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Forestry Draft to Sail from Halifax

Unless something unforeseen has transpired the members of the Forestry Draft from Creston are now on the broad Atlantic, heading for some point in Britain, per transport Olympic.

Writing on board an I.C.R. train 100 miles east of Montreal on Friday, THE REVIEW correspondent with the 230th Battalion, drops us a note saying, "Left Brockville Thursday night about 10 o'clock. 510 men besides officers. 50 men from Ottawa attached to our Company No. 3."

The only bad news in the brief epistle is that when the men of the local company went before the final medical board on April 25th, Ptes. Herb Gobbert and Phil Hurry were turned down, and it is expected they will return to B.C. Sgt. Stuart was also rejected, but he will undergo an operation at Brockville which is expected to enable him to get over with the next draft of forestry men.

Due to taking 50 more men on to the strength of the company another lot of promotions are announced, as follows:

To be Sergeants—H. Arbuckle and J. S. McHugh.
Corporals—Ptes. Jas. Inglis, Hayes, A. Daye, B. Daye.
Lance Corporals—Pte. E. Apple, White and C. G. Harrison.
Sergeant-Major—J. M. Crookston.

Brockville gave the boys quite a dandy send-off, every man receiving a package of cigarettes, etc. The affair was staged at the Y.M.C.A. building and was attended by the mayor of the city, several of the aldermen, as well as ministers of the several denominations. This was on Tuesday night. The evening previous the Methodist Church people were at home to them, while on the Sabbath the whole battalion was out on church parade.

Speaking of the arrival of THE REVIEW in camp our correspondent writes: "Received REVIEWS last Tuesday. Never saw anything so eagerly read in my life. Boys flocked around each copy like flies around honey. Crookston was reading one aloud with about 20 listening to him, while about ten more were reading another copy out loud for the benefit of another couple of dozen." He adds, in concluding, "Boys all glad to get away. The turned down fellows took it pretty hard. Owing to short stay here none of the boys who had friends in Ontario could get leave to visit them even for a day."

Letters from other members of the Draft are all to the effect that the 125 men from Creston were by far the best looking lot, and added a decided air of forestry ability to the corps—the recruits from the east being the most unlikely looking of the lot.

The militia authorities were not slow in recognizing Capt. Mallandaine's special fitness to have charge of a forestry unit. Word has just come to hand that he has been placed in charge of the 500 men who are en route overseas. Doubtless when the men get into forest operation his practical experience with woodsmen will win for him at least the rank he surrendered when taking command and mobilizing the local draft.

Kitchener

Joe Dubie, another of our quite-old-time citizens pulled out last week for Kimberley, where he hopes to get work in the Sullivan mine.

G. A. Hunt was a Creston caller on Friday, investigating the hay problem. The feed famine that has troubled Creston Valley is beginning to be in evidence here.

The fishing season opened on Tuesday, and if the weather would only brighten up the usual influx of anglers can be looked for.

Teddy Clauson, who left some months ago for Spokane returned the latter part of the month to accept a job at Cranbrook.

Ramona were about quite early last week that construction work on the telephone line through here to Yahk

would commence at once, but so far no activity is in evidence. The wire for it reached Creston last fall.

G. A. Hunt and a couple of helpers are at Kinert this week loading out a few cars of cedar poles.

E. Buckman, who was on the section crew here, has been transferred to the Loop, where he is in charge of a crew working east.

Erickson

Miss Ruby Palmer, who has been on the sick list since Easter week returned to take charge of her school at Coleman, Alta., on Sunday.

The attention of the gentleman looking after the roads is called to a couple of bad washouts at the bottom of the grade between Palmer's and Cartwright's and a similar bit of damage at the spot where the old and the new roads diverge going up to the wrecked new bridge.

The last surprise party of the season materialized on Wednesday evening of last week when quite a gathering of the younger set mostly happened along unawares on Mrs. J. M. Craigie and proceeded to make a real fine night of it with music, games and dancing, with a splendid supper along about midnight.

Penson & Truscott Bros., finished the cleaning up of the Joe Jackson 22 acres here the early part of the week, and everything is in ship shape for the burning next fall. The opening up of this space greatly improves the view east.

Erickson while not to the fore in early poultry hatching claims the Valley record in the line of quantity of hatched chicks to date this season. Jas. Adlard has now close to 350 of this year's birds running around, along with some 250 older ones. He is well equipped to take care of the contract to supply hen fruit to the soldiers sanitarium at Balfour.

Stewart Penson almost parted company with one of the fingers on his left hand while playing with an axe on Saturday last. Although almost cut clean off Dr. Henderson hopes to be able to restore the digit to its old time usefulness barring some temporary stiffness.

John Graham is claiming the honors for early rhubarb marketing this year. He had some of the real not-especially-tended outdoor grown sort to present to his friends the latter part of the week.

Messrs. Putnam and Haskins are out to keep down the high cost of chicken feed this fall. Early this week they were busy sowing a considerable area to wheat.

Valley horsemen are fortunate in having available for service this season the imported Clydesdale stallion, War Paint, the property of R. B. Kennedy, who moved here a few weeks ago from Saskatchewan. War Paint is of exceptionally good breeding and his progeny equally good specimens of horseflesh.

The report of the Erickson school for April shows an average attendance of 20 pupils, with an enrollment of 30, and six pupils making a perfect attendance for the month—Beatrice Dodds, Mabel and Della Warren, Walter Long, Gerald Timmons and Arthur Dew. The class standings are as follows:

Fourth Reader—Mabel Warren, Beatrice Dodds, Walter Long.
Senior Third—Arthur Dew, Gerald Timmons, Junior Third—Dick Penson, Robert Dodds, Aubrey Kemp.

Second Reader—John Dodds, Edwin Staples, James Dodds, Ernest Stinson.
Senior First—Harold Dew, Ivan Staples, Beth Putnam, Maud Botterill, Jean Craigie, Joan Kemp, Mollie Kemp, Junior First—Hilda Harding, Della Warren, First Primer—Annie Botterill, Stuart Penson, Robert Long, Elsie Kennedy.

[In last month's report the REVIEW was in error in placing the mark of Beatrice Dodds ahead of that of Walter Long in Fourth Class standing. The marks obtained were Walter Long 60, Beatrice Dodds 48.

Sirdar

The provincial estimates for the current year just to hand show the usual grant of \$100 for the maintenance of the ferry at Lewis Island.

Rev. J. S. Mahcoe is due here on Tuesday for the usual monthly English Church service.

Tony Pascuzzo was at Creston the latter part of the week, and is apparently out to make a fortune in pork. A couple more young porkers came along for him by freight on Monday.

P. C. White, mail clerk of Medicine Hat, was a visitor at Sirdar on Tuesday for the usual monthly English Church service.

Mr. Truesdale of Calgary, who was here on Monday looking over some mining property he has at Kyskanook had to take a tie pass to Creston on Tuesday in order to transact some business with the deputy mining recorder and catch the noon train east.

Ike Lewis was a visitor at Creston on Monday. His herd of close to 150 head of cattle came through the winter without mishap, although he lost rather a good one on Sunday while the animal was attempting to swim the stream.

Pte. Edgar Wright, whose name appeared on the casualty list about four months ago, suffering from shrapnel wound in the back, is again back on duty with a railway corps according to advice received this week by Mrs. Jones from the militia authorities at Ottawa. Pte. Horace Wright, a brother, who has been overseas almost 18 months has so far escaped unhurt.

Alice Siding

Mr. and Mrs. E. Parker and family of Creston are numbered amongst the elect of Alice Siding. They moved on to the Bartholomew ranch on Monday.

Wedding bells can be heard again in this section Alice Siding is always in the lead.

The first spraying of the season was on Monday, when Stace Smith was trying out his new barrel pump.

A. Pendry has sold his registered Jersey bull to W. V. Jackson, of Erickson.

Strayed, from Andy Sorahl's ranch, a five-tooth horse cultivator. Likely it started out to hunt a better winter range. Anyone knowing its present location will confer a favor by reporting same to W. A. Pease.

Vaccination was the order of the day on Sunday, when O. Sutcliffe inoculated between 50 and 60 head of stock that will run on the flats this season.

A. P. Noble returned to Cranbrook the latter part of the week, but will return in the summer when he proposes to do considerable land clearing on his ranch.

Mr. Seaver of Roseland, who arrived last week with Mrs. Seaver, on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stewart, left on Monday for Pincher Creek, Alta. The new gramophone at the Stewart home is a dandy. If any one doubts this just drop around and listen to it, and be convinced.

Wynndel

O. J. Wigen left on Wednesday on a business trip to Nelson.

Mrs. F. J. May, Mrs. Williams and E. Butterfield were Creston callers on Monday.

