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Creston's School Report for March

DIVISION I.—C. Brousson, B.Sc., Principal.
Number attending, 23.
Average attendance, 21.12.
Percentage attendance, 91.8.

Perfect attendanct—Louise Bevan, Rose Cherrington, Ruth Compton, Agnes Hobden, Haztl Hobden, Orin Hayden, Frances Lyne, Eunice Moore, Vivanne Moore.

Highest Standing: Advanced High School—Franees Lyne. Preliminary High School—Rose Cherrington. Entrance—Hazel Hobden.

DIVISION II.—Alex. Smith, Vice-Principal.
Number attending, 39.
Average attendance, 37.
Percentage, 94.

Highest standing: Junior 4th—Eva Holmes. Senior 3rd—Amey Walmsley. Junior 3rd—Alfred Boffey.

Perfect attendance—Evelyn Bevan, Fred Boffey, Alfred Boffey, Edith Crawford, Ivin Compton, Eva Holmes, Evelyn Hurry, Elson Lidgate, Keith Lidgate, Annie Maione, Robert Moore, Teddy Payne, Louise Romano, Willie Smith, George St. Jean, Donald Spiers, Irene Watcher, Gladys Webster, Donald Young, Frank Maione, Herbert Manuel, Marguerite Crawford Algot Anderson.

DIVISION III.—Miss M. Kane, Teacher.
Number attending, 43.
Average attendance, 39.
Percentage, 91.

Perfect attendance—John Belanger, Leslie Boffey, James Cherrington, Fred Christie, Ollie Christie, Marion Collis, Charles Cotterill, Ben Crawford, Harvey Gobbett, Ruth Kennedy, Marion Learmonth, Charles Moore, Joyce Moore, Edna Nichols, Ray Oatway, Louise Ross, Albert Sherwood, Annie Smith, Harry Smith, Gordon Spiers, Beatrice Summers, Henry Webster, Edith Wilson, Lily Wilson. Hazel Wiesenberg.

Highest standing—Senior 2nd—Arthur Stark. Junior 2nd—Joyce Moore. Senior 1st—Marion Learmonth. Junior 1st—James Cherrington.

DIVISION IV.—Miss I. Ross, Teacher.
Number attending, 35.
Average attendance, 32.4.
Percentage 92.

Highest standing: Second Primer—Helen Moore, First Primer—Ervin Olson. Receiving Class—Dorothy Payette.

Perfect attendance—Harold Speers, Helen Moore, Elmer Olson, William Manuel, Honoria Payne, Lettie Couling, Hazel Christie, Arthur Couling, Oma Malaoff, Will Bayle, Marion Forman, Ervin Olson, Alex. Henderson, Bertha Spiers, Jean Henderson, Arthur Webster, Tom McCord, Jessie Learmonth, Dorothea Spratt.

Erickson

Erickson school report for March shows an enrollment of 25 pupils, and an average attendance of 21.64. Molly Kemp, Richard Penson and Robert Dodds are the only scholars registering perfect attendance, however.

Henry Hamilton is busy this week moving into the house on the Dewar ranch, which place he has leased for a year, with an option to purchase. After reconsideration he has decided not to move to Alberta, fearing the climate would be too severe for himself and Mrs. Hamilton.

Rev. J. S. Mahood of Queen's Bay was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Long on Tuesday, after taking the burial service of Mrs. Rykert at Porthill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Adlard and Miss Nellie, who have been wintering at Victoria, arrived home on Saturday, and are again down to hard work on the ranch.

[illegible] seas service on Tuesday, and is a visitor [illegible] having been with her mother since he left over a year ago.

Frank Putnam [illegible] this week purchased a 13-acre improved tract in the Canyon City section, opposite the Browell ranch and, we understand, intends going extensivey into potato growing this year. It is one of the most likely places in that section and the way the Valley is looking up should prove a gilt edge investment.

Pte. Billy Hall got a warm welcome home from overseas on his arrival here the latter part of the week. He joined up with the third contingent to leave the Valley in February, 1915, going across the latter part of the same year. He had about nine months continuous front line service before being wounded in the knee in the fall of 1916 upon recovering from which he went on duty again in the communication section. Billy has put on considerable flesh, but is looking as skookum as the best of them, and to all outward appearance is not inconvenienced by his injury.

Kitchener

Ronald Lidgate of Creston was a business visitor at Kitchener on Friday, repairing a couple of Ford cars. Tom Midford was a Creston caller over the week-e[illegible]

F. H. Price, a former Creston resident, spent a couple of days here this week.

F. Berg was a business visitor at Cranbrook on Saturday, returning on Sunday.

Mrs. E. McGonegal spent the weekend at Creston, the guest of Mrs. Belanger.

Z. Geroux and E. Parenteau were Creston visitors on Saturday.

Mrs. Birmingham, who has been spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Butts, returned to her home at Gateway, Mont. on Sunday.

Mr. Leach of Canyon City held service here between trains on Sunday.

E. W. Butts was a Spokane visitor the fore part of the week.

Mrs. W. C. Forrester arrived from Nelson on Tuesday, and will make Kitchener her future home. Mr. Forrester is in charge of the G. A. Hunt store.

Bill Belanger, John Andrew and Ted Mawson of Creston were Kitchener callers between trains on Sunday Dr. Henderson of Creston paid this place a professional visit on Monday.

Memorial Fund Canvass Ready

Soldiers' Memorial Committee of five members organized for the campaign at a meeting on Friday afternoon last when R. B. Staples was made chairman, and C. G. Bennett, secretary. An official statement covering the undertaking appears elsewhere in this issue, and quite clearly sets forth the case.

