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FRASER CONDEMNS AMALGAMATED HEAD

Blakeburn Man Faces Trial After Fire

BOYLE GETS TORY NOMINATION

Patterson Strikes

Conservative Leader Caustic In Criticism of Pattullo Government

CASTIGATING the Pattullo administration as the worst and most extravagant British Columbia has known, and pledging himself to wipe out the evils of party government, Dr. Frank P. Patterson, Conservative leader, opened the Similkameen campaign in rousing fashion Friday night as he endorsed the candidature of H. H. Boyle, Penticton barrister, and newly selected Tory standard bearer.

The vigorous, white-haired medico had a new version of the famous Pattullian work and wages. Climaxing a grudge against the University men, evidently the outgrowth of his professional reaction to Dr. Weir's abortive health insurance plan, Dr. Patterson advanced that "the high priced but useless brain trust" with which the Premier had surrounded himself had usurped the prosperity that Mr. Pattullo had promised the working man. Education, said Dr. Patterson, is a fine thing, but pedagogy is no substitute for the hard lessons of experience that British Columbia's frontiersmen have acquired.

Quoting an editorial from Monday's Province, the Conservative leader, from a platform in the shadow of the mine, roundly flayed the Premier for his ineptitude in dealing with what he termed the "Hedley disaster", and scored the government's laxness in permitting such abuses of public confidence.

Promising to announce his entire policy in a manifesto to be released shortly, Dr. Patterson announced his intention to clean up British Columbia politics. The term "Conservative", he said, is just a label. At Ottawa Mr. Bennett's social legislation clearly marked him as the progressive, and Mr. McKenzie King, in striving to undo Mr. Bennett's work, made the Liberal party reactionary.

Cost of government in British Columbia must be reduced. Under the Pattullo regime the provincial debt rose from $156,000,000 to $200,000,000. British Columbia's per capita debt (including municipal) is $381, as against the much maligned Albertan's $340; per capita expenditure is the highest in Canada. The debt, accumulating since 1912, has piled up at the rate of $830 an hour. Forty-five per cent of the taxes go towards paying interest, Dr. Patterson claimed. He alluded to the recent federal loan as the "Bribery Election Loan." In so richly endowed a province, this was unaccountable B.C. had made no real attempt to solve unemployment, the speaker claimed.

Dr. Patterson pinned his faith in British Columbia's mining industry to lead it to prosperity. He urged a better deal for the prospector.

Centering his fire on the Westminster bridge as the glaring example of government extravagance, Dr. Patterson guaranteed an inde-

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Penticton Barrister Unanimous Choice of Keremeos Convention

H. H. BOYLE, Penticton barrister, will carry the Conservative banner in Similkameen in the projected provincial election. He was the unanimous choice of an enthusiastic nominating convention at Keremeos Thursday afternoon.

The Liberal candidate is Charles H. Tupper, sitting member. It is expected the C.C.F. will also nominate

Mr. Boyle's name was the only one proposed. The nomination was moved by Mr. Robert Taylor of Princeton and seconded by Mr. Donald McCallum of Keremeos. Delegates from virtually every point in the riding were in attendance.

Accepting the nomination, Mr. Boyle pledged himself for better government, opposed to the spoils system. He advocated a balanced budget of economies and a programme of social legislation.

Dr. F. P. Patterson, provincial leader of the party, endorsed the selection of Mr. Boyle. He flayed the Pattullo government's extravagance and partisanship. He urged the appointment of a highway commission and pledged himself to the completion of the Hope-Princeton road. He advocated a reduction of the Legislature and strengthening of bonds of empire.

He advocated the cancellation of interest charges on land taxes and the abolition of the Conservation Fund.

Mr. J. H. East of Keremeos presided and Mr. N. B. McFadden of Princeton moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Patterson.

Wilson Mines Here May Be Abandoned

ALL equipment is being removed from the Wilson collieries, and there are grave forebodings that the Wilson interests may quit the district, abandoning ventures into which close to one million dollars has been sunk.

On instructions from the Vancouver office, both the Blue Flame and Pleasant Valley collieries are being stripped, and further orders are to close down both operations entirely when this work is completed Material is being stored meanwhile at the Pleasant Valley mine.

While, probably due to the optimistic outlook due to Granby activity, the public reaction has not been as noticeable as would have maintained otherwise, there is no doubt that the threatened loss of the Wilson operations is a serious blow to this districts. No one here seems to be in a position to state the exact significance, but while a hardy hope persists that this is not a final aban-

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J. Militich Committed On Charge Involving Insurance Claim

COMMITTED Thursday by Magistrate F. E. Rowlands, Johan Militich, Blakeburn miner, will stand trial on a charge of endeavoring to extort money from a fire insurance company by false pretenses.

It is alleged that Militich falsified a claim arising out of a fire which destroyed his house at Blakeburn on the night of Saturday, 27th March

Militich is at liberty on $3000 bail to appear before County Court Judge W. C. Kelley for election 16th April.

