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Copper Mt. Holocaust Among Great Tragedies In District's History

Nine Men Met Death When Flames Devoured Fine New Bunkhouse Sunday Morning

INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED

Princeton District bows its head under a weight of sorrow resultant upon the most tragic and most extraordinary event in its history, the disastrous Copper Mountain fire which brought death to nine of its finest men, suffering to scores of others, sorrow to the bereft, and loss to some eighty miners and to the Granby, Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company.

With no apparent motive whatever, at a model camp where perfect harmony prevailed, facts compel the opinion that this weight of sorrow was wilfully inflicted by an incendiarist, and in spite of the fact that No. 3 bunkhouse was the newest and by far the best equipped of the company, it was converted into a raging inferno and a death trap. The whole story is a bewildering mystery.

Nine men were burned to death and eleven painfully injured, four seriously, and a score received minor injuries when fire of undetermined but allegedly incendiary origin swept No. 3 bunkhouse at Copper Mountain shortly before 4 o'clock Sunday morning, reducing the splendid 44-roomed building to a smouldering mass in a little over a quarter of an hour, bringing death to Jim Mackay, Alex Matheson, Ralph Bassett, William Pherson, Ralph Bassett, William Upjohn, Nels Solid and Pat Dermody; serious injury to A. Ness, George Nelson, Elling Liabo and Frank Mealy; severe injuries to V. Astergood, Harold Arontzn, Graham Gibson, Mike Sertich, J. C. Sweet and R. J. Barr, all of who, with five seriously injured, are in Princeton hospital, and to Len Barton, who is at home. At the same time an equally tragic disaster was averted by sheer good fortune when the presence of mind of Charlie Stocker saved No. 2 bunkhouse, which took fire in a manner exactly similar to No. 3.

A thorough review of all available evidence before both a coroner's inquest and a provincial fire marshal's enquiry has failed to elaborate to any extent upon the above facts and when Princeton district bids farewell to the victims tomorrow their fate will be a mystery.

Meanwhile, the sole fruits of the episode have been to reveal to the world the manly and heroic qualities of the community, which has risen nobly to the terrific ordeal.

The prompt arrival of a number of investigating officials, including Fire Marshal J. A. Thomas of Vancouver and his deputy, A. A. McDonald of Penticton, John G. Biggs, district inspector of mines, Merritt; James Dickson, provincial mines inspector, Victoria; W. R. Dunwoody, provincial police ispector, Nelson; and Sergeant J. A. Fraser, district police supervisor, Penticton, has not brought the mystery nearer solution, and police at this point state that after running down all possible clues they are still unable to make any definite statement or form any conclusive opinion.

Origin Incendiary?

That the fire was of incendiary origin appears from the fact that wastepaper boxes in both bunkhouses took fire under exactly the same circumstances almost simultaneously. These waste boxes—tea chests—were used as receptacles for waste paper and such materials, and were located on the first floor of each bunkhouse, in the central corridor near the main entrance. Fire starting here would immediately sweep up the stairway almost opposite, and towards both ends of the building, completely trapping the inmates. At this time of night more men would be asleep than at any other time for the men from the nightshift would have retired, those on the morning shift not yet having arisen. A man entered each bunkhouse within fifteen minutes of each outburst, neither smoked cigarettes, and it is almost certain that they were not responsible. One of them, Hugh Adney, picked a paper out of the box in No. 2 bunkhouse less than fifteen minutes before it was ablaze.

Yet scrupulous pursuit of every known clue has failed to establish any actual proof of incendiarism. While it is maintained that a nozzle was taken from one of the hoses in the lower floor of No. 2 bunkhouse and was picked up in the snow, there is nothing to prove that in the excitement this was not done in fighting the fire, and while it is stated that the Pyrenes did not appear to do much good it is frankly admitted that the fires were much too big to be much affected by such apparatus.

Shortly after 4:30 Sunday morning when the camp was unusually carefree, roomers on the lower floor of No. 2 bunkhouse were awakened by sound and sight of fire. Laddie Johnson and N. J. Cox appear to have been the first to observe the fire. Cox, a light sleeper, who occupied room 2, says he first saw the flames, and called Fred Carruthers and Robert Barr, room 1. Together they went into the corridor to fight the flames, which were travelling north, and up the stair. But so hot was the flame, and so quickly did it travel, fanned by the draft, that they were unable to turn on the water or reach the hose. Barr, however, took the Pyrene opposite the hose, but the spray had no effect, and he was swept back.

At the other end of the corridor, Charlie Moy, Chinese janitor of room 5 awakened to shouts of "fire" and called James Corrie, room 13. They made for the hose at their end of the hall, but the heat was so intense and the flames travelled so fast that they were driven back, without turning the valve.

In a few minutes men were scampering out as best they might, by windows and fire escapes, in night apparel, leaving everything. The noise was intense, and the flames travelled so fast and up the stairway and towards the ends of the buildings, surrounding the fire escapes, that the last to be roused were trapped, and no doubt one or two never got out of bed.

Simultaneously in No. 2 bunkhouse the presence of mind of Charlie Stocker and the hand of fate avoided a second disaster. He was awakened about 3:45 by the sound of crackling wood, and jumping up, summoned the men from the nearest rooms, at the same time throwing out the hose. Fortunately they caught the blaze in time, and were on the right side to defeat the draft. They extinguished the blaze in eight minutes. Then, turning, Stocker noticed No. 3 for the first time, a mass of flames. It had evidently taken fire a very short time before No. 2.

In a few minutes No. 3 was reduced to a furnace of smouldering ruins, in which were eight human remains. H. W. Towl, who had broken his neck jumping three storeys, had died within twenty minutes.

There was never a chance to save No. 3, and all efforts were directed on No. 2, 50 feet away, and other buildings, hoses playing a steady stream and keeping the flames from spreading.

Attend to Injured

Meanwhile Dr. Lee Smith had been summoned, and arrived in record breaking time of one hour. He found that willing hands had administered first aid, and had the more seriously injured men placed on improvised stretchers and brought to Princeton by special train. They reached here about 11:30, and were taken on a truck filled with straw and covered with mattresses to the local hospital, where everything possible was done for them.

Later came the official check-up, roll call being made based on the pay roll, and nine voices were dumb when their names were called. This was about 11 a.m.

Number three bunkhouse definitely lost with nine victims, and the other buldings saved from the fire menace attentions were turned to care for the injured and the other survivors. The work of reconstruction was carried out with commendable coolness and system. H. C. Smith, manager of the company, stayed on the job and directed everything from his office.

At seven a.m. Mr. Smith telephoned W. A. Wagenhauser here and asked him to compile an inventory of all available beds and bedding in Princeton and Penticton. Within an hour this was in the hands of Mr. Smith and in a few more hours a rather motley but none the less serviceable array of bedding was in process of collection. A. L. White luckily had a large stock of beds and springs, while Thomas Brothers, Cook Estate, and Sostad & Hume emptied their shelves for the needy. All goods were trucked to the station and loaded into a box car.

They were supplemented with the arrival of the westbound Kettle Valley train by Penticton's quota. C. W. Nichol organized the drive in Penticton and the train was held in order to allow W. R. King Baker and Co., C. W. Nichol, and other merchants to get goods shipped. Everything available in both towns was bought up.

The freight car was connected to the special for the Mountain, leaving here at 6 o'clock. Meanwhile all available room had been commandeered at the camp, the pool hall even being converted into a regular sleeping palace, with "double deck" beds.

At Copper Mountain, a superb spirit prevailed, with the result that the homeless were able to spend the night in comfort. Mr. Lindsay and his staff at Copper Mountain store worked well into the night.

H. C. Smith has expressed gratitude to Mr. Wagenhauser, Mr. Nichol, the Kettle Valley Railway, and others whose co-operation meant so much to the unfortunate sufferers.

Immediately the wires were clicking with messages to officials, and Sergeant J. A. Fraser, Fire Marshal Thomas and Assistant McDonald, Provincial Mines Inspector Dixon and District Inspector Biggs were here by Monday morning's train, all proceeding almost directly to the scene of the holocaust.

Hoses were played on the embers incessantly finally reduced the ruins to smouldering ashes, covered with water, in which the remains of five bodies could be distinguished. A systematic and well conducted search resulted in all bodies being located by 2 o'clock Monday afternoon though in most case only trunks were left. Remains were placed in rough boxes and brought to Princeton morgue, where they were viewed by the jury Tuesday morning.

Inquest Held

The coroner's inquest opened in the police office at 10 a.m. Tuesday, and continued through morning and afternoon sessions and morning session Wednesday under Coroner D McCaffrey, M.D., with the following jurors: James S. Storer, A. D. Broomfield, W. B. Ewart, P. W. Gregory, F. C. O. Edwards and Alex MacKenzie, foreman.

Seventeen witnesses were called in all, eleven the first day, six the second. They were Morton Richmond, mine surveyor, who gave details as to construction and equipment of the building; James Louis Hall, mine engineer, who told of the finding of the bodies; Fred Caruthers, Charlie Moy, and James Corrie, first floor, No. 3 bunkhouse, who told of the discovery of the fire; Charlie Stocker, who discovered the fire in No. 2 bunkhouse; Theodore Halverson who found Towl on the ground; Dr. Lee Smith, who attended the cases; Jack McLaughlin, mine superintendent, who testified to the splendid equipment of bunkhouse, Fire Marshall John Alfred Thomas, who gave theories on the fire; Alfred Gould formerly in charge of fire fighting apparatus, who explained the possible plight of the men in the upper stories; Omer Earl, caretaker, who gave a list of rooms assigned; R. Gomm, E. McGeer and H. Hansen, who told of conditions on the second floor, and Holding Olsen, the only man on the third floor who was available and who had lost his memory as a result of the fire experience. A full account of the enquiry is given according to evidence as tabled rather than according to importance, since few people were able to gain admission, and will consequently want to know all details.

The fire marshal's enquiry, which commenced Monday, took evidence of 14 witnesses, much along the lines of the inquest. A report and recommendations will likely be made.