The Valley has been divided into eight districts, and canvassers for each of these were chosen as follows:

Townsite and Dow Addition—R. S. Bevan, C. G. Bennett.
Erickson—W. W. Hall, W. V. Jackson.
Wynndel and Alice Siding—R. S. Smith, Clarence Pease.
Sirdar.—W. H. Morris.
Deer Lodge—Miss Dow
Canyon City—F. Knott, F. Waylett.
West Creston—C. Blair, E. Simmons
Kitchener—Miss Z. Johnson.

Those in charge have made $5000 the objectiye for the campaign, and the canvassers will be on the fore part of next week. By a careful perusing the article explaining the Memorial Fund considerable time will be saved when the canvassers call, and all are asked to give it their best attention.

Death of Valley's Woman Pioneer

Death robbed this community of its first and foremost woman pioneer on Sunday morning last when Mrs. John Charles Rykert passed away at her home at Rykerts (opposite Portbill, Idaho) at the age of sixty-eight years. Deceased enjoyed the distinction of being the first white woman to take up her residence in the Kootenay Valley, arriving at Rykerts with her husband almost thirty-five years ago when Mr. Rykert accepted the position which he has held continuously ever since. Deceased, who was Miss Ella Wells, was married at Niagara Falls, Ont., some forty years ago, and very shortly after set out for Victoria, where Mr. Rykert had the assurance of a different position, but had no hesitation accepting the appointment of mining recorder, government agent, etc., at what was then known as the "49th paraliell where the Kootenay River enters Canada." The trip to their permanent home was by train to Sandpoint, Idaho, thence by team to Bonners Ferry, where an open boat, with its complement of oarsmen, took them to their location. A volume might be written of deceased's early day experiences in the wilds of B.C., and more especially of the many services unostentatiously rendered whites and Indians alike, appreciation of which can not be expressed in words, but which was fittingly evidenced in the large turnout at the short and simple burial service at the home on Tuesday afternoon, which was conducted by Rev. J. S. Mahood, rector of Christ Church, Creston, interment being in a plot on the home grounds. The pallberares were Joseph Anderson, H. A. French, Z. Montgomery, Samuel Smith, J. W. Dow and Phil. Thompson. Old-timers and newcomers alike will extend very genuine sympathy to Mr. Rykert in the loss of a life partner whose loyalty and devotion never faltered during the isolated days of the eighties and early nineties, and whose attachment and companionship was thus more enduring in the latter years.

Alice Siding

Jim Churchill arrived from Vancouver the latter part of the week, and is spending a few days with his parents at Meadowview Ranch—on his usual spring visit.

Mrs. McMurtrie, who has spent the past month with friends at Vancouver and Victoria, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Andy Miller spent a few days last week wtth friends at Bonners Ferry.

Charlie Sutcliffe is a visitor at Calgary, Alta., this week, for the spring provincial cattle show in that city.

Considerable clearing operations are under way in this section. Jack Smith had a couple of teams at work on stump pulling operations on the Deykin place which he recently purchased Guy Constable and A. J. Collis have also been busy on similar effort.

E. Bridge, who is again operating his own ranch, has just purchased a ranch horse from H. S. McCreath.

Earl Pease got back on Tuesday from New Westminster, where he secured his discharge from military duties.

A couple of hundred head of cattle are now pasturing on the flats, the local hay supply being pretty well used up, and all baled feed being a little too expensive for the owners of large herds.

Miss Arrowsmith, principal of the public school, reports an average attendance of [illegible] pupils last month, with a total attendance of 213. Highest standing was taken by the following pupils: Fourth reader, Wilfrid Mason. Third Reader, Rudolph Carr. First reader, Bertell Carr. Second primer, Everard Constable. First [illegible] perfect showing regularity and punctuality are Wilfrid Mason, Will McCoach, Everard Constable, John Miller, Joseph Miller, Roy Pease.

Sergt. Drinnan's G.W.V.A. Visit

Creston branch of the G.W.V.A. was able to show to Provincial organizer Comrade J. Drinnan quite a considerable muster at the meeting held on Thursday night last. He is travelling through tbe country with eyes and ears wide open, and will be able to report, upon his return to the coast, upon lands, farming conditions, markets, labor, and many other items of vital interest to the soldier about to doff khaki to resume the duties of a home citizen again.

All present were much interested in Comrade Drinnans report of the activity of the G.W.V.A. at the coast, and listened to his lengthy address with earnest attention, only regretting that time would not permit of a still longer discussion.

The books of the Branch are in perfect order, and the general working of the Branch is according to constitution and correct, which relieved our visiting Comrade of any work to do in that respect, and earned for our branch officials a note of appreciation.

The G.W.V.A., according to Mr. Drinnan, is taking a very decided view of Bolsheyism, and of those who favor the tearing up of our social foundations, be they operating under the guise of organized labor or not, we will have none of them, and while a revolution of the vital affairs of the country is necessary, and will be welcomed, yet that revolution must be carried out gradually, and by the best and most conscientious brains available.

The returned men, organized, are prepared to meet organized labor and collaborate with them, but only for the good of humanity; not for the converting of our glorious Canada into a state ruled by Lenine, nor Karl Marx; a state of disorder where no man's home is his own. The alien question was touched upon, and the need for much new legislation to settle the questions that affect Canada today, and particularly British Columbia.

Attention was called to the fact that we are not, nor do we intend to become a politiaal organization, yet we have a party in the legislature, born of necessity, and these will be reinforced by a public sentiment tired of the moribund tactics and ideas of what are known as Liberalism and Conseryatism, presently dead, and in its stead a party which is not a party; an intelligence collected and working in unity for the best interests of neither creed, sect, organization, or individual, but for all.

Comrade Drinnan was much impressed at what he saw here and will turn in glowing report of the occassionally heard of, but presently famous Creston Valley. At the close of his address Comrade Drinnan was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and an invitation to come again to Creston whenever possible. Com.

Official Statement *re* Memorial Fund

The outstanding features of the first Soldiers Memorial Fund meeting were that the majority of those present had given the question sufficient study to reach individual conclusions as to the form which a memorial should take and that the committee who have the work in hand are going to have an impossible task on their hands if they hope to see a memorial erected that would meet the wishes of every individual in the valley whom it is hoped will donate towards the fund.

