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STOKALUK ADDRESSES COAL MINERS' MEETING

Vice-President of United Mine Workers Speaks To Gathering Sunday

Income Tax, Food Rationing Among Vital Topics Discussed

The regular meeting of Princeton Local 7875 of U.M.W.A., was addressed by John Stokaluk, vice-president of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, in the I.O.O.F. Hall Sunday night.

Mr. Stokaluk told the miners that if the Princeton Local were to get anywhere in their demands for higher wages it would be necessary to withdraw the present application before the National War Labor Board and re-apply for the Crows Nest rate.

The present application from Princeton coal miners for wage increases existed nowhere in Canada, Mr. Stokaluk explained, and stated that local unions throughout District 18 must be in accord with the head office so that body could successfully present before the War Labour Board the miners' demand for the Crows Nest scale of wages.

The union official pointed out that there were already eight or nine applications before the Board for the Kootenay scale. It was the desire of head office to establish a uniform wage scale throughout District 18.

He sharply criticized the government's evasive and stalling tactics in dealing with labour problems.

Mr. Stokaluk touched on the subject of food rationing specifically dealing with the ration of butter, and of meat, which would become effective May 1. There must be more meat and butter for the miners, he stated, or there would be serious trouble.

If the allotment of 2 pounds of meat per week to hard labouring men and the same amount for children one year of age was the work of expert dieticians, then something was radically wrong, Mr. Stokaluk caustically pointed out.

The matter of income tax was discussed at some length by Vice-President Stokaluk. This was a source of discontent throughout the District. In the Cumberland field there was a difference of approximately $11 in tax deductions where miners worked four days a week and those labouring five. This was one cause of absenteeism.

He told the meeting that the head office intended asking the government that Saturdays be tax free.

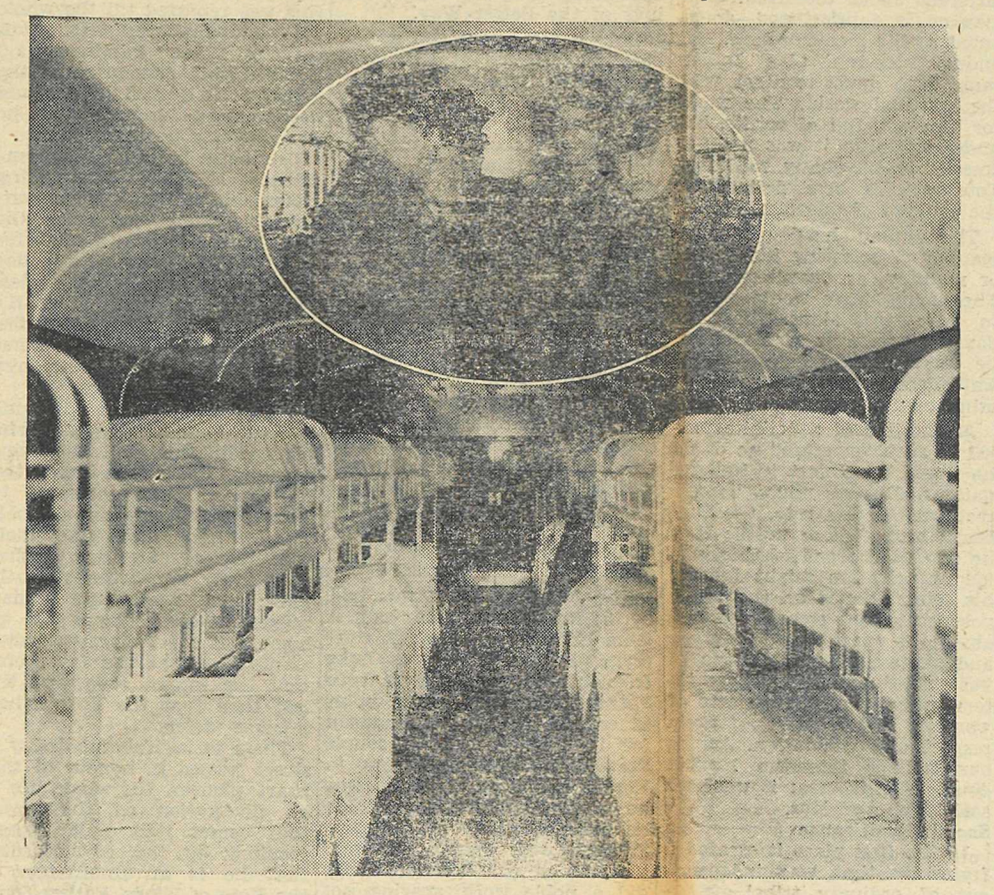
A member wanted to know why workers did not receive some receipt or acknowledgment from the government for monies deducted for taxes and compulsory savings. He said that under the present setup workers had no way of knowing whether the money ever reached Ottawa.

Jim Sloan, member of the Bromley Vale pit committee, reported that an examination for Miners' Certificates would be held in the near future, with some 26 applicants sitting for the exam. A delegation had interviewed the Mines Inspector on this matter.

Another member deplored Selective Service procedure in sending men to a new job or receiving workers' transfers for labour in another field. He pointed out that the present labour shortage could be solved by transferring men from non-essential work to war jobs, citing travelling salesmen, beer parlor waiters, gamblers and 'soda jerkers.'