The building was the pride of the company, and one of the best of its kind in the province. Completed in the fall of last year at a cost of about $30,000 it was modern in every respect. Situated on an incline measuring 31 feet 2 inches by 85 feet, it consisted of 44 rooms, in three storeys with ceilings nine feet high on the ground floor, eight feet six on the second and eight feet on the third. It was of frame construction, the interior being in pine and fir, painted with cold water paint. The entrance was on the north side, about a quarter way up from the west end. Each floor was much the same. A stairway near the main entrance went up to both upper floors. It was steam heated from a plant nearly 1000 feet away, and each room had three electric lights. The fatal box was in the south-west corner.

As to fire equipment, each floor had a pryene and a 50-foot fire hose at each end of the corridor, pressure varying from 90 to 80 pounds. Near each end was a hydrant. Fire escapes were at both ends of the buildings, the landings being of wood. Draft doors at the foot of the stairway were provided for on the plan, but not actually in place. Fire rules were posted on each floor. Alarm was given from the compressor room.

Opinions

Various opinions were given on the fire. H. C. Smith, manager, R. H. Plommer, treasurer, and Jack McLaughlin, superintendent, expressed profound regret and sympathy, and felt the loss as one of a family.

Fire Marshal Thomas conceded that the company had been conscientious in its efforts to be ready for such an emergency, but was challenged by W. S. Lane, L.L.B., representing the company when he held that the company had not complied with the law in not having an alarm system.

Hon. Dr. Sutherland, minister of mines, was deeply sorry. He stated that an official inquiry might result, but this would be under the department of the attorney-general.

Joseph Dickson, mine inspector, said he failed to find any concrete evidence of absolute incendiarism.

Alfred Gould, experienced in fires of many types, held that draft caused sudden destruction, and stated that "had men on the lower floor kept doors and windows closed they would have done more to save their fellows above than all the apparatus in the world."

In the fall of 1919 the Allenby bunkhouse was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin just as the building was being painted, before it was occupied. Incendiarism was suspected.

Officials of the Granby Company stated that No. 3 bunkhouse, Copper Mountain, would be immediately rebuilt.

THE DEAD

James Mackay, 52, compressorman, born Uddingston, Scotland; came to Canada 25 years ago, to province in 1906. Came here from Anyox plant 7 months ago. Mining engineer by profession. Was once at Trail. Singer of note locally. Survived by widow and one daughter, Violet, attending high school in Vancouver. Both are here just now.

Alex Matheson, 56, mucker. One of the first men employed when the mine re-opened in 1923. Born in Ontario. An old timer in the district. Has brother in Silverton. Was engineer by profession.

Harold William Towl, 45, timberman. Popularly known as "Billy Sunday." Planned to enter Baptist ministry, and an active religious worker at the camp. Amateur poet. Came out of hospital where he was treated for injured knee six weeks ago. Wife and three daughters live on fruit ranch near Penticton. Iris Greta, 16, Eileen Connie, 7, and Joan Margaret, 5. Born in south of England, married 1911. Had been at camp two years. Met death by jumping from third storey, fracturing neck. Was badly burned. Only body not destroyed by fire.

The funeral was held in Penticton Wednesday afternoon, remains being sent to the city by the morning train. The Baptist minister was in attendance.

Daniel A. McPherson, 53, hoistman. Born at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. Was an old timer in the company's service. Worked at Phoenix plant and came here from Anyox plant a year ago. Engineer by profession. Well known. Came through the Phoenix fire.

Ralph Percy Bassett. In the death of Ralph Bassett the district and the province at large is deprived of one of its leading athletes and best sportsmen. Born at Granby, Quebec, of French-Canadian stock, it was Ralph's prowess as a hockey player that brought him west, Phoenix demanding his service in their halcyon days. He helped them to go and beat Seattle for the title. He played baseball for Cassidy, V.I., in 1922 and later, afterwards going to Port Moody, where he played in 1926. He was also with Hap Murray in Victoria baseball, and caught for Moody with success, being succeeded by Joe

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CONDOLENCES

General Office Granby Co., Allenby, Noon, Mar. 22.—The following wire has been received from Mr. Chas. Bocking, vice-president and general manager, who is at present in New York:

"The serious and regrettable loss of life and injury to our employees, arising through the destruction by fire of the Copper Mountain bunkhouse, has been reported to the officers and directors of the company, who have requested me to express to those concerned, their very deep sympathy in this calamity which has been visited upon our Allenby organization."

With the foregoing expression, the local officials desire to associate themselves. Messages of sympathy and condolence have also been received from the other branches of the company, and organizations throughout the province.

JIM WALLACE PASSED AWAY HERE SUNDAY

Another old timer crossed the great divide at Princeton Hospital just after the fire victims had become comfortably settled Sunday afternoon, in the person of "Jim" Wallace, builder of the original Princeton Hotel, and a citizen of Princeton since 1896.

Born August 10th, 1850, Wesley, Ontario, James Wallace spent his boyhood between London and Ingersoll, and in 1875 heard the call of the west. He came to Victoria, travelling by San Francisco, there being no Vancouver in those days. He lived some time at New Westminster, and later settled in Yale, Cariboo and Nicola. He arrived in Princeton the year after Perley Russell and Billy Morgan.

Soon after his arrival he built the first hotel, where the Princeton Garage now stands. The Jackson Hotel was later built just to the south. This hotel was destroyed by fire in 1911, and Jim built a cabin in the rear of the present Princeton Hotel, where he spent his last years.

He did some prospecting at Granite Creek in the early days. Jim had been ailing for some time. He was taken to the hospital about a week before the end.

Funeral Wednesday

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from St. Paul's United Church to the Princeton cemetery the services being conducdet by the Rev. John Goodfellow who briefly sketched the career of the deceased, and paid fitting tribute to the pioneer work done by him and other old-timers in our district.

Floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the departed was held by a number of old friends here. The pall bearers were also old time friends and included: Neil McFadden, Fred Wampole, George Wardle, George Freeman, Percy Rowlands and Jim Lacey.

COPPER MOUNTAIN RAILWAY BANKS STILL THREATEN

Two slides of minor import by comparison to last week's, but none the less throublesome, came down about 11.6 miles from Princeton on the Copper Mountain line to add to the worries of the Granby company and the K.V. railway this week.

Yesterday morning just this side of the Honeysuckle a considerable quantity of debris piled over the track, and the ditcher had to be put on the job. The work of clearance should be finished early today.

Monday about the identical spot a smaller deposit came down but was cleared in a short time by a railway gang from Princeton, Allenby and Copper Mountain. The Copper Mountain train ran into a trivial slide about a mile and a quarter out from Princeton last night.

Westbound K.V. train No. 11 was 2 hours 25 minutes late yesterday as a result of late connections with the C.P.R.

This morning's eastbound train was two hours late as a result of slides in Coquihalla Pass, and it is said that today's westbound train will be about 12 hours late owing to trouble of a similar nature at the other end.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY IN ST. PATRICK'S BAZAAR

Ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary were hostesses Saturday at a delightful bazaar in the Orange Hall, the event being a conspicuous success both socially and financially.

Decorations were exquisitely carried out in a color scheme of green and yellow. Ribbons and streamers festooned the walls and draped the windows, while artificial daffodils and shamrocks were as numerous as in Wordsworth's poem. Tables were daintily arranged and booths nicely decorated. Mrs. Irwin at the piano kept everyone gay.

The event attracted a large crowd who sipped tea and purchased the wares of the busy custodians all afternoon. Mrs. Newman, secretary, announced that receipts were $300 in all with a net profit of approximately $250, which will go towards the support of the hospital.

The drawing for the paintings was won by Cec. Ritchie, teacher of Jura, with a ticket which had no number.

While all the ladies co-operated in arrangements, the following were in charge of the booths: home cooking, Mrs. G. Prideaux and Mrs. Lindsay, convenor; candy, Mrs. Pitt and Mrs. McKelvie, convenor; sewing, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. McGuffie, convenor; tea, Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Ewart, convenor.

Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's have arranged a tea at the home of Mrs. Ewart for Thursday.

Start Subscription For Fire Victims

HUMANITARIANISM PREDOMINATES; PUBLIC SERVICE TO BE HELD HERE TOMORROW COMMENCING ONE O'CLOCK

A start was made this morning towards organizing a subscription fund for the aid of those who suffered in the Copper Mountain fire. An orthopedic specialist is here from Vancouver to assist with hospital cases, and $500 has been do ted for the specific purpose of caring for those men in the hospital. Full details have been arranged for tomorrow's public burial, and, the official investigatory aftermath over, Princeton and district is turning in a humanitarian mood to the cases of the victims.

Following suggestions made as early as Monday, a committee was nominated this morning to launch a subscription drive here. Copper Mountain and Allenby are expected to take the actual initiative, but Princeton will put all weight possible behind the effort. Penticton plans to start a fund to take care of Mrs. Towl and family. Dr. Lee Smith, Alex Broomfield, L. A. Dodd, H. L. J. Collas, F. C. O. Edwards, C. Watson, E. Waterman and P. W. Gregory comprise the committee. Ted Mahon is in charge at Copper Mountain. It was evident this morning that business men would rally round, while public sentiment overwhelmingly favors the plan. Both banks have offered to act as custodians, and the Star has promised the effort full support.

Dr. P. A. McLennan, orthopedist, came in from Vancouver this morning voluntarily summoned by Dr. Lee Smith, in order that the men with broken limbs might have every possible chance. Copper Mountain Athletic Association turned over its $500 surplus for the care of those in hospital.

Burial Tomorrow

The eight remains taken from the ruins will be laid side by side in similar caskets in one large grave in Princeton cemetery, a public service to be held in the Orange Hall at one o'clock. Rev. J. C. Goodfellow and Rev. A. J. Williams will be jointly in charge, and a special train of two or three cars will be run from Copper Mountain. The order of the service is: opening music, Mrs. Irwin; hymn; scripture; prayer, Mr. Williams; choir or solo; address, Mr. Goodfellow; hymn, Benediction.

Special mention was made of the disaster at both St. Paul's and St. Cuthbert's Sunday, and at Copper Mountain service Tuesday. An atmosphere of tension prevails in the camp.

The injured are all doing well, and are all expected to recover. A. Ness took a serious turn Monday, but is much improved.

W. R. Dunwoody, police inspector Nelson, is here. Fire Marshal J. A. Thomas left for the coast yesterday, Deputy McDonald by the morning train. W. P. Dermody and sister, children of the late Pat Dermody, and Mrs. J. Mackay, have come to town.

