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MEETING OF COUNCIL.

ORIGINAL FLOATING LOAN IS TO BE PAID.

Ald. Barber's Resignation is Again Laid Over—H. D. Curtis is Appointed Auditor—Delinquent License Holders Must Pay Up at Once.

The City council met in regular session on Monday night. Those present were: Mayor York, Ald. Worden, McCallum and Smith.

Correspondence read: From T. McNeish, secretary of the school board, asking council to cut down monthly grant to school from $150 to $100, as that amount would cover all liabilities to the end of the year and there was no necessity of carrying over a balance for the incoming board.

Bills presented: R. A. Bradshaw's bills for rent and interest on note came up again.

Ald. Worden and McCallum moved that Mr. Bradshaw's note of $600, with $18.30 interest, falling due on Dec. 31, be paid. Carried.

The bill for $5 rent was referred to the finance committee.

Ald. McCallum moved payment of $100 to the school board, to meet current expenses for month, instead of $150 as usual. Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

Letter from school board was ordered filed.

Ald. Barber's resignation, on motion of Ald. Smith and Worden, was again laid over for a week.

On motion of Ald. Worden and McCallum, H. D. Curtis was appointed auditor, to audit the books of the city and school trustees.

In answer to the mayor's query, the clerk said there yet remained five unpaid trade licenses, amounting to $75. Instructions were given to have these collected at once, or a summons would be issued.

Council adjourned.

Buildings Collapse.

More snow has fallen here so far this year than in years, and it has become very much of a nuisance and danger. Christmas eve came another heavy storm, followed by rain, which resulted in a number of wrecks. The old blacksmith shop, next this office, collapsed, as did also a portion of the shed to the rear of the Royal Hotel. On Thursday night the townsite company's old building, on Delaney ave, went down. But the chief destruction wrought was that on the big Schonberg hall, in Brandon, which went down with a crash and has become a total wreck.

Hogan's Alley Banquet.

The annual banquet of the denizens of Hogan's Alley was held in the Miners' Union hall on Christmas night and was largely attended. A most sumptuous meal of good things was provided, 14 turkeys, 42 pies, a bushel of potatoes, and an enormous quantity of other eatables and drinkables being disposed of. Afterwards came speech-making and singing, providing an enjoyable evening's entertainment. Many a lonely bachelor was made to feel that Christmas held some cheer and good fellowship for him.

Farewell Dance.

The farewell dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Baty at the Slocan Hotel, Monday evening, was largely attended and an excellent time put in. The McMillan orchestra furnished the music. The host and hostess treated their guests with characteristic hospitality and the best in the house was meted out. Jeff has been a popular landlord and his many friends are sorry to see him pulling up stakes. He is leaving at once for Valdez, Alaska, there to woo the fickle jade, Fortune. Success to him.

Annual Union Smoker.

Saturday evening the Miners' Union held their second annual smoker in their hall, on Main street. The attendance was not as large as last year, yet a most happy time was put in. Card games occupied the first part of the evening, followed by a long programme of vocal solos, duets, recitations, stories and speeches. A bountiful supply of refreshments was dealt out by the committee in charge, the general makeup rounding out a warm evening. The boys enjoyed themselves immensely.

Republic Ore Body Increases.

Further work on the big ore body at the Republic has made an improvement, as the chute has widened to five feet, and is all of shipping grade. A short crosscut run from the bottom of the old shaft has opened up another fine streak of ore on the footwall, which was unsuspected by the former owners. The big ore body has been proven to a depth of 60 feet, giving a reserve of respectable dimensions.

MILL FOR ARLINGTON.

Arrangements Being Made for Its Early Construction.

Acting under telegraphic instructions from J. Frank Collom, managing director of the Arlington mine, who is at present in San Francisco, W. Thomlinson, the superintendent, has reduced the working force to 15 men, the discharged employees coming down the hill on Sunday. Though deeply to be regretted, this step has been expected, in view of future contingencies at the mine.

In conversation with Mr. Thomlinson by telephone, Sunday, he stated his instructions were to cease stoping ore and to confine all operations to development work only for the balance of the winter. Shipments would accordingly cease, as there was nothing to be gained in mining the reserves of ore at the present low price of silver. The principal reason for the reduction in the force, however, was due to the intention of the company to instal a combination mill without delay for the treatment of their ores. In fact, Mr. Collom has wired the information that the plans and specifications of the mill would be drafted at once, and all possible speed made with getting in the necessary building material, much of which would be taken to the mine before the snow flies. The mill will follow the ideas outlined by Prof. Parks two or three months ago, and will be similar to that installed by him at Prescott, Arizona. It will be a combination of concentrator, stamp mill, and electro-cyanide process. While in the east lately Mr. Collom made arrangements for the electrical part of the outfit, and the balance will be manufactured at once. Mr. Thomlinson stated he expected the mill would be about ready for operation in June, and was intended for the treatment of the ores from the Arlington and Speculator properties. He also stated development would be continued steadily at both mines, being confined to the main drifts on each, 15 men finding employment on the Arlington and 10 on the Speculator. There was a likelihood of the Arlington increasing its force later on.

The news of the reduction at the Arlington had a disquieting effect in town, but in view of the avowed intention of the company to proceed with the early construction of their mill, a more confident feeling has since prevailed, and it is seen now that there is nothing alarming in the situation. Rather is it that the erection of the works is imparting more confidence in the resources of the camp. That a mill was required to treat the immense reserves of low grade ore at the Arlington, everyone at all familiar with the property would willingly admit. On the dumps at the present time are several thousand tons of second-class ore, which once run through a mill will yield a handsome profit, while in the mine is much more. On the Speculator there is also considerable second class ore lying around, all of which can be turned to profitable account by the mill.

It is confidently expected also that the Arlington works will be of sufficient capacity to handle any quantity of custom ores, so that it will prove of inestimable benefit to the whole camp. The Black Prince and Hampton mines for instance, have large bodies of low grade stuff that can be handled profitably at such a mill, so enabling them to operate more extensively. Such a happy contingency would necessitate tramways, eventuating in time in a pretty lively camp at the headwaters of Springer creek. The success of the Arlington will undoubtedly result in the Ottawa establishing a mill for the treatment of its ores, thus increasing the sphere of operation.

There is nothing at all to feel alarmed at over the temporary reduction of the force at the Arlington. Better things are in store for the camp. Be patient and confidence will reap its merited reward. The camp is all right and is a winner.

Bonded by New Yorkers.

New York capitalists, represented by W. Hageman, of Rossland, have bonded, on a two years' proposition, the Hungry Man property on Rover creek, near Slocan Junction. The group has a good showing of pyritic ore, carrying an average value in gold and copper of $20. About $6000 has already been expended in development. The bonders will instal a plant and start a crew of men at an early date.

Vital Statistics for Year.

Depreciated silver and extraordinary weather has had very little effect upon the crop of infants in this vicinity, for the harvest garnered in 1902 was a most generous one. No less than 20 "little angels" made their appearance on this mundane sphere, of which 13 were of the male persuasion, and the balance of the gentler sex. Seven marriages took place during the year, and six deaths were recorded in the same time, four of which were infants. The population of the burg has to its credit 14 of an increase for the year, independent of outside immigration.

DISASTER AT MOLLY GIBSON.

Nine Men Killed by a Snowslide on Xmas Night.

A terrible disaster occurred at the Molly Gibson mine, on Kokanee creek, Christmas night, no less than nine men losing their lives by a snowslide. All the mine buildings were destroyed. The men were in their bunks when the slide came down and had no chance to escape. Some of the injured suffered untold agony.

