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$280,000.00 Value of 1916 Exports of Creston Valley

Livestock and Farm Produce $35,000—Fruits, Honey, Cider, Vegetables $85,000—Lumber, Poles, Posts $160,000—22 Cars Strawberries, 6 Cars Raspberries —47 Cars Apples—3 Tons Honey—2400 gals. Cider

A modest estimate of the value of the exports from the Creston Valley as shown by the shipping returns compiled for the Board of Trade by R. M. Reid for the year 1916, will quite easily reach $280,000.00, which is including $17,000.00 payments for cattle and hogs killed locally, some of which should undoubtedly figure in the exports as well.

Agricultural Exports Gain

Commencing with what we call agricultural exports proper 1916 shows a steady increase in the value of its shipments, with the exception of Horses. Last year the export of these animals fell from 63 to 47 head. In all the other lines there is a marked increase. In Cattle the jump is from 143 to 165 head. The export of Eggs shows a gain of 25 per cent., and the Butter export is also in the same class as to increase, and this despite the fact that 1040 gallons of cream were shipped to the butter factory at Cranbrook during the season. The quantity of Dressed Beef handled locally rose from 80 to 186 carcasses, and Dressed Hogs from 217 to 279. There is also a slight gain to be noted in the output of Live Fowl last year.

In the strictly agricultural department the value of the commodities sold this year is easily $37,000.00, which takes into account $1,700, which is the value placed on the Hides shipped out of Creston.

Great Honey Year

The Valley beekeepers had the best year ever. The quantity of honey gathered is 5600 pounds—almost four times the harvest of 1915, and almost double that of 1914, which was also a grand year for bees.

Lumber Trade Active

In the Lumber industry there is an enormous increase in output. The shipments of Lumber, Posts and Poles for 1916 is 473 cars, as compared with 191 in 1915, and 13 cars in 1914. The manufacture of Fruit Boxes is also away over the year before, the total being almost 80,000 last year as compared with 59,000 in 1915. Not taking into account the fruit boxes at all the lumbering industry in the Creston Valley had an out-of-the-Valley trade of not less than $160,000.00.

$85,000 for Fruit, Etc.

The total export of Fruit and Vegetables last year will run close to 100 carloads, which is three less than in 1915, and an official estimate of the worth of the crop, including Cider and Honey, is $84,0000.0, as compared with $85,000.00 in 1915.

The big falling off is in Tomatoes and Plums. In the former the slump is a matter of 19 carloads, while Plums are down at least two cars. In spite of none too favorable a season Apples went up from 20,871 boxes to 27,800, or from 37 to 48 carloads. Strawberries, thanks to a greatly increased area at Wynndel principally, rose from 11,788 crates to 17,680 crates. There is also an increase in the Raspberry output of about 800 crates. Potatoes show a jump of almost 50 tons, or better than a two-carload increase, though in neither '15 or '16 was the crop in the same class as 1914 when there were 221 tons shipped from Valley points.

All Fruit Shipping Up

In all the other lines of fruit there is a small increase to be noted, Not a very heavy gain, of course, but still a very satisfactory showing when it is remembered that an early-season frost last year played havoc with some of the Cherries and Peaches.

The decrease in Tomatoes is, of course, abnormal. Had the season been an average one a much better showing would have been made, but by no means up to 1915 standard, as the number of plants set out was much smaller than usual. This same observation applies to almost all the vegetables. Prices of late have not been as attractive as in the palmy days of '12 and '13, and the rancher is gradually going out of vegetables in consequence and taking more or less to soft fruits.

Shipping Cream and Cider

While the list of commodities shipped last year is not as long as in 1915, there are at least two new and gratifying features to the '16 menu. These are the exports of Cream to the butter factory at Cranbrook, and an export trade in Cider from a few of the local ranchers which went to 2400 gallons. Of this 1800 gallons were shipped from Jas. Compton's ranch alone.

A Marketing Triumph

A feature to the year that is worth noting is that 1916 saw an export of at least a dozen straight carloads of Strawberries. The bulk of these were from Wynndel, with some crates picked up at Alice Siding, Creston and Erickson to complete the load. Several of these cars went on to the Winnipeg market, arriving in fine shape, and considering their unprepared-for arrival at the tail end of a late season the prices realized were quite satisfactory. In view of the still heavier production of strawberries this year this experiment in shipping to Winnipeg is expected to mean much to the soft fruit industry in the Valley.

Appended is a detailed statement of the shipments for the past year, as well as the figures for the two previous years, which will be found valuable for exact comparisons.