Word from Silverton last week announced the arrival of a young son to Mr. and Mrs. Sparkes, the latter part of April.

J. B. Winslow has a crew of men erecting a new bridge across Duck Creek, below the culvert. James Johnston of Creston is superintending the work.

Mrs. J. J. Grady, who has been in St. Paul, Minn., since last September, returned to her home here on Wednesday. She is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Hook, and children.

O. J. Wigen got back the early part of the week from a trip to Calgary in the interests of the Co-Operative Association, and while there signed a contract with the Mutual Brokers to handle the soft fruit crop from Wynndel this season. While there he also placed an order for a carload of glass jars to take care of the output of jam from the canning plant the Association will operate at this point this year.

Another name has been added to the honor roll of Valley boys who have made the supreme sacrifice. Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson received the sad news on Saturday night that their son, William M., had been killed in action at Vimy Ridge, on April 9th. "Billy," as he was commonly known, first did guard duty at Morrissey internment camp. He then joined the 225th Battalion, and went overseas early in November with a draft from that unit, leaving for France on Dec. 30th. He was detained in France until almost March 1st before getting into active service. Billy was a great favorite with all who knew him, and the heartfelt sympathy of all his friends is extended to his bereaved parents.

Canyon City

E. Bergin has cleared and stumped seven acres on his ranch adjoining the lumber yard. He had it ploughed last week, and will put it all in crop.

Quite a large bunch of deer are making their home near the mill this season, and almost any day can be seen grazing in the nearby meadows.

Tom Crawford of Creston was a Sunday visitor here—not for church service, but in company with Dr. Henderson.

I. A. Rhodes, the Company scaler, has leased the Butler house, and expects his family here from Michel the end of the week.

Dr. Rutledge of Cranbrook was here on Sunday on a professional visit to the Company's horses. Although almost 30 animals have been sold this spring, there are still about 50 head on the premises.

The roads are now in fine shape. Engineer Chase has a heavy drag attached behind the caterpillar and making three round trips a day to the Siding the drag has levelled the roads up beautifully. The "cat" is taking about 30,000 feet a day to the cars.

Mrs. E. E. Cartwright and Mrs. Roy Telford of Erickson were social callers with friends here on Friday. The Misses Palmer of the same town were looking up friends on Saturday—a violinist in particular, who will help furnish the music for the dance at Huscroft school to-night.

Several new cases of measles are reported this week; none of them real serious, though the youngsters thus afflicted find them a little inconvenient. The young son of Pte. Hilton Young is having quite a time of it due to bronchial pneumonia developing after the measles had disappeared.

Took 4 Wionins

Magistrates Watson and Craigie handed out a four months' sentence to Alfred W. Picard on Saturday—two months for creating a disturbance at the Creston Hotel the night previous, and two months for having stolen property in his possession. The jail term was inflicted, the prisoner being unable to pay the \$20 and \$25 fines respectively levied on the charges. He was taken into custody by Provincial Police Forrester and the search of his belongings revealed a couple of pairs of boots, one of which was stolen footwear, a pair of which was reported missing during the last night the Forestry Draft was here. The prisoner was taken to Nelson jail on Saturday afternoon.

Mutual Brokes to Sell All Berries

Not for at least four seasons back has the outlook for a reasonably prosperous season for the soft fruit growers been quite so optimistic as at present. While the season so far has been more backward than hitherto the weather now seems to have taken the proper turn and if it is maintained throughout the month there is good reason to look for the first crates of berries to be moving eastward very shortly after mid-June. The plants have wintered well, and just now give evidence of at least a normal yield given normal weather conditions.

On the marketing end prospects are the very best. O. J. Wigen of the Co-Operative Fruit Growers Association, Wynndel, returned on Sunday from Calgary, where he successfully adjusted some little details in the contract with the Mutual Brokers, and forthwith signed the same. The coming in of the Wynndel growers makes the Mutual Brokers selling agents for every soft fruit selling section in British Columbia—Gordon Head and Mission-Hatsic having closed with them earlier in the season.

This will give the Mutual Brokers an estimated crop of soft fruit from B.C. alone of some 80 carloads. To handle this expeditiously a co-operative arrangement has been made between the Brokers and the other reliable fruit houses whereby the supply of berries will be available so far as possible to every wholesale concern on the prairies, thus eliminating any unnecessary importation of U.S. berries to keep the wholesale trade supplied, as well as making possible an arrangement for a standard selling price.

Another eminently satisfactory arrangement that the Mutual Brokers have entered into with both Wynndel and Creston is that wherever it is possible to ship from either of these Valley points by express direct to the retailer shipment will be made that way. With the wholesale house representatives covering the territory regularly sending their soft fruit orders direct to Creston and Wynndel to be filled it is reasonable to expect that a very large business will be done by these express shipments, on which the price is noticeably higher than the stuff that goes out in car lots and has to be re-shipped from the warehouse. On these express shipments the middleman is cut out, the fruit going from here direct to the retailer, and the grower paid on the f.o.b. price at Valley shipping point.

Contracts in the Union's hands at present show an estimated yield of strawberries of close to 6,500 crates, with still a few more growers to come along, which should bring the output almost to 7000 crates. Reed & Mather are looking for almost 800 crates this year, and will be the biggest exporter out of Creston. Others who have contracted with the Union and have estimated their crop to run from 350 to 500 crates—and have ordered that number of crates to ship them in are Guy Constable, Hyguns & VanAckeran, W. A. Pease, Dad Baines, R. Stewart, R. Hood, R. Stark, and John Blinco—who is looking after the berries on the Keddell place.

Even the optimists are holding back any predictions on their raspberry crop, but orders for crates already in would make an estimate of 3,500 crates look reasonable. Messrs. Hood, Pease and Reed & Mather, along with W. V. Jackson and Palmer and Harding will be among the heaviest Union shippers this season if conditions are at all normal.

At Wynndel there will be at least 15,000 crates of strawberries, but little, if any, of what might be called second grade berries will be shipped. The Co-Operative Association are putting in a small jam plant to preserve at least the fruit that is not in real good shipping condition.

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Softly whistling to himself he then placed all the letters, those given him by his wife and the two he had just acquired, safely into his coat pocket, locked up his desk, turned out the light, and went out of the room.

Lurking in the hall he found Fenner, who tried to steal away unseen when he caught sight of his master. But the baronet called him, and, when the butler had answered the summons, placed down hand kindly on his shoulder.

"Fenner," said Sir Penywern in a voice shaken with feeling, "you have suffered on our account lately, haven't you?"

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The butler stared. At first he was almost ready to resent the imputation that he could have taken such a liberty. But when he noticed the change which had come over his master's whole demeanor, how the weight of care seemed suddenly to have been lifted from his shoulders, he succeeded in raising a deprecating smile.

"Things going better, Sir Penywern?" he ventured to ask.

"Not only going better, Fenner, they are going downright well. We've run to earth the foe that did all the damage, and tomorrow morning, or not much later, you shall be present at the 'kill.'"

Then it occurred to him that there was something terribly suggestive of the actual facts in those last words, and he hastened to say: "I mean, Fenner, that the rascal who has been the cause of all the annoyance we have been put to lately, the man who killed poor Rathbone, will be brought to justice."

"Indeed I'm very glad to hear it, Sir Penywern, for I'm sure a greater scoundrel never trod shoeleather," replied the butler heartily.

"Or a cleverer," added Sir Penywern significantly, as the butler, rather distressed that his master should even allow the credit of intelligence to a villain, shook his head slightly with a deprecating movement.

Sir Penywern hastened upstairs, and found Daphne in her white dressing-gown, waiting for him in the doorway of the early Victorian chamber. "Oh, what is it? Has anything else dreadful happened? I heard you talking, and I came out to see what it was," began she, as her husband approached her.

Then she became aware that there was a great change in him, and she sprang forward and said:

"What is it? Oh, what is it? Something happened—to—to make you glad? It's not—Oh, nothing has happened to him, has there?"

She faltered out these words while her husband led her gently back into the room and shut the door.

"Something," said he, in a voice that shook with his emotion, "something has happened to make me sorry too. Sorry that I was ever led to think that my wife, my poor beautiful wife, was deceiving me, and telling me untruths, when it was all the while, as I might have known, a clever rascal who was tricking her as well as me at every turn."

She burst into tears, she hardly knew why, for as yet she had learnt nothing. All she was conscious of was a change in her husband's attitude towards herself, a loving, sorrowful yearning sort of deference, as if he did not know how to atone to her for the doubts of her truthfulness which had been artfully instilled into his mind.