The mine is approximately 8000 feet up, and above it is an immense glacier and then jagged peaks of bare rock. The slide started from the peak and swung round the ridge sheltering the mine buildings, striking the bunkhouse endways, and swept it and its occupants down a dry canyon. Of 19 men in the building 10 escaped, though more or less injured. Four of the survivors spent the night in the snow, with nothing but blankets as a covering. In the morning they started down the hill, two of them reaching the hut at the foot of the tramway at 2 o'clock and the others at 4. The snow was from six to 20 feet deep. D. McLaughlin, with a broken leg and shoulder bone, was carried into a tunnel and spent all of Friday and half of Saturday without food or attention. A couple of the survivors then got the tramway working and sent him down in a bucket. It could not be used to get the rescuers up, a party of whom, with a doctor, had started out from Nelson so soon as the news came.

All the survivors are being looked after at Nelson by the company. Of those killed, S. M. Campbell was the only one whose body was recovered up to Tuesday. He had been cruelly injured and had suffered great agony. He had worked last summer at the Iron Horse mine, on Ten Mile. T. Rouse was another of the killed. He leaves a wife at Silverton, where he was very well known. Still another victim was M. S. Hall, assayer, who formerly worked at the Hewett and at Sandon. L. Broulee, W. Murphy, and W. Collins were among the others killed, besides a Chinese cook.

The company purpose rebuilding their camps at once and resuming operations. The Molly Gibson is located above the timber line and is considered to be the most dangerously situated mine in Kootenay.

Up to Wednesday four more bodies, besides that of Campbell, had been recovered, being those of Hall, Broulee, Collins, and unknown Italian. The bodies had been carried a considerable distance down the slide.

Three Years' Record.

The extent to which development in this division, the dry ore belt, has attained, may be determined from the following list of properties shipping in the last three years:

Arlington	Enterprise
Black Prince	Kilo
Hampton	Neepawa
Two Friends	Alberta
Slocan Chief	Bondholder
Chapleau	Speculator
Phoenix	V & M
Fourth of July	Esmeralda
Tamarac	Exchange
Ottawa	May
Paystreak	Duplex
Florence	Republic

These constitute a list of 24 shipping mines, with an aggregate tonnage of 15,709 tons, or an average of 5236 tons a year.

Some Hope for Silver.

The Statist, of London, Eng., figures it out that there is every chance of silver recovering in strength. It says: "We base the opinion on several considerations. One of these is that so soon as the new year sets in, the stringency in the American money market will come to an end. A second and more powerful cause is the recuperative power that is being shown by India. China is regaining its usual condition, and business is going on fairly satisfactorily. That being so, it is probable that China will be in a position to take more silver than she has done of late, and if China and India buy more freely there must necessarily be a recovery in the silver market."

Born.—In the New Denver hospital on Dec. 26, the wife of Geo. Aylwin, Ten Mile, of twins, son and daughter. The son was still born.

The C.P.R. has closed up its Lardo branch for the winter.

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING MADE BY THIS DIVISION.

Last Year's Shipments Were 6514 Tons—A Healthy Evidence of the Life and Wealth of the Camp—Arlington the Biggest Shipper.

With the ore shipments this week, the exports for 1902 are brought to a close, and the figures are available to form a comparison with those of the year previous, so gaining a correct idea of what has been done in the camp. The week's shipments consist of 20 tons, sent by the Enterprise to Nelson. It will have another car to go out next week, and then there will ensue a blank for a time. Corrected figures for the Arlington give its total an increase of 27 tons. It, too, will have a blank following upon the clearing up of a couple more cars.

The total exports for the year reach 6333 tons, being 196 tons less than in 1901. Twelve properties are represented in the shipping list, as against 14 for the year previous. Though shipments were somewhat smaller, the output represented bona fide mining during the year, while in 1901 there was considerable of the Arlington tonnage taken from the dumps. The Enterprise ore passed through their mill, if reckoned separately, would easily raise the grand total to 10,000 tons, the estimate figured on at the commencement of 1902. Besides, the values in the ores shipped 1902 were higher than in 1901 and, despite the lower price in silver, the net values were much higher. It is not too high an estimate to place the value of the ore shipped in 1902 at $550,000.

As in 1901, the Arlington was the heaviest shipper during the year, it having 3797 tons to its credit, as against 5477 tons for the previous 12 months. It will be remembered the heavy tonnage in 1901 was owing to the purchase of the dumps by the Hall Mines smelter. The Enterprise comes next with an even 2300 tons, showing an increase over 1901 of 1600 tons. Much of its output was in concentrates, the concentrator having been got into running shape last spring. The next two heaviest shippers were the Neepawa with 101 tons and the Ottawa with 67 tons. For 1902 the following properties appeared in the shipping list which were not there in 1901: Ottawa, Neepawa, May, Paystreak, Duplex, Fourth of July, Florence and Republic—giving a practical and striking idea of the material development taking place in the local division.

The new year will start off with a very fair list of shippers, as this month will see the Arlington, Enterprise, Black Prince, Ottawa, Republic, and Bondholder exporting, with the Meteor and Exchange doing something in that line later on.

For 1900 the exports from this division amounted to 2847 tons, made up from ten properties. Last year the exports totalled 6529 tons, from fourteen properties. Following is a full list of the local shipments this year to date:

MINE.	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Arlington		3797
Enterprise	20	2300
Ottawa		67
Neepawa		101
May		5
Paystreak		5
Duplex		7
Fourth of July		11
Florence		1
Speculator		4
Hampton		13
Republic		22
	20	6333

MINES AND MINING.

Bar silver closed out the year at 48 cents.

The Sandon mines shipped 277 tons of ore last week.

Last week the Payne shipped 105 tons of zinc ore to Kansas.

The big Neepawa slide, on Ten Mile, came down last week.

Two or three small slides came down at the Enterprise last week, but without doing any harm.

Practically the whole force at the Enterprise has been let out and there will not be much doing there till spring.

Despite their assertions to the contrary, it is known that the local smelters, especially the one at Nelson, are in a quandary as to where to obtain a ready and suitable supply of dry ores. Their treatment of this camp approaches extortion rather than justice in rates.

To keep their lead stack in operation the Trail smelter will be forced to draw on the Slocan. It is strongly suspected the North Star, in East Kootenay, has been specially favored in rates, but their available reserves are worked out. Slocan mine owners get it in the neck from all quarters.

'TWEEN LOVE AND DUTY.

A Novel by Annie Thompson.

blazed; the flames licked up the dry wood greedily, burst out into showers of sparks, roared with glee. He glanced from the glare to the clock, and shook his head. "Too good a fire," he reflected, "the lad may think it has been done for him." He surveyed the room, and discovered two baskets containing socks and stockings. Those in one had been washed that day; those in the other were designed for Russian Jews, on behalf of whose feet Kate and Mary had knitted all winter and spring, handing their accumulated work over to Bella in the summer that she might "run" the toes and heels. The minister knew no difference between the undried Gentile garments and the unworn Jewish socks. With a grim smile at his own diplomacy, he carefully hung them all upon a clothes-horse which he stationed in front of the fire; then he went stealthily back to his study as though he had been committing a crime.

The fate of a million Chinese now weighed less heavily on his soul than the fate of this one young man. He must say something to him when he came, what could he say? He leaned his head on his hands, letting his thoughts drift out into the Past, until the Past was drawn closer to him than the Present. Hopeful love had wrought the resurrection once before, hopeless love wrought it now. The urgent prompting to "heal one another with our own blood," that comes from us at times, rose within him suddenly and would not be resisted. He determined to break a long-lasting silence, to bare a wound that had lain close covered for forty years, to convince John that the sympathy he had to offer was not formal, but came from a heart whose right to sympathize lay in the fact that it too had suffered.