THREE YEARS' SHIPPING

	1914	1915	1916
Strawberries, crates	5,898	11,788	17,680
Raspberries "	3,054	4,522	5,259
Cherries "	575	646	657
Plums "	1,552	5,370	3,525
Peaches "	26	332	330
Gooseberries "	81	230	404
Currants "	620	885	1,097
Ripe Tomatoes "	11,957	13,989	2,998
Green Tomatoes "	2,200	3,979	998
Apples Boxes	16,927	20,871	27,800
Crabapples "	487	1,061	780
Pears "	600	1,097	1,189
Potatoes, tons	221	122	169
Loganberries, crates	25		179
Peppers, pounds	3,660	2,370	1,590
Corn, dozen	3,114	1,959	1,440
Rhubarb, pounds	7,548	4,774	2,080
Cauliflower "	2,060	525	1,580
Lettuce "	430		295
Cabbage "	14,532	27,940	8,890
Green Peas "	1,387	4,074	409
Green Beans "	3,982	2,028	696
Cucumbers "	1,684	1,537	798
Lumber, Posts and Poles, cars	13	191	473
Hides			211
Cattle		143	165
Horses		63	46
Beef, carcasses		80	186
Hogs, dressed		217	279
Honey pounds	3,000	1,500	5,600
Citron, Squash, Pumpkin, Marrow, lbs.	3,701	9,580	11,491
Eggs, doz.		4,204	5,255
Butter, lbs.		400	512
Live Fowl, lbs.		3,015	3,218
Fruit Boxes		58,182	79,437
Cider, gallons			2,400
Cider Vinegar, gallons			300
Cream, Sweet and Sour, gallons			1,040

Bride-Elect Shower

Miss Whitehead of Canyon City, a March bride-elect, was the recipient of what might might be properly termed a union miscellaneous shower on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Cartwright. Erickson, the hostesses for the affair being Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Stocks of Creston, and Mrs. C. Hall of Canyon City. The popularity of the bride-to-be was strikingly attested in the gathering of almost fifty of her lady friends on an afternoon when it was far from pleasant to be astir outdoors. Miss Whitehead was the recipient of bridal remembrances of all sorts from almost one hundred of her Valley friends, the most striking of the lot being the Shower Cook Book, which was a bell-shaped volume embellished with water colors, and containing many dozen recipes, all guaranteed good ones by those working with them, and who, to show their good faith, have attached their signature to them. Miss Whitehead was deeply affected by such a striking testimony to her popularity as the affair indicated, but managed to say a few words in appreciation of the gathering. The hostesses served refreshments at the close and all departed wishing the guest of honor a long and happy married life.

Forestry Draft is Over Half Filled

A great opportunity presents itself to the young men of the Kootenays to serve their king and country by enlisting in the Forestry Draft now being trained for overseas in Creston, under the able command of Capt. E. Mallandaine, who has sacrificed his rank as major and officer commanding the 107th Kootenay Regiment to revert to captain and take command of the Forestry Draft. When men of the stamp of Capt. Mallandaine can leave their large local interests to go overseas with a draft it should be an example to the rank and file of Kootenay men to make some sacrifice in the interests of the cause and country.

Men are wanted for the Forestry Draft who are sound in health, who have had experience in the woods and in the handling of timber. Expert millwrights and lumbermen are specially needed. The Forestry Draft has already half its allotted membership and the privilege of belonging to this corps will be reserved for those who have a knowledge of timber work and are fit. Join now.

Lieut. H. Venus is here and is now second in command. Lieut. McLean is putting men of the Draft through drills morning and afternoon. From present appearances the full strength will be reached at an early date, when the Draft will proceed to the Old Country. A separation allowance is made to all married men and the Patriotic Fund will look after the children. Could there be a finer opportunity for able bodied lumbermen to serve the country under popular officers and with as fine a unit as has left Kootenay to do their bit.

Regimental quartermaster sergeant Lambkin, 107th Kootenay Regiment, joined the draft on Saturday and is on duty at the orderly room.

Pte. Atkinson, C.A.M.C., orderly, from Vancouver, arrived on Tuesday to take charge of the medical department of the Forestry Draft.

Ptes. A. Wilkie, J. Inglis, P. Hurry, W. A. Powne, T. Smith, A Achurch and A. Baxter joined on with the draft on Wednesday. They are all from Fruitvale, B.C. Pte. John Cooper of Wynndel, who has been with the Morrissey guards for some time, reported for duty here on Sunday.

The men of the Draft return thanks to the following ladies for donations this week: Mesdames D. Scott, Ebbutt and Cook, literature; Mesdames S. A. Speers and M. J. Boyd, fruit; Mesdames Crossthwaite, J. W. Hamilton and Lyne, fruit and literature; S. Hatfield, honey; King George Hotel, pickles and fruit; Creston Hotel, Mesdames Forrester and Hayes, and the Red Cross Society, fruit; Chas. Moore, apples. The boys are also indebted to Sergt. Crowe of the 107th for a nice string of fish, especially as they are aware that in an endeavor to land a monster char the sergeant was precipitated into the ice waters of the Goat. Although he made a quick getout of the river Sergt. Stewart reports that Mr. Crowe had both coat pockets filled with fish when he got ashore.

For the convenience of all who make donations of any sort Postmaster Gibbs is opening the shop next the postoffice as a receiving place for any presents of this sort. He guarantees that all parcels left there will be delivered to the armory and duly acknowledged. This is a convenience the ladies will appreciate as it will save them the trip to the soldiers' quarters.