Provincial Police allege that certain articles for which indemnity was claimed have been recovered, including some found in the house of J. Prpich, Princeton, which they raided. In addition, neighbors testified that certain items claimed for were never on the premises destroyed

The Militich residence at the Townsite, Blakeburn, caught fire and was completely destroyed, with all its contents. The flames also destroyed the adjoining house of W. Richardson, but furnishings there were salvaged. The fire broke out about 9:10 p.m., its origin unexplained.

Constable Ralph Lees of Blakeburn prosecuted, and evidence was given by himself, Constables Hatherill and Deane of Princeton, Mrs. W. Richardson and Mrs. M. Kamich, neighbors of Militich.

T. B. Hooper, appearing for the accused, reserved defense.

An open charge was laid by Consable Lees following examination of Milich's claim against the London and Lancashire Assurance Co. Total value of goods listed was $1800. Insurance was carried for $800. An additional $400 was carried on the house.

Police entered as exhibits articles of clothing and bedding seized following the fire and which they said the accused admitted having claimed for as destroyed.

Nickel Plate Road Finished This Week

DIRECT road connection between Hedley town and the Nickel Plate mines, a dream for thirty years, became a reality this week when the contractor completed construction via Eighteen Mile creek and government officials gave the project their stamp of approval.

The job was officially declared complete Tuesday after district public works engineer Robertson and road superintendent McKenzie inspected the project at the invitation of contractor Arnett. Tractors continued at work clearing the upper sections of snow.

The historic moment was 3:10 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, 30th March when the two big "Cats", working in opposite directions bumped noses. The engineers had calculated the event almost to a minute.

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Severe Criticism of Administration And Exchange Practices

PUBLICATION this week of the preliminary report of special investigator G. L. Fraser brought the Hedley Amalgamated situation to the stage where intelligent opinions could be formed, and a possible estimate arrived at as to the facts of the issue which has shocked the entire mining and investment setup in British Columbia in general and in this district in particular.

While there were still a multitude of interpretations and speculations as to the final outcome, it was established that the alarm was in general justified and that there were serious shortcomings somewhere.

Briefly, the situation as at present can be summarized as follows:

1. Mr. Fraser, in an examination of transactions concerning the stock, and in an enquiry into the administration of the mine, found an unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

2. He disclosed what he considers a studied manipulation of the stock.

3. He condemns in part certain practices of stock brokers in general and in this issue in particular especially with regard to short-selling, "wash sales" and house accounts.

4. Russell E. Barker, president of the company, stands definite-accused as guilty of at least unethical practices. It is alleged that Mr. Barker, who acted in many capacities, such as vendor, promoter, broker and president of the company, gained personally from the stock manoeuvre to the extent of some $50,000.

5. Mr. Barker has resigned, on demand, as president of the Burrard Stock and Bond Co., underwriters of Amalgamated stock.

There has been no change as yet in the directorate of the Amalgamated, of which Mr. Barker is chairman.

6. Mr. Fraser alleges incompetency in management of the mine and directly charges falsification. He condemns William Cox, resident manager, and W. S. Bacon, engineer, as incompetent, and charges that they were ready to make reports calculated to stimulate stock sales. He says that Barker and the firm of D. A. Hamilton & Co. conspired to influence the market.

7. There is still no definite information on the suspicion that assay samples were tampered with, or that the mine was "salted." A special government crew under Engineer R. H. Stewart is making tests at the mine to establish an estimate of ore values. Diamond drilling is being carried out to check up on returns from cores allegedly tampered with.

R. H. STEWART

8. A full public investigation is promised by the government as soon as Mr. Stewart's report is received.

9. Meanwhile the government and especially the Department of Mines is being roundly crit-

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● Wins Tory Nomination—

H. H. BOYLE

● New Yale County Judge-

W. C. KELLEY

● Flays Pattullo—

DR. F. P. PATTERSON

● To Set Date Next Week

PREMIER T. D. PATTULLO

Round the Corner

● LAW, like love, does not always run smooth. There is the perennial question, just when is a man drunk. and why? And now the Vancouver courts have been asked to decide a brace of enigmas that would tax the wisdom of Daniel and Portia together.

A Mounted Police officer ran down a lad in his auto, and the Provincials charged him with driving to the common danger. A smart lawyer, none other than "Pat" Maitland, who himself has framed many B.C. laws, persuaded the magistrate that the B.C. act under which the fellow is charged is ultra vires, because there is a Dominion act already covering that point, and where a federal law already applies, a provincial law is of no matter. Therefore, according to Euclid, this Dominion officer, who admittedly broke an act that applies to all Canada, is not guilty of breaking the law in B.C. because he was actually breaking two laws at the time, or at least one law and one lost labor of love. What a wonderful thing education is!

● THE OTHER INSTANCE concerns, or almost concerns, the faithful old adage about a man biting a dog. Only in this case a dog bit a woman. That was obvious; or at least the judge took it for granted. The lady wanted to show him the scar on her thigh; but he demurred, as any good judge would, this side of Jean Harlow.

The only point was, which dog? Defendant submitted to the satisfaction of the court that it couldn't be his ,and suggested it might be his next-door neighbor's. The prosecuting attorney forcefully objected. He happened to be the next-door neighbor.

As if all this were not enough, included in the accounting of the alleged damages was an item of $250 sought by the hubby for loss of his wife's society while she was incapacitated. Which, by gosh, is an idea.