KEREMEOS PLANNING BIG CELEBRATION

At a meeting of the executive of the Victory Hall association, Keremeos, held on Tuesday evening plans were formulated for extensive improvements to the community hall. These include the installation of a lighting plant on the premises and the finishing up of the building in every detail.

The total cost is estimated at around $2,500, and while a big drive will be made to raise a substantial portion of this amount at the annual 24th of May celebration, there will remain a considerable sum of money to finance. It is proposed to raise the amount required by an issue of bonds.

The executive is taking time by the forelock this year in announcing their celebration well in advance. While for more than a quarter of a century the date has been recognized throughout the valley as "Keremeos Day," delay in making announcements regarding the celebration, has on several occasions, led to misunderstanding and conflicting celebrations being held at other points in the valley. By making their announcement this early Keremeos people should be assured of having the day to themselves.

The following strong committee has been appoined to carry through all necessary arrangements and a public meeting, for the purpose of securing concerted action is to be called in due time: Lorne S. Coleman, A. M. Webb, J. W. Lewis, Ben Williams, Jas. Clarke and Rev. T. C. Colwell.

SCHOOL TAX REDUCED

A reduction in the school tax levy from 16.2 mills to 14.5 mills has been made, and revised tax notices sent out, as a result of revision of the assessment lists to include considerable additional property, as announced early this month in connection with the visit of James Kerr, new district assessor.

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A GREAT SPIRIT

Princeton district this week has come through the supreme test of courage and manliness, and the true and noble qualities of its citizens stand revealed in luminous light against the black background of tragedy.

Deeds of heroism were doubtless carried beyond the realm of human record as nine men submitted themselves to their awful fate, trapped on the upper floors of the raging inferno. Deeds of self sacrifice and of bravery among the survivors will never all be known. Not even will the efforts of outsiders on behalf of the ictims r ceive due credit. But this can be said for Princeton and district, that the general spirit was excellent, and it came through the test of fire with enhanced reputation.

Nine men went bravely to their deaths, others made great sacrifices, others worked like men inspired from sheer human love. In the face of such noble courage it would not behove Princeton and district to submit to a mood of effeminate mourning. It is rather a time for strength, courage, and defiance. Ours is not to weep, but to rally round and do everything possible for those who have suffered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor, Star,
Princeton, B.C.

Dear sir:—Owing to the fact that some tomato canners are trying to get tomatoes in this district for the price paid last year and to gain their ends are endeavoring to discredit the prices agreed upon between the B.C. Tomato Growers' Association and the canners who acknowledge the association. I beg to state the Dominion Canners, who have always put up the big pack here with satisfaction to the growers, are asking for 225 acres, half to be Earlianna at $18.50 per ton and half smooth varieties at $20.50 per ton.

The contract will shortly be signed and it is anticipaed the Dominion Canners will be able to handle all availabe acreage.

KEREMEOS TOMATO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION,
C. W. Lintott, Secretary.
Keremeos, B.C., March 18th, 1928.

COPPER MT. HALOCAUST AMONG GREAT TRAGEDIES IN DISTRICT'S HISTORY

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Bacon.

He was known here as a fine and heady player, and a born leader. He was captain of the Copper Mountain ball team for two years, playing catcher, and also captain and defense man of the hockey team. He came here in July 1926. He is survived by his stepmother and two sisters in the east. He was employed as a pipefitter.

William UpJohn, 27, employed in the crushing plant as nipper or chute helper. Thought to have been married, and to have one child, but little is known of him. He worked at the mill and boiler shop, Anyox, coming here 6 months ago. He was English. He planned to move to Calgary at the end of the month.

Nels Solid, 30, Norwegian, rough carpenter. Does not appear to be well known even by local Scandinavians. One story has it his intended bride is on the way out. He had been here about a year and a half.

Pat Dermody, 61. The late Mr. Dermody was one of the best known and most highly respected of the old school of B.C. mining men. Born in Ireland, and having spent some time in the eastern states, he came west some thirty years ago, and had seen long and honorable service with the company. He was first superintendent at the Ironside mine, Phoenix. He used to say he was born on the same day as the late Hon. Wm. Sloan. He had been here six months and was employed as shiftboss timberman. A Catholic. A widower, he leaves a daughter and a son, who are present in town.

THE INJURED

In Princeton Hospital.

A. Ness, single. Fractured hip, Took serious turn Monday night, but is now over crisis and doing well.

A. Astergood, 35. Burns to head and hands. Quiet nature, musically inclined.

Harold Artontzn. Fractured wrist.

Graham Gibson, 24, home in Jura. Facial burns. Jumped two storeys. Employed since fall.

George (Slim) Nelson, 40, barber, Scandinaviar. Serious. Dislocated shoulder, fractured ankle, fractured ribs, body lacerations. Here two years. Jumped from third storey. Previously hurt when pushing auto. Has been a hero in pain.

Mike Sertich, 28, Austrian. Severe burns to head, arms, feet and body. Serious. Has two brothers at Copper Mountain.

James C. Sweet, 22. Fractured hip, dislocated ankle. Well known hockey player. Came from Rossland in January. Married. People in East. Mechanic.

Elling Liabo, 28, Norwegian. Severe burns to face, arms, body. At mine three years. Bull gang.

R. J. Barr, 40, one of first to fight fire. Bad burns on back and face. Widower, daughter going to high school in North Vancouver. Was at Phoenix. Overseas.

Frank Mealey, 30. Played third base on ball team. Born in Texas, and came here from Anyox year and half ago. Fractured arm, shock. Serious.

At home here with wife and family, Len Barton, 52, who came from Merritt, is much improved. He first suffered from shock. Back and face badly burned. Jumped from third storey.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

Martin Swanson, by the story generally accredited true, gave his life in an effort to save a companion whom he heard calling for help. It is thought he fell through the floor. The name of the companion cannot be learned.

A big-hearted rover, Martin Swanson was locally the best known of all who perished in Sunday's catastrophe, and especially popular with the local Scandinavian colony. He had been here since 1917, and owned a ranch two miles from Princeton on the Coalmont road, but this life required far too much patience for him to make a success of it.

Born in Backanyd, Blckez, Sabaier, Sweden, Martin would have been 57 this fall. He left home at the age of 9, and had no trace of any relative for many years. For some years he worked on the railways in Sweden, and later came to Canada, first settling in Ontario, where he continued in railroad work. He spent some years at Trail, and came here in 1917. He worked intermittently as miner and railway construction laborer. He was at the Sandon mines in 1912. He had been at Copper Mountain since August.

Martin, strangely enough, came through one great ordeal only to fall in another. He was at Cochrane, Ont., in the great Grand Trunk fire, and had a narrow escape.

Martin was a past president of the Princeton Lodge No. 47 of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America. It is said two brothers went to Winnipeg, but as Martin has no property other than his ranch, on which his indebtedness fully equals its value, it is likely it will revert to its present occupant.

COALMONT NEWS

Frank Barnes started a logging crew on the hillside above and a little to the east of the station last week. He will commence loading logs very soon for shipment to the Summerland Box Co. at West Summerland. The majority of the crew are living at the Coalmont Hotel, and even this small addition to our local industry is having a beneficial effect in our community. When asked if his operations would spoil our "back yard" hunting next fal, Frank said, "No, I'm just making it easier for you to see them." Frank left on Tuesday for Merritt to load a big logging truck to be used to haul the logs to the siding once the operations extend farther along the Princeton road.

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Miss Annie Atkinson left for Vancouver last week. Her place at the Coalmont Hotel has been taken by Miss Lynch lately of Powell River.

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Robert Hooper, late of the Bank of Montreal staff, Merritt branch, spent the week-end here visiting friends before going on down to Vancouver where he will take up another position.

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J. F. Jones, accompanied by his brother-in-law, H. N. Keifer of Spokane, arrived in Coalmont on Friday. Mr. Jones has formed a new company and expects to announce shortly that the company will start extensive operations near here before long.

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Isaac McTavish has been busy moving his flour and feed house closer to his store building this week, making room for a fully equipped garage that he expects to erect to take care of the local car owners' repairs, etc.

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A sure sign of spring, the blue birds have arrived back in our vicinity. Several other signs have also been noticed, Teddy Burr arrived over the Princeton road on Saturday with a closed model of the new Ford car which he demonstrated to a good many of our local citizens. As far as we know Teddy's was the first light car to come up over the road since it was opened late last week. Charlie Watson came up on Monday with a new Chev and put it through its paces. We hear that Jerry Brown has placed an order for two new open models of the Chev, and it is expected that one at least will be on the run between here and Blakeburn on Friday.

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The Blakeburn-Coalmont baseball club is holding a dance at the Coalmont Hotel on Saturday evening.

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Owing to the counter attraction of a party at the home of Mrs. Rabbitt on Saturday evening, March 17th, the number that went up to the masquerade at Blakeburn was not as large as expected. Miss Esther Barker was awarded the prize for best dressed lady at the masquerade. She went as Cleopatra.

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Robert Macnicol, secretary of the provincial executive of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, visited Coalmont on Sunday when a very well attended emergency meeting was held to receive the visitor. Mr. Macnicol gave a very interesting account of his recent tour of interior branches. He covered most of the territory by car, but owing to the condition of the roads he took to the train at Merritt and arrived at Coalmont on Sunday morning. He expressed regret at having to cancel his visit to the Princeton branch, as he had to go right through to attend a meeing at Penticton, then hurry back to Vancouver to get everything in shape for the provincial convention to be held at Kamloops early in April. During Mr. Macnicol's tour new branches were started at Oliver, Armstrong and Merritt. Following the meeting at Coalmont on Sunday afternoon Mr. Macnicol, accompanied by C. R. Malcolm, president, and John Lochhead, secretary, left for Blakeburn where a meeting was held at seven o'clock.

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A petition is being circulated by residents of Otter Valley asking the government to cut down the grade on Clancy Hill, which is a dangerous pitch in the road near Clancy Lake.

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Peter Lachance, our popular tonsorial artist, walked up to Tulameen on Tuesday to attend to the requirements of the citizens up there. He hopes to make the trip regularly every week now.

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Billy Waddell drove up from Princeton on Wednesday to spend a few days with friends here. Owing to bad roads things are slack at the Lynden mine.