To this simple minded old man, the intended revelation seemed both solemn and pathetic; he could have made it to no one else, he could have made it under no other circumstances. So direful an emergency demanded recognition, it should be greeted with the costliest sacrifice he had to make. Assuming, quite unconsciously, that set expression of lofty gloom (worn only upon most solemn occasions) which, unknown to himself, had earned him the reputation of being "gey bonnie at a funeral" — Mr. Ferris awaited his young friend's return. Footsteps were heard at length, entering the house and thereafter the kitchen. Mr. Ferris turned out his lamp very deliberately, stalked down the passage, and presented himself at the door of the fire-lit room.

John Cayford lifted his vacant gaze from the glowing fire to the minister's face, and in an instant his inert faculties, stung into activity, warned him that sympathy was about to be offered and roused themselves to defend him from it. The very thought of it was utterly intolerable to him. He was determined to prevent it from finding expression, yet for the moment he could not think of nothing to say. With an odd mingling of apprehension and fascination, he watched Mr. Ferris draw forward a chair to the fire side and slowly seat himself.

"John, my poor lad—"

"My dear sir, there is no need to be alarmed on my account, I have been wet through scores of times without taking any harm. I suppose the daily walk to and from Garleigh in all weathers and for so many years, has hardened me: I have not had a day's illness since I was a child."

"No: you are strong, you are certainly strong. I was not thinking of your health: there are worse ills than bodily ailments. There are wounds—"

"I have heard you declare again and again, sir, that good health is the greatest of all blessings."

"Ay, lad, whenever I am out of health that is my conviction. I have been thinking over the past this evening, John."

"Have you, sir?" He felt slightly relieved by this apparent change of subject.

"Forty years ago, John, when I was about your own age, I too, had an experience—"

"And you have news about it this evening, sir, in that letter?"

Mr. Ferris looked down at his hand in some astonishment. Mr. Forester's communication was there; he must have taken it unconsciously from his table when he left the study.

"This"—he said hastily, "this refers to—to another matter." His obvious confusion indicated the nature of the other matter.

"To Mary's engagement, perhaps."

"Well, yes—to that. It is from her uncle. Did she mention it to you?"

"She told me of her engagement, not of the letter. Am I to see it?"

"Why, the fact is"—said Mr. Ferris, fumbling for his eyeglasses, his thoughts effectually detached from the past for the time being, "I brought it here with me quite unintentionally, not thinking you would care—still, it is an astonishing letter in some respects. I am not sure that I altogether understand it yet, Kate not being at hand—ah! here they are, now we shall see."

He perched the glasses astride his nose, and read the letter through aloud, very slowly, pausing at the end of each sentence to peer over the glasses at his auditor. Long before its close, he had become absorbed in it to the exclusion of every other train of thought.

"'—desires to marry Mary, and hinted at most liberal settlements: but these are points which you and he will no doubt discuss when you meet.'—A very astonishing letter, as I said."

"What do you propose to do about it, sir?"

"Do? I? Why I don't see that there is anything to be done, until the young man comes here himself."

"You are not going to make any enquiries?"

"Well, Mary has no money of her own, you see; would it be — becoming?"

"Most certainly it would. I should say it is an imperative duty on your part. This 'estimable young man' is an entire stranger to you."

"Not to Mr. Forester."

"Who has known him for one year! You used not to have a very exalted opinion of Mr. Forester's judgment, Mr. Ferris."

"Really, John, your memory is inconvenient."

There was a silence for a few minutes, during which Mr. Ferris twitched the letter nervously between his fingers. This interview was to have been solemnly confidential; so far from receiving confidences, he was now receiving advice. He felt himself to be relapsing into that state of dazed weariness, from which excitement had for a time withdrawn him; the old wretched sense of helpless feebleness began to reassert itself.

"A church member"—he said dejectedly.

"My dear sir, I don't want to hurt your feelings, but that is not a sufficient guarantee."

The minister sighed.

"It should be, it should be. You think then, I must make enquiries of this Mr. Claverton? I so rarely go to Glasgow now — time was, when I thought as little of the journey as Kate does. She goes for me, and sees to my bosiness as well as any one could. Perhaps"—with a suggestion of returning hopefulness in his tone, "Kate could hardly—?"

"No, sir, she certainly could not."

"Of course not—quite out of the question! Still——"

"If you feel unable to see Mr. Claverton yourself, sir, authorize me to do so for you."

"You, John! My dear lad, there is no one who could do it better. I should feel most relieved, most grateful; but it is too much to ask."

"I don't know why. You may be sure I shall look after Mary's interests. As it happens, I have business with this same firm. A young fellow who died on board the 'Curlew,' entrusted some affairs to me which I have neglected; I shall go up to Glasgow to-morrow."

"To-morrow!"

"And start by the early train," continued John, his plans shaping themselves rapidly. "It doesn't stop at Garleigh, I know, but it is due at Laurieston at 5.10; the walk is nothing — I can easily do it in an hour and a half. If I wait for the second train, it will be twelve before I reach town."

"You will start soon after three!"

"At half past three; it is quite light then. I shall have to leave the back door unbolted, but you won't mind that. I had better put my things together and get an hour's sleep. Good-night, sir."

He was gone, sighing with relief that all attempts at consolation had been baffled.

Mr. Ferris stared blankly at the empty room; his hands trembled, his face was flushed.

"I have lived too long," he said, forlornly, "it is time I went, to make room for younger folks who are accustomed to all this hurry and rush. There is no repose about any one, now. What a day!—Kate flying after everything but her own business, Mary getting herself engaged to a perfect stranger and confusing us all, John proposing to upset the household at three o'clock in the morning! It would be far better for him to take his breakfast quietly with the rest of us at a reasonable hour, and hear what more Mary has to say." His glance rested on the socks and stocking he had arranged so carefully, and the sight of them revived the thoughts that had prompted him to put them there. "I understand, I understand!" soliloquized the kind old man, "he wishes to avoid seeing her so soon. Very natural, very right; just what I should have done myself in the same circumstances. Ah, me!"

He continued for a time to draw parallels between his own experience and John's. The kitchen clock striking one, aroused him from a brief doze. He would not admit to himself that he had slept; forty years ago he had been bereft of both sleep and appetite for a time, and now, wakefulness seemed to him an appropriate tribute to pay to the claims of past and present grief. He replenished the fire, fetched his Chinese statistics and his Bible, and with their aid defied Morpheus for two weary hours.

When John re-entered the kitchen shortly after three, he was dismayed to find it still tenanted, The fire crackled with aggressive cheerfulness, the table was spread with a profusion of eatables, Mr. Ferris was in the act of pouring out tea.

"Try and force yourself to take something," he said, solemnly; "it will be so much better for you."

"My appetite never requires any forcing, sir, than'k goodness!"

It was impossible, even for Mr. Ferris, to allude to matters of sentiment while scones were vanishing with such unromantic despatch; he reserved himself, therefore, to the moment of parting. It came. He walked down to the Manse gate with his young friend, maintaining a look of intense commiseration, and thinking over several sentences that would convey in a few words all he wished to say. He was allowed no chance to utter them. John avoided the commiserating eyes — feigned not to notice the detaining hand held out to him.

"Thank you for all your kindness, sir," he said, closing the gate behind him, "you shall hear from me immediately. I hope you will get some sleep now, you must need it. Good-bye."