● WE HATE to spoil a good story, for it is our wholesome tenet that in the ultimate the moral fibre of life is good. But it's a truth that some cynic is always cropping up with a disillusionment.

Our eyes kindled as we told, to vindicate our faith, of the lad who turned over a sum of lost money to the police; only to have the infant of the family pop up with the news that the youngster's pals threatened to "squeal" on him if he didn't.

Of course it is a much more satisfying story if you don't chase down the suspicion, and personally we wouldn't. But it does illustrate a point: life is just like that. It's a literary trick the writers have made good use of to give their plot an unexpected turn—or more properly a wrench; it leaves you staring somewhat blankly, with a rather empty feeling in your stomach.

● FOR THOSE who like the amazing, and especially the self imposed captains of their fates and masters of their souls (did you ever stop to think what blasphemy that is?) we have a satisfying nightcap. The story has come to our notice of a remarkable young lady in Louisiana, who, born without arms, has done very well by herself. She dresses and feeds herself, combs her hair, threads a needle, sews, embroiders paints, engraves jewelry, writes shorthand, plays piano, runs a flower shop, a gift shop; is an actress, authoress, public speaker and holds a B.A. degree (though, without arms, it does not say how she holds it). All of which is certainly remarkable. If she had one arm she'd probably be an octapus.

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DAVE TAYLOR, PRINTER, EDITOR, PUBLISHER

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Quo Vadis?

THEY are drawing steel at the Wilson mines, and the coal mining picture does not look very bright. It is too early to say what the import of this step will be, and we can only hope for the best. But there is no merit in dogding an issue; rather more in acknowlegding a danger, that we may be best fortified against it.

And the truth is that the local coal mining industry is none too healthy just now. Hopes were centralized in the Wilson operation. Mr. Wilson was the first big operator to be attracted to this field, and his performance was looked upon to qualify and classify random small scale failures.

We do not believe that this is an acknowledgment of defeat; but we do realize that it is a cross-roads. It is manifestly to be hoped that an improvement in the industry will warrant embarking on a new road before rigor mortis sets in.

Obviously Mr. Wilson's private enterprise has failed. Now that he is gone his personal magnetism, his pride and persistence will not flog a dead horse. The operation, if conditions warrant its resumption, will have to stand or fall on its own merits. Perhaps that is for the best, however this community regrets the loss of one of its best friends.

But business is business, and we would all rather see our supporting industries business successes rather than sentimental failures.

Tulameen has been murdered; Blakeburn's days are numbered. The only ray of sunshine is Bromley Vale, a private producer, out of the competing field.

We have still abundant faith in our coal resources, but we must accept that an impasse has been reached, and we can only hope that our faith will be vindicated and that the industry will emerge, strong, self-supporting, and with a new vigor.

Public Good And Otherwise

IT is not pleasant to be forever "agin the government"; neither to take issue with our neighbors; but charity essentially begins at home, and while we have a sympathetic interest in the advance of Penticton, we naturally do not feel that it should be bought by our sacrifice. It is with this regard that we have felt constrained on occasion to protest; not because we love Penticton less, but because we love Princeton more.

Recently our Government, working in its usual mysterious way its wonders to perform, annexed a large slice of territory, formerly in Similkameen mining division, and tributary to Princeton, to Osoyoos, administered from Penticton. The reason was not given; and it is difficult for citizens of the Similkameen, all of whom it affects, and especially those interested in mining, to appreciate it. For presumably public affairs are ideally administered for the public good, and it is difficult to perceive what good purpose this will serve.

Certainly up to now it has only caused confusion. *Mining boundaries are at best vague of definition and* difficult of interpretation, and when logic is alienated it is almost hopeless. Even the government offices are having their troubles, and when that happens Lord help the ordinary prospector or mining man.

The greatest condemnation of the move is that it is illogical. Hedley and Osoyoos have nothing in common; and conversely the Similkameen is a self-contained community, and Hedley and Princeton have very much in common. The best argument is that most of the business still naturally gravitates to Princeton; and there is the bother of sorting out the muddle.

At one time—as was natural—all the Hedley mining business was administered from Princeton. Then apparently some local friction between the incumbent and certain Hedley interests resulted in a request for a change. The Hedley camp was thereupon virtually cut in half, and this has been a constant source of difficulty. The natural move was to restore the status quo, but instead the line was moved farther up the valley, to accentuate the muddle.

Quite obviously the political intent is a business move to make Hedley camp tributory to Penticton. There is very little danger of that, for business will take its natural course, in spite of all artificially imposed boundaries. But it is too bad that in a young country where there is so much to be done that the purpose of the acts of government should be to improve on the acts of God.

The Revised Version, 1937

IN THE BEGINNING God created the heaven and the earth; and the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters; and God said let there be light; and there was light; and God made a firmament in the midst of the waters, and called it Heaven. And He said let the waters be gathered together in one place; and it was so.