Mr. Stokaluk, William Forsyth, president; and John Howarth Jr., secretary of Princeton Local, met with the operators of the three mines, Granby, Princeton Tulameen and Tulameen Collieries, on Monday of this week.

Army Receives Second C.P.R. Hospital Car



THE second travelling hospital unit built by the Canadian Pacific Railway to specifications of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, this auxiliary hospital car was turned over by George Stephen, vice-president of traffic, on March 31 at the Windsor Station in Montreal to Col. G. A. Winfield, of Ottawa, deputy director general of medical services(A).

Converted from a compartment-observation sleeper, the "Mount Kitchener", the new hospital on wheels was remodelled at Angus Shops in Montreal under the direction of H. R. Naylor, works manager, to specifications drawn by H. B. Bowen, chief of motive power and rolling stock.

This picture gives an excellent view of the 14 extremely comfortable double-deck steel beds which will accommodate 28 casualties. In addition the car has toilet and wash rooms, a receiving vestibule with doors wide enough to receive stretchers, a completely equipped dispensary, gas and electric rings and ample locker space for medical supplies.

In the inset are shown the Canadian Pacific and Army officials who took part in the actual delivery of the car to the medical services, with those shown in the spacious ward being, left to right: Col. Winfield, Mr. Stephen, Lt.-Col. G. S. Kinney, of Ottawa, assistant quartermaster general (movement control); and Col. R. H. McGibbon, of Montreal, district medical officer.

Copper Mountain Union To Purchase $100 Victory Bond

At a meeting held Monday night Copper Mountain Local No. 649 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, declared itself as being solidly behind Canada's Fourth Victory Loan Drive.

With President J. Ogbourne asking for volunteers 12 members immediately came forward signfying their willingness to canvass the district in aid of the Drive.

The meeting also voted that a $100 bond be purchased from the union's funds.

A cable is being sent to General McNaughton, Chief of Canadian Forces overseas, advising him that Local 649 supports an "all out war effort" and is **definitely part of the Home Front.**

A gratifying attendance was present at the meeting, as of the 398 members, which is 95% of the eligible workers, only a few failed to attend, and these were on shift at the time.

(Press Committee—G. P. Hallinan, J. Dodds, H. David)

Copper Mountain

Miss Betty Petrie spent the weekend in Kelowna.

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J. Macbeth is reported much better but will be in hospital several more weeks.

Robert Taylor is visiting in Vancouver.

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Mrs. H. Sawrey has left for Kingston, Ont., to attend the graduation of her son Kendal, from Queen's University. While in the East Mrs. Sawrey will visit with her other son, Stan, in Arvida, Quebec.

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A. S. Baillie, vice-president and general manager of Granby Consolidated, has left for New York to attend the company's annual meeting.

ELKS' LODGE SEND 29TH. SHIPMENT OF 'SMOKES'

Latest Allotment Goes To 169 Men Serving Overseas

Receive $30.00 From Copper Mountain Community League; $15 From Nickel Plate

The Elks' Overseas Cigarette Fund sent out its 29th shipment on the 10th to 169 men overseas at a cost of $129.53. 812,700 cigarettes have been mailed to date.

A $30.00 cheque has been received from the Copper Mountain Community League and a $15.00 cheque from the Nickel Plate Community Club. The 'take' from the Smoke Fund cans was $42.87. Best tins were:

Billiard Hall	$12.25
Lucerne Club	5.97
Jas. Corrie	5.53
Bank of Commerce	4.36
Travellers Cafe	2.82
Alf Sorenson	2.70

The Committee wishes to thank all the Community Clubs and all those who helped the cans along.

Letters from the following have been received during the past two weeks: Princeton—LAC Jack Goodfellow, Spr. R. Miller, L|Cpl. Harry Trehearne, S|Sgt. Frank Archer, Cpl. A. J. Davidson, Major R. W. Wride, CQMS H. O. Patterson, Pte. R. Oelrich, Cpl. Bob Porteou, Gnr. Art Ryder, Pte. Sam Tolefson, Sgt. Jim Ward, Cpl. V. I. Peterson, Pte. Jimmie Maxwell.

Hedley—Flt.|Sgt. W. E. Rolls; Copper Mountain—Pte. V. Berkeley; Keremeos—Cpl. G. Butler, L|Cpl. E. Asbury; Nickel Plate—F.|Sgt. M. S. Blanchard.

Flt.|Sgt. W. E. Rolls writes from Algeria, North Africa: "I wish to thank you so much for the very welcome parcel of cigarettes received last week. It is a real treat to get them. Yesterday advice came from the B.C. House that another lot of 300 cigarettes would soon be on the way. I am indeed grateful. I hope that you have received my two previous letters."

Flt.|Sgt. Blanchard writing from the Middle East, has this to say: "Please convey to all concerned my thanks for the two parcels of smokes sent to me recently. Although cigarettes are available out here in quantity, the quality leaves a lot to be desired. It is encouraging too, that the folks back home are pulling for you. Just to show that we have dropped a few bombs for you, I am enclosing a couple of snaps, and to prove that Jerry is getting a trimming. Hope the censor is kind. If not he can have them himself."

P.S.—The above snaps and letters can be seen at the Billiard Hall.