He was already at a distance, before Mr. Ferris realized that his last opportunity for bestowing his confidence had gone. He went back to the house, and mounted the stairs to his room very wearily. Sleep! It was easy enough for healthy inconsiderate young men, to talk about sleep as though one had but to close one's eyes to find it! Excited as he was by such a confusion of puzzled thoughts, sleep was hopelessly out of the question for him. He lay down, to think the whole matter over calmly. A moment later, as it seemed, he found Kate beside him.

"Dear Uncle, are you awake at last? I could not make you hear. Have you been ill?"

"Ill, child, of course not! What do you want?"

"Breakfast has been waiting some time, sir. It is long past nine."

PART III.

CHAPTER I.

Laurieston lay inland: the road thither, level for a mile or two, made an abrupt ascent of the steep Binnan Hills before wandering circuitously down their northern slope. Useful as this road had been in days when it afforded the only communication with Stranraer, it was now seldom frequented, and was generally spoken of as being tedious, tame, and unpicturesque save from one point.

There are those who must have their interest startled into activity, their sensibilities shocked into consciousness: human life, when it is not a series of convulsive throbs with the emotions in a state of volcanic eruption, is a dull and insipid affair; similarly, the beauties of nature are hardly worth notice unless mountains tower and precipices yawn, unless the sun flames into the sky glories unspeakable or night descends in a darkness that may be felt: to such, the Laurieston road, even at its best point and in most favorable circumstances, would have appeared hopelessly commonplace. There are others who listen to the laughter of children with keen pleasure, and find the study of monotonous life absorbing; they are thrilled by the scent of the wild rose, the crooning of the wood pigeon, the curved outline of some low-lying range of hills, or the shadow cast upon the moor by a drifting cloud: to these, every foot of the Laurieston road would have seemed rich in beauty. But John Cayford, at present on his way from Feldrossan, was neither one who dazzled his eyes with great effects nor strained them after small ones. He belonged to that very rich class of persons who, from incapacity, indolence, or distrust of their own powers, are content to take their ideals of beauty and truth in nature and art at second-hand, exercising their own judgment only in that narrow sphere of daily occupation where they are compelled to think for themselves to a certain extent. They thus become dependent for their illumination on the degree in which the spirit of wisdom and revelation has been vouchsafed to their neighbors: unless beauty is shown to them they remain blind to it; they see most clearly through the eyes of those they love best, and if the light that is in those eyes be darkness it is indeed a luckless thing.

Mary had caressed a rose and touched its petals with her lips—the beauty and value of roses was thereafter an established fact in her lover's mind: she had interpreted for him the voices of the sea—he would now always understand their mirth or mourning: intellectually she had done nothing for him, being much his inferior in intellectual power; but she had given him a revelation of priceless worth (than which there is no more effectual enlightener of the eyes of the heart) she let him look into a beautiful soul. She herself thought it full of blemishes; to the less clear spiritual vision of those around her it appeared to be almost without flaw, so ardent was her love for goodness, so foreign to her were the evil thoughts with which most of us are familiar. It is given to few to be gifted as Mary was, to be placed as she had been in an environment so absolutely favorable to growth in grace; but there are women so gifted and so environed; and to my thinking it is they who, unconsciously, uphold for us that lofty ideal of purity to which all good men and all good women pay homage.

Save at one point, the Laurieston road was unconnected with Mary in John Cayford's mind; it was to him therefore, save at this one point, nothing more than "a public way for travelling." The point to which reminiscences clung, he approached with dread; for whereas Mr. Ferris on setting himself to "think things over," had immediately lost sight of them all, he, with the firmest determination not to let his mind dwell on these same things, was persistently haunted by them. No matter to how great a distance he projected his thoughts, they converged without delay to the forbidden centre. If he looked toward Melbourne, a vision of the house that was to have been Mary's home confronted him; if he turned his attention to business matters, the reason why he had no longer any special cause to desire success became instantly apparent— the painless blissful reign of apathy being over memory held him in a torturing grasp.

A beautiful view presented itself to the pedestrian who, after some stress of lung and limb, gained the summit of the Binnan Hills and turned to face the path up which he had climbed. Feldrossan lay far below, yet not so far but that its houses and the groups of rocks along its shore were clearly discernible; from that shore the sea stretched itself out—beyond Ailsa, beyond Arran, beyond Cantyre—out, out, until it met a dull blue line upon the horizon, the coast of Ireland. This was the view which was generally held to redeem the Laurieston road from mediocrety: to Mary's lover it was so intimately connected with herself, that he approached it with dread and yet with desire—as we fear and yet long to see the representation of a face once dear and now lost to us, longing to revive the memory of past pleasure, fearing to intensify the misery of present pain. There was not the slightest necessity for him to look back upon Feldrossan, common sense dictated that he should not risk adding vividness to impressions already to vivid: his only reasonable course was to walk straight on without sending so much as one glance, however fleeting, behind him. This reasonable course he intended to pursue. He reached the summit, wavered, halted, turned—and stood there, gazing upon the manse and the rocks and the sea until further delay was impossible. As an immediate result of this indiscretion, he began to look into the future with renewed hopefulness. Why should he be so ready to relinquish long-cherished plans? Enquiry might prove Gavin Wishart to be a most unsatisfactory character. Mr. Forester was enthusiastic about him, but in old days Mr. Forester had frequently been described by his brother-in-law as one of those hopelessly hopeful individuals whose illusions it is almost impossible to dispel: the present might be a case of illusion. On Mr. Claverton's judgment complete reliance could be placed, application must be made forthwith. He reached town, waited impatiently at his hotel until the morning was further advanced, and then went to the solicitor's place of business. As he was shewn through the outer office to an inner apartment, it occurred to him to wonder, which of the young men at the desks he passed, was Mark Presslie—all unconscious of approaching fate.

Mr. Claverton confirmed Mr. Forester's eulogy and added to it. His knowledge of Gavin Wishart was of very long standing, he said; he had known of him all his life, and had been intimately acquainted with him for ten or twelve years; he believed there were few young men more honorable, amiable, and generous, with higher principles and more refined tastes.

"If you apply to Dr. Forbes of St. Martin's, whose opinion will probably carry more weight with Mr. Ferris than mine, he will endorse every word I have said," concluded Mr. Claverton.

But the enquiry was pursued no further. The list of virtues was overpowering, and roused an entirely unreasonable resentment in John Cayford's mind against these good qualities in the abstract and Gavin Wishart as their concrete representation. It was necessary to acquaint Mr. Ferris with the result of the interview. John wrote a note and despatched it; consulted a shipping list found that the Curlew was advertised to leave in ten days' time, and decided to sail in her if the settlement of Alan's affairs did not detain him. Mr. Anderson was to be back, he had learnt, on the following Monday at the latest.

But how were the intervening days to be passed? He considered the question as he stood at the window, looking idly out upon the crowded street. Suddenly he caught a glimpse of a girlish figure in the distance; it seemed familiar, his pulses quickened, the blood flew into his face; people passed before her hiding her from sight, he leaned forward to watch breathlessly for her reappearance, the crowd parted, she came into view again — the illusion vanished! The insanity of supposing for an instant that Mary could be there!

"In heaven's name," he apostrophized himself, "find something to do!"

He remembered the papers given into his charge by Alan Twiss; the examination of these would be a sufficiently prosaic employment. He sought for the box, and as he took it in his hands a wonderfully vivid recollection of its dead owner came to him: he paused a moment while Alan's words, tones of voice, looks, gestures, recalled themselves—he lived again through every incident of the arrival at Santa Cruz—he felt afresh the overwhelming pity for the poor lad that had filled his heart then. Opening the box, he commenced his investigation.

