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Creston February School Report

DIVISION I.—C. Brousson, B.Sc., Principal.
Number attending, 24.
Percentage attendance, 90.8.
Perfect attendance—Louise Bevan, Rose Cherrington, Harry Compton, Ruth Compton, Arthur Gobbett, Eunice Moore, Lionel Moore.
Highest standing: Advanced High School—Frances Lyne. Preliminary Rose Cherrington. Entrance—Hazel Hobden.

DIVISION II.—Alex. Smith, Vice-Principal.
Number attending, 40.
Average attendance 37.20.
Percentage, 93.
Highest standing: Junior 4th—Eva Webster. Senior 3rd—Gladys Webster, Junior 3rd—George St. Jean.
Perfect attendance—Canute Anderson, Evelyn Bevan, Alfred Boffey, Irvin Compton, Charles Holmes, Evelyn Hurry, Elson Lidgate, Keith Lidgate, Walter Leamy, Robert Moore, Louise Romano, Willie Smith, George St. Jean, Donald Spiers, Irene Watcher, Eva Webster, Gladys Webster, Frank Maione, Robert Hetherington, Herbert Manuel, Ruth Lidgate.

DIVISION III.—Miss M. Kane, Teacher.
Number attending, 44.
Average, 38.
Percentage, 86½.
Perfect attendance—Ollie Christie, John Belanger, Marion Learmonth, Leslie Boffey, Henry Webster, Albert Sherwood, James Cherrington, Gordon Spiers, Fred Christie, Harold Davis, Louise Ross, Ruth Kennedy, Dudley Wilson, Lily Wilson, Marion Collis, Harvey Gobbett.
Highest standing—Senior 2nd—Olwen Evans. Junior 2nd—Joyce Moore. Senior 1st—Marion Learmonth. Junior 1st—Edith Couling.

DIVISION IV.—Miss I.E. Ross, Teacher.
Number attending, 34.
Percentage, 78.
Perfect attendance—Helen Moore, Elmer Olson, Honoria Payne, William Manuel, Robert Miller, Alex. Henderson, Dorothy Payette, Doris Spratt, Harry Miller.
Highest standing: Second Primer—Elmer Olson. First Primer—Ervin Olson. Receiving Class—Muriel Oatway.

Wynndel

Mrs. W. McKay of Cranbrook arrived the latter part of the week on a visit to Miss Florence Bathie.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece, who have been occupying the Grady house for some time, have returned to Whitla, Alta.

Wynndel will have one of its old-time dances on Saturday night at the schoolhouse. There will be a good floor, good music, and first-class lunch. A good turnout is hoped for.

Wynndel welcomed home the first her overseas veterans on Thurday last when Sergt. Douglas Butterfield reached here from England, looking pretty much the same as usual, despite the fact that his name has figured in the casualitses at least three times in the over three year she spent on the firing line. He went into training at Victoria just a little over four years ago with five others from here, two of whom were killed in action.

Erickson

Norman Craigie, who has spent the past ten weeks at Spokane, returned to Erickson the latter part of the week.

Mrs. F. J. Klinkensmith is spending a few days with friends at Cranbrook this week.

Mrs. W. H. Hilton and children is a Trail visitor at present, with her sister, Miss V. Dalton.

R. B. Staples got back on Tuesday from Spokane, where he had been on a purchasing trip for the Creston Fruit Growers Union.

Pte. Milt Boak got a royal welcome home on Saturday, after a year in khaki. Milt joined up early in 1918 but owing to poor health on his arrival overseas he was detained in England most of the time, only reaching France a short time before the armistice was signed.

Another returned soldier got off the train here on Tuesday in Pte. Jas. Long, who joined up with the 102nd Battalion late in 1915, and getting overseas in the early summer of the following year. Jim figured in the casualties, being badly gassed, and since recovering from the effects of it he has been at Forestry work. He looks considerably older as a result of the military life, but otherwise is the same old Cronje.

About twenty members of the Creston Presbyterian Laidies' Aid paid an unexpected social visit to Mr. and Mrs. Birney on Wednesday last when various lines of amusement were indulged in, along with a lunch, and most enjoyable time is reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Long and Miss Jane Long were visitors at Spokane a few days last week.

March Session of Board of Trade

Fifteen members were out for the March meeting of the Creston Board of Trade on Tuesday night, which was presided over by Vice-President Bevan in the absence of President Constable, who left that day for Victoria to meet a committee of the legislature relative to the Kootenay Flats Reclamation project.