TRIAL LIST

Naturalization — Geo. Rudeychuk, William Cunningham.

Trials—Cavino vs. Pellicano; Haselden vs. Hunter et al; Webber vs. Guinan.

"Denny" Mullin left yesterday for Vancouver to be present at today's session of the full court of appeal, when argument will be heard in the appeal of Mullin's against the judgment of Chief Justice Hunter awarding J. C. H. Davies a one-third share in the proceeds of certain coal licenses sold by Mullin and Schulli to the Wilson interests. The point in issue is said to be whether Davies was co-owner in the property or only a partner with Schulli.

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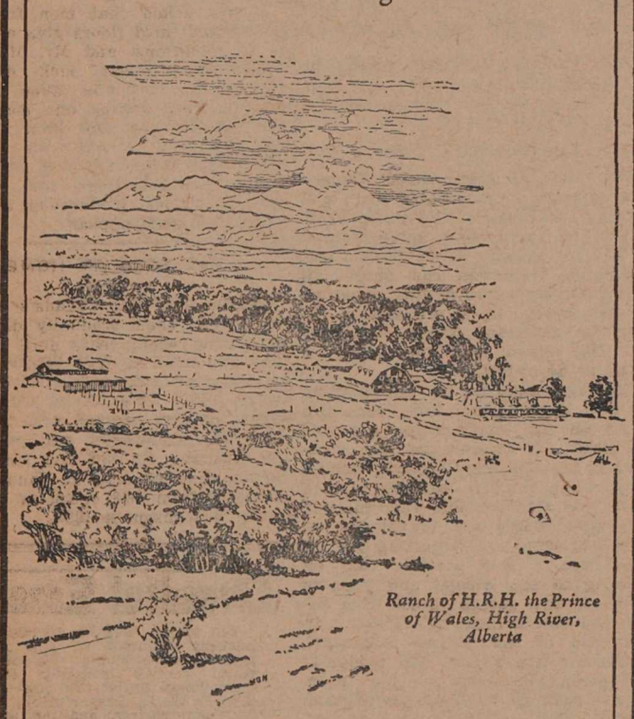

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Charlie Watson of the Princeton Garage was in Coalmont and Blakeburn on Tuesday.

Princeton Hoop Men in Splendid Win

FAST MOVING PENTICTON TEAM SURPRISED 42-22 IN BEST GAME OF SEASON THURSDAY NIGHT —CHURCH GIRLS WIN

Rising to the occasion magnificently with their finest display of the season, Princeton basketballers delighted and surprised their staunchest admirers by turning back the undoubtedly strong Penticton quintette by the overwhelming score of 42-22.

In running away with the verdict the locals upset the old dope pail all ways, and even taking circumstances into account, the score does not flatter the winners, who were simply too good for the visitors. In a strenuous but less interesting game than usual, C.G.I.T. won the rubber game from the diminutive Cub girls, 6-2.

From all advance notices, Penticton should have beaten Princeton by about the saem margin they conceded, but two factors enter into the result. The first is that the locals played like men inspired, and led by an auburn flash from Copper Mountain time and again wove patterns that carried them under the basket where they made no mistake. Penticton, on the other hand, showed a fine knowledge of the game, but their machine crumbled up under the shock tactics of the locals. In the first place the visitors had only five men, one of them a cripple after the first half, while the locals had a full force of reserves. Again, Penticton lacked guards, and the fast play of the locals quite severed the chain of the visitors' slow working, halting cambination. Penticton would not and could not get under the basket, and allowed Princeton to do so at will.

Penticton Threatens

Penticton opened with a clever hesitating play and looked like champions when Roth missed with a smart shot. Beatty, by all means the star of the visitors, drew first blood on a free throw. Princeton rallied, and Fontaine essayed a long shot. Broderick missed a free throw. For the first time Princeton got its standard play to work, a rapid exchange of passing to Broderick, who was almost all night left unguarded under the basket. He missed. Broderick and Ritchie combined in a pretty play. Penticton recovered the ball and tried long shots. Broderick again missed on a nice opening, and Beatty robbed Ritchie to coolly net the ball. The next minute a snappy play finished with Broderick taking the ball from Ritchie to score overhead, and when Fontaine was awarded a free throw Penticton's lead was gone for the night. Broderick missed again, but the next minute scored while closely checked, and made it 7-3 with a nice side shot. Bell reduced the leeway close in. Coles replaced Broderick, and showed great form. Madore missed a free throw. Benzies replaced Gibson. The visitors came down in a nice three man rush, but missed. Coles was popping in dangerous long shots. In a rapid run of scoring Fontaine and Coles registered, Roth making 11-8 on a free throw and a nicely taken shot. Madore ran through but missed, Coles gaining possession and netting from the side.

Broderick replaced Ritchie. Fontaine missed a free throw, as did Bell. Beatty, always conspicuous, had a nice try. Benzies came off for Gibson. Penticton pressed, and play was waged around the local net, Beatty finally getting one through. Princeton again rallied, Coles running in to score, Broderick fumbling when open. Bell netted on a free throw and Beatty brought Penticton to within two points at the interval, 5-13, just before which Bell injured his knee.

Princeton Has Edge

Princeton simply bewildered the visitors in the second half. Broderick netted on a fast play, Madore ran through successfully. Broderick counted on a foul, and Madore went in again to take a pass and tally. He was very prominent at this stage, and rushed through again to give Fontaine an easy shot. A nice Princeton play gained nothing, but two rapid baskets followed through Ritchie and Madore, before Penticton ended Princeton's run. Beatty counting on a free throw with the score 26-14. After this Princeton scored about two baskets to Penticton's one. Madore ran through but missed, Broderick intercepted a pass to score. Penticton was disorganized and three local players all had unchecked shots at the baskets, but missed. Broderick missed a free throw.

Penticton rallied, and Beatty twice netted under the basket. Princeton in turn clipped off four points by Broderick's long shot and Fontaine's close in basket. Beatty netted as play swung from end to end. Fontaine scored, coming in fast, and Beatty had hard luck in two nice plays before netting close in, 36-22. Unchecked, Fontaine got two shots to score, and a Broderick-Ritchie-Fontaine play again saw him net. Beatty missed a free throw and Fontaine came through for the last basket on a pass from Broderick, closing a fine game at 42-22.

Penticton showed that they were real basketballers and better sportsmen, cheering with the excited crowd when the score was announced, overwhelmingly against them.

Girls at It

Cubs were forced to concede the laurels to the C.G.I.T. girls after a hectic series, for while they put up a great fight, the bigger lasses managed to score a somewhat hollow victory, 6-2. Hard played, the game was less interesting than usual, neither team seeming to develop any lasting combination. But for rivalry these games are unmatched.

After five minutes' fruitless play Bella Lockhart scored the only basket of the half, the younger girls, especially Lillian Mitchell, having hard luck close in. Checking was very close.

Lillian Mitchell dribbled through only to miss, and Anne Hall picked a pass out of the air to score. Lillian Mitchell finally got one through, but try as they might the Cubs could not draw level, and Bella Lockhart scored another from the side. Anne Hall missed a free throw.

Teams

Penticton—White and Roth (3); Beatty (16), Bell (3) and Watson.

Princeton—Gibson, Madore (6), Benzies; Ritchie (2); Broderick (15), Fontaine (13) and Coles (6).

C.G.I.T.—E. Perkins and M. Avery; M. Gellatly; A. Hall (2) and B. Lockhart (4).

Cubs—B. Pleeash and E. Pughe; A. Mitchell; M. Garrison, L. Mitchell (2) and M. McDiarmid.

Referees—Dr. Lee Smith and G. Benzies.

CLETRAC TRACTOR AGAIN READY FOR ACTION

The giant Cletrac tractor, which exploded and took fire near Nine Mile bridge on its first return trip to Princeton in the service of the Pacific Slope Mines, is again on the job and work of hauling the equipment to the camp 21 miles from here will proceed after a fortnight's delay.

Parts arrived from Vancouver, with the repaired engine block, Tuesday, and were taken out to the stranded machine near Nine Mile bridge by Billy Pease and the machine tuned up by G. Debraska. It is reported to be none the worse of its ordeal.

The episode, however, has been serious, inasmuch as it has not only cost the company considerable money, but has held up work of haulage. Now when it is ready again the roads have become so badly cut up that further delay is likely. At the time of the accident there was plenty of snow and the roads were frost bound and hard. The equipment includes a compressor and other apparatus for the mine-head.

P. H. Fraser, manager of the Pacific Slope company, arrived in Princeton from Vancouver Tuesday, and proceeded to the mine Wednesday, where he will spend four or five days examining the workings and making plans for development. While he declined to go into details at this point, he said that a big development programme was planned and there was plenty of capital in sight for all work. The mine has been working as usual over the past two weeks, but will operate on a large scale when the equipment is installed. For the present ore will be brought by tractor to Nine Mile road, over the Dewdney trail, then trucked to Princeton. Eventually a spur will likely be run from Nine Mile road to the Kettle Valley tracks at a point where there would be an easy grade at a distance of 3800 feet.

Mr. Fraser said the company had been unfortunate in the tractor accident, as they had just previously turned the idea of insurance.

DISTRICT ROADS IMPROVED

District roads are in much better shape as a result of a week's drying out, while considerable work has been done by road crews with good effect. Coalmont road was opened Saturday when the Red Bluff obstruction was removed, another feather in the cap of P. Y. Smith. The new Ford was the first car over, and both ends of the road will rejoice.

Copper Mountain road has become worse than ever, but a grader is now at work and is apparently making a good job of it.

Another grader is doing its best to bring the Nine Mile road back to an even passable state. Three trucks have been at work for a week hauling sand, but the mine still remains closed as a result of the inability of coal trucks to get over, while a large percentage of those which have assayed the trick have met their Waterloo.

Hedley-Keremeos road is also improved, with a small gang at work.

TEACHERS SUPERANUATION

Victoria, Mar. 18.—Unanimous support was given by the legislature, just prior to prorogation last week, to the proposal of the teachers of British Columbia that the benefits of superanuation be afforded them. Dr. H. C. Wrinch, Liberal, Skeena, supported by Premier MacLean, moved a resolution that every assistance be given the teachers by the finance department in the working out of the necessary legislation. The House adopted the resolution without dissent.