Roughly speaking the various ideas as to the form of memorial which shall be erected have divided the citizens into two parties: Those who favor a memorial in the nature of a monument, and those who favor a public building of some kind to be dedicated to the memory of Creston Valley's fallen heroes. Each of these parties seem to be able to advance very convincing arguments in support of their views without seeming to be able to make converts to their ideas from among their opponents.

Those in favor of a monument claim that the Valley owes to the memory of its soldiers the erection of a monument devoted to no other purpose than that of a memorial. While admitting the need of the district for buildings to be used for the community's benefit they claim that this need is no greater now than it has been for years, and that it is not to the peoples credit that they should try to make the same dollar pay the debt which they owe to the fallen men and the debt they owe moral welfare of the community.

Those who favor the erection of a building to be used for some cause that will have as its object the betterment of conditions under which the young people of the Valley are living see no reason why such a building dedicated to the memory of the soldiers would not be a more fitting memorial than a marble shaft. They advocate making prominent in the construction of the building some feature that will be distinctly memorial and claim that such a memorial when incorporated with the utility feature of the proposed building will attract greater attention and be more lasting than a monument which, after the initial attention attracted by its erection, might not be given more than a passing thought by the rank and file of citizens. Those who favor the erection of a building base their argument on the axiom that the dead can best be honored by serving the living.

The Memorial Fund committee have no intention of acting as arbitrators between the two parties and as a committee are assuming an entirely neutral attitude. They take the view that their work is to carry out to the best of their ability the wishes of the majority of the citizens and with the object in view of getting at what the people want are organizing a collecting campaign.

The view is taken that only those who subscribe would care to vote. Subscriptions will be solicited on forms that will provide for each subscriber voting for the form of memorial wanted. Those who are determined that their donations shall be used only for the purpose they favor should use the form which will appear first on the subscription sheet which states definitely what the amount subscribed shall be used for. If anyone feels that they would adjust the amount of their giving according as a monument or building is erected they may so state on this form, marking down definitely that they will give so many dollars towards the erection of a monument and so many towards the erection of building.

Subscribers who take what might appear to be a more liberal view and are willing to donate regardless of what is chosen as a memorial should use the second form which leaves the decision as to the memorial to the majority vote. Space is provided at the bottom of this form for voting but the subscriber using this form assumes obligation to pay his subscription regardless of what it is decided to erect.

As stated above the committee is taking a neutral stand. At the same time it must be quite apparent that the work of the committee will be greatly simplified if everyone uses the second form which provides for the donation being made without condition, each subscriber voting his preference but being willing to abide by the decision of the majority.

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A Freewill Offering

The committee handling the rustle for funds for the proposed soldiers' memorial deserve commendation for the plan they have devised for the enrollment of guarantors to this good cause.

In the past the idea has always been to pass around a list that enabled givers to see just what others, previously approached, had pledged themselves to contribute. This scheme, while undoubtedly public enough, worked an injustice in two ways.

Sometimes a person was thus led to give more than he intended, simply because a neighbor or friend had guaranteed a stated amount and he felt he would be considered a piker if he did not come through equally generously. And, contrariwise, it as often happened that folks gave less than they originally intended due to the fact that the aforesaid friend or neighber had guaranteed a lesser amount.

For the memorial fund people will be handed a slip of paper and they will fill in the amount they feel they can and ought to give in the blank space opposite the form of memorial they prefer. There will be no knowing what anybody else gave and revising donations up or down according to somebody else's penury or prodigality.

As a man thinketh in his heart so will he give under this system—and that is exactly what the soldiers want. We certainly all appreciate the effort the boys made; our response on this occasion will, in its way, indicate how much.

The Objebtive

While a sum of $5000 is asked, it is to be hoped none will sit down and by mathematical calculation figure out what his or her pro rata share would be on such an assessment, and then proceed to give accordingly.

The one best way to determine your obligation is to imagine that in October last the Germans had got as far as Kitchener and that by our giving all the ready and realizable cash we could raise victory could be secured, and the Valley spared the ravages of the Hun.

Under such unhappy circumstances it would not be amiss to say this community would have rallied at least $50,000 in real money on 24 hours' notice, and been willing to hypothecate Victory Bonds, mortgages, notes, etc., for double that sum were they being accepted in lieu of cash in this imaginary emergency.

Of course the invading hosts never even set foot on this side of the Atlantic, but the service rendered by the boys in finishing the job so satisfactorily overseas should in no wise lessen our appreciation, surely. And, possibly, holders of Victory Bonds and other war loan paper of any sort should be doubly [illegible] by the enemy certainly these securities would have been worth less than the paper [illegible] scrapped on.

If all of us seriously approach the undertaking in th[illegible] will have money enough [illegible] for both the monument and building and get [illegible] mighty cheap in the bargain. As scripture [illegible] it, "He that giveth to a good [illegible] will repay." If you are satisfied with the cause and the security down with the dough.

Trust the Majority

Having agreed with us this far in our narrative our parting exhortation is to give as befits the occasion and your financial ability, and allow the memorial to take the form expressed by a majority vote of those subscribing.

Preference is pretty evenly divided between a monument and a building. While you may be strongly in favor of either of these, when you promise to give don't stipulate that your donation must be used for a building, or vice versa, and for that purpose only. Let the wish of the majority prevail. This is the attitude the veterans are takiug, and if they can so entertain the proposition it shouid not be hard for the civilians to be equally democratic.

While THE REVIEW has a strong leaning in one direction on this proposition, beyond an official pronouncement that appears elsewhere in this issue no space will be available to set forth the merits and defects in either form of memorial suggested. Our vote and influence is for having the memorial committee act on the sentiment expressed by the major port.on of the contributors.

