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St. Patrick's Day

On the 17th of March the ladies of the Catholic Church are putting on an entertainment that they are striving to make the best ever. Several of the members of the Dramatic Club are assisting the ladies in making this concert a success by arranging the details and providing talent. Three of its members are producing that good old stand-by, "Box and Cox," the cast being: Cox—Mr R. Fitzgerald; Box—Mr. J. J Atherton; Mrs. Bouncer - Miss B. Moore. All the best talent in the neighbourhood has been secured for the entertainment, and the hall should be packed for Ireland's night of music and mirth.

Mr. Philip Copsey has arrived from Regina, to locate here. Mr. Copsey was the proprietor of the largest market gardening business at Regina, and it is his intention to embark in business here on a large scale. He will first of all clear up the parcel of land that was purchased at the government land sale by C. P. Riel. He thinks that the land he is operating upon is particularly adapted to the raising of celery. He has started to erect a greenhouse on his land, and he is confident that he has struck a good town for marketing his produce.

There has been quite a movement in South African war scrip this week in Creston, the Creston Realty & Timber Co. having purchased several pieces locally and were fortunate in securing some in Spokane. We are requested to say that this company is now paying the highest market price for this scrip.

Dressers and stands, beds, etc., cheap this week at Myers' Furniture Store.

Local land is greatly in demand.

Local Option

Premier McBride has given an answer to the deputation, headed by Rev. Dr. Spencer, which recently interviewed the government in regard to local option. The delegatton had an interview with the executive, February 2nd and made a strong plea for the introduction of legislation which would result in communities being able to decide for themselves whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquor should be permitted in their midst. The leader of the government has informed Dr. Spencer that the question of local option will be submitted to the people in the form of a plebiscite. The date of of the submission and the exact form it will take have not yet been decided upon, and when these details are settled, further advices will be sent to Dr. Spencer.

During the past year P. Burns & Co. report excellent business and have opened up between fifteen and twenty new branches in all parts of B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan, including handsome buildings at Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Regina and other cities.

Couches, cots, etc., and refrigerator reduced in price at Myers' Furniture Store.

Fire is an uncertain quantity. Insure your building before it is too late. We are specialists in that line. The Creston Realty & Timber Co.

Claude Merrill has puachased the building lately occupied by G. W. French and will move it to the front of the street and fit it up as an up-to-date barber shop

McGillivray Greek Coal and Coke Co. Ltd. shares for sale at 25c. A good investment. Apply to Okell & Young

Athletic Club Formed

Creston now has an Athletic Club. In the Mercantile Hall on Tuesday last, a repaesentative gathering of the young men of the town decided to form a club under the caption of the "Creston Athletic Club." Mr. J. J. Atherton was elected to the chair, and he pointed out the object of the proposed organization. Rev. N. E. Read was elected president, and Messrs. Rodgers, Mallandaine, Mead and Rev. Hayman were elected vice-presidents. Mr. Leslie Durno was unanimously elected secretary-treasurer. A committee of five, consisting of Messrs. G. R. Northey, N. Brown, J. Mackie, S. Chapman, and F. C. Corry, were appointed to draft a set of by-laws for the consideration of a general meeting of the club, called for the 19th inst. The club has about $100 to start its expense account.

Church of England

Services in the Mercantile Hall, second Sunday in Lent, March 7th. Matins, Litany and Sermon, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m. Divine Service will be held at the Erickson schoolhouse at 3 p.m. PHILIP C. HAYMAN, Vicar.

The owners of the Dow addition, through their agents, the Creston Realty & Timber Co, have magnanimously donated a building site to the English Church mission upon which to build their proposed church building. Another building site has been offered by Mr. E. Mallandaine, and both offers will be considered by the confraternity at an early date. As soon as the site is decided upon, building operations will be commenced.

Creston is now crying out for new sidewalks. The building of new residences in various parts of the town has created the demand for comfort for the pedestrians.

FOR SALE.—A Howard piano, Chicago built. In first-class condition. Price $300.—Apply Box C., Review office.

The regular meeting of Creston Lodge A. F. & A. M. was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening.

From far and near, in every mail, come enquiries concerning Creston. The Creston Realty & Timber Co. inform us that there is a good demand for land from 5 up to 320 acres.