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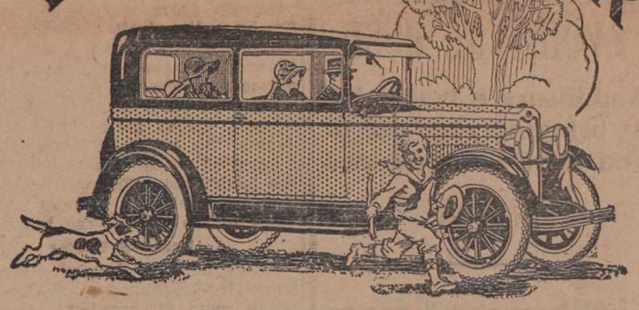

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EVIDENCE OF INQUEST

Tuesday Morning Session

Morton Richmond, mine surveyor, the first witness, said he was familiar with the construction of No. 3 bunkhouse, plan for which was produced, marked exhibit 1. The bunkhouse was situated on an incline, with one hydrant near each end. Water supply was from a main, with two standpipes quarterway from each end and on each floor two fifty-foot fire hoses, with nozzles. Across from each hose was a Pyrene. The first aid man was in charge of inspection. In the basement was a nozzle near the entrance, with two fire extinguishers also. The north standpipe was two-inch pipe in all floors, the south pipe being two inches on the first floor, an inch and a half in the second and third. Pressure on the first floor would be approximately 90 pounds, 85 on the second, 80 on the third. There was a nine-foot ceiling on the first floor, eight-foot six on the second, eight foot on the third. The building measured 31 feet 2 inches by 85 feet two inches, each floor having approximately the same area, though the upper walls were thinner. The Pyrenes had been purchased in the fall, and were quite fresh. At both the north and south ends was a fire escape, vertical iron ladders bolted to wooden frames. The stairway, situated towards the south end, was of wood. The building was, he thought, fir or cedar (actually no cedar but pine) inside. The fire allegedly originated in a tea chest used as a waste box, on the first floor, southwest corner, at the junction of the main central corridor which ran lengthwise and a sectional corridor. The entrance, with wooded steps, was on the west side, three quarters towards the south end. Doors, he thought, at entrances, were usually kept shut. No oil paint was used in the interior, cold water chalk paint being used. The main stairway in the south end ran right through the three storeys. The central corridor was four feet wide.

M. Richmond did not know circumstances of finding of Towl's body. There was no inflammable material kept near the box which was fired. The building was heated by steam, the plant being 300 or 400 yards away. It was lighted by electric light.

Mr. Richmond indicated how the map had been marked with crosses to show where bodies were found. Roll call had been taken about eleven o'clock Sunday morning and the nine men who did not answer presumed to be dead. One alteration in the basement plan was that showers were actually placed in the west rather than the east. Plans provided for doors at each stairway entrance. He believed the first storey doors had been taken out. He did not know the Fire Marshal's act. There was no alarm system. The halls ran end to end and opened out on a platfrom, with windows being as indicated on plan. The object of the stairway doors was to isolate any fire by ending draft. Entrance to fire escapes was by swing doors, opening inwards. In event of a fire the compressorman was notified, and blew a number of short alarm blasts on the whistle, longer blasts being used to denote the zone. Messages had to be carried as there was no phone in the bunkhouse. The watchman came round periodically. There was a clock in the rear of the building.

Recover Bodies

James Louis Hall, mining engineer, knew No. 3 bunkhouse. He had stayed in room 11, but had never been on the upper floors. The entire building was in flames when he arrived on the scene, being summoned by a man in the staff house.

Witness supervised removal of bodies, and showed how he worked, using plan in exhibit 1. First a group was found twenty six feet from the south-east corner, five feet in, four bodies with another body three feet north. This would be at the head of the stairway, according to plan. Another was found 36 feet from the northwest corner six feet in from the wall, and after some digging another 21 feet north of the southwest corner, nine or ten feet in. The last was found sixteen feet from the north end, where room four would stand. Fire Marshall Thomas secured the statement that with no draft doors, the men on the upper stories would be trapped. He also wanted a list of rooms occupied by the various men. It was said that Mr. Earl, the first aid man, would likely be the only man to know, records having been destroyed. Mr. Hall came in December. He knew of no door leading out from the basement. There was no verandah on one side. It always appeared that the building would be easy to get out of.

Nicholas John Cox said he lived on the first floor, room two, 50 feet from the waste box. He went to bed at 9:15, his door open, head towards the door. When awakened by the fire he called the men in room one and four, but did not notify the compressorman. He and Barr went to fight the fire, which was north of them, but were forced back and he crept out on hands and knees. He had seen matches thrown near the basket, and had often put out cigarette ends.

Questioned if he knew the victims, he said he been in Towl's room, knew Swanson and Dermody. Barr and Carruthers of room one came out first. He first went into the hallway. He came in October.

Questioned as to dissatisfaction he said he did not know of any beyond the usual occasional complaints. Fire came so rapidly that he could not get to the hose, and it swept from the stairway to the nozzle in a few seconds. Possibly doors had been left open as the evening was mild (Corrie says frosty). He jumped out of the window. Men were accustomed to come in at all hours. There was no matting on the floor. The fire originated in a small partly enclosed room in the corridor and swept north and east, up the stairs. This was the favorite bunkhouse and compared well with any he had seen. He had been in many camps, once at Rossland. He was hazy on fire instructions but thought a list was posted in number two bunkhouse though none in number three. He did not think there had been another fire set on the second floor. He got out by a passage to the rear.

Fred Carruthers said he lived in room one, No. 3 bunkhouse and went to bed at 9 o'clock. He was awakened after eleven when Barr, his roommate, came in and again about 1:30 when Shiftboss Walker came in. He believed Carruthers called him, and he came out. Flames were leaping up the ceiling and he couldn't get the hose. He did not see the hose at the other end of the passage. He went back and pulled on his pants and left by the window. Flames swept from the stairway to room three in half a minute. The hall doors, he said were often left open, many transoms open and also several room doors.

He later saw where the fire had been in No. 2 bunkhouse. Here the main entrance is nearer the center. The fire occurred in identically the corresponding place. No one who escaped was fully dressed, most men being only in underclothes. He came in the latter part of October. Questioned as to discontent "Not any more than usual," he said. "Of course we all kick." There was no racial difference, and no favoritism shown in allotting rooms. Nationalities were well mixed. There were always a few rustlers about, but he heard no threats. He noticed one stranger, he said, that night, a man who appeared a business man, and he thought he was in the same room as Cox. The new bunkhouse was the favorite and he considered it a little lightly built. He thought, however the fire protection adequate. The Pyrene Barr used did no good.

Questioned as to men, he knew Mackay lived in 44, third floor. He could see nothing of the second floor. He believed that at times the waste boxes were fairly full.

Afternoon Session

Charlie Moy, Chinese janitor, lived in room 5, and rose to cries of "fire." He took the hose at the north end, but the fire was too hot. He shouted to wake the men, and went back into the hall. Then Jimmie Corrie came out. Moy rushed out of the door. Some mops and scrub brushes were kept near the waste box. He regularly emptied the box at 4 o'clock each afternoon. The same system was employed in the old bunkhouse. On going to No. 2 bunkhouse later he saw where the fire had started and saw a man chopping away at the ceiling.

Questioned as to where the men roomed Moy said he knew them all by sight, and knew where they roomed, but did not know names. Mr. Earl looked after allotting the rooms. Moy knew Dan McPherson lived in No. 30, third floor, Alex Matheson in 36, also third floor. Sometimes he emptied the boxes twice a day. Never before had there been any fire in them. He never saw cigarette ends in them but often put the sweepings in. He went to bed a 8 o'clock, and had seen no drinking that day. He was sure the box was empty at 6 o'clock. To the statement of the fire marshall that he had noticed papers strewn on the verandah of No. 2, Moy said this never happened at No. 3. He finished work at 4 p.m. but often did odd jobs later. A Chinese boy had come to assist him from a week before the fire. Another Chinaman slept with Moy. When Moy went to the hose the nozzle was on. They had been unable to open the valve.

Graphic Story

James Corrie said he had been in Princeton, leaving at 11, arriving at 1 a.m. He occupied room thirteen, first floor, and was awakened by the Chinaman's shouting. He saw the Chinaman trying to get the hose, and went to help, but it was too hot. The nozzle was on. He went back and woke his room mate. The fire escape at the end was in good condition, but he was able to leave by a side door. The fire was at the corner of the corridor and the hall. He saw another man in underwear. The fire burned very swiftly, and he lost everything. He knew that Towl lived in room 35, third floor, Sweet in room 43, third floor. Doors and transoms were often open, the door of room 11 being left open that night. He noticed after the fire that the roads were frozen hard. He later saw No. 2, and the fire had started similarly. He went to sleep about 3 o'clock. He had noticed no strangers. By the location of the fire escape, those on the third floor should have had the best chance to escape if up in time.

Jack McLaughlin, mine superintendent said he had first knowledge of the fire at 20 minutes to 5. He lived half a mile away. The building was then a mass of flames, 100 feet high. From the payroll a roll call was made. A card index was kept in the lower corridor, the name being placed on a card and fitted into a slot opposite the room number He had not found a man who knew where all the men roomed. The fire hose had been bought six months ago and the hydrants were intact and used. The interior was in pine and fir. The heating plant was 1000 feet away, and there was no wire or conduit near the box. The hall lights hung from the ceiling. "In thirty years' experience the quarters were the best I had ever seen the fire fighting apparatus better than that of any I had lived in." Later he went to No. 2, and saw the charred walls and hole which had been chopped in the ceiling.

It was the duty of Andrew Anderson, foreman, to make monthly inspections of the fire fighting apparatus, and report when it needed attention. Two watchmen were employed on shifts from 3 to 11 and 11 to 7. He had punched the clock about 1:30 at the bunkhouse. While many men had applied for rooms in the new bunkhouse, there was no hard feeling, nor were races separated, and so far as he knew the relations of men and employers were very good.

When he arrived there was little that could be done but hoses were kept playing on No. 2, and trees were hosed and cut down. There was a switch for each line of lights. It was the janitor's duty to turn hall lights off and on. When men were suspected of using more electricity for appliances than the wiring would stand, the switch boxes had been locked. Witness often visited the bunkhouse after dark.