In common with many others we are hopeful that the sum guaranteed will be abundantly ample to give the Valley both the monument and building. To our mind this is as it should be. The granite pillar as a mark of respect to those who await the sound of the last trump in battlefield sepulchres in France and Flanders: and the building for those who have come back, as well as for the rest of us, for such uses as funds as a wideawake board of management may permit.

Wise and Otherwise

For the benefit of those who may not have observed it we call attention to a notice in the postoffice notifying of the May revision of the provincial voters list. While there is little probability of a legislative contest the same certainty does not prevail concerning a federal campaign, and as the provinciai list is always used as a basis for the Dominion list of voters those really anxious to be qualified to exercise the franchise in the event of a federal eleetion should make it a point to see that they are on Mr. McQueen's little list now in course of preparation.

The Kootenaian tells us that Angus McGregor of Kasio is growing a second crop of teeth, three new molars making their appearance last week, and Angus is deeply grateful to his childhood diet of oatmeal porridge for thus rendering him immune from dental bills, or from having to "gum it" in his declining years. Kaslo mothers are particularly anxious to know if the doughty Scot is so far renowing his youth as to cry for Castoria and what mixtures of infants' foods he shows a preference for. Likewise Kaslo youngsters are fervently hoping nothing will be discovered as to castor oil having figured as a [illegible] for Angus' youthful pains and aches.

In his annual address to the Cranbrook board of trade last week President Sproull, among other things observed that "One of the most important points for us to look after is the Creston Valley. It is a rapidly growing district and we are not doing anything to promote trade with it. The natural place for the people of that valley to trade is Cranbrook. They can [illegible] and return home within 24 hours." This is certainly a hopeful sign, particularly when it [illegible] that about a year ago the Cranbrook board was passing resolutions calling on their member, Hon. Dr. King, minister of works, to authorize a survey of the transprovincial highway by a route through St. Mary's prairie and no man's land via nowhere to Kootenay Lake, and never even a kindly suggestion of regret at the Creston Valley being sidetracked. However, if the Cranbrook business men are in earnest about getting the Creston trade we do hope they won't overlook THE REVIEW as an advertising medium. REVIEW advertising gets results.

W.I. Library

The list below is the complete lot of books at present in the Creston Women's Institute library. If members will clip this out and keep it handy for reference it will expedite matters in the giving out of books. The list:

At the Foot of tha Rainbow.
Back to Blightv.
Barchester Towers.
Best in Life.
Bow of Orange Ribbon.
Bunch of Roses.
Brownies' Box.
Banished Beauty.
Burning Daylight.
Chariots of the Lord.
City of Beautiful Nonsense.
Close of St. Christophers.
The Colonials.
Confounding of Camelia.
Dop Doctor.
Eastward Ho!
Emperor's Candlesticks.
Essay on Clive.
Evolution of Plants.
Facing the World.
Finding of Jasper Holt.
First Chapter.
From Jest to Earnest.
Hard Times.
Henry Esmond.
Heroes of History.
House of Windows.
In a New World.
Julius Caesar.
Just Patty.
King John.
Late in Life.
Lilla Thorne's Voyage.
Little Pearl.
Mad Love.
Mayor,s Wife.
Million a Minute.
Mrs. Green Again.
My Four Years in Germany.
Man who would not be King.
Naughty Fan.
Our Little Ann.
Out of the Night.
Patsy.
Prisoners and Captives.
Queen's Necklace.
Rebecca on Sunnybrook Farm.
Red Symbol.
Retribution.
Richard II.
Riddle of the Sands.
Rosary.
Satan Sanderson,
Secret Witness.
Statton Wins.
Stories from Chaucer.
Three of Hearts.
Tilda Jane.
Traitor.
Treasure Island.
Triangle.
Twenty Years After.
Two Bad Blue Eyes.
Vice Versa.
Water Witch.
Wheels of Anarchy.
Willie Reilly.
Wings of the Morning.
Yensie Walton's Womanhood.

For the further convenience of members the librarian has kindly consented to have the library open at 2 p.m., the second Friday of each month—the Institute's meeting day.

Revelsoke school teachers are the poorest paid in the whole province. The average stipend is just a little over $80 per month with nineteen employed.

Kaslo youngsters were exceptionally well-behaved this winter, and as a result the mothers had a whole barrel of jam to ship to the Balfour sanitorium last week.

Kaslo council is urging R. F. Green M. P., to secure them a couple of German guns to use as decoration with whatever memorial it is proposed to erect to the soldiers.

The Review estimates there are 3000 acres of good strawberry land at Revelstoke and urges the owners to get busy and plant it all to this sort of fruit assuring them a return of $1000 [illegible]

Angus McGregor, a 73-old resident of Kaslo has just cut three brand new teeth, so the Kootenaians informs. It is not recorded whether his wife walked the floor with him during the teething process.

There is a controversy on at Grand Forks as to when the first 1919 buttercup was picked. The Gazette says it was on January 31st, and that a resident by the name of Heaven picked it. That combination should be sufficient [illegible]