It has been brought to our notice by a prominent rancher that the time is fast approaching when the people of the town will be thinking of holding their annual celebration. Now the point the rancher makes on behalf of himself and the other ranchers is that it is to be hoped the townspeople will not hold the celebration on July 1st for the very good reason that at that time the berry season is at its height, and the trouble experienced last year in getting the pickers to go back to work after the celebration was too pronounced to court repetition. He says that all the ranchers lost money last year for that reason, and he suggests that the celebration be held May 24th (Victoria Day). The idea is worth pondering over, and we feel no compunction in recommending it for consideration.

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Let us Figure with you on that Building

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Realty and Timber Company Formed in Creston

Further proof of the advancement of Creston is offered in the fact that this week a company has been formed under the name of the Creston Realty & Timber Co., with C. P. Riel as president and G. R. Northey, sec-treasurer.

Mr. C. P. Riel, when possing through Creston in June, 1907, realized the possibilities of the district for fruit growing, and after completing the business on which he was journeying, he came back to Creston in October of that year and started a real estate and fruit land business. He met with success from the beginning, but the advertising that this district received from the Government sale of lands last October, has increased his business to such an extent, that in order to handle it successfully, the above company has been formed.

Mr. G. R. Northey, although a recent comer, arriving here in September last, realized that Creston and district is bound to become the hub of the fruit growing district of West Kootenay, decided to merge his timber and insurance business with that of C. P. Riel, believing that by so doing, better service could be rendered. Mr. Northey is an old resident of this province, having been in West Kootenay for the past seventeen years, and durink that time has seen many changes caused by the march of progress. It is therefore with much satisfaction that we hail him in our midst, for he knows a good thing when he sees it.

The above firm are now preparing a lot of advertising literature, which they purpose sending broadcast over the country, which will have a beneficial effect and will be the means of attracting settlers to our growing district, besides keeping before the public the golden opportunities that exist here.

They wish to thank their patrons for past favors, and trust to see many new new names added to their list, and will endeavour to meet the wishes of their patrons in every way possible.

The Review wishes the Creston Realty and Timber Co. a long and successful life, and hopes that they too, will, like us, eventually reach the goal that we are striving for, "to make a million."

The directors of the Cranbrook Park, Limited, held a large meeting this week and decided upon a race meeting this spring, to be held May 24-25. The officials have opened correspondence with the leading horsemen of Western Canada and the North Western States, and anticipate one of the most successful meetings ever held in this section of the country. Attractive purses will be put up and the horsemen of this vicinity feel confident that there will be a large attendance.

Impressions of a Visitor

Mr. R. W. Northey, who was recently on a visit to his son here, has arrived at Rossland, and to the "Rossland Miner" has the following to say of his impressions of the Creston district:

'Creston, B. C., has incarnated itself and is now making new growth on a higher plane. The old town was built about ten years ago, almost down on the flat, close to the Great Northern railway, which came up the Kootenay river valley from Bonners' Ferry, Idaho, about thirty-five miles south. This old town is a compact little place, and boasts of two hotels, two stores and two livery stables, but as the Great Northern did not go any further and after a few spasmodic trial trips did not go at all, things at Creston began to look blue, as Br'er Lowery would say. And when the C.P.R. came along with its main line from the Crows' Nest to Nelson it did not do a thing to Creston. Moreover the track is on a higher level than the old town, so that it lies imprisoned between the steel rails of the G. N. R. and the C. P. R.

'But, during the past twelve months, a great change has come over the spirit of the scene, and Creston, New Creston, is surely entitled to its place on the map, as a 'town with a future.' New Creston lies on a gentle slope above the railway and separated from the old town by the right of way of the B.C. Southern railway, or, in other words, the C.P.R. When the old town was built this gentle slope was covered with thick timber, which has since been cleared off and now presents the most ideal conditions for fruit growing.

'Yes, it is fruit that holds the destiny of Creston, B. C. Several orchards are already in bearing in close proximity to the town, and I was told that the fruit, especially apples, are par excellence. The Crestonians explain why they are bound to dish the wigs of fruit growers further west thusly: The eastbound train passes through Creston about noon, so that all small fruits, particularly strawberries, can be picked in the morning and arrive in Calgary and other Albertan cities early next morning quite fresh with the dew still on them. Fruit growers further west cannot do that, at least the enthusiastic Crestonian says so, so we will let it go at that.