On the surface lay the three letters written by Mark Presslie, these he studied most carefully before setting them aside. Below them was a sealed envelope, directed to Richard Twiss, Esq., Dean Street, Glasgow. Underneath lay the forged receipt, enclosed in a slip of paper containing Mr. Anderson's private address. Next, came a package of accounts and newspapers cuttings labelled, "Memoranda of my brother's dealings with me: and details of the sale for £6,000 of our property, in Brachead street;" this he did not stay to examine. Finally he drew forth two flat pieces of cardboard, bound together and sealed; the name "Mary" was faintly traced upon them. His interest quickened. He looked again within the box; nothing remained; unless some clue to the young lady's identity lay here, there was none. For some instants he hesitated, then he cut the tape. It seemed to him as though a strange stillness fell suddenly upon the room, deadening every sound but the painful thud, thud, thud, of his heart. The boards fell apart; from between them a sheet of stiff paper slid face-downwards on to the table, and had it been a sheet of lead it could not have cost a greater effort to lift it. He made the effort. Before him lay the sketch of a young girl's head, boldly drawn, life like: the identity of Alan's "Mary" was revealed: the face that had lived in his own heart for years and would not be banished now, looked up at him—it wanted but color to be a perfect representation of Mary Forester. The prosaic paper that were to have engrossed his attention were unceremoniously thrust aside, common sense and resolution might clamour in vain: he saw his reasonable course, as he had seen it that morning on the Binnan Hills, and he paid as little heed to it: for long he gazed upon the lovely face, perfectly well aware that present gratification must be paid for at a heavy rate and that every fraction of the purchase money would be demanded.

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Breton sheep are not much larger than fair-sized hare.

There are four millionaires in England to one in France.

There are 723 ancient castles on the banks of the Rhine.

A man should weigh 26 pounds for every foot of his height.

KIDNEY TROUBLE.

A DISEASE THAT OFTEN TERMINATES FATALLY.

Mr. L. Lussier, of Sorel, Tells How He Overcame the Trouble After Repeated Failures.

There is no trouble more dangerous to life than disease of the kidneys, for the reason that before any special symptoms have made themselves manifest, the disease has usually assumed a formidable character. The symptoms that first manifest themselves are usually weakness in the small of the back, pains in the region of the loins. The urine is sometimes highly colored, while in other cases it is extremely pale, frequently depositing a sediment. As the trouble progresses these symptoms grow more severe, and frequently terminate in dropsy, Bright's disease or diabetes. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a specific for all kidney troubles, and have cured many cases after all other medicines have failed. Mr. L. Lussier, a well known navigator of Sorel, Que., gives his experience for the benefit of other sufferers. He says: "For several years I suffered very much from kidney trouble. The symptoms usually made themselves manifest by severe pains in the back and kidneys, and sometimes they would be so bad that I would be confined to my bed for several days at a time. I tried a number of different medicines, recommended for the trouble, but got no relief, and finally became so discouraged that I thought a cure was impossible, and stopped taking medicine. Shortly after this I read in our local paper of a case of kidney trouble cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and this induced me to try this medicine. I soon felt that these pills were not like the other medicines I had been taking, for in the course of a few weeks I began to experience great relief. I continued taking the pills for a couple of months, by which time all symptoms of the trouble had disappeared, and I have not since had the slightest return of the disease. The pills also strengthened me in other ways and I believe them to be the best of all medicines."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enrich and nourish the blood and strengthen the nerves. It is thus that they cure such troubles as dyspepsia, kidney ailments, rheumatism, partial paralysis, heart troubles, St. Vitus' dance and the ailments that make the lives of so many women a source of misery. Do not take any pills without the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper around the box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Artificial pearls are made from fish scales

An average Britisher is as strong as two Hindoos.

A diet of garlic is a wonderful aid to the complexion.

An ordinary brick will absorb sixteen ounces of water.

San Jose Scale Remedies.

The report of the San Jose scale commission with reference to the recent experiments by Inspector Fisher, near Grimsby, has been received by Hon. John Dryden. The commissioners, Dr. James Mills of Guelph, W. H. Bunting of St. Catharines and John Dearness of London, as briefly intimated some days ago, express great satisfaction at the results achieved by Mr. Fisher. The remedy, the kerosene emulsion, is intended for use in the summer—July, August and September—when the leaves are on, and the other, the mixture of lime and sulphur, is intended for winter, in March or April, when the trees are bare. In each case several different trials were made, by varying the proportions of the ingredients. The commissioners, however, found the following to give the best results:—For summer, one part of coal oil to six parts of water, emulsified with whale oil soap, in the proportion of one-half pound per gallon of oil. Almost equally good results have been obtained from treatment with an emulsion of crude petroleum.

The best mixture found for the winter was 30 pounds of lime, with 15 pounds of sulphur, in water sufficient to make a total of 30 gallons. In concluding their report the commissioners express the hope that by their continued use from year to year the Province may be rid of the scale in a short time.

Forests.

Forests cover one-tenth of the surface of the world and one-quarter of Europe.

Suspension Bridges.

It took sixteen years to build the first Brooklyn bridge, but immensely larger suspension bridges can now be constructed in from four to five years.

Speed of Birds.

Latest experiments show that the speed of birds is overestimated. Pigeons rarely travel over forty miles an hour. The record, and that for a comparatively short distance, is fifty-five miles an hour.

BABY'S FIRST TOOTH.

A Family Event That Does Not Always Bring Unmixed Joy.

Baby's first tooth does not come unannounced. Inflamed gums and impaired digestion produce a feverish and fretful condition, about which the mother often feels concern. The baby boy of Mrs. George McGregor, of Hamilton, Ont., was troubled with diarrhoea while teething and was cross and restless. He did not sleep well and matters became serious. The mother writes as follows: "My sister had used Baby's Own Tablets for her baby and advised me to try them. I got a box and after giving the Tablets to the baby a few times he began to improve and was soon well. He is now a big, healthy baby and whenever he gets fretful or does not feel well I give him a Tablet and he is soon all right again."

Baby's Own Tablets replace with great advantage castor oil and other nauseous, griping drugs. They sweeten the stomach, quiet the nerves and promote healthful sleep. They are guaranteed to contain no opiate and to be absolutely harmless. If your druggist does not keep them you can obtain a full-size box by mail, post paid, by sending 25 cents to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y.

It sometimes happens that a man agrees with you because your arguments make him tired.

All men have their troubles. Many a man who is seemingly happy is wearing a shirt made by his wife.

Wear! That's "the greatest thing in the world,"—in anything that's worn. You get style, fit and finish too, in

Granby Rubbers

—But the one thing we emphasize is their ***Wearing Qualities.***

"Granby Rubbers wear like iron."

THE DRILL.

SLOCAN, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Some people mistake spectacular effect for success.

The more a man owes the more conspicuous he is as a financier.

Messrs. C. C. Richards & Co.

Gentlemen,—My three children were dangerously low with diphtheria. On the advice of our priest my wife began the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT. In two hours they were greatly relieved, and in five days they were completely well, and I firmly believe your valuable Liniment saved the lives of my children.

Gratefully yours,
ADELBERT LEFEBVRE.
Mair's Mills, June 10th, 1899.

When it comes to waltzing the awkward man gets there with both feet.

"It is never too late to mend," said the man who was too lazy to begin.

MINARD'S LINIMENT Relieves Neuralgia.