"What is it? Won't you tell me? I'm all—bewildered, puzzled. I don't understand," stammered she between her sobs.

He clasped her in his arms and looked down with eyes full of yearning tenderness into her face.

"Come here and I'll tell you, show you," said he, as he made her sit down beside him on the sofa, and drawing her close to him, began his account of the discoveries of the evening.

"I've been down into Dutton," he said, "to the lodging of the man who came to the drawing-room window tonight."

"And did you see—anyone else?"

"No," said he softly. "I saw no one else."

She looked half satisfied, half uneasy.

"But," she looked round her, and then whispered, scarcely uttering the words: "My father."

"Show me his portrait, if you have one," said Sir Penywern suddenly.

Daphne stared at him in astonishment, but then rose, crossed the room to an old-fashioned school desk which she treasured as one of her dead mother's possessions, and took out an old miniature in a tarnished locket. Her husband took it from her, but did not for the first moment look at it. Instead, he appeared to be absorbed in contemplation of the desk itself.

"Was it in this desk," he asked abruptly, "that you kept your father's letters?"

"Yes," replied Daphne, perplexed by his earnestness.

To her surprise, he gave vent to a sort of triumphant chuckle.

"That's it, that's it, of course," he muttered, and his eyes began to blaze with the excitement of a fresh discovery.

"Do tell me what you mean," faltered poor Daphne, more than ever bewildered by her husband's behavior.

"I will, I will," said he. "And first," he went on, laying one hand tenderly on her shoulder, "I will set your mind at rest, my darling, about your father. He is safe, quite safe—"

She heaved a sigh of relief. He went on slowly, "Safe in his grave."

A cry broke from her lips, a cry of mingled amazement and relief. Perhaps as her husband uttered those

words an inkling of the truth flashed upon her keenly excited mind.

"In—his—grave!" she echoed hoarsely. "Then how—"

She paused, and then turned upon him sharply, her breast heaving, her eyes alight with excitement. "What do you mean?"

"You have been victimized by one of the cleverest and boldest scoundrels—and forgers," he laid stress upon this word, "that has ever lived."

"Forgers!" faltered she, beginning to see what was coming.

Sir Penywern whipped out of his pocket the letters which she had entrusted to him, and making a sign to her to follow him, laid them out upon the side-table where he desk was, and a few of her favorite books.

"Look at this one," said he, as he picked out of the first batch of letters, those from her father to her mother, one, which he held under her eyes. "Look at it carefully."

She did so, staring at it, and bending her head to intimate that she was obeying him.

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"And now," said he, taking out of his pocket the second of the letters which he had found at Webbing's lodging, the one which was complete, but which he had not read until he reached the Hall, "look at that."

Daphne obeyed again, and at the end of half a dozen lines a stifled exclamation showed that she had noted what he wished her to observe.

"They are exactly the same," she said in a frightened whisper. "What does it mean?"

"It means," explained her husband, "that this Webbing, being evidently a very clever copyist of other people's handwriting, got possession of your letters, those from your father to your mother, copied one of them as a model for himself before allowing them to be restored to your keeping, and that he has been working on your feelings and filling his own pocket ever since by writing letters purporting to be from your father to you, all cleverly based upon the knowledge he had obtained of your father's circumstances and—of his handwriting and modes of expression."

But Daphne could not take it in. She shook her head.

"It is not possible," she murmured.

"You will understand it all by and by," said he gently. "There is a great deal more to be explained, but I believe I have succeeded in making out the whole thing, bit by bit, piecing the different circumstances together like the parts of a puzzle."

But already she was beginning to understand. Then one outstanding question rose to her lips.

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To Exempt Soldiers From Taxes

By an amendment which was agreed upon in the Saskatchewan legislature provision is made at once in the Rural Municipality Act whereby all Saskatchewan persons who have joined, as volunteers or reservists, the forces of His Majesty or any of the Allies of Great Britain, for overseas service in the present war, shall be exempt from all taxation of their land up to half a section.



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There can be strong economic and military alliances between countries, these alliances being arranged by the respective governments, the benefits fully appreciated by the peoples, and a mutual understanding existing between these individuals who are able to communicate with each other.

A perfect alliance between two nations, if such a thing is possible, means that the people of each nation are able to visualize the habit of thought of the other, this not applying to the few that are particularly well informed, but to all farmers, workmen and business men, as well as scholars, diplomats or social cosmopolites.

Between America and England, therefore, exists a bond like that between no other two great countries in the world, with the exception of Germany and Austria, and the closeness of the alliance between these two countries is tribute to the binding power of a mutual tongue. This point of sympathetic contact acts in every way to bring about a good understanding.—From the London Daily Chronicle.

Care of Eggs for Hatching

Eggs for hatching purposes should not be held over ten days. The fresher they are when put in the incubator, the better. They need to be gathered often to prevent chilling in the nests. A mixture of various sizes and shapes is a sure guarantee of indifferent results. Dirty eggs also are to be avoided, as the pores in the shell of such eggs are closed up, thus preventing proper entrance of fresh air or the escape of gases from the eggs. Washing and drying with a cloth destroys the cuticle of an egg, and permits too rapid evaporation of its moisture.

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The wheat crop of Western Canada, says the Winnipeg Telegram, has proven to be some thirty per cent. larger than was originally estimated by the crop experts. The crop was placed at from 170,000,000 to 180,000,000 bushels, but it will run about 225,000,000 bushels. At \$1.50 per bushel (which is less than the current market price) it means that the western wheat crop is worth some \$75,000,000 more than was anticipated.

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Constipation is one of the most common ailments of childhood and the child suffering from it cannot thrive. To keep the little one well the bowels must be kept regular and the stomach sweet. To do this nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets. Concerning them Mrs. Romain Poirier, Mazonette, N. B., says: "My baby suffered from constipation but thanks to Baby's Own Tablets he is perfectly well again." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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The provincial department of railways of Saskatchewan reports that from the year 1905 to 1915 the mileage of railways in the province increased from 1,551 to 6,101.

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Larger Root Production in Manitoba

The province of Manitoba produced in 1916 9,080,602 bushels of potatoes and 3,849,132 bushels of other roots. This was 1,300,000 bushels of potatoes more than in 1915 and 700,000 bushels more of other roots. The average production increased 31 and 28 bushels per acre respectively.

The Farmers' Era Arrives

Governments Trying to Get on the Good Side of the Land Tiller

According to the evidences of the naked eye there is a wild scramble by all governments of Canada to get on the good side of the farmers. Which must cause chuckles among our friends in the country who have vivid recollections of the days when the powers scorned their intelligence and influence. It is being borne in upon the leaders of Canada that this is a country that is dependent for its greatest wealth production upon its agriculture. Hence those who produce this great wealth must be respected. And further, legislation, that will put the farming class on a par with the banking, manufacturing and transportation classes in the matter of rights and benefits is being enacted with more haste than decorum. Truly it is a great day for the farmer.—Calgary News-Telegram.

Teacher Has Not Lost One Day In A Year

MRS. ROGER GIVES CREDIT TO DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

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Elm Tree, Gloucester, Co., N. B., (Special)—Mrs. Jos. Roger, the popular teacher here, is fully recovered from a long siege of sciatica, neuralgia, and other troubles resulting from diseased kidneys and has made a statement in which she gives Dodd's Kidney Pills all the credit for her cure.

"My trouble came from a strain," Mrs. Roger states, "and I suffered for thirteen months. Backache, heart flutterings, sciatica, neuralgia, dizziness and failing memory were among my symptoms. When the doctor I consulted failed to do me any lasting good I decided that my kidneys were the root of my troubles and decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I took twelve boxes in all and you may judge of the results when I tell you that I have not lost a day's work as teacher in the last year."

"I can say that Dodd's Kidney Pills have done all for me that was claimed for them."

Others of Mrs. Rogers symptoms were nervousness, that tired feeling, irritability and a dry harsh skin that itched and burned at night. They all came from diseased kidneys and all vanished when she used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Needn't Wait To Be Forced

Daylight saving is again suggested and as a means of giving more time for work in vegetable gardens. But people need not wait for laws; they can be a law unto themselves in this matter.—Kingston Standard.

The Oil for the Farmer.—A bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the farm house will save many a journey for the doctor. It is not only good for the children when taken with cold and croup, and for the mature who suffer from pains and aches, but there are directions for its use on sick cattle. There should always be a bottle of it in the house.

Way to Bat High Prices

Here's New England thrift for you. A man living at Gloucester, Mass., advertised in a local paper that he would give \$5 for the best specimen potato sent him during a certain period. Despite the present value of tubers, fine specimens came in every day, until at the close of the contest he had six barrels of choice potatoes—all for \$5.