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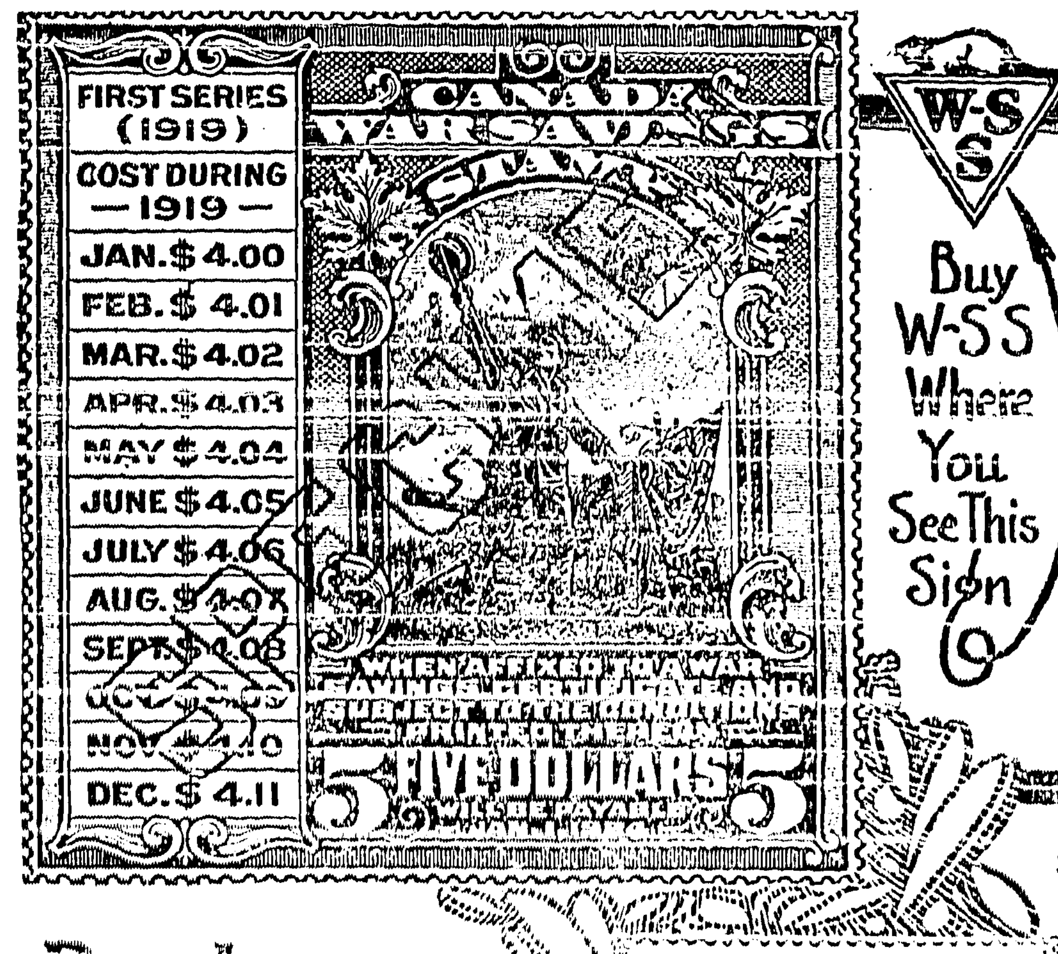

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Read the Figures

Notice how the cost—and the cash value—of the stamp advances each month until, on the 1st day of January, 1924, the Dominion of Canada is pledged to pay $5.00 for each W-S-S.

ACTUAL SIZE OF W-S-S

Agriculture and Reclamation

By MRS. GARLAND FOSTER

For a general stock and dairy farming undertaking no better locality could be found than the much discussed Kootenay Flats. Up to the present in spite of flood conditions a rich harvest of hay has been reaped each year, and herds of cattle running into hundreds have been raised by ranchers in this neighborhood. These have been principally beef cattle, dairy undertakings not being very numerous.

It is a curious fact that very little butter is produced in tht interior of British Columbia, that essential being largely supplied by Alberta dairies. Many farmers indeed do not even make enough for their own needs. If it is possible to reclaim this great area, butter and cheese making should pro vide a very profitable industry for a large number of farmers. This would of course necessitate the production of a great variety of fodder, but as the charactar of the soil would indicate that so great is its fertility that fodder crops would be readily grown. All root and vegetable crops, such as carrots, beets, turnips, potatoes and fodder corn have already been tried out at various points and the results have far exceeded expectations. Ensilage corn especially grows to great height and richness. It would be interesting to try some experiments in raising sweet or table corn, as, if it matured satisfactorily, it might be possible to establish a canning industry, as a secondary industrial undertaking.

Grains also do well in this locality, though propably the absence of alkali would prevent higher grades of wheat being successfully grown. Oats should do well and in the sheltered portions, perhaps buckwheat. Clover grows to great luxuriance and thereby is proided a series for crop rotation. The white, red, and yellow clovers are so much commoner as fodder plants that sweet clover aeems to be overlooked in this province as a fodder plant, though it has been used in Ontario for this purpose for many years. Some sweet clover seed having accidentally been sown at Creston, a wonderfully rich crop is produced in places each year as a result.

As a sheep raising proposition, the flats might not be so satisfactory, as the pasturage might be too rich, for sheep seem to do better when more or less working for a living. This difficulty could, no doubt, be overcome by carefully grading the pasturage. Previously the greatest difficulty in raising sheep in this country has been the prevalence of the coyote, in spite of bounties. This difficulty should be largely overcome by having sheep on the range properly herded. In this country it is always considered better business to give up sheep raising than to pay a herder to look after them, even though herders were a necessity as far back as the hills of Judea. However, if sheep raising becomes an occupation of the flats, this necessity will be reduced to a minium as most of the range can be easily overlooked.

In advocating mixed farming and stock raising one is not unmindful of the necessity for fencing; but this would entail no unnecessary hardship with the land costing not more than $55 per acre, with little or no clearing to be done; and with the natural hay crop already available the addition of wire fences should not be prohibitive to the smallest farmer especially as fencing will largely obviate the difficulties of herding.

Sheep raising would certainly be an advantage to this district as it would at once provide an additional industry in the manufacture of woollen yarns, and cloth; again utilizing some of the waste water power of the district.

Other agricultural ventures as a side line to mixed farming or as special agricultural features should recommend themselves. The raising of hogs is always a profitable undertaking where suitable food including corn for fattening is cheaply procurable. The same applies to the raising of poultry in a district where grains do well. With all the poultry raised in this country it is extraordinary how many people seem to forget it is cheaper to raise feed than to buy.