The lingering guest would doubtless be surprised to learn that his long going is often regarded as a short coming.

It is an easy matter to rush things when the grade is down hill.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss.
Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Seediness and popularity go together during the watermelon season.

Silence may be golden, yet the product of the still makes men noisy.

THE PUBLIC should bear in mind that Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil has nothing in common with the impure, deteriorating class of so-called medicinal oils. It is eminently pure and really efficacious—relieving pain and lameness, stiffness of the joints and muscles, and sores or hurts, besides being an excellent specific for rheumatism, coughs and bronchial complaints.

All men may be free and equal, but it is impossible to demonstrate it.

Many a man is considered a hopeless fool on account of his hopefulness.

Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops, as a blood purifier, strength and health restorer, and a specific for all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, leads all other similar medicines in its wonderful sales and marvellous confidence of the people, especially our vast German population. It is not a new and untried product, but was made and sold more than sixty years ago.

It is easy to prove that the gun isn't loaded immediately after the accident.

A lot of unimportant happenings are postponed on account of the weather.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

Adam had a wife made to order, but she turned out to be a misfit.

Some people are unable to raise their hopes, while the hopes of others run to seed.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membrane of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness in the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Sometimes the absent cashier's account book looks suspiciously like a figured screen.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

There are over 21,000 stitches in the ordinary white shirt.

One-third of the people who go mad recover their senses.

The hair of the head grows faster in summer than in winter.

Man is the only animal that possesses a real nose and chin.

In mining accidents one death in four is caused by afterdamp.

Forty-eight kinds of house-fly have been classified by naturalists.

Oxen and sheep fatten better in company than when kept alone.

A fine ostrich is calculated to yield $2,500 worth of feathers.

Tight, unventilated hats are one of the chief causes of baldness.

It is estimated that 49 per cent of the days in London are wet.

Never kick a live electric wire when it's down.

Honesty isn't the kind of policy found in policy shops.

ST. JACOBS OIL

POSITIVELY CURES
Rheumatism
Neuralgia
Backache
Headache
Feetache
All Bodily Aches
AND
CONQUERS PAIN.

The man who is slow but sure always manages to get there, but he usually arrives too late.

Photographers are very charitable; they are always anxious to take the best view of manind.

Mookey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble and windows like crystal.

It's usually easier for one father to support ten small children than it is for ten grown up children to support one father.

Gray's Syrup soothes and heals the sore throat and weak lungs. After a few doses the cough is relieved, and the soreness passes away.

Gray's Syrup cures to stay cured.

At all Druggists 25cts.

Gray's Syrup of Red Spruce Gum

The Flow of Milk will be increased.

Why go to all the trouble of keeping cows and get only about half the milk they should produce.

Dick's Blood Purifier

strengthens the digestion and invigorates the whole system so that the nutriment is all drawn from the food. It takes just the same trouble to care for a cow when she gives three quarts as when she gives a pail. Dick's Blood Purifier will pay back its cost with good interest in a few weeks.

50 cents a package.

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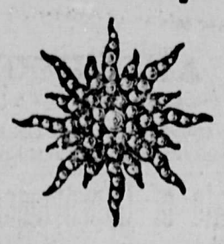

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Yonge and Adelaide Streets,
Toronto.

"DIAMOND HALL." Est. 1854.

MARKETS.

(Compiled from The Commercial)

WHEAT—The movement forward from interior points is not as large as it was before the close of navigation, but it keeps up at a fairly large volume, inspection returns showing shipments from the interior to run about 200 cars per day last week. The railways have been giving more attention to moving fuel and general freight, which was somewhat neglected during the rush to get wheat out before the close of navigation, otherwise the movement would be heavier. Quite a number of country points are blocked up with wheat elevators being full, so that there is no lack of grain for shipment. There is plenty of storage space at lake ports yet, though it is possible that Fort William and Port Arthur may be also filled up before spring. The railways talk about noving wheat all rail to the eastern ports, but it is not expected that much will be done in all rail shipments, even if the railways were able to handle a considerable quantity, which they are not. A feature of the situation is the shipment of Manitoba wheat in bond to Minneapolis. One of the big Minneapolis milling companies has been buying quite freely here. Some wheat is also going from Canadian Northern railway points in Manitoba to Duluth, presumably owing to inability of that railway to handle the traffic to Port Arthur. The local market has been quiet most of the week. Buyers picked up a good deal of wheat for May delivery last week, and as there is very little doing in all rail shipment, they have a downward tendency. The holiday time is also helping to make trade quiet, as some of the principal buyers are away from business. At the close of business Saturday prices were ¼c lower than a week ago, and we quote December delivery: 1 hard, 70c; 1 northern, 68c; 2 northern, 66½c; 3 northern, 64½c; in store, Fort William, Port Arthur or Duluth. For January delivery the price is ½ cent. higher than December for May delivery: 1 hard, 75c; 1 northern, 73c; 2 northern, 71c; and 3 northern, 69c.

OATS—There are hardly any oats in the market owing to car shortage. Dealers have orders dating back for a considerable time, and cannot get them filled for want of oats. This makes the market uncertain. Any sudden movement of oats would flatten out the price which is now above the actual value. There are large stocks of oats in the country, but as they cannot be moved they are not a factor in the market at present. No. 2 white oats are worth 28½c per bushel at Fort William. On track at Winnipeg this grade is worth 27c per bushel, and about 25c is the price for feed white. At country points farmers are getting 20c per bushel at central points.

BARLEY—Shipments are very light for want of cars. Brewers are bidding 32c per bushel for No. 3 extra barley, in carlots, on track. Feed grades are worth 26 to 27c.

FLAXSEED—The Manitoba crop is practically all out of first hands. Some districts in the Territories still have some flaxseed to sell. The price is about 98 cents to farmers at country points.

SPELTZ—The market holds steady at 30c per bushel of 50 pounds, delivered in Winnipeg.

HAY—Dealers are paying $6 to $6.50 per ton for carlots on track.

POTATOES—30c per bushel.

BUTTER — Creamery— Creameries are asking 26c per pound from city customers for choice makes.

BUTTER—Dairy—Very little butter is coming in and the market is quiet at unchanged prices. Dealers are paying 21c per pound net at Winnipeg for dairy separator butter in bricks, and 14 to 17c net for choice tub butter.

CHEESE—The price is firmer at 13 to 13½c per pound.

EGGS—Eggs are scarce and have advanced to 22c per dozen, net, in Winnipeg, subject to candling.

DRESSED POULTRY—Dealers are offering in a wholesale way 10c per pound for chickens, dressed; 9½c to 10c for ducks and geese, and 15c for turkeys.

DRESSED MEATS — Beef, city dressed, 6 to 6½c per pound; country stock, ½c under these figures; mutton, 8 to 9c; lamb, 11½c; hogs, 7c.

HIDES—Country frozen hides are bringing from 6c to 6½c per pound, delivered at Winnipeg, less 5 pounds tare. sheep pelts, 50 to 60c.

WOOL—Market nominal.

SENECA ROOT—Last purchases were made at 58c per pound for clean dry root, delivered at Winnipeg.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Butchers' ordinary are worth 3½c per pound and from that figure quotations run down to 2½c, according to quality. There is nothing doing in stocker cattle.

SHEEP—Worth 3½c per pound off cars here. Lambs, 4¼ to 4½c.

HOGS—The market is unchanged at 6c per pound for hogs weighing from 100 to 200 pounds. Heavies and lights are worth ½ to 1c less.

MILCH COWS—There are very few milkers to be had, and prices are firm at $30 to $45 each, for such as are to be had, according to quality.