Invents Apparatus To Destroy Subs.

Wonderful Claims are Made for a Pittsburg Man's Discovery

Theodore Eichholz a young engineer and architect of Pittsburg, has invented a wireless device that may be used to destroy submarines by causing an explosion of gases that are always present in submersibles. For several years the inventor was connected with the United States Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Eichholz stated that a few days ago a small experimental apparatus in his home on Neville Island sunk a small "dummy" submarine in the Ohio River five miles away. The destroyed model was built of steel and had been submerged to a depth of ten feet.

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Thomas—Yes, sir, F-U-R.

Teacher—That's right. Now can you tell me what fur is?

Thomas—Yes, sir. Fur is an awful long way.—Cornell Widow.

Could Hardly Live for Asthma.

Writes one man who after years of suffering has found complete relief through Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. Now he knows how needless has been his suffering. This matchless remedy gives sure help to all afflicted with asthma. Inhaled as smoke or vapor it brings the help so long needed. Every dealer has it or can get it for you from his wholesaler.

Where Are They?

The man who had made a huge fortune was speaking a few words to a number of students at a business class. Of course, the main theme of his address was himself.

"All my success in life, all my tremendous financial prestige," he said proudly, "I owe to one thing alone—pluck, pluck, pluck!"

He made an impressive pause here but the effect was ruined by one student, who asked impressively:

"Yes, sir; but how are we to find the right people to pluck?"

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Few people realize what a serious disease Catarrh really is. If neglected the damage it does is often irreparable. Deafness, Lung troubles and Head Noises that drive the sufferer nearly frantic are invariably due to this insidious disease. Don't neglect Catarrh! Don't let it make you into a worn-out, run-down Catarrh wreck. What is Catarrh today may soon be something far more serious. Remember it is more than a trifling ailment—more than a disgusting disease. It's a dangerous one. Unchecked it frequently destroys smell, taste, hearing and slowly but surely undermines the general health. But why suffer and take chances? Secure from your druggist 1 ounce Parmint (double strength), take this home and add to it a quarter pint of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar, stir until dissolved. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day.

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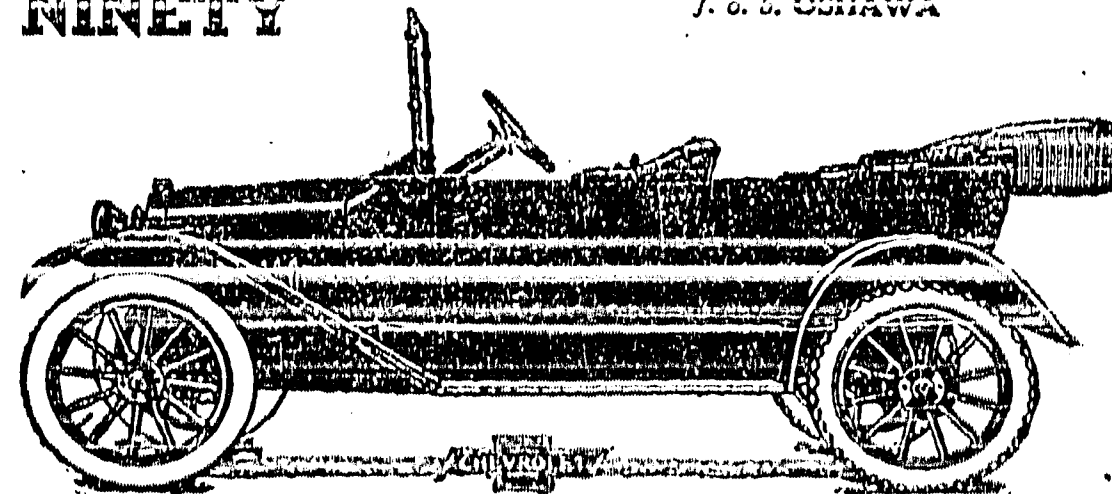
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Berry Pickers

Now that the weather has taken a turn for the better the next serious trouble the soft fruit grower has to face is the supply of berry pickers.

Last season there was a shortage of some consequence in this direction, and with 1917 promising a 20 per cent. greater crop, particularly of strawberries, it is at once apparent that quite a number of pickers will have to be secured at outside points, or some system worked out so that the local supply of this class of labor can be readily distributed where most needed from time to time throughout the season.

Those directly interested tell us that the number of pickers to be had in the Valley will never be able to handle the work, particularly if the season is short; which at present seems probable.

The next question, then, is where is the extra help to be had, and what system to adopt to handle these people once they are got in touch with to ensure their coming, to see that they are comfortably provided for during their stay, and are given sufficient employment while here to have made the journey worth while. And, above all, to see to it that wages are promptly paid—to say nothing of providing a little money in advance in case some of those willing to come are not financially able to take care of railway fares.

In this latter detail it is more than likely reduced fares can be arranged, for the return trip in particular, provided the pickers can produce evidence that they have worked so many days or picked so many crates during their stay in the Valley.

In the matter of accommodating the pickers from outside points it would look to be up to the individual rancher to board and provide sleeping quarters at a very nominal charge. This will be a bit inconvenient for some maybe, but at that it is hardly fair to expect people coming in under these circumstances to hustle for themselves in the matter of sleeps and eats.

Just preliminary like it would be well to have a get together of the soft fruit men to find out about how much help will be required, and if all interested turn up it should be possible to arrange so that those cramped for room could have the services of local pickers, while those more fortunately situated could take care of the help it will be necessary to bring in.

And in other directions doubtless neighbors could arrange to co-operate so that insofar as possible if one of them needed a little extra help to-day the fellow whose picking was light that particular day would transfer such of his help as he could spare to take care of the rush in the nearby patch.

Those growers who are shipping through selling agencies may be able to arrange for such agency to pay such monies as may be due for picking or advancing railway fares and hold it out of money due the rancher for fruit sold. The selling agency, too, might be utilized as a distributing agent for pickers from day to day, provided the growers will take the trouble to advise when extra help will be wanted, or when their supply of help is too great for the work in sight.

Undoubtedly there will be trouble due to incompetent pickers, and in

case of railway fares advanced some slight loss sustained—but if the individual ranchers will really co-operate both in the matter of distributing help and in promptly notifying the central authority as to undesirable help, rather than letting such move on to another ranch to cause similar disappointment, this year's berry crop can be readily taken care of. But the time is short, and immediate action therefore desirable.

1917 Selling

The decision of Creston Fruit Growers Union to this season have those who wish to avail themselves of the services of the Union sign contracts binding the grower to sell all his (1) Berries and Small Fruits; (2) Tree Fruits and Tomatoes; (3) Vegetables; (4) Potatoes (or all of any one or more of these commodities) through the Union, or subject to their approval, has brought the question of independently selling these lines very much to the front.

With the Valley's output in these lines this year certain to be over the \$100,000.00 mark it is useless to think of universal independent selling. And in view of seeming irrefutable evidence produced at the annual meeting of the Union it is all too painfully apparent that this contract system or something even more drastic had to be resorted to to keep the Union in business—and many of the growers, too.

This little dissertation, however, is not on behalf of the Union or any other selling agency, old or new, but rather an appeal for a sane, unsentimental canvass of the whole selling proposition. The cost of living is going up steadily every month and to cope with such a situation the accumulation of every dollar possible must be the prime consideration—with due regard always to the axiom that honesty is the best policy, of course (in packing fruit as well as in other details).

In selling fruit, as in other lines, the prime consideration is not of necessity the price altogether, so much as when you will be paid that price. And in the matter of prices obtainable the spread can never be very great, for the simple reason that the buyer is as keen to purchase on the lowest market as the buyer is to sell on the highest.

Of course the independent shipper saving selling agency commission, but if he is selling any quantity of stuff personally if considering the time he has to spend in correspondence adjusting details that are inevitable, particularly with produce arriving in bad shape, collecting, etc., we doubt very much if when prices are averaged up if the independent seller this season will be in quite as good a position as the agency seller.

We use the term "this season" advisedly because heretofore the independent invariably sold his very best produce himself and turned his second class over to the Union; in 1917 he will not be quite so fortunate if he goes it alone.

The fellow who is still halting between opinions as to which selling plan to adopt should look very carefully into the bona fides and financial standing of the concerns through whom the local agencies will market such of the crop as comes their way this year.

Mistakes have been made in this direction in the past but it does not follow that similar error has been made this season. It's a long lane that has no turning, and don't let any sentimentality of any sort lead you into concluding that any selling emporium on the prairie will do better for you than its rival, save and except those that have

the financial standing. These people are all selling onto the same

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and everything else of that sort. These are from one of the best makers of this ware, and in addition to giving long service, it is pleasing to look at—and the price is right.