Such, at any rate, has been the generally accepted version since the time of Moses. But it seems the Good Book is due for revision. For apparently —and who are we to doubt—all the water was given to the General Utilities, and co-incidentally they expropriated, or are about to expropriate, the light. At least, they are taking in a big compass, and the beleaguered ratepayers of Princeton, while not exactly willing to acquiesce in the delivery in toto of all the aqua pura and appurtenances thereto, have readily recognized the direction, and at least will freely admit that their persecutors are "all wet."

For the good people of the Similkameen are simple, loving, and trusting, not to say long suffering; they have, in their journey out of Canaan, fallen for everything from chain letters to Arthur Evans; but there is apparently one fairy tale they are not quite prepared to write into their legendry. It is called the "Water Works Wonders", and if you will gather about our ageing knee, dear children, we shall unfold its marvels. But of course you must remember that it is just a fairy story, for such things just couldn't happen in a civilized country, and there is no truth or seriousness to the allegory.

Once upon a time there were three wise men who had control of all the water and tiny pieces of the light of physics, as well as all the light of wisdom, and also divers parcels of the firmament; not that they owned all the water or the spectral light; for

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Coronation Commemoration Medal

THE two sides of the official coronation medal designed by Mr. Percy Metcalfe and now being struck off in the English mint. It is in two sizes and in both silver and gold. The medal bears the heads of Their Majesties.

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Practical Politics

MR. PATTULLO has succeeded in coaxing himself to become attorney-general, has finally untracked himself with some information on the Amalgamated, and to complete a busy week, has confided that he will announce the date of the election next week. He neglected to say whose election, but both the Liberals and Conservatives are taking that for granted.

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Crib Road to Heights

ROAD FOREMAN Al. Johnson has a small crew at work on the Barr Hall hill, improving the cribbing at the turn. A rock wall is being built to replace the old wooden one.

No instructions have been issued as to the general improvement plan.

Play This On Your Saxophone; But You Have To Draw The Line

HAPPY DAYS are here again. Police answered a good old fashioned riot call to an exclusive section of Princeton on Saturday night and arrived just in time to save the neighborhood from wreck and ruin. Two over-amorous Copper Mountain men were having high jinks. They were rather severe on the furniture, and their toll included a table, a lamp, and a bunch of gramophone records, which if they were swing stuff, is an idea. But when one prepared to present his pal with the piano, a key at a time, the genial hostess cried enough.

Appearing before Magistrate Rowlands in Princeton Police Court on Wednesday, they were fined $5 and costs each, and ordered to make restitution for the damage, approximating $30.00.

THE WEATHER

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6	51	28
7	59	22
8	65	25
9	47	35
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BIRTHS

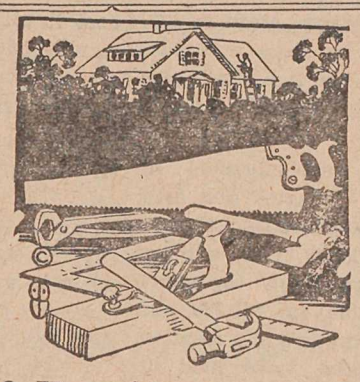
ANDERSON—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson of Princeton at Princeton Hospital on Monday, 5th April, a son.

BRLEKOVICK—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Brlekovick of Princeton, at the Princeton Hospital, on Wednesday, 7th April, a daughter.

MUIR—To Mr. and Mrs. Muir, at Princeton Hospital, on Friday, 9th April, a son.

OVERTON—To Mr .and Mrs. R. Overton of Hedley, at Princeton Hospital, on Tuesday, 30th March, a daughter.

COLLINS—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Collins of Hedley, at Princeton Hospital on Sunday, 28th March, a daughter.



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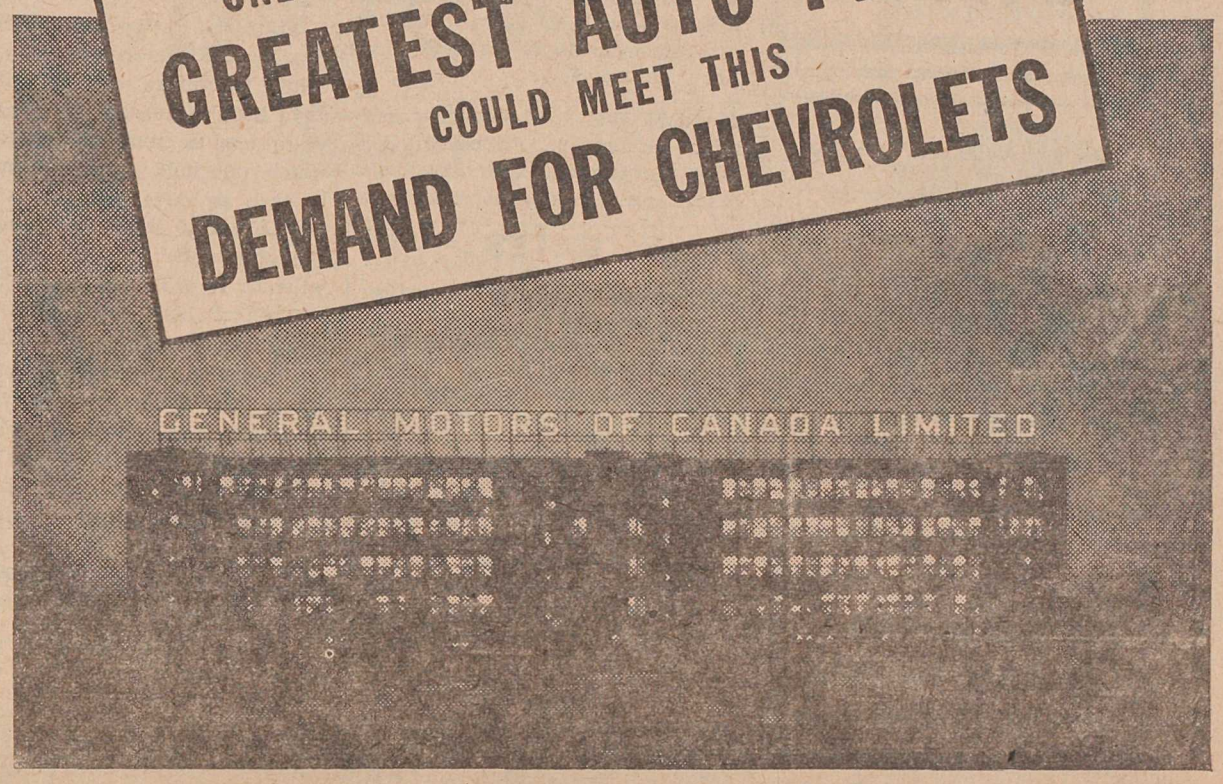