Provincial Police Two Bad Ones

Provincial police Forrester on Monday pulled off a quick capture of a gentleman, one Lee West, from Missouri, wanted for theft of a quantity of wearing apparel belonging to some of the men employed in Deschamps camp near Port Hill.

West drifted in from Idaho on Friday afternoon and was given a job as a woodsman. On Saturday morning, however, he pleaded illness as an excuse for not going to work, but shortly after the men had gone out he proceeded to stock up with a suit of clothes and a couple of outfits of underwear, and then beat it.

The local policeman got word of the theft on Sunday morning and figuring the thief would hit for the C.P.R. he visited Kitchener on Sunday, and discovered West had spent the night in one of the shacks there West seemingly found things to his liking at Kitchener where he remained until Monday and when Forrester came back on the noon train he caught West in the act of starting out on an eastward hike.

The prisoner was up before J.P.'s Watson and Mallandaine on Tuesday and was given six months with hard labor in Nelson jail, to which point he was taken the same day. Provincial police Forrester yesterday received a letter from the Idaho authorities to be on the lookout for a man who got away from the law officers while being taken from Bayview, Idahy, to Stevens County, Wash. Barring a slight discrepancy as to the color of the hair West's descriptioe tallies with that of the wanted-man to a nicety.

L. C. Dixon, alias J. W. Stewart, was up before Magistrates Mallandaine and Watson on Saturday morning on a charge of passing a worthless cheque on a Cranbrook merchant, the charge being laid by Chief of police Hershey of that city, who arrived in Creston the day previous to be at the hearing.

Dixon had been lodged in the Creston lockup on the Thursday evening, having been gathered in for disorderly conduct, and had given his name as Stewart. However, when another prisoner was brought in the following morning as he was going past his cell Dixon complained to Constable Forrester that the new arrival was wearing his hat. Forrester took possession of the hat and on examination discovered it bore the initials "L.D." The incident made the local police officer suspicious of his man and on taking a closer look over Dixon he came to the conclusion that he answered the description of the man wanted at Cranbrook for passing the bad cheque, and the initials in the hat being those of the wanted man the Cranbrook police chief was wired that the fellow he was looking for was here.

Dixon was turned over to the Cranbrook officer who returned with him on Saturday, and at the trial at Cranbrook on Monday Dixon was committed for trial. In the meantime he is at present in the St. Eugene hospital under guard recovering from the effects of a fracas he got the worst of here on Thursday night last.

Two to Come

Five of the seven members of the Central Committee of entertainment for the Forestry Draft have been named in response to the request of the Board of Trade. They are: Farmers' Institute representative, Thos. Goodwin; Board of Trade, C. G Bennett; Women's Institute, Mrs. Forrester; Red Cross, Mrs. Mallandaine; Christ Church Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Bennett. As soon as the Methodist and Presbyterians ladies' aids are heard from united efforts in this direction will be forthcoming. Until the soldiers receive their uniforms it will mostly devolve upon the men's societies to do the entertaining.

Splendid Year for Selling Agency

The most harmonious and all-round satisfactory meeting the Creston Fruit Growers Union has ever had in its history was that of Tuesday afternoon, when the statement and various reports on the 1916 business was up for consideration and adoption. Those in the habit of attending these gatherings, but who were not on hand this year, will get a good idea of how satisfactory everything was when we say that the whole business of the meeting was transacted in less than three hours, and there was not a single complaint on the way the year's business was transacted, and be it said right here that over $40,000 of produce was handled.

W. V. Jackson, president occupied the chair, assisted by J. W. Hamilton, the Union secretary. Mr. Hamilton's financial statement showed that the net earnings of the Union from commissions on sales was $4368.31. And after paying the ranchers in full for everything marketed in 1916, as well as paying every other expense incurred in 1916, the Union finishes the year almost $400 to the good—$386.84 to be exact.

In addition to this good work during the year all back debts to wholesalers and other bills payable, amounting in all to $2100, have been paid and in addition 20 per cent. of the money overdue the ranchers for 1914 and 1915 has also been paid. Of course these three latter payments did not come out of earnings for 1916. The finance for these was obtained on the 5 per cent. levy authorized on all shareholders on the basis of produce sold in 1915.

Shareholders who were previously shouting for sound business management and economy could find little fault with the balance sheet presented. In 1915 a matter of $2,388 is shown for "General Expense." In 1916 the figures under this head are $948. Another item is the "Bad and Doubtful Debts" which in 1915 were put at $1,222, and in 1916 are shown at $146. While our old friend "Rebates" which were $1,661 in 1915 have no place on the 1916 statement at all.