'What I saw at Creston a few days ago was certainly encouraging. There are about twenty new buildings, some of them not quite completed, a new Methodist church, new bank, new post office, new furniture store and several others: a fine Catholic Church and a large public hall. Among the new buildings projected are a Presbyterian church, several dwelling houses and the schoolhouse, for which the government appropriation is $3,500. There are ninety children of school age in the vicinity and the present population is about 700. Six months ago the Creston Review began its labor of love for the uplifting of humanity, under the capable management of J. J. Atherton, who is pretty well known in West Kootenay as the guiding spirit of the defunct Lardeau Eagle. Br'er Atherton seems to be a desciple of the "Sage of New Denver." His style is very similar.

'There are thousands of acres fit for fruit and hundreds of acres of flat meadows in the big valley south and west of the town, where the Kootenay River runs north to the Kootenay lake. The mountain scenery is fine, the snow clad peaks of Idaho rising sharply against the southern horizon, one peak especially demanding attention on account of its solitude and whiteness and pyramidal form, very like a sugar-loaf of the best white crystallized.

'Fruit is king, and the town that has only mining to make its payroll will soon have to go way back and sit down. If one could look into the future he would see orchards spread over lands now covered by virgin forests. The parting words of my Creston friend were 'We don't need irrigation.''"

A man who signed the Munro Hotel register as F. J. S. Chapman, has been detected as an issuer of worthless cheques. Arriving here one day last week, he gave it out that he was looking for land for settlement upon, and he took an option on a bunch of land, paying the owners (by cheque) $120 as the option price. Having accomplished this and instilled into the minds of his victims confidence as to his solidity, he then proceeded to write cheques, all of which would leave him a piece of change coming, more or less. He tried several business men in town, but he didn't look good to them. He inveigled the Munro Hotel proprietor into cashing a cheque for $20, but Geo. Munro became suspicious and he wired to Cranbrook, where the man said he had an account at one of the banks. All the banks denied knowledge of the man, and Munro immediately wired to Chief Devitt, at Nelson, to keep an eye on the smart guinea Arrived at Nelson, Chapman got busy to raise the wind. He visited Dr. Doherty to be treated for an alleged complaint, and the medico cashed his cheque and handed him the balance. That was where he fell down. The long arm of the law reached out a few hours later and gathered him in. He was tried before magistrate Bullock-Webster at Nelson on Wednesday and sentenced to six months' hard labor.

Just as soon as the snow goes off, the Creston Realty and Timber Co. intends to bring in a large party of settlers from the prairie district. This is the result of an advertising campaign that has been conducted during the winter.

TENDERS FOR CLEARING

Tenders at a price per acre (ready for the plow) for one or more acres on Lots 101 and 129B will be received by the undersigned up to March 15th, at least one acre on each to be cleared by April 15th. For further information, see A. L. Farr, Creston.

W. H. McLean, Minnedosa, Man.

Creston Mercantile Co.

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We are Agents for the Celebrated "Peabodys' Overalls"

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We are here primarily to make a million and incidentally to advertise the resources of the town and district. It is our aim to see that Creston gets a square deal in all matters, and we shall scourge the wicked and canonize boosters. There are no strings on the editor and he alone will dictate our policy and take the medicine. Everybody with the price can take this paper, and nothing extra is charged for reading the ads. Tell us the gossip and the scandal, we need it in our business. Bring in your ads

COMMUNICATIONS.

[The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of his correspondents, nor does he always agree with them.]

To the Editor.

The rapid development that has taken place in Creston has developed a spirit of easy optimism. Under the circumstances this is very natural. The values of wild land have increased fifty-fold. New buildings are constantly going up. New settlers are constantly coming in. The future of the district as a great fruit producing centre is assured, and in all probability other sources of wealth at present unregarded, will be discovered and add greatly to the future prosperity of the place.

But there is another side of the question that now receives but scant consideration and to which I wish to direct attention. Everyone is sure of the future of the place; everyone feels like discounting that future. The counsels of the old time virtues of thrift are forgotten, and after all, thrift is the corner stone of character and well being in an individual, a community, or a nation. And thus it comes about that a host of parasites have descended upon us, greedy as wolves, to devour the contents of our purses. Theatrical companies are constantly making raids on the substance of such as delight in amusements. Dancing clubs are as a pitfall to the hopes of the younger generation. But for a steady tax upon the resources of old and young alike, the ecclesiastical bandits have yet to meet their match.