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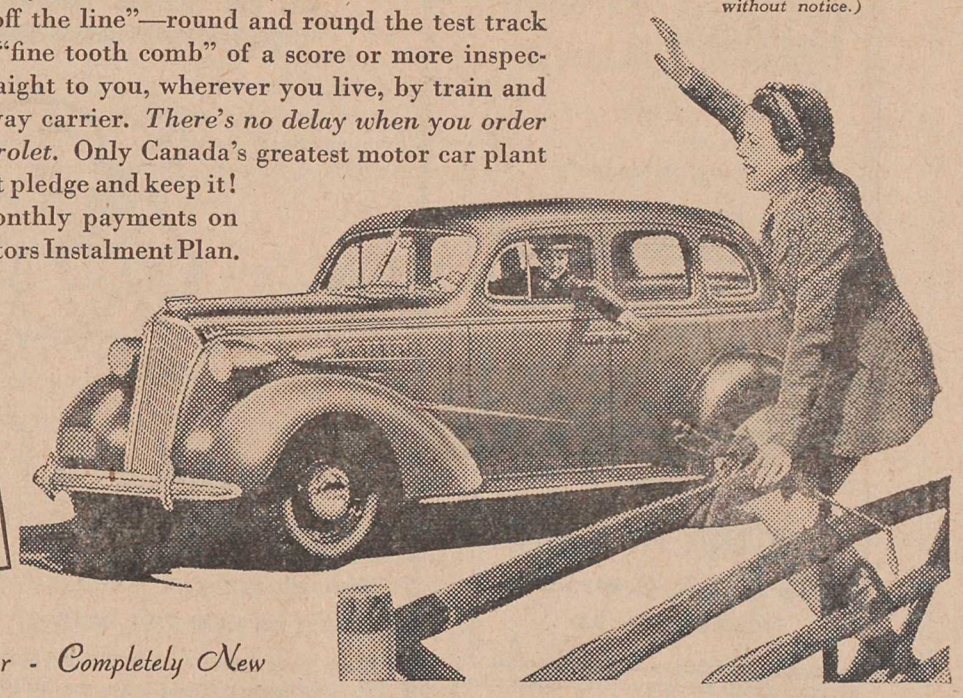

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that would be getting ahead of our story. At this stage they merely administered it for the owners, who were in a far off land. But they had ambitions; Oh my yes.

Now it came to pass that of these wise men two said to the foreign masters for whom they worked "This thing will never pay; pray sell it." And so they sold it. And it was a mysterious transaction, dark and inscrutable; and some whispered that the two had sold it to themselves, but no one knew. And so it fell into strange hands, in a strange manner, and there were strange repercussions, for these were wise men, and with their magic they touched the sickly water plant and made it well and strong and flourishing.

But they were cruel withal, and oppressed he people, and the people rose up in arms and said, "Now wherefore are ye thus unmerciful. For ye have bought a dead plant, and lo, it lives; and yet ye squeeze us unmercifully. For ye bought the plant, which was held at $30,000 in value, for $10,000, and in cash ye have paid not a penny whit; except as one Hospital which had advanced $1500 held up the sale until ye refunded this cash; the balance whereof ye will take out of the profits, and not one penny (or little more thereto) will ye advance of yourselves, though ye seek all these profits.

"But contrarywise ye will harrass and oppress us, in that we may in no wise say nay, for ye say unto us: 'this our way is right only, for we are wise'. And ye will force us to pay for your water, whether we wish it or nay; and will not let us use a fair measure wherewith to measure what we take, but we must pay as ye say, forebiding. And ye make us to pay an advance, whether or no, and a deposit of forefeiture, and we may not say nay as ye will. And ye give us no place or person whereat we may speak, and yet ye say, "It is not so, for ye have not spoken; and we only are right and may be right." And ye will in no wise pay bills until ye have first been paid, so wherefore have we to pay with? And though ye have spent nothing, and will spend only of meanest necessity, ye will charge us excessive rates; and to boot it all will make false sayings and exercise all manner of meanness against us off whom ye profit.