We have also taken into stock staple articles such as GALVANIZED PAILS, WASHTUBS, &c. While these goods have all been steadily advancing in cost, our prices will be found little higher than formerly.

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market, and if one firm finds collections slow and fruit hard to dispose of its morally certain all the other fellows will be up against the same trouble, and unless there is a considerable bank account to operate with somebody will have to wait for his money—and the waiter will assuredly be the grower.

And don't run away with the idea, either, that THE REVIEW is selfishly interested in maintaining existing selling conditions. In a dollar and cents way we would be very much busier if there were a couple of dozen selling concerns in that there would be that much greater demand for stationery both in the selling as well as inducing clients to market through them.

This is a year when Valley people will require top prices for everything they have to sell and the surest way to encompass this is to have as few as possible selling from the Valley—thus the better ensuring the maintenance of a standard price for Creston products, eliminating as far as possible all price-cutting and the consequent breaking of the market—the inevitable result of indiscriminate and uncontrolled marketing.

About Spuds

Anticipating a rush to get into the potato-growing business this year the horticultural department is taking every precaution to see to it that the thing is not overdone at the expense of the industry itself.

Owing to the high price of any sort of potatoes, and particularly of the better sort for seed purposes, there is grave danger that most anything will be utilized for planting the new crop—and with very disastrous effect according to the experts.

On last year's acreage and yields we are told the 1917 crop in B.C. is like to be about 35,000 tons (2,000 carloads) greater than the province needs for home use, and this surplus must be shipped out or evaporated. A lot of it must be shipped out. Only practically clean stock can be exported to the United States or Australia, and even to the other provinces it is very undesirable to ship scabby or otherwise diseased potatoes, so that a lot of poor stuff will remain in the province, lowering the prices of the home consumed and evaporated stock.

While, doubtless, the authorities in this line at Victoria are enunciating a very great economic truth

we fear for its serious and tangible consideration. In these parts the notion is pretty general that owing to high grain prices the potato crop on the prairie will be lighter than last season, that any increased area in Irish apples this year will be fully justified, and that spuds will be spuds at a good price, regardless of how the experts may choose to consider them as to quality.

In addition to good seed, the land wherein it is sown is an important factor. The best place for potatoes is following clover or alfalfa, and, next to that new land.

NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

The Kootenayan claims Kaslo's Chinese population is increasing rapidly of late.

J. W. Rutledge, the local vet., has just been appointed milk inspector at Cranbrook.

In lieu of mineral tax, Greenwood gets \$1000; Phoenix \$45,005, and Rossland \$12,000.

A Red Cross sock day at Trail last week brought in precisely 1,012 pairs of footwear.

This year the Grand Forks and Greenwood ridings each get \$10,700 for road work.

Silverton now boasts an auto. The livery barn there has added a Ford to its equipment.

W. H. Essie has just been appointed city engineer at Cranbrook at a salary of \$120 per month.

Cranbrook residents will pay taxes on a levy of 30 mills this year. In 1916 the figure was 31.

The new opera house now under construction at Trail will seat 582 people and will cost \$15,000.

Murdoch McLean of New Denver, former road superintendent, is succeeded by J. Morrison of Nakusp.

Fernie council will require \$78,000 to finance the city this year. \$48,000 of this will have to be paid in taxes.

No less than eight Cranbrook ladies have been appointed to enroll the names of women on the forthcoming voters list.

The Italian band is being re-organized at Trail and thus far it is said that 50 musicians have signified their intention to join.

The B.C. Telephone Co. reports business over their lines at New Denver and Sandon on the decrease the past four months.

Last week the big sawmill at Golden resumed operations. The mill has more than 12 million feet of logs on the river bank and in the woods.

One Cranbrook real estate firm is endeavoring to rent all its vacant lots for gardening purposes at \$3 per lot, giving the money to the city.

Golden police have stopped bicycle riding on the sidewalks in that town.

Eggs FOR HATCHING—From Purebred Barred Rocks, 75 cents for setting of 13 eggs.—David Scott, Creston.

Pigs FOR SALE—One brood sow and one boar 18 months old, Chester Whites. Also a quantity of Poultry. Apply D. O'Neil, Creston.

DENTISTRY—Dr. Simmons, dentist, of Fernie, will visit Creston for the practice of his profession for a few days only, commencing April 29th. To be sure of attention make appointments at the drugstore at once.

MINERAL ACT
FORM F

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

Lucky Girl Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located—On Sheep Creek adjoining the Mayflower Mineral Claim.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. H. Green, acting as agent for J. W. Crowthers, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85907B, 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 of the above claim.

And further take notice, that action under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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MINERAL ACT

FORM F

Certificate of Improvements**NOTICE**

Batt. Fractional and Yosemite Fractional Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located: On Sheep Creek adjoining the Rio Tinto Mineral Claim.

TAKE NOTICE that, I, A. H. Green, acting as Agent for Jonathan Rogers, Free Miner's Certificate No. 96516B, 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 of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 28th day of February, A.D. 1917. A. H. GREEN

MINERAL ACT

FORM F

Certificate of Improvements**NOTICE**

Marie, Good Hope and Utah Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located: On North Fork of Sheep Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. H. Green, acting as agent for Agnes Billings, Free Miners Certificate No. 85982B, 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 of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1917. A. H. GREEN.

Creston's School Report for April**DIVISION I.—High School—R. B. Masterton, Principal**

Number of pupils attending 28.

Number daily present, 25.76.

Percentage, 92.02.

Perfect attendance—Mabel Craigie, Audrey Craigie, Vida L. Gobbett, Harold Goodwin, Erma Hayden, Muriel Hobden, Mabel J. Huscroft, Lyda Johnson, Estella McKelvey, Margaret J. Webster, Frances Lyne, Harold Gobbett.

Monthly Examinations: Entrance—Katherine Moore 75, Frances Lyne 70, Muriel Hobden 65, Orin Hayden 63, Ray McKelvey 61, Vivianne Moore 59, Rose Cherrington 58, Morgan Pease 54, Mabel Craigie 50, Audrey Craigie 40, Estella McKelvey 40.

Preliminary High School—Marion Swanson 86, Harold Gobbett 75, Lillian Cherrington 68, Harold Goodwin 48.

Advanced High School—Jennie Nichols 73, Margaret Webster 73, Mabel Huscroft 71, Muriel Knott 70, Lyda Johnson 54, Erma Hayden 51, Bertha Pease 39, Vida Gobbett 34.

The following pupils were not present for all the examinations: Hazel Hobden, Ruth Klingensmith, Audrey Attridge, Mary Parker.

DIVISION II.—M. MacKenzie, Teacher.

Number pupils attending, 37.

Average daily attendance, 31.

Pupils making perfect attendance—Alta Attridge, Orazio Celli, Harry Compton, Ruth Compton, Marguerite Crawford, Robert Crawford, Eva Holmes, Arthur Gobbett, Agnes Hobden, Ruth Lidgate, Eunice Moore, Lionel Moore, Annie Maione, Vera Parker, Harry Pollitt, Francis Pow, Joe Romano, Eva Webster.

Standing of class: Junior 4th—Ruth Compton, Eunice Moore, Francis Pow equal, Vera Parker, Senior 3rd—Louise Bevan, Ruth Lidgate, Annie Maione, Junior 3rd—Orazio Celli and Harry Compton equal, Alta Attridge, Harry Pollitt and Robert Crawford equal.

DIVISION III.—Miss B. Hurry, Teacher.

Number pupils attending, 42.

Average daily attendance, 32.

Perfect attendance—Nellie Adlard, Ivin Compton, Edith Crawford, Charles Holmes, Elson Lidgate, Keith Lidgate, Frank Maione, Frank Parker, Beatrice Scott, Walter Scott, Amey Walmsley, Donald Young, Herbert Manuel, Marguerite Benney, Harvey Gobbett, Dudley Wilson, Lily Wilson.

Easter Promotions: From Senior Second Reader to Junior Third Reader—Roy Pease, Robert Moore, Gladys Webster, Merle Reid, Harry Benney, Teddy Payne.

Highest Standing: Second Reader—Nellie Adlard, Amey Walmsley, Monica Moore, Senior First Reader—Edith Crawford, Donald Young, Walter Scott, Junior First Reader—Mary Lewis, Marguerite Benney, Gilmour Taylor.

DIVISION IV.—Miss B. Hardman, Teacher.

Number of pupils attending, 20.

Average attendance, 19.73.