Creston is not yet self sustaining. It does not produce enough to feed and clothe its inhabitants. It is only through money brought in from the outside that we manage to live. In the course of a very few years, fruit will be shipped from here by the train load and we shall all be in easy street. But that time is not yet. We require all our money to clear the land and plant orchards. Now is precisely the time when we should be careful and saving.

But every night there is a dance or a play, a bazaar or entertainment in aid of some church, and they are all well patronized. Every day lashings of money are spent on luxuries or frivolities which will be absolutely needed before long for necessities.

Where one minister would be ample to satisfy the religious needs of the place, we have four. Every one of them wants a house and a church and he is bound to get it. And if his fancy happens to run to horses and dogs or dry Sundays, he gets them, too. And to supply the wherewithal the ladies form guilds; they pull off concerts and teas; they cook and bake and sew; they go about with subscription lists, and work late and early, and lay awake nights to think up ways and means of providing hay for the four sacred white elephants we have on our hands.

Here are four pastors, each of whom believes he is the sole exclusive agent for the pure and unadulterated brand of salvation. In this 20th century it is high time that a little more common sense was introduced in matters religious. The origin of these doctrinal differences should be more generally known. Our creeds were drawn up and passed by the majority vote of a bunch of bishops some 1500 years ago in councils which were as full of rotten politics as any that ever disgraced Tammany. Festina lente (which means "make haste slowly"), should be our watchword.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR OKELL.

WILD ROSE LODGE NO. 39
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
Creston, B. C.

Meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in Speers' Hall.
F. C. Corry, C. C.
A. E. French, K. of R. & S.
G. Hendren, M. of F.
Visiting brethren cordially invited.

School Report for the Month

Following is the average number of marks for conduct, application to study, and general proficiency of each pupil of the Creston Public school for the month of February, 1909:

SPECIAL MERIT.

SENIOR FOURTH.

Jessie Dow	85
Effie Arrowsmith	85

JUNIOR FOURTH.

Ethel Huscroft	85
Bertha Hurry	85

SENIOR FOURTH.

Effie Arrowsmith	85
Jessie Dow	85
Jenny Cameron	75
Ella Ryckman	75
Marshall Barton	75

JUNIOR FOURTH.

Ethel Huscroft	85
Bertha Hyrry	85
Elsie Hendren	82
Gertie Gilpin	76
Roy Stocks	75
Capitola Hickey	67
Ernest Atherton	65
Russel Leamy	60
John Ryckman	58
Grace Fracy	56

INTERMEDIATE.

Bessie Hurry	80
Hazel Loyst	80
Frank Bamford	75
Andrew Patterson	73
Stanley Hendren	70
Floyd Rogers	66
James Middlemiss	63
Zelda Zilliax	56

SECOND READER

Ella Dow	80
Bert. Arrowsmith	80
Frank Patterson	75
Agnes Middlemiss	70
Olive Gilpin	70
Jennie Nichol	70
Percy Hendren	67
Chas. Leamy	67
John Broderick	61
George Mead	60
Clarence Maxwell	60
Robert Maxwell	60

FIRST READER.

David Quaife	75
Blanche Hendren	75
Bertie Hobden	75
Vera Dickson	75
Agnes Cole	65
Herbert Gobbett	60

SECOND PRIMER.

Vida Gobbett	75
Frances Talarico	75
Philip Hurry	73
Jennie Cole	73
Ella Leamy	73
Iris Hickey	73
Joseph Carver	65
Dorothy Barton	65
Chas. McPeak	60

FIRST PRIMER.

David Dow	75
Willie Wilson	75
Stanley Quaife	70
George Baldry	70
Arthur Hurry	70
Muriel Hobden	65
Agnes McPeak	60
Reggie Atherton	50

JAS. E. KING,
Principal.

The Editor, Creston Review.

Dear Sir,—Whilst a great deal is being said nowadays about installing some kind of fire protection in Creston, I feel it would not be out of place to suggest as a small, but to my mind, a very important beginning, viz.: That the owners of all halls and places of entertainment be asked, for the benefit of those people patronizing the places, as well as the owners themselves, to keep at least six buckets of water with a gunny sack in each, in some position in their halls, easy of access, for instance below the footlights or at the foot of the stage.