Gnr. Art Ryder says, in part: "Thanks for the smokes. We are in a new regiment now and I guess that accounts for the fact that I received them so late. I see by The Star that the play "The Patsy" was a success and was a very big help for the cause. Bravo Elks again!"

$3,424 War Savings Bought In Princeton During February

During the month of February, 968,978 Canadians bought $6,399,408 worth of War Savings Certificates, compared to 1,004,739 applications amounting to $6,628,232 in January.

Figures for British Columbia and the Yukon reflected the drop in Canadian totals, with 60,209 individuals purchasing to the vaue of $468,588, compared with 66,059 applications for $480,004 in the previous month.

Following are officially recorded totals for communities in and adjoining Similkameen District:

	Jan. '43	Feb. '43
Hedley	$1,300	$1,516
Keremeos	96	176
Oliver	356	336
Osoyoos	48	56
Penticton	2,660	3,092
Penticton Dist.	204	108
Princeton	3,772	3,424
Princeton Dist.	48	44

Victory Loan Plans Laid

Eric Husband, District Unit Organizer, Attends Kelowna Meeting; Similkameen Quota Set At $160,000; Meeting Tonight In Travellers' Hall

Eric Husband, unit organizer for the Fouth Victory Loan, which will commence on April 26th, attended a general meeting at Kelowna on Wednesday, and heard addresses by George Kidd, Provincial Chairman, R. Murray Brink, vice-chairman, and G. Nellis Stacey, deputy vice chairman for the province, and others.

A meeting of the local committee is being held tonight in Travellers' Cafe, when plans wil be outlined for the local canvass. All members of the citizens' committee have been invited.

The general canvass for Similkameen has a quota of $160-000. The amount set for Special Names has not yet been announced. Princeton, Copper Mountain and Allenby are expected to raise $105,000 of the general canvass; Hedley, Nickel Plate and Mascot, $30,000; and Keremeos and Cawston, $25,000.

It is generally felt that the present objectives will require the best effort of all taking part, but it is confidently expected that the quotas set will be exceeded.

Copper Mtn. Girl To Marry Soon

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Powell, of Copper Mountain, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera Kathleen, to Wallace Hanson, of Priest River, Idaho. Miss Powell is a graduate of the Vancouver General Hospital. She also attended the University of Minnesota. For the past two years Miss Powell has been superintendent of Prineville General Hospital in Oregon.

Mr. Hanson is a civilian instructor in the U.S. Air Corps. The marriage will take place on May 9 in St. Johns Church, Del Monte, California.

Red Cross Official Visitor Tuesday

After her visit to the Princeton schools on Tuesday Miss Margaret Palmer, Provincial Director of the Junior Red Cross expressed herself as more than satisfied with the work being carried on here. She spoke to the various school classes, telling of the work in B.C., and the rest of Canada.

The total membership for the Dominion is now 900,000, and for B.C., 51,000. Miss Palmer came here from Oliver, and left for Penticton on Tuesday night.

Nickel Plate Head Going To New York

W. C. Douglass, manager of the Kelowna Exploration Company, Ltd., at Hedley, is leaving this week for New York, where he will supervise the work of the various mines operated by the Company.

There is real and widespread regret in the valley at Mr. Douglass's departure, for he has been very popular. He has earned the reputation not only of efficiency in business but as one who knew men and how to handle them. He has won the respect of all.

School Girls' Choir At Church Sunday

The Princeton School Girls' Choir, directed by Miss Peggy Malone, will take charge of the musical part of the Evening Service at St. Paul's United Church on Sunday. Mr. W. Francis will assist with both a violin and vocal solo.

EQUIPMENT SCARCE FOR SOFTBALL OPENING

Shortage Of Balls May Delay Start Of League Schedule

School And Town Squads Ready; PBC's Lineup Still In Dark

Local softballers are packing a grudge against a lad known as A. Hitler these days. Seems as if the opening of the Princeton League may be delayed because of a shortage of softballs, which is indirectly the result of the aforementioned individual's troublemaking proclivity.

At the present time the armed forces have priority on all sporting goods and none of the mushballs are being released to the trade until the the boys in uniform are fixed up first. However, Reg. Scott avers the league will get away Easter Monday at 6.30 if he has to spin one himself.

Three teams are straining at the leash ready for the opening gun. High School will field a team perhaps a trifle weaker than last year, but with plenty of promise. In Artie Thomas they have a fireball pitcher with control.

The rest of the squad will be drawn from Jack Young, Noel and Wallie Paul, Albert Sidonio, Ken Thomas, Laurie Currie, Joe Pavlic, Chris Butler, Mel Jenner and Bill Tidball.

The Town, still hunting for an "angel", will line up with Mike Varga on the mound and "Butch" Bosnich behind the platter. Tom Loski, Cam Hooper, Vic Hemming, Jack Bowering, Geno Pratico, Father D. Campbell, and a couple of others will round out the team.

Just how the PBC's will line up is a deep, dark secret of manager Guerrino Schulli, but it is pretty certain the hurling duties will fall on Geo. Schisler.

Legion Women's Auxiliary Vimy Whist Is Success

The Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of their Vimy Whist. The chenille bedspread, donated by Mrs. J. Fender, was won by Elvira D'Angelo.

The child's dress and bonnett, donated by Mrs. A. Muir, was won by Mrs. Stewart.