R. B. Staples presented the manager's report, and rather briefly, but very much to the point, reviewed the year's business in every detail. He gave a statement of prices covering 1915 and 1916 selling, some of the prices submitted being:

	1916	1915
Apples No. 1	$1.12	$1.21
" 2	98	1.07
" 3	81	85
Crabapples, No. 1	1.00	78
" 2	75	
Pears, No. 1	1.60	1.16
" 2	1.35	
Strawberries	1.65	2.11
Raspberries	1.94	1.91
Gooseberries	1.60	1.98
Red Currants	1.17	1.90
Black Currants	1.57	2.02
Sweet Cherries	2.25	1.74
Sour Cherries	1.60	1.93
Blackberries	2.45	2.24
Peaches	90	79
Plums	65	45
Ripe Tomatoes	66	45
Green Tomatoes	48	39
Cucumbers	90	61

Dealing with apples particularly Mr. Staples went into the marketing problem thoroughly. From records kept of different cars sold he had no trouble convincing that the high prices were obtained from carloads that had the big per centage of Nos. 1 and 2, proving conclusively that those were the grades that the market, and particularly points on the Crow line wanted. From another set of records he also gave the figures to show that 47 per cent. of those dealing with the Union had done a very large amount of independent selling, and from the limited quaintity sold through the Union the figures were there to show that these independent and part Union shippers had marketed their low grade apples very heavy through the Union and sold, presumably, the better stuff themselves. Mr. Staples all too evident contention was that while shareholders continued to treat the Union that way it was manifestly unfair to those who sold all their produce through the Union, and it was absolutely impossible under those conditions to expect the average price to be as high as it otherwise would be. That Mr. Staples arguments were incontrovertible was evidenced in that his report was adopted without discussion—none of the latter being forthcoming.

To show their approval of their good work last year President Jackson and Vice-President Compton were re-elected to those positions without opposition. Two directors had to be elected to replace Stace Smith and R. B. Staples, whose term had expired. Mr. Smith declined to stand, and in a four-cornered ballot for Messrs. Staples, Long, Constable and Knott the two former were elected, a merited compliment being paid Mr. Staples who secured 49 of the 57 ballots cast. Mr. Long polling 35. The board of directors for this year will be Messrs. Jackson, Compton, Staples, Long, Blinco, Putnam and Jas. Adlard.

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Let's Have It

It is to be hoped that the suggestion the Board of Trade has submitted to the Farmers' and Womens' Institutes, the Red Cross and the ladies organizations of the churches, re a combined and systematic effort to give the men of the Forestry Draft a good time socially during their stay here, will have the favorable and immediate attention of all these organizations.

Just as things are in Creston at present it is going to be up to the soldiers to make very much of their own good time, and with an entire absence of anything in the way of shows, and no other places of public amusement of any sort available—not even a library or reading room—the boys are going to be hard put to spend their spare time with a reasonable degree of pleasure and satisfaction.

This paucity of always-available entertainment should be made up for by collective citizen effort in various directions, and in order that there may be a generous supply of it without it being overdone one week and none at all the week following, it is well that the matter should be directed by a representative central committee.

Of course it must not be taken that the members of this central organization will be responsible for getting upeach separate sociable. If they feel so inclined no one will object to them trying their hand, but our idea is that each of the aforementioned societies, along with the Boord of Trade, should each take their turn and no doubt the friendly rivalry thus engendered will mean that each succeeding affair will be a little better than its predecessors. Doubtless, too, as their stay lengthens the soldiers themselves will be able to put on an evening for the citizens enjoyment.

What is worth doing in this regard is worth doing well, and to ensure a good line of entertainment evenly spread over the Forestry Draft's stay this central committee direction and supervision seems desirable—to us.

The Ferry Again

To move or not to move, that is the question with the Kootenay River ferry, with chances in favor of the move if those directly interested—that is, those living across the river—stick to their work in this matter, and John Keen, M.P.P. makes good on a very positive assurance he has given the residents beyond the Kootenay; something a radical like the member for Kaslo is most like to do.

Here is Mr. Keen's in-black-and-white pledge: "Elicit from the users of the ferry what they want done. If they want the ferry moved then moved it will be; if they want it to stay where it is then it will stay there. This is the only way to treat the question."

There is a very circumspect statement of case, and one worthy of the best traditions of real Liberalism, in that it assures that the wishes of those people shall be respected without the need of an O.K. from any association or association executive.

Our information, which we have every reason to believe correct, is that there are some 22 people who are steady "users of the ferry," and of these 20 have signed the necessary petition asking for its removal.

Besides, some of these 20 have guaranteed to move the ferry to the proposed new location along with the overhead cable, excavate the new approaches and put the whole thing in working shape for a sum that should ensure the change even in these days of failing revenues—in view of the benefits those interested will derive from the removal.

In view of the shorter and better road the change will provide and the very positive assurance we have that the new location is as safe as the old one so far as preventing the Kootenay river from breaking through and flooding and otherwise damaging the tributory lands, and the equally-good guarantee that the cost of change over will consume but a very few hundred dollars, why all this delay in finally settling the ferry problem is beyond us.

In view of his very definite promise, and the very acceptable vote we are told it got him in that section, Mr. Keen's efforts at this session of the legislature in this regard will be watched with interest—and confidence by THE REVIEW; we feel sure the local member will not treat such a positive guarantee as a mere scrap of paper.

Join Up

Now that Creston Board of Trade, which for the last three years has been busy largely to the end that it get free of debt, is square with the world, from now it will be in a position to devote all its energies to promoting the general welfare and development of the Valley.