In every hall where oil lamps are used, especially as footlights, there is a certain degree of danger from fire, and if a few wet sacks were IMMEDIATELY at hand should a lamp explode or capsize, a serious conflagration might be averted at once. It would also be an additional safeguard if each hall contained two or three hand chemicals hung up on the wall away from exits, where they could be easily reached in the event of fire, as one of these will put out quite a blaze by itself. It is also of course an important item in the fitting up of places of entertainment that all exits open outwards and are kept unlocked during a performance.

It is possible that owners may not feel inclined to take this trouble in protecting their places and also their patrons; but as most of know in a great many of the fires in these kind of buildings, both in the Dominion and the United States, it has been realized afterwards that the great loss of life and property could have been avoided had some kind of simple fire protection been immediately available at the start and the exits properly arranged to avoid crushing. I have had some experience in an up-to-date fire brigade, and the need of protection seems to my mind very evident and should be installed immediately.

Yours truly,
R. O'BRIEN FITZGERALD.

Mr. Henry Hamilton, with his wife, son and daughter, have arrived with their effects from Medicine Hat, where the family have been located for the last ten years, prior to which they were eight years at Maple Creek. The Hamilton ranch was situated near the Cypress hills, and 3,000 sheep, the property of Mr. Hamilton, are now roaming the range. Mr Hamilton has become impressed with the possibilities of the Creston district, and he has disposed of all his interests, with the exception of his stock, at Medicine Hat, and has cast in his lot with us. Two years ago he purchased some land on the Erickson wagon road, and part of this he has had cleared. He has had built a substantial cottage on the land, and he moves into his new home this week. It is the intention of the Hamilton family to go in extensively for horticulture, but a strong line of theirs will be the raising of poultry, to supply the market with eggs. Towards this end, Mr. Hamilton has had shipped in 150 head of poultry, and substantial accommodation has been made for them. In conversation with Mr. Hamilton, he told us that he was induced to sell out at Medicine Hat and come to Creston by an article he read in the Creston Review. He said he read that a fresh egg was a priceless jewel here in the winter time, and he thought there must be something wrong somewhere. He is here now and we welcome him and his family to our town. As far as the market for poultry is concerned, Mr. Hamilton has struck the right spot, for we all love the succulent ova, and we all know that there is money for him if he is there with the goods.

Five piece parlor suits at a bargain at Myers' Furniture Store.

The cast for the first play of the Creston Amateur Dramatic Club is as follows:

Arthur Hummingtop (very much married)	Claude Merrill
Ralph Ormerod (Hummingtop's friend)	R. O'B. Fitzgerald
Joshua Gillibrand (Mrs. Gillibrand's Son)	F. C. Corry
Dobson (Hummingtop's Man-Servant)	A. T. Pemberton
Mrs. Hummingtop (Hummingtop's Wife)	Mrs. Darbyshire
Mrs. Gillibrand (Mrs. Hummingtop's Mother)	Mrs. McPeak
Rosa Columbier (an acrobatic artist)	Mrs. R. Fitzgerald
Daisy Maitland (Hummingtop's ward)	Miss M. Moore
Barbara (Hummingtop's servant)	Mrs. C. Merrill

Rehearsals are now proceeding and future announcements will contain the date of the initial performance.

Creston Hotel

The Leading Hotel of the Fruit Belt

Our Guests Call Again

YOU will make no mistake when you get off the train if you sign the register at the Creston Hotel. Travelling men will substantiate this. We study the comfort of our guests. The rooms are well furnished in a manner up-to-date, and the Bar is stocked second to none in the Province.