Winners at whist were: ladies first, Mrs. A. Brown; second Mrs. McCaffrey; consolation, Mrs. Gallo; sitting prize, Mrs. La Valley; gents' first, Mr. McFarlane; second, Mr. McKenzie, consolation, Mrs. J. Sim.

The Women's Auxiliary had as their guest at a special meeting Mrs. E. Currie, provincial president.

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THE KING'S HIGHWAY

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This is no time to complain about roads, even though it is the special prerogative of freemen in freelands to grouse about things in general, and government matters in particular. In years of peace we multiplied mileage till maintenance became a serious problem. Now that labour is scarce it is not to be wondered at that the upkeep of roads in Similkameen presents a serious problem.

As a matter of fact the roads from Princeton to points south, north and east are surprisingly good. Several graders are at work in strategic areas. The most pressing need for maintenance seems to be right in Princeton itself. The side roads in particular, and especially the highway from Ewart's corner to the C.P.R. depot are in a deplorable condition. We know that these will be improved in due season, but it is just possible that a little work done now on the main road will be worth double that amount of work later on. There is still some dampness in the soil, and if those in charge can get round to it now the result will be appreciated by all who live here.

SAVE OUR FORESTS

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The spectacular blaze on Bald Mountain on Sunday night may have served some purpose in ridding the earth of last season's grass, and so preparing the way for another crop of green. Of this we are not certain, but we do know that we should remind ourselves early in the season of the need for protection and conservation of our heritage and resources. We have had a long winter, and a backward spring. Summer weather has come suddenly, and we can expect soon high water, and fire hazards. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

It will not be easy this coming summer to find crews to fight forest fires. This means that we must all exercise greater caution in the prevention of fires. An ounce of prevention is worth a lot of cure. This year we must all consider ourselves fire wardens. We do not want B.C. to burn while her sons are ridding the earth of enemies abroad. We must do what we can to maintain the services that they would have rendered had they been here. Prevention, early reporting and quick control are the orders of the day.

AXIS AGENTS AND IDLE WORDS

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Axis agents don't speak with German, Italian or Japanese accents and their feminine division is not comprised of beautiful blondes or exotic Mata Hari specimens, warns the Joint Services Security Intelligence Bureau. While divulging no information which would identify enemy agents and sympathizers already apprehended and the location in which they were found, Security Intelligence Bureau officials declare "they're just average persons who have made their appearance, habits and speech fit right into the scheme of the locality and circles in which they operate.

They've been well trained and even fit themselves right into community life. As long as they don't have to ask pointed questions to get information their position is that much safer. Unfortunately they pick up their information by gossip and idle chatter of persons of unquestioned loyalty who fail to realize the serious danger of loose talk. Similarly they are able to plant morale damaging rumours.

"The safety of an enemy agent and his or her effectiveness depends on the public themselves. People don't give away family or business secrets. Why give away military information which is even more secret?"

ZIP YOUR LIP

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This is a thought that we must now keep uppermost in our minds: careless talk may cost lives. The security branches of the armed services know what they are talking about when they warn us to be careful about what we say about the navy, army, air force, communications and production matters.

The enemy is expert at piecing together what we might consider only harmless bits of gossip into valuable information. Take this good advice and act upon it: if in doubt, don't say it.—Powell River NEWS.

Star Ads Are Cobblestones on the Highway of Business

Religion In British Columbia Before The White Man Came

(Continued from last week)

TOTEMISM

There is something radically different about totemism. Shamanism is a priesthood—dominated by the medicine man. But under totemism the Indian came into direct contact with the spirtiual world. The world for him was full of spirits, but under totemism it was not necessary to have any mediums. Totemism is best defined as the religion of guardian spirits.

The Indian had a strange manner of selecting his totem, or manitou, or guardian angel. The young brave would go into the woods alone. There for days, or weeks, or even months, he would fast; and in various ways demonstrate the power of mind over the body.

At the end of a definite period of such "penance" no doubt he would be subject to hallucinations. Dreams might become realities. At any rate, the first beast, bird, fish or reptile that he saw at the end of this period of privation might become his totem. Hence on the totem poles which are common enough along the coast we see strange and grotesque combinations of beast, bird and fish. Those totem poles are not objects of worship, but objects of great respect and veneration. Among our Indians totemism had a double significance: it was both social and religious.

Social Significance

In the first place it created a fraternity that was independent of ordinary tribal affiliations. Totem ties were stronger than tribal ties. A totem brother would not consciously fight a totem brother. In this way it helped to some extent, to preserve peace, and to promote hospitality. If an Indian were wrecked on a strange part of the coast he would seek out an Indian having the same crest as himself. A common crest was all the introduction that was necessary to insure hospitality.

Religious Message

The religious message of totemism is seen in the fact that the Indian believed that "without benefit of clergy" he could come into contact with the unseen world. An old Indian told of a hunter who met a wolf. The wolf could not close its mouth, a piece of deer bone having lodged in its jaw. The hunter removed the bone and two became fast friends.

We must not mistake this kind of friendship with that we see between man and his dog. To the Indian the wolf had a spirit. That spirit was his friend, his guardian angel, his totem. The friendship of the Indian was with his guardian angel, rather than with the wolf. It was only by accident that the spirit happened to lodge in the wolf.