To achive the maximum of success a greatly enlarged membership is essential. This for two good reasons: A mere handful of workers cannot look after the work devolving upon a live board. There's too much of it for a dozen men to handle thoroughly—and unless such work is well done it were better left untouched. Incidentally, too, increased membership means more finance, something very necessary if much of the board's work is to be well and truly done.

From the tone of the meeting on Tuesday night last if funds are available definite efforts will be made in a number of ways to secure much publicity for the fruits and vegetables Creston Valley has to market, while the usual efficient service in keeping enquirers posted on every conceivable subject that will directly or indirectly help the Valley will be maintained.

Such problems as reclamation, establishment of an experimental farm, improved transportation facilities, and every other matter tending to make the Valley a better and more prosperous community will be tackled as strenuously as the membership will permit of.

In the absence of any municipal organziation the Board of Trade fills a far more important place in the community's life and development than many people really think. If in the past it has not accomplished all the things you would have liked most likely the failure was due to your not being there to bring the matter up and help push it along.

Don't have the same thing keep on occuring. Put in your application for membership and be out at every meeting with your helpful suggestions and a willingness to lend a hand in getting action on your ideas. The $5 invested in annual membership will sooner or later return directly to you bringing many other five spots with it—to say nothing of the satisfaction that will be yours on the score of public service rendered.

Wise and Otherwise

Due to the increasing living costs Cranbrook city council has just given members of the fire brigade a $3 a month raise, and also boosted the city engineers' salary $25 a month. The only way we can explain such a tremendous discripancy in salary increases is that the city engineer finds it absolutely necessary to have fresh eggs for breakfast daily.

Bargain day rates in board of trade memberships is all the rage this year. At Kaslo the annual fee has been cut from $2 to $1—payable four-bits every six months if desired. To make sure of getting some of the thrifty Scotch how would it be to allow a 10 per cent. rebate even on the half-yearly payers provided the money is handed over say a month in advance. If this thing goes much further folks will be inclined to think coppers were introduced into B.C. in order to permit some Kaslo people to contribute to charitable and other purposes.

Citizens who have been pursuing a policy of watchful waiting and hoping against hope there would be nothing doing in the conscription line can breathe easy for another month. Time for returning the National Service cards handed out by local postmasters has been extended to April 1st. While the response to the request to fill out cards has been large there are still a considerable number of people who have not responded. They will be given until April 1 to do so. If the cards are not filled in by that time the commission will consider the necessary steps to be taken to secure the answers.

While we hear from time to time about Britain shortly finding it necessary to take steps to conserve the food supply, there is certainly no compiaint about the quantity or quality of the food served the wounded soldiers in British hospitals. R. Walmsley, whose son, Alex., is laid up wounded in the Tympne Castle hospital in Kent, England, gives the following as the daily menu served them: "We have breakfast at 8 a.m., with porridge, bacon or ham and sometimes eggs, and bread, coffee and jam. Dinner at 1 p.m., with always the best of meat—mutton, beefsteak or pork—potatoes either mashed, boiled or baked and one vegetables, always some sauce on the table to flavor the grub, with dessert of puddings and apple pie. Once we had baked apples and, say, they were good. Tea at 4 p.m. with cake and tea. Supper at 6.30 with cold meats, pickles and cold puddings. At 9.30 we have cocoa and biscuits, which are brought in by the orderlys."

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NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

Fernie is laying in a big stock of ice—shipped from Crowsnest.

Fernie Oddfellows Lodge is investing in $1000 of war bonds.

Golden is operating a farmers' institute with a membership of 25.

The attendance at Grand Forks school is now slightly over the 400 mark.

Silverton is contributing over $1500 a month at present to the Patriotic Fund.

Kaslo council now makes users of electric light pay for the illuminant in advance.

Almost $200,000 of the 1917 taxes at Fernie will be required for school purposes.

Grand Forks creamery made 25 tons of butter and 5000 gallons of ice cream last year.

Thirty families at Cranbrook are receiving assistance from the Patriotic Fund at present.

At Kaslo the Dominion Express Co. has put on a town-delivery of goods shipped through it.

Cranbrook now pays its policemen $100 a month. They work 12 hours. The chief gets $125.

To enable them to keep up with the high cost of living Cranbrook firemen have had their pay raised $3 a month. The city engineer got a raise from $100 to $125.

Wynndel

Ensign Kerr of Cranbrook will take the Presbyterian service in the school house on Sunday afternoon.

Creston callers yesterday were Mrs. Matt. Hagen and Carl Wigen while Mrs. Penson and Paul Hagen were at the metropolis on Tuesday.

Pte. John Cooper, who has transferred from the guards at Morrissey to the Forestry Draft at Creston spent the week-end at his home here.

Miss Mary Terrace, who has been Miss Bathie's guest for the past few days, left for her home in Cranbrook on Sunday.

Mr. A. Parker of Cranbrook was a Wynndel visitor on Saturday returning on Sunday also.