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Presbyterian Concert

When the curtain rolled up on Friday last at the Opera House, there was a large audience to witness the performance of the Girls' Guild of the Presbyterian Church. The tickets had sold good, the audience felt good, and the program submitted was good. To Mr, Joe Carver belongs the premier honors of the night. Besides bearing the brunt of the promulgation, he himself was one of the principal performers. and the way in which he held the audience in his amusing antics, both as a quack doctor and the leader of the Pioneer Band, proved conclusively to us that he has been there before. The object of the newly formed Girls' Guild was to supply the wherewithal to secure an organ for the Presbyterian church here and we believe they obtained a good round sum for that purpose. Young Joe Carver, too, made a great hit with his preliminary poem that took in all the topical hits, and he was a thorough chip off the old block. Especial mention is due to the performers in the dialogue, "The Train to Morrow," in which Mrs. T. H. Hickey made a capable Aunt Samantha. Her quaint sayings and her good acting kept the audience in a ripple of laughter. Rev. N. E. Read occupied the chair in a capable manner. The arrival of the Creston Pioneer Band was keenly awaited, and although this was a splendid skit on the real article, the audience roared at the interlude. It was nearly midnight when the curtain was rung down, and all voted the entertainment one of the best ever held in Creston. Another novel feature of the program was the "Shadow Auction Sale," in which the ladies of the guild placed themselves behind the drop curtain and threw their shadows upon it. The audience were allowed to bid on the shadows, and the purchaser had the privilege of taking the bought article to supper. The first lady proved to be a "he." Mr. Fred Corry, disguised as a beautiful young damsel, threw his profile on the curtain, and all the young bucks started to bid furiously The "sold" purchaser joined heartily in the roars of laughter that went against him when the curtain was raised, exposing "Miss" Corry. Later Fred Watson did the same trick, twice, and the same purchaser fell into the mistake both trips.

The program generally was of a high order, and the amount of appearing talent greatly astonished many of the audience. It was as follows:

Pianoforte Duet
Mrs. Darbyshire and Miss Moore.
Prologue "The Guild" Joe Carver, jun.
Song, "A Little Child shall Lead Them" Miss Ella Ryckman.
Instrumental Duet, Flute and Piano, Mr. and Mrs. Ripley.
Recitation, (humorous) "Charge of the Light Brigade," A. T. Pemberton.
Song, "The Bandolero" R. O. FitzGerald.
Piano Solo Mrs. Hyde
Sketch, "The Train to Morrow" Mrs. Hickey, F. Corry, Master J. Carver.
Song, "Hang the Latch Key Out," F. Corry.
Burlesque "The Quack Doctor," Mr. J. Carver.
Instrumental Duet, clarinet and piano, Mr. Northey and Mrs. Riel.
Song, "Starry Night," J. Hartley.
Piano Solo, Miss Hazel Loyst.
Song, "Daddy," N. E. Read
Pianoforte Solo Mrs. P. B. Fowler.
Recitation, "The Last Hymn" obligato by Rev. Read, Miss C. Hickey.
Piano Solo Miss Jennie Cameron
Selection by "Creston Pioneer Band,' Mr. Durno, Mr. Chapman, Mr. F. Watson, Mr. Corry, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Carver, conductor.

Wm. Noble left for Cranbrook to-day to investigate an offer that has been made to him by the C.P.R.

THE MARCH "ROD AND GUN."

Fish and Game Protection work throughout Canada forms a prominent topic in the March issue of Rod and Gun and Motor Sports in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont. In addition to a sketch of the meetings of the North American Fish and Game Protective Association, the organizations of three provinces, also receive attention, while in Ontario it likewise comes in for special treatment. Although so much space is given to this important work of aiding the conservation of Canada's natural resources, sportsmen will not be disappointed in the usual fare provided for them. The Hon. Chas. Scott tells in graphic language of a successful moose hunt in New Brunswick, while the finest hunt of the Wolf River Hunt Club is one no sportsman will read unmoved. An incident of the wolf hunt now in progress in Northern Ontario should not be overlooked, while Dr. Hornaday's Ideals of Sportsmanship will recommend themselves to all. These ideals will be cherished, aimed at and worked up to c not fail to have a marked effect on the future of sport throughout the northern portion of the continent. A description of British Columbia's new game preserve, with many other articles, including a particularly good one on Fur Trading with Indians in the Far North, departments replete with information and a special account of the Hamilton trap shooting tournament make up a number appealing to every lover of the great out-doors and one full of vivid interest to them all.

The little boy was on his knees in his little night dress saying his prayers, and his little sister couldn't resist the temptation to tickle the soles of his feet. He stood it as long as he could, and then said: "Please God, excuse me, while I knock the stuffing out of Nellie."

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Facts About CRESTON.

Climate

The climate of the Creston district is so mild in winter that seldom does the mercury touch zero, and in summer the weather is very warm which is so beneficial for the cultivation and coloring of fruit. Cool evenings, however, are a persistent factor for the enjoyment of repose. The early springs are very favorable for gardening and budding fruit tree. The autumns are very long and the weather is of an ideal Indian summer. Violets and wild strawberries bloom as late as November.