From time to time other suitable undertakings will probably suggest themselves to enterprising farmers desirous of branching out. The growing of vegetable seeds might be recommended on rich lands, For years wild rice has grown on these flats, either scattered by nature or by enthusiastic sportsmen who enjoy the goose and duck hunting in the fall. Flood areas are of course almost necessary to successful rice cultivation and it would be interesting to learn by experiment now that China is threatehed with a rice famine, if the season is long enough for the growth of the Oriental variety. Certainly millet should be a safe experiment.

If not rice why not reeds and willows for basketry, fringing the damp portions and drainage streams? In Europe willows are planted along streams and regularly cropped of the osiers for basketry. Such spare time industries as basketry are taught disabled men in vocational schools and provision might well be made for a permanent industry of this kind. In this connection may be mentioned an old time farm industry that has practically disappeared in Canada viz the making of some hats from oat straw—the so called "cow's breakfast" which every eastern farmer once considered superior for working hours to the finest panama.

At Nelson city schools the teachers have a sale of War Sayings Stamps one day a week, when sales run about $80.

Lead is piling up in great shape at the Trail smelter. At the end of March there were 10,000 tons of it in stock.

Fifty new members have joined up with the Kaslo Farmers' Institute. They have a hustling new president in Jas. Spiers.

Trail citizens are reported to carry almost $1,500,000 worth of fire insurance, which costs them not less than $57,000 a year.

Grand Forks council is asking permission to extract half a million gallons of water daily from the Kettle River for city use.

Kaslo is to have a juvenile baseball league from the four churches—Anglician, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Christian Science.

Harry Sullivan choked to death at Grand Forks last week. While eating corn a grain of it stuck in his wiudpipe and he died from the effects of the medical operation.

NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

None of the teachers at Grand Forks will get a raise in pay this year.

Kaslo ranchers complain of a shorting of grafting wax this spring.

The festive woodtick has already made its appearance at Crambrook.

At Fernie city labor will toil eight hours a day, and will be paid $3.75 per day.

A car of potatoes loaded out at Grand Forks last week brought the growers $20 a ton.

Dentist Pickering is leaving Grand Forks in a few days to locate permanently at Fernie.

Okanagan canners are offering $15 per ton for tomatoes this year. In 1918 the price was $20.

It will take $56,000 to finance Grand Forks this year. $18,000 of it is for the high and public school.

The high school pupils at Cranbrook are buying $10 worth of War Saving Stamps a week at present.

To the end of March Kaslo citizens had blown themselves to about $2700 worth of War Savings Stamps.

The News states that the Trail smelter has over $3,000,000 worth of metals on hand awaiting buyers.

At Revelstoke the Red Cross is still having sock days. One of them last week brought along 541 pairs of hose.

The moving picture theatre at Kaslo, which has been locked up for eighteen months, re-opened for business last week.

Nelson merchants carry a stock of thrift stamps which they hand out as change where customers will accept the same.

ROBT. LAMONT
NOTARY PUBLIC
INSURANCE — REAL ESTATE
DEALER IN COAL
CRESTON - - B.C.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emptions abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 3 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with improvements of $10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes, areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

TOWNSITE PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT.

Provision is made for the grant to persons holding uncompleted Agreements to Purchase from the Crown of such proportion of the land, if divisible, as the payments already made will cover in proportion to the sale price of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such Agreements may group their interests and apply for a proportionate allotment jointly. If it is not considered advisable to divide the land covered by an application for a proportionate allotment, an allotment of land of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the locality may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The rights of persons to whom the purchaser from the Crown has agreed to sell are also protected. The decision of the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is final. The time for making application for these allotments is limited to the 1st day of May, 1919. Any application made after this date will not be considered. These allotments apply to town lots and lands of the Crown sold at public auction.

For information apply to any Provincial Government Agent or to

G. R. NADEN,
Deputy Minister of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.

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Distributors af all commodities formerly handled by the Farmers' Institute

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$41 per ton, small lots.

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This is the first question that presents itself to the housewife if an unexpected visitor drops in for a meal. But why worry?

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Finest Quality
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Now is the time to buy fabrics and get sewing done.

Our Prices are reasonable, and the quality right.

Cambrics and Longcloths, 30 inches wide, from 20 to 55c.

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Middy Cloths, Nurse Cloths, Galateas and Satin-faced Duck, plain and striped, 50c. per yard.

New Laces and Embroideries. White Voile, Persian Lawn, &c.

Early arrival of trimmed and plain Panama Hats, ladies' and girls, $1.60, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50 each.

Also Ladies' Linen and Panama Crash Hats at $2.00 and $2.25.

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YOUR banking requirements may be entrusted to this Bank with every confidence that careful and efficient service will be rendered. Our facilities are entirely at your disposal.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Creston Branch, C. G. Bennett, Manager

Local and Personal

FOR SALE—2 purebred White Wyandotte roosters. E. C. Gibbs.

FOR SALE—Team Wagon, in good shape, price right. Apply REVIEW Office.

MILK COW WANTED—One just freshened, or about due to come in. Enquire REVIEW Office.

Prints, galateas, voiles, laces, etc. The finest line we have ever had just opened. Prices are right. S.A.Speers,

J. E. Morgan of Cranbrook was here early in the week for his annual look-over his ranch near the K.V. right of way.

FOR SALE—Three high-producing registered Holstein cows, fresh, and will freshen within the next few days. —C. O. Rodgers, Creston.

Rev. J. S. Mahood announces that there will be evening service in Christ Church on Thursday, April 17th, and also Good Friday morning at 11 o'clock

Will the members of the Red Cross Society executive please attend a business session of the organization on Tuesday afternoon next at 2 o'clock prompt.

Ten dollars per acre for the 320 acres known as Sub Lot 54, on Arrow Creek. Half cash and balance in four annual payments. W. K. Esling, owner, Rossland, B.C.