There will be a dance in the clubhouse on Saturday night As Canyon City music has been secured a good time is assured. A good crowd is expected, and all will be made welcome.

Pte. H. Piggott, who has enlisted with the Forestry Battalion at Creston spent Sunday at Wynndel with his sister, Mrs. Rosendale.

Mrs. Penson had the misfortune to break a small bone in her hand while in Creston last Monday. Latest reports are that the injury is not serious and that she is progressing favorably.

Alice Siding

Jas. Compton returned on Sunday from his trip to Victoria. He reports the 1917 session of the B.C. Fruit Growers Association the most successful in its history. He was elected a director of the organization.

Andy Miller is on the rounds again for the B.C. Nurseries and reports a fair demand for trees and small fruit plants.

Earl Pease returned to Canyon City on Monday and is handling a team on the sleigh haul. This week's freshets of snow makes the slipping good again.

BIRTH—On February 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Constable, a son.

The Daily Miner, under the head of "Rossland Twenty Years Ago" had this to say in its Feb. 14th issue: "Victor Carr brought in several sacks of ore from the Norway mine yesterday, which contained a great number of handsome samples some of them free gold. The tunnel is now in 65 feet, and next week the company will put men to work to extend the tunnel another 10 feet."

Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood, who are on the Bartholomew ranch were at Canyon City the latter part of the week looking over a ranch there to which they will possibly move this spring.

Monday's nor'-eastern was just a little too chilly for comfort in travelling, and in consequence school attendance was very light.

Canyon City

Mr. Newby of Valley, Idaho, an elder of the Latter Day Saints Church, was in Canyon City last week. It is likely a branch of that faith will be organized in Canyon City shortly.

G. Powell, of Cranbrook, agent for the Singer sewing machine was here last week drumming up business.

Jack Woods left on Monday for Nelson to commence fitting up the Deschamps mill in that city for the season's operations.

The company is expecting their new caterpillar engine toward the end of the month. Along with it is also coming some heavy trucks for the summer log haul.

A carload of hay was unloaded last week by the Company—the first outside hay to be brought in since last spring.

James Fraser, who served in a Nova Scotia battalion during the Fenian Rid has just received his government grant for services rendered in that connection.

Mrs. Louis Hussack received a wire stating that her mother, Mrs. A. Malcolm of Orillia, had passed away. The sad news came at too late a date to enable Mrs. Hussack to attend the funeral. In their bereavement Mr. and Mrs. Hussack have the sympathy of their many Valley friends.

W. H. T. Smith, who is overseas with the 54th Kootenay Battalion, has just been transferred from the signal corps of that regiment to the Royal Engineers.

Ensign Kerr, a Cranbrook Salvation Army officer, took the Presbyterian service here oo Sunday in place of Rev. R. E. Pow.

Wedding bells are faintly ringing again. The early part of March will hear them chiming merrily.

H. Young, who signed on with the Forestry Draft at Creston a couple of weeks ago, started drill on Monday morning. He has not gone into quarters yet, driving in and out each morning and evening.

F. H. Jackson was a visitor here Sunday, showing a prospective couple his ranch with a view of having them work it this summer.

J. S. Deschamps of Rossland spent the week-end at his lumber camps near Port Hill. He has about 30 men at work, and the ranchers in that section are finding a ready sale for their surplus vegetables, and everything else in the eating line.

John Hobden and F. H. Price have completed the pole-hauling contract they had with the Company, and pulled out for Creston last week.

Although sleighing in some parts is very slim the teams on the Company log haul are still bringing in good loads. In fact in the mildest day last week one of them brought in the biggest load of the winter.

Erickson

Mrs. R. D. Cosson of Victoria, B.C., was a week-end visitor with the Misses Palmer.

Rev. J. S. Mahood was calling on some of his parishoners here on Monday. He is starting the once-a-month Church of England service here next month in the schoolhouse.

Stocks & Jackson are enlarging their ranching operations for 1917. They have leased the Lode ranch for the year, and will thus be able to increase their hay and vegetable crops.

At least two new power sprayers will be operating in this section this season. J. Attwood has one on order, and J. M. Craigie and Geo. Hobden are buying one in partnership.

Truscott Bros. have just completed delivery of a 15-cord wood contract for Canyon City school.

Teddy Haskins has been caught grafting, but not of the political sort, of course. He has been grafting about 200 of his Gano apple trees to bear McIntosh Reds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crisler are Cranbrook visitors this week.

Erickson will furnish the groom for next Valley wedding also. The date is for eatly in March, if our information is correct.

Walter Hall had word from his son, Pte. Billy Hall, that the injury he sustained by a shrapnel wound in the knee about four months ago, has so far recovered that he is again able to take light drill work at the convalescent home in which he is recovering, and is confident he will be back in France for the big drive this spring.