Soil

The soil is an alluvial clay on a clay subsoil. This does not apply, however, to the entire valley, as the lower bench lands are of a black vegetable mould, while the land in the vicinity of Erickson is of a sandy character. Four-fifths of the entire valley is free from stones and gravel. The land is practically level and mostly covered with timber. Fine Government roads are plentiful, one being thirteen miles in length. Soil to suit any kind of vegetation may be secured in this valley.

Moisture

Moisture is plentiful, as it rains every month and is sufficient for bountiful crops of every description.

Products

The famous strawberry fields of Creston have outclassed every district in British Columbia this year for production, quality and prices. In addition to this we raise hay and all kinds of vegetables, apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries, nectarines and grapes as well as all the smaller bush fruits, which grow in abundance

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Markets

While there is a splendid local demand for products, the principal markets for the Creston district are the big centres of the Crows' Nest Pass and all cities as far east as Fort William and Chapleau, and as far north as Athabasca Landing. We are absolutely the closest producing point to the markets, therefore we receive higher prices by reason of our products reaching the markets in shorter time and better in condition than can be done by any other district.

Transportation

Creston is well favored in the matter of transportation. The C. P. R. passenger trains call here twice daily, going east and west. The eastbound passenger and express passes through here at 12.1 p.m. therefore allowing berries and fruits to be picked in the forenoon and shipped in a refrigerator car with no further handling of fruit until the markets are reached. The G. N. runs trains into Creston. The railroads pass through the Creston Valley, and fruit may be loaded at eight points along the line.

Progress

The progress of the Fruit Growing Industry of the district has been very rapid. Five years ago there was 150 fruit trees shipped to the Creston district, while in the spring of 1908 about 48,000 were received at this point. There were also several hundred thousands of strawberry plants and berry bushes shipped in. We have a rural telephone system, which will shortly be connected with Nelson and Cranbrook, it being already connected with Spokane. A system for waterworks and also for generating electric power has been installed at Goat River Falls. Electricity will also aid in opening up some of our large mines. We have a good Graded School with an attendance of 65 pupils, two large general stores, gent's furnishings, Canadian Bank of Commerce, photograph gallery, 3 restaurants, 2 hotels, hardware store, tinshop, jewelry store, 2 barber shops, poolroom, 2 laundries, blacksmith, furniture store, tailor, building contractors, harness and saddlery store and two livery stables. The professional men are a doctor and government surveyor.

The social advantages are, Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, several fraternal lodges and three halls.

Announcement

Messrs. C. P. RIEL and G. R. NORTHEY beg to announce that they have amalgamated their Businesses under the name of the

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With a Local Flavor

Geo. Broderick left town, Monday, on a business trip to Nelson.

The robins are now paying regular visits to the doorstep of Ye Editor.

Ladies! Are you aware that you can get McCall's patterns at Speers' store? You can secure the groundwork for up-to-date fashions.

Wm. Addison, an employee of the Y. C. L., met with a nasty accident recently. Whilst using an axe in the bush he cut through his foot, inflicting severe injuries. He is now in Nelson being surgically treated.

Alf. Cotterill has been removed to the Cranbrook hospital. He has been suffering from an acute attack of pleurisy. The last reports are that he is making progress to recovery.

Cap. Carruthers, the drummer with a pull, glided off the eastbound flyer Tuesday.

Mrs. Cameron gave a party at her residence on Tuesday night in honor of her son, Johnny, who had a birthday to celebrate. He and his juvenile friends had a high old time.

J. J. Grady has returned from a business trip to Spokane. Speaking of the lumbering industry, he says there is a dominating feeling of optimism prevalent, and he has noticed in his travels that all the lumber makers and dealers are hopeful of a good lively demand in the coming spring.

The Qunifo family are about to remove to Sirdar.

The juniors are emulating the example of their elders, and the result is a Junior Dramatic Society. The kids have hired Trombley's hall and have constructed a platform and proscenium. They gave a play "The Two Friends," the other day, and drew quite a large crowd too. The nine artists made enough money to lay in a month's supply of chewing gum.

An official enquiry is to be held at Ottawa, regarding the escape of Bill Miner. This should make interesting reading.