Charlie Stocker, foreman mechanic, said he lived in No. 2 bunkhouse situated 50 feet from No. 3. He went to bed at 11:15 and was awakened about 3:45 (his clock stopped at 5 minutes to 3) by the sound of burning wood. He hastily woke the men in the three nearest rooms, and got down the hose, throwing it to the men, and turning on the water. It was in good condition and there was ample pressure. In eight minutes the fire was out. He then turned and saw No. 2 a mass of flames. He believes No 3 was fired shortly before No. 2. He played the hose on No 3. The basket he was certain, was the origin of the fire. The janitor was very punctual in emptying it. Two minutes more in discovering it, and the bunkhouse would have been gone. Luckily, too, they fought it against the flames, on the right side. In No 2 there were no draft doors off the stairway.

Nozzle Off

He found that the nozzle had been taken off the hose at the other end of the hall, to the one he used, and found it in the snow. It had evidently been recently removed. The hose was not cut and there would have been ample pressure without the nozzle. Some one tried the Pyrene, but it was of no service. The end hall doors were always open. The plumber was under his care, and there were no leaks in the system. He knew nothing of fires in second storey boxes. In No. 2 the men on the floor would have the best chance of escape. He could find no traces of the fire having been set. There was no reason for jealousy and he did not think men kept large sums of money. Pay day was March 15. Little attention was paid to strangers. The fire was opportunely set, as the night shift, coming off at 1, were in bed by 3, the morning shift not up till 5. Men never congregated in the halls after work. He did not suspect any employee, and pointed out that No. 2 would hardly have been fired over jealously for rooms in No. 3. He had to connect an extra length of hose to reach No. 3.

If a match had started the fire it would surely have been noticed, as Hugh Adney came into No. 2 at 3:30 and picked a Province from the box, reading it. The hall lights were on. Harry Tomlinson who ate with Adney was with Stocker fighting the fire at 3:35 by his watch. King came about 4. One man went to No. 3.

Foreman McKenzie pointed out that there thus might be a coincidence of carlessness causing both fires, but Stocker said both men smoked pipes.

Recall Moy at request of McDonald.

Moy said he turned hall lights on at 5 o'clock off at daylight, the switch being in a box in the wall, not locked. Every floor had such a box.

Theodore Halverson was sleeping in No. 2 and wakened by noise, saw No. 3 ablaze. He put on his clothes and went over to help. He saw many men lying on the ground, and picked up Towl who was alive. He took him to the McKinnon house, and tried artificial respiration. He lived 20 minutes. He had bad burns on the face. His head was towards the building not near the fire escape. It was very hot.

Witness said there was little co-operation from men in the care of the injured, suggesting that the heat and shock might be responsible.

Adjourned pending arrival of Dr. Smith, 5 minutes.

Dr. Lee Smith, attending physician, said he had seen the remains at the morgue. He found Towl to have died from a broken neck. Three or four first aid men were at work at the Mountain where he arrived at 5 o'clock and everything possible was being done.

Foreman McKenzie wished the rumor investigated that a man had been with McPherson, as he believed the conditions should be known that held the men on the upper floors from escape.

Jack McLaughlin, recalled, said he had heard Barton had been with Dan.

Dr. Smith did not consider Barton in fit state to testify.

Fire Marshal's Views

Fire Marshal John Alfred Thomas told of being summoned by wire and visiting the scene of the catastrophe. While the ruins were being cleared he had his deputy, Mr. McDonald and Constable Thompson run down all rumors in an effort to find a motive for the deed. At a preliminary enquiry he examined fourteen witnesses. He visited No.2 and found its state as described.

Passing judgment on the building he said there should have been fire doors on the landings to cut off the draft. It seemed the men gathered at the stairway, but why should they, when the fire escapes seemed open? It was possible that men in this state would try to get out as they had come in, forgetting the escape, and it was possible that on running to the escape and opening the door fire gasses rising from below had struck them in the face. In the case of the Royal Alexandra apartment fire a man had evidently on opening the door of his room been struck by such gasses of combustion and was found dead, though not burned at all.

If I had visited the building prior to the tragedy I would have pronounced it safe for active men. The great deficiency was in the matter of alarm. Had a break-glass alarm been placed at the corner of the hall and corridor, the flames would have broken the glass, alarming the whole building in time.

"This type of fire escape was not the best. In the past the fire marshal has had no jurisdiction over buildings of this type, but on my recommendation the attorney-general put through a bill this session making it compulsory that all such plans be approved by my department.

"The origin of the fire, it seems clear to me, was incendiary. There is the type of person to contend with who sets a fire merely to cause a scare, not realizing the awful danger of even lighting a waste basket. We have run down all rumors, and have failed to find any reason for such an act. If it were not for the coincidence, I would say the fire was an accident. As it is I am stumped."

When recalled Mr. McLaughlin said the top floor contained fifteen double and four single rooms, and the fact that the men did not use the escapes might be explained in that the fire raced towards both ends of the building and swept up. There was great noise.

It was asked that men from the second and third floors give evidence as to conditions, and Mr. McLaughlin promised to get such men. A vote of the jury was taken to find whether they wanted one man from the top floor, or men from the second and third. It was a tie, 3-3, and the coroner asked for men from both floors, and adjourned the inquest until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning when they could appear.

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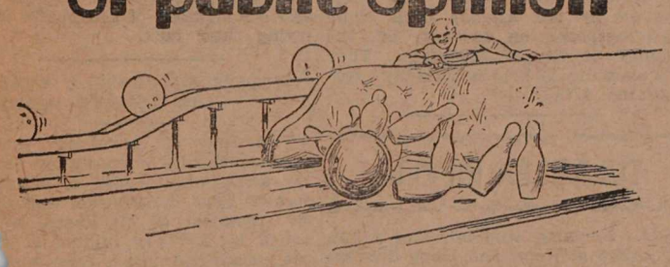

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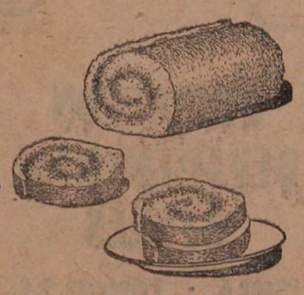

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Princeton Paragraphs

Mrs. F. Glover returned to Vancouver Tuesday after several days' visit in Princeton.

Plans are under way for organization of a "save the forest week," a committee having been selected with Evan Thomas prime mover.

Mrs. E. W. Cook, who has been confined to bed the last couple of weeks with a sever cold, is able to be up again.

Mrs. Hodgson of Allenby, who has ben quite ill for some time has sought medical aid at the coast, is better than for months.

The spelling bee at Stevenson Creek is scheduled to take place at one o'clock tomorrow. Local schools are using the lists only as exercises.

Mrs. Ray Wanless left yesterday for Vancouver to join her husband, who recently accepted a position in the city as operator with the Canadian National Railways.

A meeting is to be held soon to make an effort to organize boy scout work here. It is understood that sufficient patrons and leaders have been recruited to make the venture a success.

The first of the new Orthophonic gramophones has come to town. It is a wonderful instrument, playing twelve records of pre-arranged program wtihout attenion. It will be demonstrated Saturday at the Deparmental Stores.

A meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the tennis club for the coming season will be held in the Bank of Commerce rooms Monday next, March 26th, at 8 p.m. All those interested are kindly requested to attend.

Young people's night Tuesday, Litany Wednesday, and rehearsal for the play Monday were events at St. Cuthbert's this week. A congregation social will be held tonght. A new attendance ercord of 32 was set at Coalmont Sanday.

Some seventy couples enjoyed a fine dance in the Orange Hall Saturday, decorations used for hospital bazaar creating an atmosphere of gaiety. The Princeton orchestra, with all four pieces in top form, did so well that the dancers were reluctant to let them conclude.

George Gartrell, Summerland, Dominion fisheries inspector, arrived in town Tuesday with 10,000 eastern brook trout fry. The small, but sprightly little fellows, measuring about three-quarters of an inch in length were deposited in One Mile Creek with due ceremony.

While working on the boiler at the mine of the Princeton Mining & Development Co., Engineer Dan Hughes had the misfortune to have his arm fractured by a blow-out, and was brought to the Princeton Hospital for treatment earlier in the week. His place as engineer is being filled temporarily by Wm. McLean.

J. C. Maher, general agent of the Great Northern at Wenatchee, was in town yesterday studying the prospects of the coal industry here with a view to future business. He appeared particularly interested as to the intentions of the Wilson interests. Accompanying him was Mr. Good of the express department.

COMING EVENTS

Come and Go Tea—At the home of Mrs. W. B. Ewart on Thursday, Mar. 29, under auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's United Church. Home cooking. 18-2

The Lutheran Church

COPPER MOUNTAIN
Thursday, March 29th

Catechumen Class	4:30 p.m.
Children's Class	7:30 p.m.
Divine Service	8 p.m.

LOUIS CAMP (BLAKEBURN)
Friday, March 30th

Children's Class	5:30 p.m.
Divine Service	8 p.m.

W. POEHLER, Pastor.

Church of England Services

ST. CUTHBERT'S, PRINCETON
Sunday, March 25th, 1928

Morning Prayer	11 a.m.
Sunday School	2 p.m.
Evening Prayer, memorial servial for fire victims	7:30 p.m.

ALLENBY SCHOOL HOUSE
Thursday, March 29th

Evening Prayer	7:30 p.m.

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EVIDENCE OF INQUEST

Wednesday Morning

Alfred Gould stated that he had until recently been employed as caretaker of the dining room and bunkhouse, and was familiar with the building and the methods used. He had had considerable experience in fire fighting and with fires in ships, buildings and the like. He was invited to give his theory of the fire, and said:

"A fire requires oxygen. It not only draws air to it, but also spreads to where it can find oxygen, and the Copper Mountain fire is one of the best citations of this theory. From evidence it is evident that this fire rushed with terrific speed to the ends of the building and up the stairs where there was plenty of air.

"I have seen it demonstrated that a fire will extinguish itself by its own products of combustion, where steel doors and windows were placed on a frame building. It is obvious in this case that the fire went through the openings at the end of the building and thus made the fire escapes useless.