The following prayer preserved by Professor Bryce in his HISTORY OF MANITOBA illustrates how the poor Indian had a very real sense of prayer; and, at times, came very near to what we sometimes call "true religion":

"O Great Spirit, who governest the sun and the moon, who created the elk, the otter and the beaver, be appeased and do not continue any longer to be enraged against me. Be content with the misfortune I have suffered. I had a wife—thou hast taken her from me. I had a child whom I loved as myself. He is gone for so was thy pleasure. Is not that enough? Bestow on me henceforth as much good as I have experienced evil. Or if thou art not satisfied with what I now suffer, make me die; for in this state I can continue no longer."

The White Medicine Man

In what has been related you will find points in common with our own religious experience. In shamanism and totoemism we have the germs of the underlying ideas of priesthood and personal religion. When these are enlightened by revelation, as in Christ, then we find their highest expression.

Just over eighty years ago the pioneers of our Church in the west started to tell the Indian people of the better way of life revealed by Christ. Many of our white traders had done much to lower the moral and spiritual lives of the aborigines. Strong — fire water — had played dreadful havoc. But since then the Church has carried on her work among the Indians all over our province. God has abundantly blessed that work.

One pioneer missionary tells of an Indian who came down from the north to Victoria to to get a load of fire-water, but instead he went back with a missionary to tell the glad tidings of the Better Way.

Only a few years ago a new chief was elected at Kitwanga. Instead of the old tribal feast, with all its debauchery and wickedness, the missionary was sent for. He took the place of the medicine man, and prayed that God would help the new chief to be a blessing and a help to his people; that he, in fact, would be their guardian angel.

Sometimes we grow impatient with the Indians because they do not make as rapid progress as we think they should. Let us that with the memory of some still living the dog-eater, and the so-called man-eater inspired awe in this land; that the medicine man held sway; and that tribal warfare with all its horrors was prevalent. We may well marvel that the Indians have made so great progress in so short a time.

The following story was told by S. R. Gibson, who had it from his brother Luke: It concerns Father Pandozy. Luke frequently travelled with the Father. The story has a point of contact with Similkameen for it was to marry a couple that Father Pandozy came to Keremeos and on his way home he caught a chill from which he did not recover. The early Fathers were among the real pioneers of the Interior. They did a noble work, sparing not themselves so long as they might spread the faith.

There had been white explorers in the Okanagan Valley as early as 1812, but Father Pandozy was the first white man who came with the intention of settling there. He came in the year 1858. With him were a number of white men, and some Indians from the South. Visitors to the famous lake have often been conscious of an invitation to stay.

Father Pandozy was among the first of our race to feel this invitation in the balmy atmosphere, and in the gentle breezes that sweep the lake and fan the hills on a summer day. The site of the mission was not far from the present city of Kelowna. Once the site was located it was decided to build a long house without delay.

The Indians around did not appear to be any too friendly. Their looks, and their actions, aroused suspicions in the minds of the white men. This, of course, made the white men only the more anxious to get their house erected. It would serve as a fort as well as a home.

With the progress of the work the Indians became bolder: Pandozy, like a modern Nehemiah, was both soldier and priest. By the time the walls of the house were seven or eight feet high it was quite evident that the Indians meant to fight. They were only biding their time, ready to strike before the house became sufficiently advanced to be a fort. Already the door space had been made; that is, the door lengths in the logs had been removed. This seemed to be the signal for the Indians to attack.

The wary Frenchman had been conscious all afternoon that the Indians around were gathering in force. Looking across the lake he could see the sun sinking in the west. The hills that hem the lake were all aglow with colour. The Father was wondering just what the next few hours had in store for his little party, and how he should meet the Indians when they appeared in force.

Pandozy ordered his men to replace the pieces that had been removed for the doorway. As these were being hammered in place the Indians began to appear. They advanced to the noise of wild shouting. Some of the bolder ones began to scale the walls. Immediately the priest ordered the door pieces removed.

By his side was his sword. In Old France he had had a good training in swordsmanship. Once the passage was clear, swift as an arrow, Pandozy rushed out. So sudden, and so swift, was his onrush that the Indians were amazed, and made way for him as he passed through their midst. He made for a big pine tree. Then with his sword he carved in the bark the outline of a man. The Indians were mystified. They looked on in dumb wonder.

Jumping back a number of paces, he threw his sword at the tree. The point pierced the outline of the man, and quivered musically. Again and again this was repeated till the whole outline was pierced with sword thrusts. When Pandozy had finished this demonstration the Indians had fled. Word had been passed around that he was a white medicine man.

Gradually he gained the confidence of the surrounding tribes, but it took them considerable time to learn the difference between a medicine man and a priest. One day Pandozy's horse was stolen. This was a serious loss. He went to the assembled tribe, and demanded that the horse be returned, and that the thief be delivered up to him.

This was a stern demand, but the Indians obyed, fearful what evil the white medicine man might bring on their tribe. The man was sentenced to work for the mission a whole year without pay. The whole tribe agreed to this rather than incur the Father's wrath. Time and again the Indian begged to be allowed to go home, but the Father was adamant. This was the last horse that the Indian stole, and the last time that the Father had a horse stolen.

There is in Kelowna today a street named in honour of this brave pioneer. His whole life is an illustration of the power that comes into a life when inspired by the consciousness that he is an ambassador of the King of Kings. Father Duncan up the coast General Gordon in the Sudan, David Livingstone in Africa, John Paton in the South Seas—these are all lives inspired by the consciousness of divine promise, "Lo, I am with you alway."