"And thereat was a parcel of land, lean and barren withal, for which we desired to have use, to maken increase for our hospital, wherein we do mercifully minister unto the ailing and infirm; but ye said, 'The price thereof is great.' But our earldormen, in some means also wise, said back, 'A palsy take thy villany. This fair value will we make and namore; whereof we will make appeal of our great sovereign overlord, that he will, on enquiry, expropriate it at said fair figure; for verily ye seem to dread enquiry.

"And you will contrive, or so it seemeth, to redouble thy grip on us, and will take likewise all the land and all the light, though God forbid!

"For namore moughten we endure. We will arise and take arms, and appeal to the great overlord that he will hasten here to hould royal commission, and seeken out the causes of thy injustice and our compleynt, that we moughten flourish once more and be happy in a land of plenty which ye soughten to undo. For i' the faith we are driven by exasperation to incorporation."

Patterson Speaks—

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bia is intolerable; there never was its like," charged Mr. Boyle. The one bright ray, he said, was the obvious awakening of popular interest.

"Mr. Pattullo held a gun to the cabinet over the Westminster bridge and Dr. Weir held a gun to the Premier with his half-baked health pendent highway commission in his first session as Premier. The Hope-Princeton road could be completed, he argued, with what one of the bridge contractors is being paid in salary in five months.

He advocated reduction of the membership of the Legislature and expressed himself against any extension of the franchise. In conclusion he expressed the hope that his record of 25 years of straightforward dealing in the service of the people in private practice might justify their confidence in his venture into public life.

"The situation in British Columbia is intolerable; there never was insurance plan."

He computed that government travelling expenses cost the ratepayers $250 per hour. He charged the Liberal member with failure to protect the Princeton coal industry. Only one contract in 735 was awarded locally. He severely condemned neglect of local roads. "Princeton is entitled to its bright future and to good roads to serve its tributary territory", he said. "I pledge myself to see that the Princeton-Hedley road gets consideration."

Mr. R. Taylor, President Princeton Conservative Association, presided. The hall was crowded.

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7:50 a.m.	Allenby	5:30 p.m.
8:50 p.m.	Copper Mtn.	4:30 p.m.

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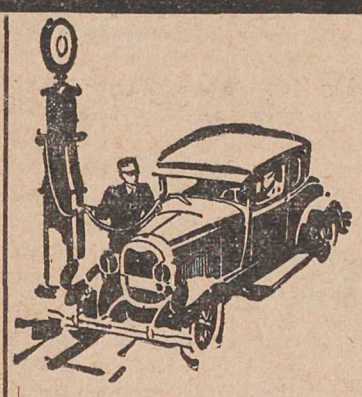

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★ Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Malone and Miss Peggy Malone left Wednesday morning for California, where they will spend several weeks vacationing and visiting friends. They went as far as Vancouver by train, where they picked up their car and continued their journey south.

Synopsis of Land Act

PRE-EMPTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-emptions carrying part time conditions of occupation are also granted.

PURCHASE OR LEASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes. Minimum price of first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land, $2.50 per acre. Further information is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

As a partial relief measure, reverted lands may be acquired by purchase in ten equal instalments, with the first payment suspended for two years, provided taxes are paid when due and improvements are made during the first two years of not less than 10% of the appraised value.

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

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

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

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under grazing regulations amended from time to time to meet varying conditions. Annual grazing permits are issued based on certain monthly rates per head of stock. Priority in grazing privileges is given to resident stock owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free or partially free permits available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

Road Finished—

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ebration is planned to formally open the road.

The new road gives easy access over eight and one half miles, displacing what was formerly a tortuous 46 mile drive over dangerous trail. It is an easy second gear climb, with the steepest grade 12 per cent, for a very short stretch. The longest climb is over Squawkem's Flat. Above the Cahill ranch the average grade is less than eight per cent.

★ UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES]

Dr. F. H. Soward

"The Outlook In International Affairs"

ORANGE HALL

Thursday, 15th April

a 8 p.m.

Admission Free

★ Mr. A. E. Howse left on Monday morning for Vancouver, to undergo treatment in St. Paul's hospital.

"That's all for to-day" chortled the foreman of the working crew, timing the impact with his watch. Mr. Arnett feted the crews on completion of the job, but a public celebration is planned to formally open the road.

Work was begun from the upper end in October, and a crew started from the lower end 8th January. The crews were under Tommy Moran and Dick Hannah respectively

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WEDNESDAY, 12th MAY

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Softball Tournament
May Queen Coronation Ceremony
Boxing and Wrestling
Football
Childrens' Sports
Fireworks

This is a public-spirited endeavor to afford the citizens of the Upper Valley the opportunity to join with the Empire in the exercise of the loyal privilege of participating in the felicitous event of the Coronation. It is a patriotic effort, not a commercial venture, and we wish it to cost as little as possible, in order not to interfere with the big annual Dominion Day fete. The only source of revenue will be the sale of tickets, and the programme expenditure will be in accordance. But one thing we want to do is give every citizen the opportunity to perform a partriotic duty, and present every child with a small souvenir of the historic occasion. Will you help?