Two new members were elected. They are S. G. Foreman and Jas. Cook, which brings the board's 1919 membership up to 34 at present. The only communication was one from the Creston Great War Veterans asking for a joint meeting of the G.W.V.A. and the board to discuss matters of mutual interest to both organizations. The secretary will notify the Veterans that any date suitable to them for such get-together will be satisfactory to the Board.

A letter from John Keen, M.P.P., as well as a telegram from the new comptroller of water rights indicated the Arrow Creek irrigation scheme has not been lost track of. The latter wired as to possible date for the finishing up the survey and getting busy on the preparation of a report. The board advised that shortly after the first of April things should be in shape to get busy again.

Messrs. Hayes and Bennett of the publicity committee reported that a half box of apples had been sent all the papers published the Crow line as far up as Claresholm. Along with the fruit went a half-column article dealing with the Valley's fruit crop of 1918 and prospects for 1919. Of 12 papers favored with apples ten of them had run the article sent, including the Medicine Hat Daily News and the Lethbridge Daily Herald.

A repast showing the traffic handled over the Kootenay River ferry the past seven months was submitted, showing a very steady use of that means of transport. It was decided to have the roads and bridges committee interview government engineer Ramsay on his next visit here asking that a bigger ferry be built and a gasoline engine installed to operate the same.

The board's attention was called to the fact that the government telephone people are calling for tenders for a supply of poles to use on the line from Wynndel to Sirdar. At present the wires are strung on the trees over that part of the line, but excellent satisfaction is being given just the same. The board will call the attention of [illegible] investigate the advisability of running a telephone line to some likely spot across the Kootenay River using the money that it is unnecessary to put into the Sirdar pole line for the erection of the line across the river.

The board will ask the C.P.R. superintendent to put a good cinder walk on the [illegible] warehouse and over the wading through several inches of water that invariably gathers there after the thaw of each fall of snow.

Pullets Making Owners $1 Month

An interesting comparison as to whether the average householder who handles poultry as a sideline is better off with a dozen hens or so or a flock of several dozens of them is furnished in the January and February egg-laying statements from the flocks kept by Mrs. K. Andrew and Mrs. W. V. Jackson, both of them are handling Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds.

On the Andrew place but 23 pullets are kept, and during January these laid 388 eggs, with a showing of 385 for February, making the grand total 773 eggs for the twenty-three birds.

The Jackson flock numbers 105 pullets, and these gave 1421 eggs in January and 1450 in February or a grand total of 2871 from 105 birds.

Figured out on the average per hen the smaller flock has the best of it, the Andrew birds showing 17 eggs per bird for each month, while the Jackson flock's average was but 14 per bird.

It will be noted by the figures, however, that the Jackson birds greatly increased the monthly output in February, considering the month has but twenty-eight days, while the reverse was the case with the Andrew pen. The figures for the month of March will be worth having just to keep tab on this feature of the contest.

Both lots of birds, however, are to be commended for their fine showing in January, when eggs were marketed as high as 80 cents in some cases, with 75 cents the prevailing price in February. Pullets that average 14 and 17 eggs a month at these prices certainly earn their feed even at the present high price of grain. Worked out on these selling prices the Andrew hens made their owner about $50 for two months, and the Jackson ranch had an income of almost $185, from the same source.

Enemy Aliens

Before a fairly large audience in the Mercantile Hall last night R. Crowe Swords delivered a stirring lecture on the atrocities of the Huns, going into the ghastly details in such a manner as to hold the close attention of his hearers.

He also made a very strong appeal that more consideration be shown returned men, particularly nerve cases, by employers of labor, and not for the employers to brand the majority of returned men as being unreliable simply because of the unsatisfactory behaviour of a few.

Mr. Crowe Swords spoke at length of the splendid work done by the Vocational Department of the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment in the re-education of men disabled through war service, advising all men who may be incapacitated as to be unable to follow their former occupations to at once get into touch with the department.

Lieut. R. Sinclair-Smith was chairman, and spoke briefly of some of his experiences. A collection was taken at the close for the widows and orphans which amounted to $25.

Alice Siding

Mrs. Schaefer arrived from Barons, Alta., on Sunday, and will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stace Smith for a few weeks.

Mrs. A. L. Mathews left on Tuesday, on a business visit to Nelson and Trail.