HORSES—There is a good demand for teams for the bush, and prices are stiff. General purpose horses are also wanted.

A man's shadow is like most of his friends. It only stocks to him in sunshine.

Men admire clever women more than handsome ones, because they are scarcer.

It is almost as hard to keep a friend as it is to lose an enemy.

THE STORY OF A PIONEER.

H. S. Barnes, of Rat Portage, Tells of the Trials of the Early Settler

Suffered Terribly Form Kidney Complaint but Was Speedily Relieved and Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Rat Portage, Ont., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Everybody in Rat Portage knows H. S. Barnes, father of a former mayor and one of the oldest inhabitants of the metropolis of New Ontario. Though seventy-nine years of age, Mr. Barnes looks younger than many men of many fewer years and is possessed of wonderful vitality and activity.

A pioneer of this district, Mr. Barnes tells many tales of early life in the wilds of New Ontario, but none more interesting than the following:

"I was terribly troubled with Kidney Complaint. I suffered severely with pains across my back, and with a scalding, burning sensation when urinating that was very painful.

"Though I had little faith in proprietary medicines, I had a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house that I had procured for my wife, and commenced taking them with good effect.

"It was not long till my acquaintances started to greet me on the street with 'Hello, Mr. Barnes, how young you are looking!' They were not astray. I felt smart too, and feel younger and in better health than I have been for years. My Kidney Complaint was completely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Men who make a specialty of picking quarrels rarely complain of a short crop.

Possession may be nine points of the law, but self-possession is a law unto itself.

Pleasant as syrup; nothing equals it as a worm medicine; the name is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. The greatest worm destroyer of the age.

Some brokers make it a point to see that their patrons go broke.

A man without hands can never feel well.

DYSPEPSIA AND INDIGESTION.—C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N. Y., write: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmelee's Pills than any other Pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Chas. A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmelee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her."

A bachelor who has been rejected by seven girls says that feminine beauty is on the decline.

It is said that butter was unknown to the ancients, but it is hard to make patrons of cheap boarding houses believe it.

A Pompous Ceremony.

An interesting ceremony takes place daily at Gibraltar. The town and fortress lie at the end of a peninsula, about a mile and a half long, the mainland being Spanish territory. The gate leading to Spain is, every evening, locked at sunset and every morning unlocked at sunrise. Each day a company from one of the regiments performs one of these functions. In the morning the company, fully officered, with colors flying and accompanied by a band, marches to the commandant's house. The company comes to attention, and the commandant hands out the keys on a velvet cushion. These are received by the captain's orderly, the band strikes up, and the procession marches to the gate, which is unlocked with great ceremony. In the evening the same ceremony, in the reverse order, is gone through. All suspicious characters are put out of the town before the gates are locked in the evening.

An Exception.

"I feel so depressed when it rains hard," said Mrs. Snaggs. "But, then, I suppose that is the rule."

"There are exceptions," said her husband.

"Are there?"

"Yes; umbrellas are raised."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Railways in Russia.

Travelers by rail in Russia are divided into three classes, civil, military and convict, with the further subdivision of paying and nonpaying.

Swiss Griddlecakes.

Swiss griddlecakes are really potato croquettes in all except form. Grate four or five large potatoes, press part of the water out of them and mix with two beaten eggs and a heaping teaspoonful of salt. Drop by spoonful on a hot greased griddle.

Talk.

Some one has been figuring out the number of words a man utters in a year and finds the average to be 11,800,000 words.

Worn thin? No! Washed thin! That's so when common soap is used.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar. #35

ASK FOR
Ogilvie Oats

Delicious flavor. Free from hulls. Warranted Pure. Put up in all sized packages.

Ogilvie's Hungarian

As now manufactured. The great FAMILY FLOUR. Insist on getting "OGILVIE'S," as they are better than the Best.

HAVE NO EQUAL.

Housekeepers must find it difficult to decide which PACKAGE TEA is the best—there are so many. If you try

GOLD STANDARD

It will settle all doubts.

ARE YOU BUILDING?

IF SO USE EDDY'S IMPERVIOUS SHEATHING

THE BEST BUILDING PAPER MADE.

It is very much stronger and thicker than any other (tarred or building) paper. It is impervious to wind, keeps out cold, keeps in heat, carries no smell or color, absorbs no moisture, imparts no taste or flavor to anything with which it comes in contact. It is largely used not only for sheeting houses, but for lining cold storage buildings, refrigerators, dairies, creameries, and all places where the object is to keep an even and uniform temperature, and at the same time avoiding dampness.

Write our Agents, TEES & PERSSE, Winnipeg, for samples.

THE E. B. EDDY CO., Limited, HULL.

Did you ever compare Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea with other much advertised brands? Don't you think they owe an apology to the public?

DRUNKENNESS A DISEASE
and can be cured at
THE KEELEY INSTITUTE
133 Osborne St., Winnipeg. Established 1880.
Over 300,000 cures. Don't be deceived if you want a cure Take The Keeley where you are treated by a qualified physician. Correspondence strictly private.

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EDITORIAL CROPPINGS.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Hon. Clifford Sifton says the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad need not expect any land grant from the Dominion government. Something has been learned since the days of the C.P.R., when it was thought a small thing to give away an empire in land and a mint in money to bonus a railroad. Now another mint will doubtless be given away to the new transcontinental giant, but the land will be preserved to the people. In another decade commonsense will so far prevail as to have all railroads built and owned by and for the government. Canadians are learning their lesson.

Grand Trunk railway officials state their intention of commencing work on their Pacific extension early next spring. Construction gangs will start simultaneously at North Bay, Prince Albert, Edmonton, the Pacific coast and other convenient points. Failing in their raid on the Dominion government for a second C.P.R. graft, the company looks for practical sympathy from British Columbia and hopes for much. They state the mineral resources of the northern part of the province are of little worth without railroad communication, so they submit the natural wealth of the country should be turned over to them. They will never get it. No such monkey work will be tolerated by the people of the province. The day of the Victoria bonus-givers is about over and an era of sounder and healthier politics is at hand.

Professional and careful nursing for weeks on the part of the Prior government could not save to them North Victoria and their candidate went down to defeat before T. W. Paterson to the tune of 43, in the heaviest vote yet recorded in the constituency. Strenuous efforts were put forth to elect Mr. Robertson, the premier and his colleagues in the cabinet thoroughly and systematically canvassing the electorate. Promises and favors were lavishly distributed, but the farmers would not be gulled. They remembered only too well their treatment of last session when they were denied representation in the house and they acted accordingly. The result of the election is a distinct blow to the government, who now find themselves up against the real thing, particularly as West Yale has been lost to them by a fluke. Dissolution is in sight, as the government are in a hopeless minority.

A glance backward through the vista of the past year reveals evidence sufficient to cause the people of this division to take satisfaction in the mining situation. True, the output is a fraction less than in 1901, yet it must be remembered that much of the tonnage for the previous year was taken from the dumps of the Arlington. In 1902 the ore shipped represented the result of bona fide mining during the year. Were the actual output of the Enterprise, as represented by the product of its concentrator, figured upon, it would be found that the mineral won from the ground would approximate 10,000 tons, which is a most substantial record. Active development has placed the Iron Horse, Mabou, Black Prince, Meteor, Ottawa and Republic fairly among the list of mines, with other prospects in a healthy condition, which is a marked advancement over 1901. No failures can be shown for last year, so the demoralized state of the mineral market has had no disastrous effect here. Very few sales have been made during the year, but that has been the experience of every mining camp in British Columbia. Taken all together the development in the camp has been most satisfactory and the prospects for 1903 are by no means dispiriting.