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Wilsons May Quit—

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donment but merely a cross-roads, it must be admitted that there is no tangible clue in the evidence to give much buoyancy to this hope.

The local mines were a fond personal hope of the late Mr. W. R Wilson, internationally known mining magnate who died at Vancouver a fortnight ago. Persisting against probable business discretion, he kept pouring money into the Pleasant Valley, which he opened under auspicious circumstances in 1929. The project was developed on a very substantial scale, but early results were discouraging. Of late years, however, it was felt that the corner had been turned, and Mr. Wilson's faith vindicated.

Nine Mile was bought as a going concern in 1935. It has coal of acknowledged merit, but cost of trucking to railhead has proven a big obstacle to successful operation.

★ **Mrs. A. E. Irwin has as her guest** her father, Mr. W. Middleton of Nelson, B.C.

Hedley Girls Made A Commendable Stand

Hedley Girls 6, Victoria 30

PITTED against one of the classiest girls' aggregations in the province, Hedley girls failed in their bid for the British Columbia Intermediate A basketball championship when they lost out to Victoria Cardinals 30-6 in a sudden death final at the Capital Saturday night.

But they are not taking their disappointment seriously, as they had no illusions about their ability, and the whole thing was more or less in the nature of an excursion. Hedley was in the peculiar position of having won their way to the final without playing a game.

Indeed, they sprang a distinct surprise by holding the strong Island quintette to a 10-4 margin in the first half. The Islanders, however, ran wild on their checks in the final spasm to outscore the redshirts 20-2.

Loss of Mary Hansen, stalwart guard on personals near the three-quarter mark was the deciding blow. Up to then Hedley were only down 14-6 and looked like making a fighting finish of it. Coast experts were much impressed with the possibilities of Florence Brown, willowy forward.

Evelyn Calderoni, Florence Brown and Sue Douglass shared the scoring honors with a basket each. The whole team, however, had plenty of hard luck on their shooting.

Victoria—E. Elson, A. Feden, P. Blackmore (10), B. Crosby (4), V. Hall (6), J. Trotter (4), M. Wells (4) D. O'Conner (2)—30.

Hedley—E. Calderoni (2), J. Lowe F. Brown, W. Batie, J. Douglass, M. Hansen, S. Douglass (2), Mary Hansen—6.

School Track Meet At Hedley 21st May

SIMILKAMEEN'S annual school sport festival will be held at Hedley again this year, and the date is set for Friday, 21st May. Most of the officers were re-elected when delegates from valley schools met at Princeton Friday night.

Princeton high school debaters defeated Keremeos 103 to 104 and lost to Hedley 136 to 134 in a forensic session at Princeton Thursday.

Amalgamated—

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icized in spite of the publication of the Fraser report. It is claimed (a) that the government should have intervened last year when the much publicized but unpublished Richmond report pointed a finger of suspicion. (b) that the government should have stepped in and stopped trading of the stock immediately the issue arose and thus avoided the crash. (c) that there has been too much delay in making a public statement, and that a public enquiry should have been instituted at the outset; (and (d) that the government is making a political football out of the whole affair.

Locally, the general reaction is critical, though the target varies. Some still hold that the whole uproar is a colossal mistake and that eventually the mine will be vindicated. There is, too, strong resentment against charges made against the property, and a personal resentment of accusations made or implied concerning the crew, suggesting complicacy in alleged "salting" and distortion of the facts. Many feel that Mr. Cox is being harshly used and generally made the "goat."

Noting the adverse effects on business, and the stifling of a portended boom in the camp, Similkameen folk are insistent in their demand that the whole thing be investigated as soon as possible, for the supsense will prove costly, regardless of the ultimate finding.

From a source in a position to be informed, the Star is advised that a private investigation conducted by the professional engineers' association has convinced these experts that there is unmistakable evidence of tampering. This statement is made with every reservation. There is no official verdict on this point.

A source close to Mr. Richmond former resident engineer, and before that a local resident, states that the now famous Richmond report, a copy of which he claims to have examined, warned the government of misrepresentation of the size of the ore body, and possible falsification of assay figures. The same source charges the department of Mines with "playing politics" in the treatment of Mr. Richmond.

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350 Men Now On The Granby Payroll Here

MORE than 350 men are now employed by the Granby Company here and the number is steadily increasing as preparations for reopening progress. In addition some forty men are employed by the C. P.R. rebuilding the line to Copper Mountain.

Power has now been turned on at Allenby from the company's own plant and the pole line to Copper Mountain will be finished in a few days. The foundry is in operation and the shaft at Copper Mountain has been cleaned out.

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Water Commission Here April 12 Or 16

THE Committee appointed by the Princeton water users to arrange an investigation into domestic water service reports that the request for a sitting of the provincial commission has been accommodated and that the Board will probably be here 12th or 16th April. A thorough investigation will be sought.