"Had the men on the bottom floor had presence of mind to keep windows and doors closed they could have done more to save their companions above than all the apparatus in the world.

"Had there been draught doors at the bottom of the stairs, the fire could have been kept from the upper stories for some valuable minutes."

Witness said he was in charge of the installation of fire fighting equipment when the bunkhouse was built last year and as far as he could see everything possible had been provided. He had been careful to post typewritten copies of fire instructions on all three floors of the bunkhouse, and these were fuller than in the other bunkhouse. Outside on the lower veranda was a board giving fire signals. While at the camp he assigned rooms, and was able to give room numbers of Mackay, McPherson, Dermody Matheson and Solid.

Commenting on the plight of the men on the third floor he said Nelson told how McPherson ran to the window and said, "My God, we're trapped." Nelson said flames came up the stairway into his room, and he ran into room 37 and jumped through the window, this being in the rear of the building where the ground was higher.

The coroner remarked that two bodies, seeming by plan to be from room 32 or 28 and 36 or 20 were found on beds, men apparently never having awakened. Witness pointed out that men in the first floor would not have time to alarm those above.

Omer Earl stated he was responsible for assigning rooms to men, and stated that the dead men roomed as follows: Wm. H. Towl room 35; Jim Mackay 44; Ralph Basset, 42; Dan McPherson, 30; Pat Dermody, 31; Martin Swanson, 17; Alec Matheson, 36; N. Solid, 18 and Wm. Upjohn, 22; making five on the third floor, three on the second. All rooms were occupied except one bed in room 28. He was able to give a complete list of the rooms and occupants:

First Floor

1, R. Barr and F. Carruthers; 2 F. B. Johnson and N. J. Cox; 3, both occupants in Kamloops; 4, C. H. Avery, H. David; 5, Charlie Moy, Sing Wo; 6, S. Sorry, H. Berry; 7 C. Cummings, L. O'Grady; 8, J. Serdich, M. Serdich; 9, Sam Polkoujok, N. Serdich; 10, M. Campbell; N. Marchand; 11 R. Idylls, T. M. Torris; 12, M. Obradovich, H. Franson; 13, J. Corrie, A. Sinclair; 14, A. Antonson, N. Bestland.

Second Floor

15, C. Hagbard, D. Gomm; 16, A. Alstrom A. Ness; 17, I. Radmanovich, M. Swanson; 18, E. Liabo, M. Solid; 19, J. Stalker, F. Robertson; 20, A. B. White, G. P. Gibson; 21, Steve Uslock, M. Bjolick; 22, W. Upjohn, A. Erickson; 23, Phil Harris, Harry C. Cook; 24, Eric McGeer; H. Elsmore; 25, Thalmahier, J. Bond; 26, J. A. Malletta, Eric Gavlin; 27, W. Baird, A. Hendrickson; 28, Bill Hogg; 29, John Anderson, Harold, Hanson.

Third Floor

30, Dan McPherson; 31, F. Dermody; 32, J. Wigmore; 33, F. Mealey; 34, A. White and H. Olson; 35, H. W. Towl; 36, Alex Matheson; 37, M. Perkovich; 38 Geo. Nelson; 39, Pete Johnson; 40, L. Barton, V. Astergood; 41, Sam Nomland; 42, R. P. Bassett; 43, J. Sweet; 44, J. Mackay.

Mr. Earl was sure list was correct, as it was kept revised and he had made a check-up from the payroll. He had no knowledge of any strangers there, though it was possible for men to entertain visitors without him knowing. He knew of no discontent. Copper Mountain roads were fairly bad for rustlers walking there. He sent one transient away, and on Friday ordered two more away, but found them still there Sunday, and learned they had got work. There were three or four strangers there Saturday, one a commercial man named Taylor. They roomed in No. 1 bunkhouse.

R. Gomm, who said he roomed in No. 15, second floor, testified that he had been awakened by someone running. He was a light sleeper. He had retired at 9 p.m. He saw the fire, wakened his partner, and made for the door, but, finding the hall full of flames went back and jumped out of the window. Flames covered the fire escape.

Holding Olson, the only available occupant of a room on the third floor, was called, but had completely lost his memory, and it was pitiful as the jurors, anxious to learn something of the circumstances prevailing on the top floor, grilled him, through an interpreter, but without success.

The poor fellow had gone under the strain, and could remember only that he lived in No. 34, had retired at 11 after playing pool. He did not know how he got out.

Eric McGeer said he occupied room 24, second floor. Awakened by his partner, he saw the fire from the window, and picked up his trousers. He ran along the corridor to the south end, the fire following him so fast it singed his hair. He hung over the bannister and dropped to the ground twenty feet below. He stated the fire escape was still intact, but, asked why he did not use it said "I was in a hurry," and the court laughed.

Inquest adjourned until Harold Hanson was brought, at request of Foreman MacKenzie.

Harold Hanson said he roomed in No. 29, second floor. He was awakened by his partner and managed to escape by the hall to the rear. He saw others running to the fire escape. He started down the escape, but it was crowded and he jumped. Men came down after he did. He saw nothing of the third floor, but knew smoke was going up the stairway.

Before the jury got the evidence, W. S. Lane, representing the company, asked for permission to challenge a statement made by Fire Chief Thomas the previous day, and in doing so provided excitement, a legal point being keenly argued until the coroner ruled it out of order.

Mr. Lane held that in making the statement that No. 3 bunkhouse had no alarm system as required by law Fire Marshal Thomas was being unfair to the company, and he asked that if Mr. Thomas would not retract it, the jury would note his challenge.

"No. 3 bunkhouse was a source of pride to the company who felt that here was the nearest to perfection that could be expected in bunk houses Both Mr. H. C. Smith, manager, and Mr. Jack McLaughlin, superintendent, feel very keenly over this tragedy, and regard the loss as one in a family."

"Section 24 of the Fire Marshal's act state that a hotel (the term legally includes the bunkhouse) is required by law in a municipality to be equipped with an alarm which must be approved by an authorized inspector. In our case, there is no by-law and no municipal official to whom we are responsible. It ill behoves the fire marshal to come up at this point and condemn a building when had he been interested he could have come up and examined the alarm system some months ago."

Mr. Thomas rose to his feet—he had been brought in to face the challenge—and declined to retract his charge. He held that the attorney-general's interpretation of the clause was that it was the duty of the owners of the building to notify his department that it was being constructed, whereupon he would have been obliged to make an inspection.

Mr. Lane argued that the building had been given much newspaper publicity, and that the marshal could not possibly have been ignorant of its construction. It was as much his duty to investigate as it was the duty of the company to ask him to do so. Had the officials been informed that an alarm system was necessery to safety, he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that they would have had one installed at once.

Mr. Thomas admitted that this was no doubt true, but held that it was a case where "ignorance of the law was no excuse." Mr. Lane challenged this, claiming that the law did not call for this. Here the coroner interrupted, suggesting that this was a question for another jury than a coroner's and the enquiry forthwith closed, the jury receiving the evidence at 11:40 and returning a verdict at 1:03.

OFFICIAL VERDICT

That H. William Towl met his death in an endeavor to escape from a burning building, fracturing his neck in jumping from an upper floor thereof upon the eighteenth day of March 1928 between the hours of 3:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. at the No. 3 bunkhouse of the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Limited, at Copper Mountain, B.C.

That the remaining eight, James McKay, Alex Matheson, Martin Swanson, Daniel A. McPherson, Ralph Percy Bassett, William Upjohn, Nels Solid and Pat Dermody were burned to death in the aforesaid building at the aforesaid time, that the origin of the fire was undetermined.

Whilst the opinion from all evidence given is that the No. 3 bunkhouse was well built and complied with regulations governing construction, and fire equipment at the time of construction, we strongly recommend that such buildings should be provided with the an adequate system of fire alarms, and means of communicating with the engineer in charge of the compressor, whose duty it is in this case to sound the general fire alarm.

We further recommend that ropes, if possible fireproof, be provided at the windows of all rooms above the first floor.

We further recommend that a proper register be kept in the office of the names of occupants of each of the bunkhouse rooms.

We further recommend that all garbage boxes be made of metal or suitable fireproof material, with covers.

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KEREMEOS NOTES

Every one is glad to see Mr. H. B. Armstrong in Keremeos again. Mr. Armstrong arrived from Vancouver on Wednesday, Mar. 7th, and is staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Armstrong.

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A Keremeos Athletic Club was organized on Monday evening, March 19th. Bill Gurney took the chair and officers were elected as follows: President, Bill Gurney; vice-president, Dr. Lundy; secretary-treasurer, Alan Gilroy; executive committee, Lorne Coleman, Johnny Campbell, John Shuttleworth and Doug Parsons. Sports to be started in the club are baseball, tennis and gymnasium. Directors for these sports were appointed as follows: Walter Quaedvlieg, gymnasium instructor; Jim Clarke, baseball director; and Alan Gilroy, tennis director.

Meetings will be held every Monday night in Coleman's Hall. A membership drive will be made immediately. Let everyone help make this organization a success, as it will be of a great help to Kermeos with celebration days, etc.

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The Boy Scouts are away to a very enthusiastic start again and all the young boys are turning out very well. Much credit is due to Doc Lundy who is giving the boys boxing lessons, which they enjoy very much and Miss K. Snowdon, the district nurse, who is giving them first aid instructions. The Boy Scouts is a fine institution and the parents should help to make a large Keremeos troop.

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Thos. Daly left on Monday's train on a business trip to the coast.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS

(Mrs. E. M. Daly)

Keremeos, Mar. 20.—Did we do very much towards cloaning up the community last year? Shall we get together this spring and do better by burning all the Russian thistle, burdock and other noxious weeds we can find. In the last few years the seed has scattered all over the countryside. The cemetery should have another good clean up. I hope everyone will co-operate in this, and I am sure the ladies will be pleased to serve a good supper when the day's work is done. Can't something be done to make the tourist camp in the park more attractive and convenient? Has the miniature park in front of the Bank of Commerce ever been cleaned up after a former suggestion, or is it recognized as a dumping ground for odds and ends? I would suggest that none of the strubbery excepting dead stuff be removed.

A move in the right direction has been made in erecting sign posts near the school grounds, the post east of the schoolhouse at the junction of the Penticton and Osoyoos roads has been down for months. I hope it will be erected this spring.