M. R. Palmer met with a very serious accident on Sunday afternoon which resulted in a broken collar bone. While driving Miss Jeanne back to her school at Deer Lodge, and when approaching the Huscroft bridge, the collar on the horse became displaced in such a way as to choke the animal and while struggling to ease itself and before Mr. Palmer could get out of the rig to lend aid the animal threw itself over the bank, injuring Mr. Palmer as mentioned. though Miss Palmer escaped unhurt. He was brought to his home here where Dr. Henderson attended him and is now recovering nicely.

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NOTICE

LAND REGISTRY ACT

In the matter of an application for the issue of duplicate Certificates of Title to Block 125 of Lot 9554 Group 1, Kootenay District, Province of British Columbia, North West ¼ of Block 31 of Lot 892, Group 1, District aforesaid, Map 698A, and Part (10 acres) of Block 100 of said Lot 9554, Group 1.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof duplicates of the Certificates of Title to the above mentioned land in the name of William Alexander McMurtrie, which Certificates are dated the 29th March, 1910, 18th June 1910 and 15th May, 1912 and numbered 12415A, 12877A and 16196A respectively.

Dated at the Land Registry Office at Nelson, B.C., this 9th day of February, 1917.

SAM L. ROE
District Registrar.

Date of first publication, Feb. 16, 1917.

NOTICE

LAND REGISTRY ACT

In the matter of an application for the issue of duplicate Certificates of Title to part (50 feet x 208 71-100 feet) of Block 22, Town of Creston, Province of British Columbia, Map 693A, Part (54,355 feet x 208.71 feet) of said Block 22, and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 4, Dow's Addition in said Town of Creston, Map 851.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof duplicates of the Certificates of Title to the above mentioned land, in the name of Esther White McMurtrie, which Certificates are dated the 7th April, 1910, 25th April, 1910, and 25th May, 1910, and numbered 12459A, 12562A and 12755A respectively.

Dated at the Land Registry Office at Nelson B.C., this 9th day of February 1917.

SAM L. ROE.
District Registrar.

Date of first publication, Feb. 16, 1917.

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Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years renewal for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V. assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY, Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Forestry Draft C.E.F., is now being recruited at Creston, B.C.

All information from O.C. at the Armoury, Creston.

Said little Nellie, one morning after spending most of the night awake as her father and mother and younger brother, Tom, had coughed most all the time, "I have settled it now—

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Local and Personal

A few boxes of eating apples for sale, $1 a box. Call at the ranch.—C. Moore. Creston.

MILCH COWS FOR SALE—Three of them, Holsteins, and all due to come in in a few weeks.—Canyon City Lumber Co., Creston.

Mrs. R. D. Cosson of Victoria, who has been Mrs. F. H. Jackson's guest for the past month, left yesterday for her home at the coast

Dr. Simmons, dentist, of Fernie is spending the week in Creston on a professional visit, and has had a very busy time of it. He returns home the early part of the week.

The pendant donated to the Red Cross by Mrs. Bennett was raffled on Tuesday, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton having the lucky ticket. The drawing netted the funds a matter of $10.60.

Mrs. Jos. Wilson moved into her new residence on her ranch opposite the Edmondson hill the latter part of the week. Up till this year the place has been leased to P. G. Ebbutt.

Lent started on Wednesday, which means Easter will be along on April 8 this year. So far none of the numerous organizations have gaffled Easter Monday for a dance or entertainment of any sort.

Mrs. M. McCarthy left on Monday for Vancovver, where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. Foss, who is not enjoying the best of health at present, though not seriously indisposed we are pleased to state.

Ensign Kerr will give his illustrated lecture on the "Indians of Alaska" in the Auditorium on Saturday night, Feb. 24th, at 8 o'clock. He has given this lecture at various points in the province, and it is well spoken of by various newspapers.

The school trustees are calling for tenders for 10 cords of dry 4 foot wood for immediate delivery, and 20 cords to be delivered during the summer. This was about the most imporant item of business before the board meeting on Monday night.

Creston Methodist Church was taxed to capacity to hold Sunday night's congregation. The usual quota of worshippers was swelled by the attendance of the members of the local lodge Knights of Pythias. Rev. M.W. Laes delivered an address appropriate for such a gathering.

Rev. R. E. Pow was a visitor at Nelson a couple of days this week for a meeting of the Presbytery of Kootenay, of which he is clerk. He has been chosen one of tne two Presbytery delegates to attend the Presbyterian General Assembly which convenes at Montreal in June this year.

Barney Archibald of Salmo and Mr. Mankin of Ymir, both lumbermen, and Geo. Ferguson, a Nelson liveryman, were visitors here yesterday looking over some horses the Canyon City Lumber Co. is ready to part company with now the heavy part of the logging operations are ended

Steps to organize a rural municipality in Creston Valley have taken definite shape. A petition was on hand at the Fruit Growers Union annual meeting on Tuesday praying that a public meeting be called to discuss the matter and organize for taking the vote, and it was generously signed.

Louis J. Larson, whose whereabouts was sought in our last issue, turned up bright and early Monday to see what good luck Provinoial police Forrester had for him. He had been working in T. Ross camp at Canyon. His brother in Spokane wants to get in touch with him in connection with quite a chunk of money that has been left the two boys by a distant relative.