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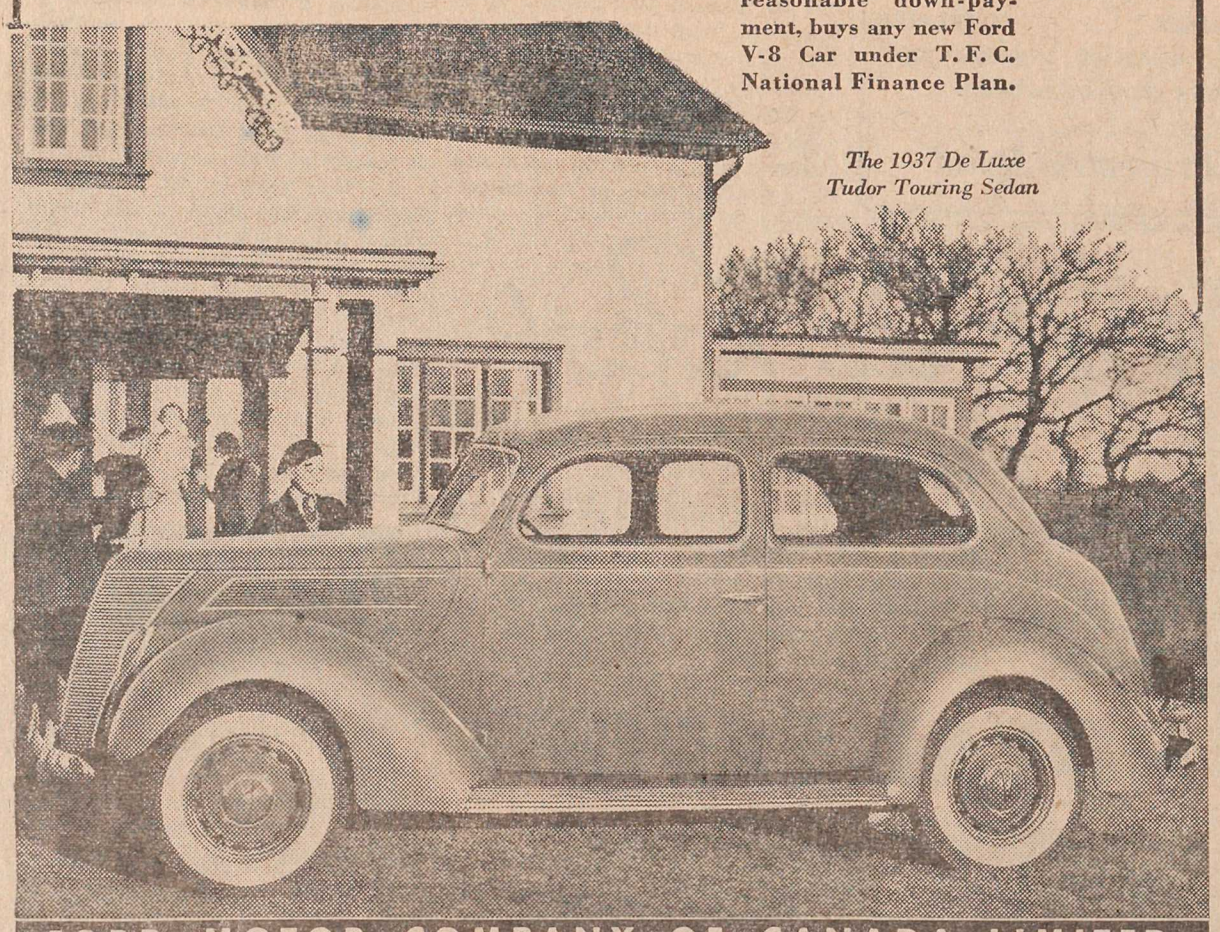

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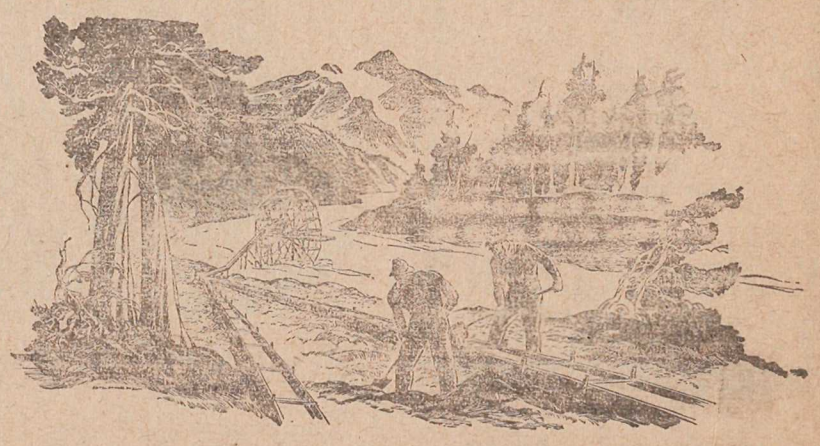
Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the calendar year 1935. (There is a small charge for this publication.)

Bulletin: "Notes on Placer Mining in British Columbia'

Bulletin: "British Columbia--The Mining Industry" (This publication contains a synopsis of the various mining laws of the province.)

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