I would like to call the attention of the Princeton enthusiasts of the "Great North Road" to the fact that a sign post which they erected near Tonasket, where the old road used to run through the valley, had been down for a long time, and is practically invisible from the main road.

I should like to see the shade trees at the school pruned so that they will be a "thing of beauty and joy for ever," something everyone will appreciate and the children will look back to with pleasure, when they were wont to enjoy the shade of the locust trees. We have some of these trees that cover a radius of ninety feet.

So many accidents have occurred on the grade coming south out of Keremeos, that I earnestly hope the authorities will continue the present railing on down to the foot of the hill, and no doubt the turn and culvert could be widened.

I should like to see a few improvements made to the road between Princeton and Keremeos. I have in mind a curve at the foot of "Agate" hill that should be widened this spring. It would be easy to pry that big boulder loose, and I'm sure it could be rolled down into the river easily with the facilities the road gang have for doing so. Last year I asked Mr. P. Y. Smith if the railings could be replaced on the bridge across the Tulameen approaching Princeton, and he said there were "no funds available." I hope they will see their way to make the necessary improvements this spring.

The drive to Penticton is a most enjoyable one, with so many charming spots to spend the day and picnic. I think a finer creek it would be hard to find than our own Keremeos, with its pools cataracts and shady nooks, but I would like to say right here that the roadmen have considerably marred the beauty of the scene by felling trees and shrubbery into the creek and letting it stay there.

Can't we emulate the example of our cousins across the border by burning all debris in the spring, early before the dry season starts? I noticed a very commendable thing in Snoqualmie Pass, where in places the road was being shortened, all trees were limbed and hauled away after being cut into desirable lengths, the residue being burned and everything cleaned up spick and span. This could be done with those unsightly heaps of small dry fir and other brush and noxious weeds all the way to the Indian reserve, beyond Alder Grove.

In conclusion, one more suggestion, don't let the "powers that be" declare an open season for does. We don't want the same thing to happen as was the case with our fine mountain sheep which have been protected for the last twenty years (approximately). I may say here that between wild dogs and coyotes our wild game will be exterminated soon enough. In my own field two dogs were seen bringing their quarry to earth in the shape of a year old deer, which they had evidently chased for some distance the deer putting up a game fight for its life. It stood no show against the dogs who were born killers and had no doubt been doing this for some time as, I am told there was a scarcity of fawns in the district last fall. I was in hopes that an act pertaining to the slaughter of deer by dogs, and similar to the Sheep Protection Act, would have been put through this session.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Keremeos, Mar. 18.—The Women's Institute held their regular meeting on the 14th at which a large amount of business was attended to. The Institute is holding rugmaking classes under the night school scheme. There are to be three classes, on Tuesday and Thursday of this week and Tuesday of next. Mrs. Fred Pilkington is the instructor. The third and final card party will be held on the 29th inst. in the Institute room at 8 p.m. There will be prizes for bridge and whist.

Mrs. E. M. Daly gave a splendid paper on Neighborhood Needs. This is published in another part of the Star, and we venture to draw the attention of the various powers that be to these needs and hope they will take the hint.

A box of books has been received from the provincial library at Victoria and is now in the Institute room. Any person in the community can borrow books from this library on Saturday afternoons between 2:30 and 5. There is no charge except that if the books are kept longer than two weeks a fine will be imposed.

On Thursday, the 15th, the Women's Institute entertained their husbands and friends at a banquet in the W.I. room. This is a new venture, but it was such a success that it is honed to make it an annual affair. About forty-two people sat down to a wonderful spread of cold meats, salads, beans, pies, cakes and coffee. The president, Mrs. J. B. M. Clarke, was in the chair and Mrs. E. M. Daly acted as toastmaster. Mr. Clementson proposed the toast to the king. Mrs. Christie proposed "Our Guests," to which Mr. T. Daly replied. Mrs. Clarke then spoke on behalf of the Institute and at the finish of her remarks diclosed the "nigger in the woodpile," namely, the flower show. Some years ago we had a good showing of fruit and vegteables at the annual flower show, but then many of the men seemed to be too busy and the show of these things fell off. The women felt they could not do this part of the show alone so for the last few years fruit and vegetables have not been included in the prize list. Everybody regretted the omission of these and it was decided to try to make an effort to have them put back on the list, provided the Institute could get the cooperation of the men. Mr. East replied to Mrs. Clarke's speech and said that he was quite sure the men would help, now that the matter had been brought to their attention, and after such a good supper. The secretary then took the names of those present who would promise to help and secured a good long list. Mrs. Daly then remarked that her son had a story he wanted to tell and that started the ball rolling, and we certainly heard some pretty good stories. When we could laugh no more, we stood to sing "Auld Lang Syne." Some of the party then went home, the others played cards for about an hour. The party finally broke up shortly after eleven.

Mrs. Daly and Helen returned from their trip to the Coast on Friday, having returned by way of Okanogan, Wash., from where Mr. Lindsay brought them up by car. We are all pleased to see Helen looking so much better. Mrs. Daly reports meeting several Keremeos people during her short stay in Vancouver, including Donald McCallum, and "Bill" and Kay Gibson. She also visited the new Crippled Children's Hospital on Oak Street of which Miss Hattie Innis is matron. This hospital has been established by funds raised by the Women's Institutes all over B.C., our own Institute sending a cash donation every month. Mrs. Daly was much impressed by the wonderful work that is being done in the hospital and she will speak about it at the next Instiute meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay returned to Okanogan on Monday.

GAWSTON NOTES

A pleasant evening was spent on March 14th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Manery when a number of old timers gathered at a surprise party, the occasion being Mr. Manery's birthday.

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R. L. Cawston, L. V. Newton and S. Manery left Sunday on a business trip to Vancouver. They motored as far as Princeton.

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Mrs. A. H. Cawston and children, Elizabeth, Donald, Richard and Jack are spending a few weeks with relatives in Vancouver.

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Lindsay Prentice left on last Wednesday's train for New Westminster where he has a position for the summer.

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Mrs. Whitely of Ardmoure, Sask., arrived on Thursday's stage. At present she is living in Mr. Bicherton's house.

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Mr. W. Meikle and Miss E. Dunnett spent Friday evening with friends in Similkameen.

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Miss Jean Manery and Miss Margaret Smith spent last week-end with friends in Penticton.

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St. Patrick's eve was celebrated with a very successful dance under the auspices of the Cawston Coyote Club. Keremeos and the community were well represented. Splendid music was supplied by the Cawston orchestra.

Allenby Concentrates

The regular meeting of the Allenby Girls' Club will be held in the club room Friday evening, the 23rd.

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The weekly meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 28th, in the club rooms.

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The public school teaching staff are holding a good English bee in the dining hall Wednesday evening, April 4th. Parents and friends are cordially invited.

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Mrs. Monty Thompson and little daughter Anita returned Thursday, the 15th, from Rossland, where they spent a very enjoyable holiday with Mrs. Thompson's parents.

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The whist drive which was being put on by the Allenby Girls' Club was postponed on account of the tragedy at Copper Mountain. They are planning to hold it Tuesday evening, the 27th.

TULAMEEN RIPPLES

Mr. Neelems, who manages a butcher shop at Hope, and Hugh Stewart spent the week-end looking up old friends here.

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Mr. James Graham of Myren's has been spending a few days looking over the timber here. He may take a contract to fall the timber for Mr. Sherman Bush, who expects to put in teams and a tractor right away.

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Mr. Earl Turnbull has returned to Tulameen from a visit to his mother in New Westminster, who has been very ill but is much better now.

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Tulameen has a barber now who will be here next Wednesday, Mar. 28th. So don't forget and come. Hair will be cut as long as it lasts; also whiskers.

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Mrs. E. Rabbitt is taking a holiday that is well earned. She is going to Vancouver. All here wish her a very enjoyable visit as Mrs. Rabbit is better known as Tulameen "Ma." She is a mother to all the settlers of the district.

BLAKEBURN NEWS

A very enjoyable masquerade dance was held by the Caledonian Club in the Blakeburn dining hall on Saturday, March 17th. Many clever and pretty costumes were to be seen on the floor. The prizes were given as follows: best dressed lady, Miss E. Barker; best dressed gent, Miss M. Mackay; comic lady, Mrs. E. J. Rhodes; comic gent, Jimmie Rhodes. Jerry Brown's ten-dollar prize went to Mrs. Robt. Murray and Miss J. Oxley took the juvenile prize. Supper was served at twelve when dancing was resumed to the music of the Blakeburn orchestra.

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Mr. F. M. Barnes left for Merritt Tuesday morning on a business trip. Mr. Barnes expects to return about the end of the week.

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The "Good English Bee" of which we read so much in the papers is rousing a great deal of interest here, where a number of the pupils intend trying their luck.

PREDICTS SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN TOMATO INDUSTRY

Tom Daly of Keremeos was in town on Monday en route for Vancouver where he intended to secure expert medical examination and advice for treatment of his knees, both of which he had had injured at different times, and which have been giving him considerable trouble.

Speaking of the tomato industry, which is only secondary in importance to apple growing in the lower valley, Mr. Daly considers the prospects as exceptionally good this season. Despite rumors to the contrary, he sates that the growers have received from the Dominion Canners—the largest operators in the valley—confirmation of the $2.00 per ton advance in price as agreed upon at the Kelowna convention.

Heretofore Keremeos growers have confined their production to the smooth varieties of tomatoes which command an advance of $2 per ton over the Earlianna, but this year the Dominion Canners have consented to accept one-half smooth and one-half rough varieties, and a number of the growers—including Mr. Daly—are planting the Earlianna, feeling assured that the greater yield, and the earlier ripening of this variety will more than offset the difference in price.

Mr. Daly has around twenty acres of well fertilized ground which he intends planting in toms this year.

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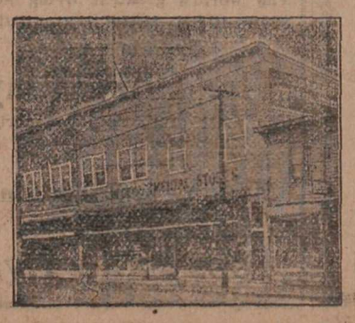

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