Perfect attendance—Leslie Boffey, Marion Learmonth, Albert Maione, James Pollitt, Albert Sherwood, Edith Wilson, Henry Webster, John Belanger, Benjamin Crawford.

Highest Standing—Second Primer—Henry Webster, Senior First Primer—Marion Learmonth, Intermediate First Primer—Charles Cotterill, Receiving Class—James Cherrington.

Creston Forestry Draft Looks Good

The Pine Knot, a paper issued by the 230th Forestry Battalion at Brockville, has the following to say of the draft from Creston:

This week's chief addition to the 230th Battalion came Wednesday in a draft of 125 rank and file, an exceptionally fit and soldierly lot from Southern British Columbia, Creston being the recruiting base and the draft organization dating from January 23 last. Major E. Mallandaine, late O.C. of the 107th East Kootenay Regiment, commands this new No. 4 Company, with captain's rank, his officers being Lieuts. Venus and McLean, both also from the 107th, at Bonnington Falls. To the 107th, it may be remarked, belongs the high distinction of having provided over 3000 men for overseas service, it being the father corps of the 225th, the 54th and the Forestry and other C.B.G. drafts at or en route to the fighting front. The just-arrived

draft left Creston on the 14th, their departure being made the occasion for a splendidly enthusiastic and patriotic farewell demonstration by the solid citizenry of "the core of the apple country." Enthusiasm also marked the stoppages at Fernie, Morrissey Junction, and other Crow's Nest points, as well as at several prairie centres.

Analysis of the composition of the new company shows it to grade unusually high in forestry material, for—with its three officers experienced practical men—it carries over fifty per cent. of recruits from the several closely related branches of the logging and lumbermill trade, 83 out of 120 being lumberjacks, machinists, scalers, shippers, carpenters, teamsters, loggers, laborers, edgemen, swamper, bushmen, graders, cooks, bushmen, millwrights, millhands, engineers, blacksmiths, cruisers, foremen and bridge-men, with the great majority logging camp or mill workers. The remainder of the company is composed primarily of farmers, of whom there are 20, with a final sprinkling of the miscellaneous, i.e., cook, motorman, nurse, two seamen, express messenger, bookkeeper, two butchers, chef, cooper, miner, bank teller, clerk, student, pipe fitter, storekeeper, painter horticulturist, druggist, railway conductor and laundryman.

The company is equally noteworthy for its large proportion of men having seen previous military service, there being 51 who can sing "back to the army again," while as to age the average is 33 years and 4 months, as to height 5 feet 10 inches, and as to chest measurement 36½ inches. Eighty-four of the 130 are single men, in comparison with 36 benedicts and ten widowers. The analysis by religions gives 38 Anglicans, 28 Presbyterians, 25 Roman Catholics, 12 Methodists, 11 Baptists, 3 Greek Catholics, 1 Lutheran, 1 Plymouth Brother, and one declaring himself of no religious faith.

Captain (formerly Major) E. Mallandaine, commanding No. 4 Company, has for some years past made his home at Creston, B.C., filling the important office of C.P.R. Lands Commissioner. He was for some time single sculling champion of the coast.

The appended is given space just because it comes from one of our newly arrived Kootenay brethren. He refers to it as "poetry," however, from which one must conjecture that he is a Christian Scientist:

They're a fine lot of people in Creston. Of all Kootenay towns it's "the best un."

The sendoff they gave, Would inspire a slave With the spirit that's typic'ly western.

NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

West Grand Forks is to have a postoffice.

A canvas of Grand Forks last week secured \$750 for the military Y.M.C.A. work with Canadian Soldiers.

The ladies at Fort Steel have organized a Non-Partisan League. Almost every woman in the town has had her name put on the voters list.

The Revelstoke Mail-Herald, the Conservative weekly at that point, suspended publication last week after almost 30 years of continuous appearance.

Kaslo's electric light and power plant needs overhauling, and the Kootenayan is shouting for the expenditure of \$27,000 to make a real jim dandy job of it.

Kaslo Kootenayan: Wood ticks are out in large numbers in the bushes and shrubbery and people contemplating going picnicking would do well to take along a supply of coal oil.

Nelson school board has cut the allowance of scribbles to each public school pupil to 18 a year. If more are needed the scholars must buy them. The school requires 20,000 of them.

A collection is being taken up in Kaslo public and high schools this week with a view to raising a sufficient sum of money to buy a chair for the use of the convalescents at the Balfour Sanitarium.

In 1917 just 84 mines have shipped to the Consolidated smelter at Trail a total of 134,002 tons of ore. Last week, with a lack of coke, the tonnage received is the smallest this year, being but 6,205 tons.

Fernie Free Press: The city police report that they have finally succeeded in ridding the town of the denizens turned loose on the community by the abolishing of the red light district. Where they have gone is a question, but quite a number have suggested Cranbrook.

Kaslo Kootenayan: Word has been received here that through the efforts of John Keen, M.P.P., the sum of \$500 has been promised by the provincial government for protective work along Kaslo creek, or such other measures as may be required to lessen the danger of flood waters in the local stream damaging the town.

News: Over 2,000 daily papers are now received in 24 hours at the Trail postoffice and must be handled by the force—to say nothing of hundreds and thousands of letters and other mail, parcel post, registered, etc. Postmaster Brown states to the News that the mail is steadily increasing, he receiving an average of 25 to 30 sacks per day.

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MINERAL ACT

FORM F

Certificate of Improvements**NOTICE**

Aspen, Caroline, Silverton Fractional, Mohawk, International and Emma Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay. Where located: On Deer Creek, a tributary of Sheep Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. H. Green, acting as agent for P. F. Horton, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85981B, and Agnes Billings, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85982B, intend, sixty days from date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvement.

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**Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations**

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 2,500 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, reserved by Chap. 27 of 45 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.

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EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN DOMINION

PROVINCIAL AND CIVIC AUTHORITIES INTERESTED

Minister of Agriculture Tells of the Different Measures That Have Been Adopted by the Government to Encourage the Production of Crops of All Kinds from Coast to Coast

Hon. Martin Burrell, when asked what efforts were being made to increase food production, said in part:

"The wheat yield of the three western provinces in 1913 was 209,262,000 bushels, and in 1914, 140,958,000 bushels. Assistance was imperative. War made it more imperative. An extraordinary situation justified extraordinary measures, and for the supply of necessary food and fodder, and for seed grain on an unprecedented scale, the Federal government advanced the sum of \$12,309,000.

"The Department of Agriculture, in the winter and spring of 1915, carried out a wide campaign of 'Patriotism and Production'. As a result of the sentiment aroused, and of the fortunate climatic conditions, we witnessed, happily, the greatest harvest in the history of the western country—342,948,000 bushels. Another campaign of 'Production and Thrift' was made in the winter and spring of 1916. Unfortunately, the climatic conditions of 1916 were the reverse of favorable. An excess of moisture in many parts of the country, widespread outbreaks of rust, and other difficulties, resulted in a wheat crop in the three western provinces of approximately 199,900,000 bushels, and a shortage of most crops throughout the country, with the exception of hay.

"It seemed desirable, therefore, that the department should meet the new situation in a new way. England, whose average crop of wheat is 61,000,000 bushels, and whose yearly import of wheat is approximately 210,000,000 bushels, could no longer look to Russia. Supplies from Australia and India, and even supplies from Canada and the United States, were rendered more difficult and more costly by shortage of transportation and by the submarine menace. Munitions were vital; foodstuffs vital. Restriction of unessential imports was bound to come. In face of the conditions touched on above, it seemed clear that Canada should increase her productive efforts and direct them along the right lines.

"For this reason an appeal was issued recently to citizens, not only in the rural but in the urban communi-

ties, followed by a personal letter to the mayor of every town and city in Canada, setting the situation forth at some length and inviting co-operation. Every provincial minister of agriculture was also written to, the directors of national service and others, and, from the replies, it is abundantly evident that a strong and healthy sentiment exists all through the country, and that already much excellent work had been done.

"We have organized a special bureau of information in the department, and, in addition to literature already printed, have in preparation special pamphlets and circulars designed to be of direct, practical use to those who have hitherto paid little attention to gardening or production of any kind. The experimental farm system now embraces twenty-five farms and stations, covering the country from coast to coast. The work is naturally nearly all of an experimental or investigational character. This year the officers in the respective districts have been instructed to direct their efforts to the immediate problem of crop production, and the help and influence of each farm should stretch over a large territory.

"A departmental committee has been appointed to give special and close attention to the whole question of food supplies. It consists of J. H. Grisdale, Director of Experimental Farms; J. A. Ruddick, Dairy Commissioner; George H. Clark, Seed Commissioner; H. S. Arkell, Assistant Live Stock Commissioner, and W. J. Black, Commissioner, under the agricultural instruction act. These officers will keep in touch with the situation and report to me from time to time.