DRILL POINTS.

Old papers for sale at this office.

The public school resumes operations next week.

Christmas day was duly celebrated in true western style.

The express and post offices did a huge business last week.

McCallum & Co. are sporting a new delivery rig of their own.

Less than two weeks to the elections and not a candidate in sight.

The heavy thaw prevented the carnival at the rink last Friday.

Wm. Hunter & Co. of Silverton have sold out to Wilson & Barclay.

New Year's day passed off in a very quiet and uninteresting manner.

Thos. Chew is in Vancouver, puachasing machinery for the big shingle mill.

The mines tributary to Slocan lake last year shipped a little over 9,600 tons.

A. David came down from Sandon on Monday to visit his local establishment.

Tony Long is leaving tomorrow, to spend the balance of the winter at Fernie.

Harry Dempster went to Rossland Tuesday to spend New Year's with his brother.

The Royal Hotel held a Christmas tree for its boarders, each one getting a remembrance.

Born.—In the M. U. General Hospital, on Dec. 29, the wife of Malcolm Cameron, of a son.

Wednesday was the last day for license and householders to get on the municipal voters' list.

Nelson has had 10 candidates pass at the high school entrance examinations out of 12 writing.

J. Frank Collom, managing director of the Arlington, is expected in shortly from San Francisco.

If the ice is favorable there will be a hockey match at the rink tonight between the seniors and juniors.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in Knox church next Sunday, during the morning service.

The annual meeting of the Interior Press Association of British Columbia will be held at Nelson on January 18.

The lower bridge over Slocan river almost collapsed from the weight of the snow. The stringers sprung a foot.

Braces have been strung in the Presbyterian church, the heavy snow having spread the building seven inches.

A car of ore passed through this week from the Fisher Maiden, being the first shipped by that property during the year.

W. T. Shatfoad & Co. are opening a new branch store at Hedley City, in the Similkameen country. The store will be 25x60 feet.

A. R. Bolderston and family and Mrs. Bennett returned from Rossland on Monday, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

The sawmill tug came down Monday evening, bringing the balance of the lumber required in the erection of the new shingle mill here.

George SoRelle, formerly of this place, writes from Valdez for people to stay away, as there is nothing in the camp. It's a transportation boom.

The heavy weight of snow on the roof of the Oddfellows' hall spread the walls eight inches. Strengthening rods were strung across on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. J. Adcock, for four years organist of Knox church, has handed in her resignation, to take effect next Sunday. The congregation will miss her sadly.

There is talk of navigation on the Lower Arrow lake being closed, owing to the low water in the Narrows. In that case the South Kootenay traffic would come through here.

The entertainment and Christmas tree given by the children of Knox church Sunday school was the usual success and the attendance very large. Presents were bestowed in a lavish manner.

A party of townspeople went down to Cedar ranch to spend Christmas. Watson's orchestra was in attendance, led by M. Dixon, and a great time was spent. The visitors returned on Saturday, well pleased with their trip.

Fred Johnson yesterday assumed charge of the Slocan Hotel and is now ready to carry on the business on the same high plane the house has always maintained. Fred has a host of friends and will draw his full share of the trade offering.

MINING RECORDS.

Appended is a complete list of the various records registered at the local registry office, H. P. Christie being mining recorder:

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Certificate of Improvements.

Hamilton, Hamilton Fractional, Jinnie, Toronto, and Blossom Fractional Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan City Mining Division of the West Kootenay District. Where located:—On Springer creek, adjoining the Ottawa mine.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Archie Mainwaring-Johnson, acting as agent for A. Bruce Coleman, Free Miner's Certificate No. B59936, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvement, for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvement.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1902.

ARCHIE MAINWARING-JOHNSON

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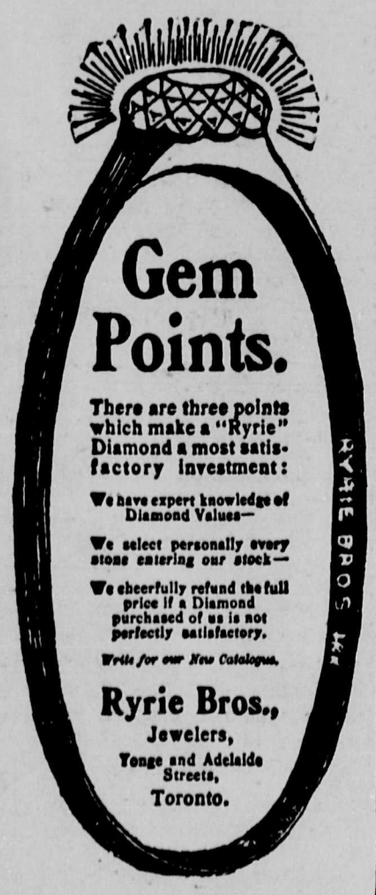

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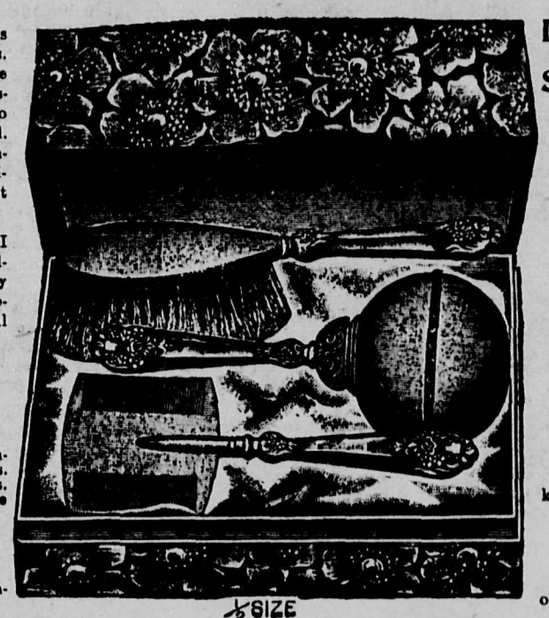

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Dated at Slocan this 10th day of December, 1902.

FRED P. JOHNSON

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SLOCAN — INCORPORATED JUNE 1901

Notice of Nomination for School Trustee

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Slocan, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, Slocan, on the 12th day of January, 1903, from the hour of 12 o'clock noon, till 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing a person to represent them on the School Board as School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of nomination;

And in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be open on the 15th day of January, 1903, at said building, of which everybody is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to vote at the said election shall be such persons as have their names registered as voters on the voters' list of the Municipality of the City of Slocan.

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Slocan this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1902.

R. I. BENTLEY,
Returning Officer

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SLOCAN — INCORPORATED JUNE 1901

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Slocan, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, Slocan, on the 12th day of January, 1903, from the hour of 10 o'clock noon, till 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination;

And in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be open on the 15th day of January, 1903, at said building, of which everybody is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected Mayor of such City at the said election shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and

(a.) Have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of the assessed value, on the last municipal assessment roll, of $1000, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected Aldermen of such City at the said election shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and

(b.) Have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of the assessed value, on the last municipal assessment roll, of $500, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Slocan this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1902.

R. I. BENTLEY,
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Situate in the Slocan City Mining Division of the West Kootenay District. Where located:—In the Arlington basin.

Take notice that I, J. M. McGregor, acting as agent for Thos. Tobin, F.M.C. No. B59727, and H. Cameron, free miner's certificate No. B59795, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant for the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1902.

21-11-02 J. M. McGREGOR.

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