Attendance — Nita Armstrong Alfred Campbell, John Derry, Joyce East, Norma Etches, Elsie Harris, Esther Harris, Clarence La Bounty, Alfred Liddicoat, Arthur Liddicoat, Wallace Liddicoat, Evelyn Lintott, Jack Riley, Muriel Smith, Margaret Spall, Willa Tweddle, Thomas Willis, Joyce Williams.

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CAWSTON NOTES

Last Tuesday evening, about forty Keremeos and Cawston young people gathered in the Community Hall where a party was held in honor of Agnes Lillian and Stewart Lang, who will leave shortly for Victoria.

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Kenneth MacKenzie had the misfortune to sprain his wrist while playing at school Friday.

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Margaret MacDonald returned to her home here Friday after spending the past months in Hedley.

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Cawston was well represented by about twenty young people at the basketball games and dance in Keremeos Wednesday evening. In spite of the fact that a heavy snow storm was on the truck load of fourteen which Arthur Wainwright took up had a real jolly time.

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Mrs. G. Wainwright entertained a number of young people at her home Thursday evening.

BLAKEBURN NEWS

The P.T.A. ladies are greatly pleased with the success of their dance and sale of work held in the Blakeburn dining hall on Saturday, December 10. The first prize for the best piece of hand embroidered work went to Mrs. A. Rose, the second to Mrs. F. M. Barnes. Coalmont was well represented in the crowd of gay dancers who thronged the floor to the music of the Blakeburn orchestra.

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The new home of Miss M. Mackay of the Coalmont Collieries store staff is very near completion. Miss Mackay hopes to move in some time in the very near future.

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Next Saturday night, December 17, the Blakeburn dining hall will be the scene of the Christmas tree celebration put on this year by the Caledonian Club. After the concert and distribution of the Christmas gifts, dancing will be carried on with the Blakeburn Orchestra in attendance.

COALMONT NEWS

Gilbert McEachern and cheery crew of helpers are busy stringing wire for street lights. It can't be much fun up a pole with the temperature hovering around ten below zero, but the boys will know that their efforts are going to be greatly appreciated.

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Mrs. (Dr.) Sheffield returned from Vancouver on Saturday morning.

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Isaac McTavish spent a couple of days in Vancouver during the week.

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The Coalmont Girls' Glee Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barton on Friday evening.

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Ted Riley returned from Vancouver on Saturday morning. Mrs. Riley and Billy are staying on in Vancouver for a while.

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We have heard rumors of a snow plow to be used on the roads in this district, but so far the outfit has been kept out of our sight. It is almost time that it paid a visit to these parts. The road to Blakeburn is practically impassable, on Tuesday the Collieries truck and the jitneys could not make the grade to the mine.

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We regret that Mrs. Wm. Robertson, who has not been in good health for some time, has not been so well lately.

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The Coalmont Community Christmas tree will be held in the Coalmont Hotel on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21. The pupils of the public and high schools are putting on an interesting program.

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From 90c to $7.00 a pair.
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PYREX WARE, CUTLERY AND FLASHLIGHTS
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PRELIMINARY MINING REPORT IS ISSUED

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ground. Work on the high river-channel was carried on throughout the season without reaching bed-rock. No production is looked for before next season.

Sootheran Lease.—Another sensational find of platinum was made on this lease on the Tulameen River. Practically no w rk was done to prove the extent of his find owing to continued high water.

Ruby Lease.—K. Ruby worked his lease below Coalmont with encouraging results during the season. This bench is 100 feet above the present river-channel of the Tulameen River.

Summit Camp

Cascade Consolidated.—The Cascade Consolidated Mining Company ceased operations on its holdings in Summit Camp late in the summer. Cessation of work, it is understood, was due to necessary refinancing. The lowest tunnel on the Cascade group was driven ahead and the vein, 22 feet wide, was intersected at a point 1,258 feet from the portal. Drifts were driven both ways on the lead for a considerable distance (exact distance not to hand). When this tunnel was examined in July, the ore, which is mostly zinc, was found to occur in narrow stringers, small lenses, and specks through the gangue. Since that time it has been reported that better values and larger b dies of ore have been found.

The Blue Bell mine was closed down early in the year and nothing has been done since.

Queen Bess Group.—This group of claims was thoroughly prospected by Andy Jensen of Tulameen and some interesting outcrops of silver-lead-zinc ore uncovered.

Morning Star.—This property near the headwaters of Sutter Creek has been optioned by A. Robinson of Tulameen. Development work done up to July consisted of three open cuts exposing the continuity of the vein system for several hundred feet, a crosscut tunnel, and drifts about 200 feet. Sorted galena ore from the vein on the surface above the tunnel assayed: Gold, 0.04 oz. to the ton; silver, 75 oz. to the ton; lead, 42 per cent.; zinc 8 per cent. The vein varies in size frrom 2 to 14 inches. A small amount of capital expended in development on the vein will probably determine its economic value.

Independence Group.—This group of claims, owned by John Holm, of Myra has been bonded by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada. The camp is being prepared for active exploration of the copper deposits exposed in various workings.

Lucky Strike Group.—The owners of this group, G. Broderick et al, of Princeton, have exposed strong indications of copper in surface trenches and cuts over a large area. The situation of these claims, about 4 miles from Princeton on the 5-Mile road, and within 1 mile of the Kettle Valley Railway, makes them an attractive prospect. The ore exposed is mostly copper carbonates.

Hedley Gold Mining Co.—The operation of this company's mines at Hedley continued throughout most of the year and 38,450 tons of arsenical-gold ore was mined and milled up to October 31st. Extensive exploration of other properties in that neighborhood was carried on without any new mines being discovered that would assist in adding high-grade tonnage to the mine reserves.

Nelson Group.—This group of claims, situated in the Apex basin near Hedley, was explored by means of a 40-foot shaft, open-cuts and tunnels. About 25 feet of arsenopyrite carrying values from $9 to $30 in gold was discovered in the shaft. This ore was lost for a time, but according to the owner was found again. These claims are worth exploring.

Golconda.—This claim at Olalla, near Keremeos, is owned by McEachern. An ore-shoot 100 feet long and about 6 feet wide in its widest part, containing lenses of chalcopyrite and molybdenite, has been developed in the lower tunnel. A sorted sample of this ore assayed: Silver, 2 oz. to the ton; copper, 14.1 per cent.; MoS., 0.40 per cent. This is a good-looking prospect.

Big Horn Mine (Horn Silver).—Development was carried on in the eastern part of this mine by a small crew of men. Some high-grade silver ore was found above the main crosscut. Work has been retarded by the extreme flatness of the vein.

Morning Star Group.—This group of claims at Fairview was not developed during the year. The size and persistence of these quartz veins carrying gold, close to transportation and electric power, seem to warrant further exploration. A considerable tonnage of high-grade gold ore was taken from near the surface on this property about twenty-seven years ago.

Coal Production of Nicola-Princeton District

Middlesboro Collieries, Ltd	40,000
Coalmont Collieries, Ltd.	150,000
Tulameen Valley Coal Co.	15,000
South Okanagan Colliary	200
Total	205,200

POLICE ADVISED TO PROHIBIT COASTING

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 13.—In a verdict which expressly exonerated the taxi driver, T. C. Cummins, from blame a coroner's jury holding an inquest on 8-year-old Mary Sharp, who coasted into an auto Saturday night and died without recovering consciousness, recommended that the civic authorities stop all coasting on public thoroughfares in an endeavor to prevent such accidents.

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