THE END

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NOTE — Persons desiring reprints of the complete article, Religion In British Columbia Before The White Man Came, may obtain same from The Star for the nominal sum of 25 cents.

Emergency Call Received By Red Cross

RED CROSS RECEIVES EMERGENCY CALL

During the past month the British Columbia Red Cross Division has received an emergency call for 500 khaki long-sleeved sweaters, 6,000 khaki handkerchiefs, 200 dunnage bags and 64,000 two-inch square "wipes." This is in addition to the regular quota. With the exception of 48,000 "wipes", all have been shipped. All Branches are asked to continue making handkerchiefs and "wipes" until further notice.

"Once again the Red Cross is proving its claim that it is an emergency organization with work planned to take care of the unexpected calls", said Mrs. H. A. Ramsden, Provincial Chairman of the Women's War Work Committee, who sends the calls to the Red Cross sewers, knitters and makers of surgical dressings in the 98 Branches and 25 Committees in the province.

MAKE CLOTHES FOR RUSSIANS AND GREEKS

Red Cross volunteer workers are also making civilian clothing for the Russians and Greek refugees in Syria. Only a limited quantity of material has come for Russian relief clothing and this has been shipped to 16 Branches. Cotton dresses and blazer coats for which materials and patterns will be available very soon, will be made for the Greeks.

WOOLLEN GOODS NOT MOVING FAST ENOUGH

"Woollen goods for women's coats, skirts, slacks, girl's and boy's coats are not moving as fast from the provincial warehouse as we would like," Mrs. Ramsden said. "The patterns are simple and practical and we would like to see the Branches take on more of this type of work."

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Government Leases Number of Base Metal Mines in B.C.; Copper Mt. Included

OTTAWA — A return tabled in the House of Commons listed 12 mines which have been taken over by the government, four to produce copper, two zinc and lead, one zinc and copper, three molybdenite, one tungsten and one chrome.

The mines include Emerald Tungsten Mine, Sheep Creek district, B.C., Twin "J" Copper, Vancouver Island; Kootenay Florence Mine, Britannia and **Granby, Copper Mountain.**

The terms on which the mines were taken over varied but in most cases they were leased by the crown on a royalty basis. In some cases options to purchase were taken, the amount of royalties paid to go on the purchase price if the options were taken up.

In some cases Metal Reserve Company of Washington pays all operation expenses plus a royalty and takes delivery of all metal produced.

Sale of Shotgun Shells Banned

OTTAWA—By order of the Wartime Prices & Trade Board ordinary sportsmen can no longer purchase rifle and shotgun shells. The sale of small arms ammunition is restricted to certain categories, including trappers, prospectors and those guarding property or livestock.

The order became effective March 24th, and is to be administered by the ration administrator.

Removes Printing

Boiling flour sacks in a mixture consisting of a tablespoon of kerosene and two quarts of soap suds will remove the printing from the sacks as well as bleach them.

Back the Attack — Buy the New Victory Bonds !

Gov't. Appoints Hydro Electric Committee To Investigate The Rural Electrification Idea

(Special to The Star)

VICTORIA, April 13—A Hydro Electric Committee to study the feasibility of rural electrification has been appointed by the Executive Council, it was announced by Premier J. Hart. Dr. W. A. Carrothers, Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission will be the chairman of the new committee with Major J. C. MacDonald of the Public Utilities Commission, and E. Davis, Controller of water rights members.

"The Committee has been appointed to secure reliable information in connection with the electrification of rural areas and report upon the extent and condition of electrical services in the province with particular reference to the servicing of rural areas," the Premier stated.

The Order - in - Council appointing this committee makes provision for the necessary expenditures in connection therewith and sets out the work to be surveyed and reported upon as follows:

1. Rural areas in which electrical service is now available:

(a) The source of electrical energy and the terms and conditions under which the service is furnished.

(b) Numbers of consumers presently served.

(c) Numbers of potential consumers not presently served and the reason therefore.

(d) Methods of improving the supply and availability of electrical service.

2. Rural areas in which electrical service is not now available:

(a) Number of potential consumers.

(b) Potential sources of electrical energy for such rural areas.

(c) Proposed methods of furnishing service.

3. The feasibility of supplying numbers of presently isolated communities from "grid" transmission systems and central production plants.

4. Preliminary estimates of the capital cost of works proposed for increasing the supply and availability of electrical servce.

5. Estimated rates under which electrical service may be furnished under proposed plans

6. The financial problems involved in furnishing electrical service included:

(a) Whether financing of extension projects can be handled by existing utilities.

(b) Whether rates pursuant to extensions could be carried by new consumers without concurrently increasing unduly costs to existing consumers.

(c) If projects cannot be on a self-sustaining basis, how could they be financed?

7. Any other technical and economic information in respect to rural electrification within the province.

Red Cross

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Requests have been received to make and ship to England, certain operating room supplies—the dealine being June 15th. Branches having on hand DR gauze and tape are asked to make these materials into tape sponges as quickly as possible. Abdominal binders and tri-slings are on the "stop" list now.