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Good supply on hand

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We haxe doubled our supply of Seeds to meet the increased demand this year. We have

Alfalfa
Timothy
Common Red Clover

all Government No. 1 tested.

In the packet Seeds we have the kinds that grow

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Rsnnie's
Ferry's

Bulk Seeds not in stock [illegible] and will be sent at the [illegible] catalogue

MAWSON BROTHERS

Better Service — Lower Prices

FOR SALE—Hen canary, thoroughbred warbler, $3. Mrs. F. K. Smith.

FOR SALE—Good ranch horses, low prices. Canyon City Lumber Co., Ltd. Creston.

Mrs. W. K. Brown, who has been a Spokane visitor the past three weeks, returned home on Sunday,

Housecleaning time is here. We have a full stock of Church's alabastine, Bapco paints, oils, etc. S. A. Speers.

FOR SALE—Imperial chicken raising outfit, 120 egg capacity, brand new, $24.50. Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, Victoria Ave., Creston.

R. G. A. Hockley, who has been on a combined business and pleasure trip at Victoria for the past three months, returned home on Saturday.

FOR SALE—Observation beehive and a case of stuffed animals, including a lynx, skunk, gopher, and a couple of birds.—J. Wearmouth, Erickson P.O.

Next Friday is Good Friday, when all places of business in town will be closed. In consequence the Wednesday half-holiday will not be observed next week.

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Cemetery clean-up day is on Wednesday, April 23rd, when it is hoped there will be a good turnout of workers to lend a hand on a commendable community undertaking.

Wm. Trotter, a former Creston resident, now located at Macleod, Alta., arrived on Tuesday for the usual spring attention to his place here, which is occupied by Mrs. Payne.

R. Boadway, who has been farming on the John Huscroft place at Deer Lodge for a couple of years, has moved back to Creston this week, and is occupying his residence near the school.

Mesdames McMurtrie, Brousson and Stark were hostesses at the Red Cross tea on Tuesday afternoon, at which the intake was $1.35. The only other cash received was $12.50, balance of a life membership taken out a few weeks ago.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. C. Rykert of Porthill, on Tuesday, was quite laagely attended by Creston citizens. About eight auto parties from here were present at the burial service which was taken by Rev. J, S. Mahood.

The work turned in at the Red Cross meeting on Tuesday consisted of two petticoats from Miss Candy. Amputation sock from Mrs. Brousson, while Mrs. Con. Hall turned in a pair of socks, surgical shirt, suit pyjamas and two petticoats.

A considerable shipment of pipe was unloaded here this week, and will be used by the Goat Mountain Waterworks Co. in relaying their their line from the Learmonth ranch as far out as Crawford's corner. Men are now busy on the excayation work.

FOR SALE—1 wooden bedstead, kitchen table, 1 small bench, tent 16 x 16 feet, oak tool box, Winchester automatic rifle, qunntity of sealers in half-gallons and quarts, 25 yolumes of Dickens' works, incubator of 210 eggs capacity.—W. Barraclough, Creston.

Potatoes are on the shipping list again, two cars going out from Erickson and two from Creston within the week, at a price of $23 to the grower. This is a few dollars less than the October price of spuds, but at that is higher than Grand Forks growers are getting, a few cars going out from there last week at $20. There is still about three cars of potatoes for shipment from the Valley.

After quite a long vacation Magistrate Watson was called upon to preside in the local court of justice on Monday, when he imposed a fine of $50 and costs on Jas. Cahill, a Bull River lumberjack, for having liquor in his possession other than a private dwelling. Jas. was also cited to appear again on Tuesday on a charge of supplying liquor to Tom Swanson and [illegible] local Indians, but he jumped his bail of $50, and this was confiscated and the case ended.

The meeting in the Presbyterian Church on Monday night [illegible] work in Creston was rather poorly attended and after the whole question [illegible] to the welfare of the young people had been informally discussed the meeting adjourned until April 28th when the matter will be reopened. [illegible] place the matter before the Women's [illegible] mention the subject in their discourses on Easter Sunday

Cyclone Seeders, for sowing clover, timothy, etc. $3.50, at S. A. Speers.

Miss Kane, teacher in Division III. at the school, was a week-end visitor at her home in Kaslo.

Father Desmarias will be here for the usual services in Holy Cross church on April 13th—Palm Sunday.

Mrs. Remington, who has spent the winter with friends at Lundbrock and other Crow line points, arrived home on Tuesday.

D. Smith, representing a Calgary house, was hete early in the week buying furs, and was paying as high as $1.40 per pelt for rat skins.

STRAWBERRIES—Pedigreed strawberry plants; Senator Dunlap and Magoon. Hardy, northern-grown stock. Monrad Wigen, Wynndel.

FOR SALE—Power washer and wringer, guaranteed to work satisfactory. $20. Also one 54-inch oak bedstead with coil springs. J.Attwood, Creston.

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Pte. G. Pacey, formerly at Creston, who enlisted at Silverton for overseas serxice in 1917, was here a couple of days this weed, en route to visit a brother at Moosejaw, Sask.

H C. Graham of Calgary, inspector of customs for Alberta and eastern B. C., was a visitor here on Tuesday and Wednesday, attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Rykert at Porthill.

Charlie Leamy and Earl Pease got back on Tuesday from New Westminister, where they received their discharge from military service. Bert Hobden got back a few days earlier.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jiggle of Brocket, Alta., spent a few days here over the week-end. He is a teacher in the Peigan Indian school at that point, and is taking a holiday trip to B.C. paints for the benefit of his health.

The Women's Institute is having the April session this afternoon. For the convenience of members Mrs. Hamilton is opening the Institute library at 2 p. m. the days the Institute meet, as well as every Thursday afternoon.

J. D. Moore of Kaslo, road superintendent, was here on Friday and Saturday supervising road repair operations. He visited the Wynndel section where there is a probability of a couple of new roads being opened up this spring.