"Amongst those products upon which particular stress may be laid are: Wheat, oats, peas, beans, beef, bacon, poultry, eggs, butter, and cheese.

"In regard to the appeal of the people in cities and towns for the utilization of vacant lots and gardens in productive work, it is obvious that vegetables, including potatoes, would be chiefly grown. Potatoes are not a perfect food, having a heavy water content, and are to bulky to be a very desirable form of export to Great Britain. Nevertheless, their food value is considerable, and their production and use on a large scale this year would assist in the releasing of other more compact and highly nutritious foods, which it might be vitally necessary to get to England.

"In Canada for the ten fiscal years from 1907 to 1916 the average production has been 70,000,000 bushels. For the past season the crop has been estimated at about 60,000,000 bushels. From official and commercial information gathered from a large number of sources, the present supplies, over and above the estimated requirements for food and seed, are between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 bushels.

"It is most encouraging to know of the widespread interest aroused in the towns and cities in this whole question of production. Provincial and municipal authorities, and local organizations of all kinds, are actively engaged in the work."

Longest Way is Safest Way

A large sign in a tourist office at Copenhagen, Denmark, reads: "Safest route to America—via the trans-Siberian railroad. Tickets for sale here."

The sign is attracting the attention of a large number of Americans in Copenhagen, who have been waiting for several weeks for an opportunity to return to the United States by sea. A trip from Denmark to New York by way of the trans-Siberian railway would cover something over 15,000 miles. The journey would be from Copenhagen to Petrograd to Vladivostok, thence by way of Japan across the Pacific and thence across the American continent to New York.

Discharge and Pension Rules

New Provisions Made for Benefit of Soldiers in Respect to Pensions

The following memorandum has been issued by the Dominion Minister of Militia:

Important changes have just been promulgated in relation to the discharge and pensioning of Canadian soldiers. Hereafter, no invalided soldier will be discharged from the Canadian Expeditionary force until a medical board has certified that further treatment or hospital care will not improve his condition, or that it is advisable that he should pass under his own control.

When discharge has been recommended on account of physical unfitness, it will not be carried out until a notification has been received from the pension commissioners that the amount of the pension has been determined. The notice will make clear on what day the pension will commence and until that time, pay and allowance will be made to the soldier or to those dependent on him.

The adoption of this system insures the disabled man receiving his pension immediately on his discharge, up to which time his pay and allowance will be continued. Pensions are always paid monthly in advance.

Could Employ Soldiers in Forest Work

Returned Warriors Could do Useful Service in Protection From Fires

The possibility of employing a considerable number of returned soldiers in forestry and fire protection work is pointed out in the issue of "Conservation," for March, which says:

"For many of these men, such work would be highly attractive. In carrying out a plan for the establishment of vocational schools for the training of returned soldiers, provisions should be made in some way for special courses of instruction in forestry work. Such courses should be of the most practical character, calculated to make the services of the men of great value to Dominion and provincial forestry and fire protective organizations, and to private timber owners as well.

"Technical forest schools are already in existence at Toronto, Quebec and Fredericton, and another is contemplated at Vancouver. It should be possible to secure the co-operation of these schools in the establishment of supplementary rangers' schools, specializing primarily in the several classes of forest engineering work which would best fit the men for the practical duties with which they would be confronted in the lines of government or private employ. Another possibility is the establishment of such courses of instruction direct by the several government fire protective organizations, Dominion and provincial. Each of these should be able to provide employment for quite a number of returned soldiers, with great mutual advantage, providing the men are properly trained."

Lumber Cut in B. C.

From the preliminary figures which are being compiled by the forestry branch of the British Columbia Department of Lands, it is evident that the cut of timber in the province for the year 1916 was considerably greater than that for 1915. It is thought that the value of the cut will be found to be up to at least \$33,000,000. For 1915 the value was put at \$29,150,000, but last year there was a brisker demand for lumber, and prices ruled higher, so that the figure of the cut of 1915 is likely to be approached. That was \$33,500,000. There has been a very satisfactory demand from Ontario during the year, particularly for flooring, panelling and moulding lumber.

Oat Varieties in Ohio

Of more than fifty varieties of oats tested for eleven years by the Ohio Experiment Station at Wooster, the following, arranged in order of rank, have yielded more than 65 bushels to the acre: Siberian, Improved American, Big Four, Silvermine, Green Mountain, American Banner, Sixty Day, Lincoln, Uzar of Russia, and Jeanette. Sixty Day ripens fully ten days ahead of the others, which are midseason or late varieties.

CREDULITY OF GERMAN PEOPLE IS HELPING TO PROLONG THE WAR

STILL HAVE CONFIDENCE IN PRESENT RULERS

Necessary to Defeat the Military Power Upon Which the Prussian War Lords Depend, and for the Complete Overthrow of the Misguided Political Influences that Control the People

It is difficult to understand the German people. For two years they have seen their armies held up and unable to attain their objectives; they have experienced the growing pressure of the Allied blockade and suffered the increasing discomforts of hunger unappeased. But through it all they have not lost faith in their leaders or abandoned hopes of victory. Their credulity is unbounded. Years of state regulation have robbed them of initiative and independence of thought. They still believe that the British fleet was defeated in the battle of Jutland, and that German submarines are causing famine and starvation throughout the United Kingdom. They are prepared to believe anything the government tells them as to this war. Especially are they consumed with hatred of Great Britain, and ready to accept any report, however extravagant, as to conditions in the British Isles.

In the Prussian House of Deputies during the recent session the Socialists urged the extension of the franchise to women. A prominent Conservative, Herr Heins, met this demand with the assertion that the granting of the vote to women would mean "the assassination of family life." On what did Herr Heins base this indictment of feminism? He had discovered that in England more married men than single had offered as recruits for the army. There could be but one explanation of the action of the married men, in fact, Herr Heins' words, "the married men, in fact, enlisted to escape from their wives." Of one thing Herr Heins may rest assured: these British married soldiers did not fly from the Prussian Guard and the picked troops of the Kaiser. The strange thing about the statement of Herr Heins was that it never occurred to his brother Deputies to doubt the truth of his observation reflecting on the married women of England. The German people believed the Kaiser when he called on his army to walk over French's "contemptible little army" that turned the tide at the Marne. They believed their government when it described watering-places on the south coast of England as "fort-

ified places," and killed women and children by shelling open towns.

The credulity of the German people is one of the great obstacles to an early peace. So long as they stand behind their present rulers and have unshaken confidence in the righteousness of their cause, so long will it be impossible for the Allies to listen to terms of peace. There can be no defeat with Germany save through the defeat of the military power on which the Prussian war lords depend for the achievement of their aims in this war and the complete overthrow of the political influences that have driven Germany to wage a barbarous war against the world.

New Homestead Regulations

Returned Soldiers to Get Priority in Making Entry

An important order-in-council has been passed which prohibits the granting of homesteads or rights of any kind to any person "who was not at the commencement of the present war and who has not since continued to be a British subject or a subject of a country which is an ally of his majesty in the present war or a subject of a neutral country, and who establishes the same to the satisfaction of the minister of the interior."

The order applied to "rights, powers or other benefits in connection with any water powers, forestry, dominion lands, admiralty lands, dominion lands in the railway belt of British Columbia, school lands, mining lands, timber and grazing lands, dominion parks irrigation or the national resources of the northwest."

Another order has also been passed giving returned soldiers a day priority in applying for entries for dominion lands.

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"Refer 'em to the dictionary, old chap."

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my testimony to their value. I used them when I was in the South African War, and, finding the benefit of them

there, have taken them since whenever I felt run-down. I always recommend them, for I know they do all that is claimed for them. In my opinion they are the best tonic anyone can take for loss of appetite, pooriness of the blood, or general weakness of the system. We have had a lot of hard training here, and some time ago I began to feel the strain, but I got some Dr. Cassell's Tablets, and the boys are surprised at what a difference they made in me. I mean to have some with me always on active service."



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Local and Personal

YEARLING CATTLE WANTED—Apply C. Blair, Erickson.

180 Black Currant Bushes For Sale \$1 per doz.—W. A. McMurtrie, Creson.

Mrs. Morrison of Nelson spent a few days in town this week, the guest of Mrs. McCreath.

Payments to the Creston Valley branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund for April total ed \$130.

The May meeting of the W.C.T.U. is called for Thursday afternoon next, at the home of Mrs. Fred Smith.