B.C.'s 1943 QUOTA

B.C.'s 1943 quota of various types of clothing are: Men—1,000 shirts, size 15½; women—1900 bloomers, 1100 slips, 1500 night gowns, 1350 coats or 1500 blouses and skirts; girls—3,000 bloomers, 3,000 sleeping garments, 4000 dresses and 1500 coats or windbreakers; boys—4000 underpants, 4000 undervests, 1500 sleepers, 750 pyjamas, 4000 shirts, 2000 pants, 2000 coats or windbreakers, 4000 pullover sweaters; babies-8000 diapers, 1100 jackets, 1200 shirts, 1250 nighties, 500 blankets.

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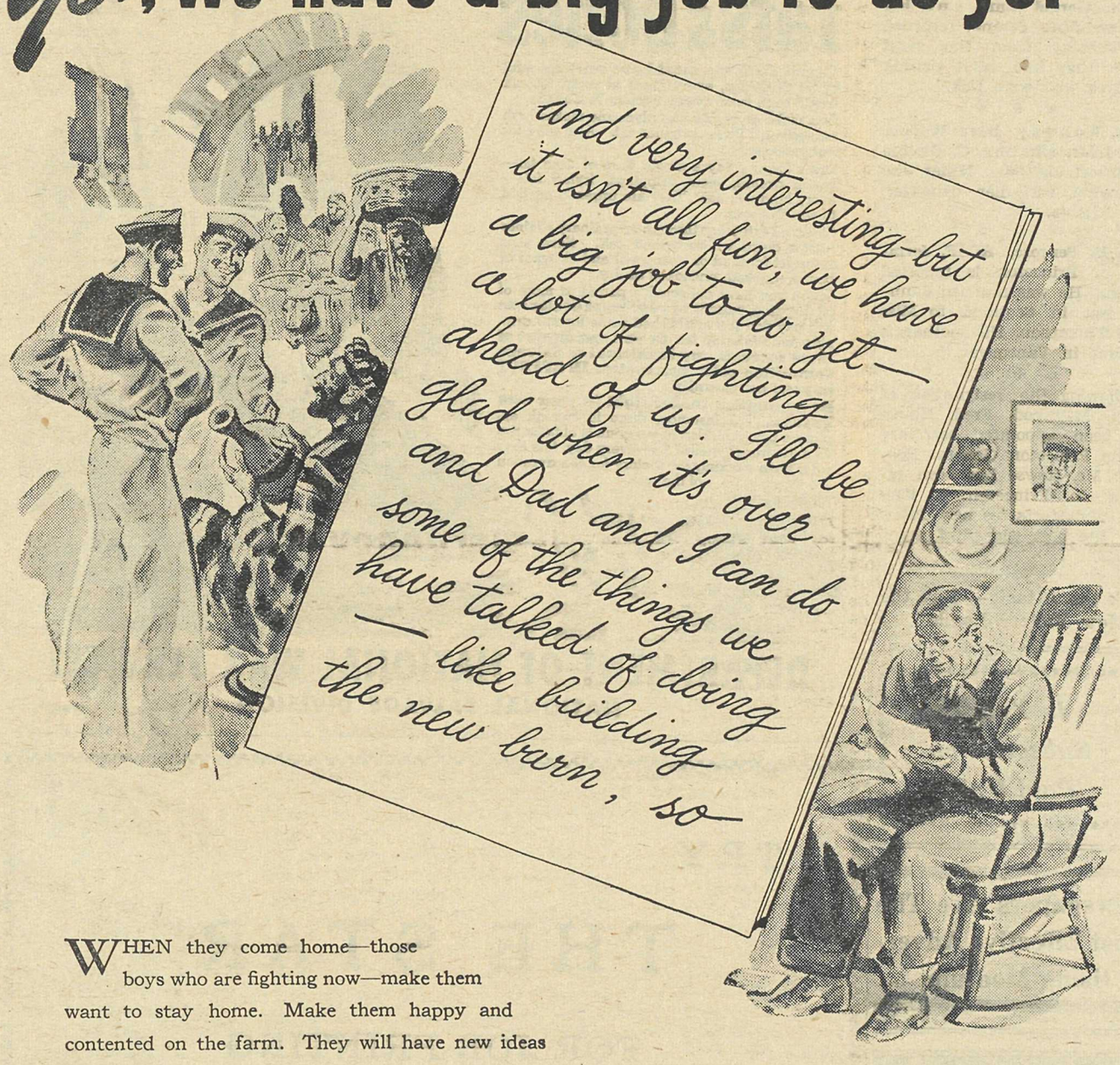

WHEN they come home—those boys who are fighting now—make them want to stay home. Make them happy and contented on the farm. They will have new ideas they want to try out. They may want to go in for new breeding stock; new crops; work out a drainage or irrigation project; do a big job of fertilizing. You are wearing out implements and equipment which cannot be replaced now. You may want to erect new buildings, or to add to present buildings. You may wish to modernize your farm with water or electricity. You may want a new motor car—new conveniences and comforts for your home. These things cost money. Save money now and invest your savings in Victory Bonds. They will provide cash for things you will need when the war ends.

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P. W. Gregory, Agent.
Dated 1st. April, 1943.

Take Notice that Pleasant Valley Mining Company, Limited, N.P.L., of Vancouver, B.C. intends to apply to the Commissioner of Lands for a Licence to Prospect for Coal on the following described lands in the Yale Division, Yale District, namely Lot 985, the west portion of Lot 232, Lots 1180, 253, and 980, containing 527 acres more or less.