J. R. Mackenzie, representing the Canadian Rubber Co., of Montreal, was here on Monday.

A. Mackintosh, inspector for the Canadian Bank of Commerce, accompanied by H. G. M. Wilson, arrived in town, yesterday.

The Revelstoke Observer says there is something radically wrong in the conducting of the land registry office at Nelson. The Observer is several weeks too late. A change has been made, and H. R. Jorand, the ertswhile mining recorder of Slocan City, now holds the coins at the Nelson office, for which, many thanks! Kicks will now be few and far between.

Creston is bound to become the hub of the Kootenays.

During the past winter Creston has been one of the few "alive" towns of the province.

Intending purchasers of town lots should bear in mind that the real estate men are waiting for April to increase the prices.

Ranchers, here's a pointer: We can now sell you Banwell's wire fencing. Nothing quite as good. Come in and rest its superior merits. S. A. Speers.

Mr. J. Maxwell has received the intimation of the death of his brother's wife, which sad event occurred at Mount Vernon, near Seattle. Mr. Maxwell's brother will shortly arrive in Creston to become a permanent resident.

Buildings are going up all over the townsite.

A nice buffet and some kitchen tables will sell cheap at Myers' Furniture Store.

Jas. Adlard is receiving the commendation of the people in town for the good job he is making of the proscenium, drop curtain and scenery for the new Opera House. Mr. Adlard is showing us that he is an artist with palette and brush.

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Good progress is being made with the rehearsals of the three-act comedy, "Arabian Nights," that is shortly to be produced by the newly formed dramatic club. The first performance of the club is awaited with keen interest by all the people of Creston. The club held its first stage rehearsal yesterday evening.

The time is drawing near when the Erickson Gun Club will begin their program of usefulness and pleasure for the coming season, and we think the time opportune to make a few remarks. In the first place there should be more enthusiasm displayed by our young men in the matter of strengthening British Columbia's "First Line of Defence." We are not deprecating the existing membership roll of the Association, for as a matter of fact there is no town in the Interior that can show so large a membership pro rata for its population. But there are many young men, recent arrivals, who should be told of the objects of such a Civilian Rifle Association and urged upon to accustom themselves in the use of a rifle for national defensive purposes. In the second place there are many old soldiers and reserve men of the British army now in our town who would be of valuable assistance both in teaching the young idea how to shoot and in organization matters, and these men, we are sure, would be only too glad to join the association and give the members the benefit of their accrued knowledge were it but known that the Association is anxious to secure such men.

We understand that a meeting of the Association will be held in the Mercantile Hall on the evening of March 15th at 8 o'clock, and it behooves all patriotic citizens to enrol themselves as members of the club, or at least show their interest in a matter of national importance by being present. The club has just made arrangements for 80,000 rounds of ammunition to be used during the coming season.

Five-piece parlor suite at a bargain at Myers' Furniture Store.

The versatile editor of the Moyie Leader should have a larger field in which to display his knowledge (or is it a gift) of the finesse of press censorship. He should be on either the Golden Times, the New York Clipper, or the Bingville Bugle.

Timothyitis is now a fashionable malady with the ladies of Creston. Three sacks full of the antidote arrived from the Eaton factory, at Winnipeg, one day last week.

A. Mirabelli is erecting a building alongside E. Ryckman's tinsmith shop. He will shortly start a boot and shoe store and cater for a general repair trade.

Cap. Carruthers has severed his connection with Lenz & Leiser, who have gone into voluntary liquidation. Mr. Carruthers is in town looking after his interests in his Duck Creek fruit lands that are now on the market.

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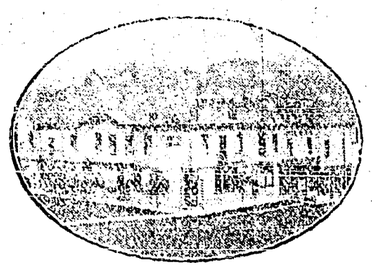

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East Kootenay Game

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It is proposed to place a $25 licence on bear for non-residents, which should be a source of revenue. The reduction of the bag limit for caribou and goat from five to three is also on the tapis.

The East Kootenay will be opened this year in the season. One animal of big game per man will be allowed. This district has been closed for game for five years.

As showing the appreciation of Creston lands, a number of men who recently arrived from Ontario with Swan, Swanson's outfit, this week purchased about 50 acres from the Chas. O. Rodgers Co, in Lot 813

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