The best attendance eyer registered at a Creston Board of Trade meeting was in evidence at the April session on Tuesday night when twenty-three members were out. Owing to a lack of space a report of the gathering has to stand over till next issue.

The Memorial Fund committee met for organization purposes on Friday last when R. B. Staples was chosen chairman, and C. G. Bennett secretary and treasurer, and arrangements completed for a canvass of the Valley, which will start in a few days.

R. L. T. Galbraith of Fort Steele, Indian ageat for the East Kootenay reseryes, was here on Tuesday, in connection with some police court work in which a local Siwash figured, and was left off on suspended sentence, on a charge preferred by Ferryman Hurry.

Two prizes are being awarded in connection with the Easter Monday whist drive and dance that the Creston Board of Trade is giying. There will be a reward to the lady who has the most artistic box at the social and a prize to the lady whose box sells at the highest price—the best made box to be decided by popular vote. Creston orchestra wlll supply the music for the dance. Admission 50c.

A convenience that will be appreciated by all car owners has just been installed in the R. S. Beyan garage. It is an air tank of 200 pounds capacity and the air piped well out to the front of the building making it convenient to run in a car and have the tires pumped up. Its capacity is readily 24 tires, and the tank is kept filled as the pumping is done when the garage engine is running on repair work [illegible]

Pte. Geo. Jacks is the latest of the Valley overseas veterans to return to Creston, reaching here the latter part of the week. He went across with the 102nd in the early summer of 1916, but looks none the worse for some of the most strenuous campaigning any of the [illegible] had to stand up to. George joined up with the benedicts [illegible] in England, and expects shortly to bring his bride to reside permanently in the Valley.

Land Sales

The sale of lands in the Creston Valley continues quite brisk, with the tendency of the past ten days tawards purchasing in the Canyon City section. Since the first of the month no less than four different tracts have been sold by the Canyon City Lumber Co., Ltd.—all of them part of the original Block 812. A very satisfactory feature of the sales, too, is that half of it has been taken up by Valley residents, who should be the best possible judges of land values in this part of B.C. And still more gratifying is the knowledge that 50 per cent. of the area sold was paid for spot cash.

The buyers in Block 812 include Frank Putnam, who has acquired the 13 acres at the Browell corner. This is a very desirable location and the land is in good shape having been cropped to hay and potatoes by the Company for some years past. Allen(Shorty) Adams has bought a ten-acre tract, and is busy getting it into shape for planting. W. S.Gilbert of Minnehaha, Sask., is the owner of a 20-acre block, and arrived this week with his family and effects and will be busy in a few days at clearing. The fourth buyer is S. Onediva, of Macleod, Alta., who looked the Valley over on the recommend of W. S. Cleave of the same town, who bought 20 acres last summer and has put one of the neatest residence in these parts on the place. Mr. Onediva has secured 10 acres and is expected any day to get busy on the place.

Sirdar

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ross are spending a few days this week with friends in Cranbrook.

Mrs. R. Dennes spent the week-end with friends at Nelson, and visited at Proctor en route home.

The English Church service here on Sunday night was well attended. Sirdar prefers to do its worshipping on the Sabbath seemingly as the crowd was larger than week-night services.

Mr. and Mrs. McMasters are being heartily congratulated on the arrival of a young son on Saturday, with the mother and boy both doing nicely.

Jack Cameron was a Creston visitor on Saturday. Mrs. Cameron and young son are expected home from Creston this week.

Three of the Cam children are holidaying at Cranbrook this week. Mrs. Cam went as far as Creston with them on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bysouth are expected to return to these parts in a few days, and will tackle reaching on their place at Kuskanook.

Hans Hage was in from Kuskanook from on Monday with the first catch of fish of the season, and reports 'em biting fine for this time of the year.

W. H, Morris has been asked to look after the canvass of Sirdar for funds to erect a memorial to the Creton Valley soldiers who seryed in the great war.

Canductor W. Greaves made his first 1919 appearance in Sirdar on Sunday, having spent the past three months at California points. He enjoyed the holiday immensely, but was astonished at the way the Americans are boasting of the way they won the war. It is particularly noticeable in the films shown at the moying picture shows. Worse still he states that at one movie house he was in where some war views of Canadian troops were shown and his friend Ed. Hill of Cranbrook, stood up and cheered for the Canucks, he was howled down and threatened with ejection for interfering unduly with the performance.

The March session of the Revelstoke council lasted over five hours.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chevrolet Agency

Cranbrook, B.C.,
March 28, 1919

EDITOR REVIEW:

SIR,—As there has lately been appearing in your paper advertisements by two local firms both claiming to have the selling rights of Chevrolet cars, the following explanation will settle the matter definitely:

The Creston district has been covered for the last two years by a contract between ourselyes and the Baalim Motor Co. of Lethbridge, distributors for the Chevrolet Motor Co.

We had made arrangements with the Creston Auto & Supply to handle the Chevrolet Car in the Creston District, as up to the present season nobody had questioned our right to that territory.

Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the factory, it appears that the Nelson dealer was under the impression that he also covered the Creston District, and on the strength of this gave to Embree & Foreman a subdealers contract to work that territory,

The Baalim Motor Co. took the matter up with the factory, and it has been finally decided that our contract stands.

We visited Creston the first of the week, and talked the matter over with all parties concerned, and it has been mutually agreed that for the present season the sub agency for Chevrolet cars will be in the hands of Embree & Foreman.

Trusting you will find space in your valuable paper for the above, we are,

Yours very truly,
THE KOOTENAY GARAGE
per E. T. Cooper.

LAND FOR SALE

Fruit lands in the Creston Valley, 5, 10 and 40-acre tracts, partly improved. Apply REVIEW Office, Creston.

FOR SALE

5 acres, partly improved, A1 land, level, ideal for home, 1½ miles from postoffice. Apply MRS. C. MOORE, Creston, B.C.

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