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P. W. Gregory, Agent.
Dated 1st. April, 1943.

Take Notice that Pleasant Valley Mining Company, Limited, N.P.L., of Vancouver, B.C. intends to apply to the Commissioner of Lands for a Licence to Prospect for Coal on the following described lands in the Yale Division, Yale District, namely Lot 148 and the north portion of Lot 1132, containing 640 acres more or less.

P. W. Gregory, Agent.
Dated 1st. April, 1943 17-4

Department of Lands Forest Branch

NOTICE

Examinations for Scaler's Licence will be held at the following places on the following dates:

PENTICTON, B. C.—April 28, 1943. The logs will be scaled at the Penticton Sawmill starting at 8.00 a.m.

ARMSTRONG, B.C.—April 30, 1943. The logs will be scaled at the Armstrong Sawmill starting at 8.00 a.m.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—May 4th, 1943. The logs will be scaled at the Kamloops Lumber Co. sawmill starting at 8.00 a.m.

The morning will be taken up scaling logs and the afternoon will be taken up with the written paper.

Candidates should bring a pen,, pencil and a B.C. Scale rule if possible.

Examination fee is $5.00.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from the District Forester, Kamloops, B.C.

Unless previously submitted, applicaion forms must be properly made out before the examination.

C. C. TERNAN,
District Forester

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VICTORY LOAN

PEOPLE are worrying now about high water. There is a great depth of snow on the high mountains, and if it all goes off at once there will be a real flood. But nature seems to provide for such things in the Similkameen country.

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Princeton Paragraphs

Pte Gordon Freding returned to Chilliwack on Sunday morning.

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Spring MUST be here. Arthur Atkinson is back on the job at the Cenotaph Grounds.

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Clifford Kightley pleaded guilty to the charge of occasioning grievous bodily harm to William Muir Friday, April 2nd, and was fined $125.00 and costs.

Cpl. Ruth Saunders is home on leave from Calgary.

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J. R. McDonald made a trip to Copper Mountain on Tuesday.

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A. Q. Stewart went to Vancouver on a business trip last Friday.

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Sgt. J. F. Bond is here on leave from Halifax, where he has been instructor during the last 13 months.

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A meeting of Granby employees at Allenby was held Wednesday to consider formation of a labour union.

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Mrs. C. B. Ewart is enjoying a holiday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Gregory.

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A number of men have been released from the army to work at Allenby and in coal mines here.

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Mrs. Gerald Burr and her mother, Mrs. Strang, returned on Tuesday from the coast where they had been visiting relatives who were sick.

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On Monday Dave Wallace visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Ritchie of Oliver; also Mrs. Miller, who is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Ritchie.

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W. H. Penrose, RCAF, formerly of Princeton, is reported missing. He was married January last in Scotland to Miss Jean Thompson. His mother is resident in Vancouver.

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Following the resignation of W. N. Maywood, Fred. Howse has been appointed secretary to the Princeton General Hospital. Mr. Howse has been resident in Princeton a long time, and starts his new duties with the best wishes of many friends.

Back the Attack — Buy the New Victory Bonds!

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT HALTS GRANBY SHUTDOWN

Company's Profits Lower Last Year; $300,504 Revenue

Labor Shortage Cuts Down Production And Development Work

Due to conditions directly traceable to the war, result of Granby Consolidated's operations in British Columbia copper production was not as favorable last year as in 1941, although general conditions are reported quite satisfactory by President Julian Beaty in his report.

A. S. Baillie, vice-president and general manager, is in direct charge of operations in this province.

After deducting all operating charges and provisions for depreciation and depletion and for taxes, there remained a net profit of $300,504, as against $554,224 in 1942. This is equivalent to 67c a share compared

A. S. BAILLIE

with $1.23 a share in 1941.

Decline in profits was due to three major factors — labour shortage, increased wages, increase in cost of materials.

"The labor shortage," states Mr. Beaty, "not only resulted directly in reducing the tonnage produced, but indirectly caused a reduction in grade of ore mined, as it was impossible to carry on necessary development work to prepare the higher grade ore bodies for mining, and most of our production came from lower grade ore bodies, which were more accessible."

Mr. Beaty points out that, in view of the wage increases authorized by the National War Labour Board which made production of copper no longer profitable, had the contract with American Smelting & Refining Company not been suspended and a new agreement made with the Canadian Government to sell to the Metal Reserves Company, it would not have been possible to continue operations.

The shortage of labor is bound to continue, he says, until the Canadian Government works out some plan whereby men will not be recruited from such esential industries as copper.

Ore reserves are slightly higher than last year.—Vancouver Province.

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All changes for the June issue of the Kamloops Telephone Directory must be made by this date.

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Merritt Miners Get Princeton Wages

Middlesboro Collieries has approved the wage scale granted to coal miners by the National War Labour Board, says a report in last week's issue of The Merritt Herald. The increased rate is now in effect. The basic wage scale for Merritt miners is $6.21 per day instead of $4.70 per day, the rate paid since last August.

The new wage scale is the same as that at Princeton, The Herald states. The increased wages are covered by dominion subsidy to protect the ceiling price of coal and the circulation of additional money in Merritt will be a general benefit, concludes The Herald.

Word has just been received that Mr. Jack McLaughlin died last night. Many friends here will extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. McLaughlin in her great loss.

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