BEES FOR SALE—Italian bees in 10-frame hives, strong colonies, reasonable prices.—W. V. Jackson, Creston

Mr. Parker of Nelson, inspector of weights and measures for the Kootenay, was an official visitor here on Wednesday.

Rev. W. M. Lees left on Wednesday for Fernie to attend a meeting of the East Kootenay District of the B.C. Methodist conference.

Dr. Simmons, dentist, of Fernie, is here on a professional visit this week. He is being kept quite busy and will likely be in Creston till possibly Tuesday.

Mrs. Passmore of Blairmore was a week-end guest of Mrs. Mead. Much snow fell all through the Pass the latter part of April. Blairmore being favored with almost a foot of it on the 27th.

Mrs. Briggs and children of Cranbrook spent a few days the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Benney.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the morning service next Sunday in the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. J. H. Doyle left on Tuesday for a visit with friends at Cranbrook before going on to Nelson where they will reside in future.

Mrs. C. H. Bird and children arrived from Grand Forks on Sunday to join her husband, who is now managing the King George Hotel.

The ladies of Christ Church have changed their entertainment on the evening of May 24th from a dance to a whist drive, with a few hours dancing at the close.

WATCH LOST—On Monday, April 30th, between town and W. V. Jackson ranch, an open face, Waltham watch. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to REVIEW OFFICE.

The engagement is announced of Miss Annie, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. S. Ryckman, to Mr. E. J. C. Paulson, of Dundee, Scotland. The marriage will take place some time in May.

Sam Woo, the Chinese vegetable king of the Valley, was at Cranbrook the early part of the week, trying to secure an additional laborer or two for his gardening operations here this year.

The vital statistics for the Valley for April show three births and no deaths. The newcomers were two boys and one lady. Registrar Gibbs issued one marriage license, for the Maurer-Folds military wedding.

Tuesday was the first day of the close season for land-clearing fires. No fire warden has been named as yet and permits are therefore unobtainable and the man with brush to burn is in a quandary as to whether to fire or not.

Deputy mining recorder had one business visitor in this department of his work during April. It was Gilbert Cox, who took out a miner's license, and has gone to work with Bab Scott on his placer claim at Canyon.

School Inspector Dove was here on Thursday conducting the examination in reading of the candidates who will write on the Entrance examination at Creston next month. 14 pupils were tries out, but it is not expected quite that many will be allowed to write.

Creston will be favored with an illustrated lecture on South Africa tonight (Friday) in the Presbyterian Church, commencing at 8 o'clock. It will be given by Rev. J. Knox Wright, the Canadian Bible Society, and a collection will be taken on behalf of that work.

The meteorological returns for April show a snowfall of three and rain to the extent of 1.70 inches. The hottest day of the month was Sunday, 22nd, when the government thermometer got up to 59, and the coolest was Saturday morning last when it climbed down to 27—four degrees of frost.

The Creston Forestry Draft left Brockville, Ont., for overseas on Thursday evening last, sailing from Halifax on the transport Olympic. The final medical examination was too severe for Ptes. Herb. Gobbett and Phil. Hurry of Creston, who are expected to return to B.C., and also for Sgt. Stuart, who is detained at Brockville to undergo an operation after which he will be able to proceed overseas.

Two papers will be presented at the May meeting of Creston Women's Institute announced for Friday afternoon, May 11th. Mrs. Thurston will have the subject "Mosquitoes and How to Prevent Them," while Mrs. Downs will speak on the topic "Dust and its Dangers." In addition to this the ladies will decide on a date for the annual Institute picnic. Mesdames Downs, Cherrington and F. H. Jackson are announced the entertainment committee for the June meeting.

LILAC BUSHES FOR SALE—Choice Japan trees, 3 years old, from seed, 50c. each.—W. H. Kemp, Erickson.

Miss A. Doyle, left the early part of the week for Kimberley to visit friends for a few days before going to her new home at Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackson and children, who have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. Quist, left yesterday for Camrose, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cameron of Cranbrook were week-end visitors at Creston, with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cameron.

Geo. B. King of Spokane, travelling freight agent of the C.P.R. S.I. and Soo lines, accompanied by L. McDonald the S.I. agent at Bonners Ferry, were visitors here on Tuesday.

The dance given by the Creston band in the Parish Hall on Friday night did not attract the usual good attendance these affairs have been favored with all season. About 20 couples were in evidence.

Albin White, who has been on the 107th Regiment guard staff at Bonnington for the past month, is spending a few days on the reserve before going to Revelstoke, where he signed on with the Forestry unit mobilizing at that point.

The regular monthly meeting of the Red Cross Society will be held in Speers' Hall on Tuesday, May 8th, and all members of the Society are requested to attend. This is not a meeting for the committee only, but for all interested in Red Cross work.

The Goat River was pretty well choked with logs a few days the latter part of the week. Some 12,000 of them that foreman Belanger had taken out for J. B. Winlaw, on his limit close to town, were commenced going into the water Friday, to be boomed at Wynndel.

There should be a very large attendance of members at the May meeting of the Creston Board of Trade. The chief feature will be a report on the Kootenay Flats reclamation project which Mr. R. Stark is preparing from data supplied the Board by the department of lands.

Trout fishing season opened on Tuesday and from all reports the angling is the best in years. Milt Beam brought in a string of seven fine rainbow taken in the Goat the opening day. With the prevailing high price of meats fishing promises to be quite a favorite sport with Creston residents this year.

Ladies who wish to get their names on the provincial voters list have still a clear week to enroll. To still further expedite matters three lady vote registrars have been named to act here: Mesdames G. Young, F. H. Jackson and Cherrington. To be sure of being on the list names must reach the registrar of voters at Kaslo on Monday, May 14th.

The first turnover of town property recorded for many months went through on Monday when Lo Yee, the Chinese restaurant proprietor, purchased the Lupton property on Victoria Ave. There is almost three acres of land, besides quite a commodious residence, and the property is set out to raspberries and fruit trees that are bearing nicely now. The price was \$1800, Lo Yee paying \$1000 down and the balance in 1918, with possession on May 1st.

Nothing but the very best in the strawberry line will be shipped out of Wynndel this year. O. J. Wigen, manager of the Co-Operative Fruit Growers Association there, returned from Calgary on Sunday where he purchased the necessary canning factory machinery and supplies, and also placed an order for a carload of pint glass jars in which to ship the preserved product. Mr. Wigen proposes to put up an article of similar to quality of the best home made jam, and has assurance of an outlet for all that he can make of this commodity.

The government estimates as to expenditure in the Valley for this year are about the same as those for 1916. The vote for the Kootenay River

ferry is \$1100, and \$100 for the ferry at Ike Lewis' near Sirdar. In connection with the ferry an extra expenditure of \$125 last year is shown, which we presume is for the overhead

cable installed. Provincial constable Forrester's salary remains the same, and there is the usual \$80 a month for the Wynndel, Alice Siding and Huscroft schools.

Creston Fruit Growers Union LIMITED

Have arranged with a gilt edge firm to handle this year's produce on a basis which approximates f.o.b. prices, and guarantees payments, and are fighting any of the several commission men who propose to handle our fruit on consignment.

IF the commission man receives his fruit shipments in just the right quantities to meet his requirements each day he should get as good prices as anyone.

IF he can secure the patronage with his very limited selling organization he will probably sell to retailers.

IF his customers do not belong to the class that the other fellow refused to sell to, and collections are 100 per cent. good, the commission man will be in a position to make returns to shippers.

IF the commission man is honest the shipper will be paid.

BUT there is no getting around the fact that the majority of consignment men who have solicited business here this season have lacked successful experience in handling fruit, have presented a financial statement which did not entitle them to serious consideration; in short have been men with everything to make and nothing to lose, just the kind of people we would like to deal with were we trying to add one more risk to fruit growing.

We have opened up and are showing a large range of

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LIQUOR LICENSE ACT (Section 48)

Notice is hereby given that, on the 19th day of May next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the transfer of the license for the sale of liquor by retail in and upon the premises known as the King George Hotel, situated at Creston, British Columbia, from J. H. Doyle to Chas. H. Bird, of Creston, British Columbia.

Dated this 19th day of April, 1917.
J. H. DOYLE, Holder of License for the Creston Trading Co. Ltd.
CHAS. H. BIRD, Applicant for Transfer for the Creston Trading Co. Ltd.

B. C. Wholesale & Retail Fruit Market

A Direct from Grower to Consumer Business

A CIRCULAR LETTER will be mailed to practically every Grower not later than Monday of next week.

THIS CIRCULAR will give you in detail what this house will mean to you Growers.

OUR BUSINESS will be run on a strictly CASH basis, and directly with Consumers.

A. LINDLEY will be in charge.