C. O. Quist, who came here in December to take possession of Mrs. Wilson's ranch near the K.V. tracks, which he had purchased, has lately bought a tract of nine acres of the Benney place, thus giving him the regulation ten-acre property. Mr. Quist is from Metiskow, Alta., where up till this year, along with his four sons he has been working two sections of land.

THE REVIEW this week presents the statement of export trade throughout the Valley which R. M. Reid compiles annually for the Creston Board of Trade. It shows a year's turnover of out-of-the-Valley business of $280,000.-00, and dishes up the facts and figures in exceptionally readable fashion. As a piece of publicity for the Valley there is nothing to equal it and the live ones will likely be sending all their friends a copy of it, we trust.

E. C. Hunt, who was in charge of the three-shift apple packing school at Creston last week, left on Sunday for his home in Grand Forks. No diplomas, os course, were issued, but we understand he or another instructor will be back in September to give a few days more final instruction when diplomas will be issued to those whose pack is declared up to standard by the judges handling the Caeston fruit fair.

On Wednesday, March 14th, a mission will begin in Holy Cross Church. Father Lambot, D.D., a graduate of Gregorian University, Rome, and Louvain University, Belgium, will discuss such live questions as "The Labor Problem," "The Infallibility of the Pope." Father McGuire of Cranbrook will speak on "The Necessity of a Guide in Religion," and "Breaking with the Past." The pastor, Father Kennedy, will also be heard. Services will be held morning and evening from March 14th to 18th inclusive.

Lettuce, Bananas and other seasonable fruits at S. A. Speers.

GIRL WANTED—For dining room and upstair work.—Apply King George Hotel, Creston.

F. H. Jackson announces the arrival this week of another shipment of his 55-cent blend of tea, of which he has been out of stock for some days past.

Miss A. Doyle was at home to a gathering of friends at a dance at the King George on Tuesday night, when a very enjoyable evening was spent by all the guests.

The Scotch as well as all the other good people will be made welcome at the St. Patrick's eve dance the band is putting on at the Auditorium on Friday, March 16th.

About 70 of the 125 men required for the Forestry Draft are now drilling at Creston under Lieuts. Venus and McLean. Jos. Heath and Pat Dow are two newest local men to sign on.

This promises to be a rather busy day for the ladies. This afternoon the Willing Workers haxe a 10-cent tea for patriotic purposes, while at night the Valley Conservatives are celebrating with a whist drive in the Auditorium.

The Forestry Draft C.E.F. in training here is now up to better than half strength, about 70 recruits being out on parade yesterday. Lieut. Venus, who is second in command, is now assisting Lieut. McLean with the training.

Rev. R. E. Pow was at Cranbrook taking the services in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The congregation there has extended a call to Rev. H. Wright of Pincher Creek to succeed Rev. W. K. Thomson, recently called to Edmonton, Alta.

The name of Mrs. Thurston was inadvertently omitted from the list of those who will do the social honors at the March meeting of the Women's Institute. The full committee is: Mesdames Thurston, Maxwell, J. W. Hamilton and Forrester.

The initial effort in the way of entertaining the soldiers is under way as we go to press this (Thursday) evening, in the shape of a smoking concert, which the Board of Trade entertainment committee under the leadership of R. S. Bevan is presenting with the board's compliments.

Mrs. Belanger and Mrs. Ben Long acted as conveners at a most successful whist drive in Holy Cross rectory on Shrove Tuesday. Miss Jennie Arrowsmith and Miss Florence Wood won 15 games apiece but on the draw the ladies' prize fell to Miss Wood. J. J. Grady captured the gents prize.

At the Red Cross business meeting on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Mallandaine was unaninoqsly chosen representative on the central committee on soldiers entertainment. It was also decided to again publish the names of those bringing in finished work as well as those donating supplies. This list of contributors will appear in the first issue of THE REVIEW each month in future.

W. V. Jackson had no opposition for the presidency of the Creston Fruit Growers Union, Ltd., at the annual meeting on Tuesday, and Jas. Compton was similarly honored for the position of vice-president. The old board of directors will be in harness this year with the exception of Stace Smith, whose place is taken by R. J. Long. The organization had a turnover of over $40,000 last year, which was the best year in the Union's history, financially in particular.

Tenders for Wood

The Creston Board of School Trustees will receive sealed tenders up to noon Wednesday, February 28th, for the immediate delivery of 10 (ten) Cords of dry, 4-foot Fir or Tamarac stove wood.

Tenders will also be received up till noon Thursday, March 15th, for 20 (twenty) Cords Green Fir or Tamarac 4-foot stove wood, to be delivered during summer,

Lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be addressed to F. H. JACKSON, Secy-Treas., Creston, B.C.

ILLUSTRATED

Popular Lecture

BY

Ensign W. Kerr

ENTITLED

Two Years with the Alaska Indians

Auditorium, Creston

SATURDAY, Feb. 24, 8 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST—The Inside Passage, Cities, Gold Mines, Glaciers, Totem Poles, Indians—the Land of the Midnight Sun.

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