There was a decidedly Scotch atmosphere in the Alice Siding section on Friday last. Creston Presbyterian Ladies' Aid had their March meeting at Mrs. Watcher's.

T. Trevelyan left the latter part of the week on a trip to Vancouver.

W. T. Simister left on Wednesday for Macleod, Alta., where he is a witness in a case down for trial at the assize court.

Mrs. M. B. Laing reports the first Alice Siding batch of spring chickens, on March 11th. Owing to the ethereal mildness of the atmosphere the birds are thriving in an open pen and on a diet that includes a ration of snow. How about you, Wynndel?

Word reached here from Flight Lieut. Boydell last week that he is making a slow but sure recovery from the damage done him when his machine took a few thousand feet drop some months ago. He has heard that the fire wardens in B.C. are to make the rounds in flying machines in future and has made application to the lands department for a position. Aeroplanes are so numerous in England that the war department is selling them as low as 80 quid, as Boydell puts it.

Segt. Earl Pease arrived back on Saturday after almost two years khaki, twenty months of which was spent with the Forestry corps which left Creston under Major Mallandaine in April, 1917. Earl never looked better in his life, his military life rounding him into about as skookum a volunteer as joined up in the Valley during the war. He will be here for a couple of weeks and then go on to Vancouver for his discharge.

Soldiers to Have Big Night 17th

The arrival within a week of half a dozen returned soldiers, who are due to report at Vancouver on or about March 24th, has necessitated a change in the date of the soldiers reception, which is now definitely fixed for Monday night, March 17th, in the Auditorium, the first part of the evening's entertainment to start prompt at 8 o'clock.

The affair is directly in the hands of a committee of nine. Mesdames Compton, Cherrington and Brousson representing the Red Cross Society; Mesdames Cook, Maxwell and J. W. Hamilton for the Women's Institute, and Messrs. R. B. Staples, Haves and A. R. Swanson as the citizens' delegation, with the latter as chairman of the committee of the whole.

A number of meetings have been held and it is decided that the evening's entertainment will run like this: Whist from 8 to 10.30. A musical programme, which will include an address of welcome to the soldiers and a reply from a couple of the men, 10.30 until 11.30, after which the refreshments will be served, and when the supper has been digested the floor will be cleared and dancing will follow for a few hours.

The programme committee, which is headed by R. B. Staples, is hard at work getting together a fine list of musical and literary numbers, and in addition to this the Creston orchestra will furnish music all evening.

This combination should provide a well-balanced evening's enjoyment for young, old and middle aged. The very best guarantee that the supper will be high class is furnishee in the make-up of the committee in charge of that feature. It consists of Mesdames Maxwell and Compton, with A. R. Swanson as chairman. The hall and decoration committee is equally competent and provision is being made to have seating space for everybody provided in the emergency folks will oblige by moving up and making room for the proverbial one more.

No invitations are being issued. The committee is running open house free of all charge to returned soldiers and their kin. To all others an admission of 50 cents will be charged, with the net proceeds being turned over to the Creston Branch of the Great War Veterans Association.

Those in charge will appreciate it [illegible] their khaki uniforms for the occasion. They will also appreciate it if the ladies—all of them—will bring refreshments with them. A big crowd is expected and it is desired to have good things to eat in ample sufficiency.

This is an affair all have been looking forward to. The committee guarantees you a night decidedly worth while in every respect. This is your invitation. Come and the more the merrier.

Successful 'Cello Recital--Concert

Not for several seasons past has Creston been favored with a local-talent musical concert that evoked the general commendation that is heard of the violoneello recital and concert on Friday night by J. K. Chorlton, assisted by the Creston orchestra and two lady soloists.

The programme submitted had the merit of being high class and yet not classical. Many of the numbers were familiar, and the balance of a nature that won the applause of an audience that comfortably filled the Auditorium, with R. Lamont presiding as chairman.

Decided improvement in the orchestra's playing under Mr. Chorlton's leadership was noted in each of the three numbers presented, "The Dawn of Love" receiving a particularly artisitc rendering for an organization that has previously devoted most of its effort to dance music. The opening overture "The Best Yet," owing to it its popular composition largely, was the hit of the evening of course.

The evening's vocal honors were quite evenly divided between Mrs. H. B. Downs and Miss Frances Knott. The latter had two well-chosen numbers in "The Rosary" and "Sunshine of Your Smile"—the 'cello obligato to the former greatly enhancing the beauty of an always appreciated selection. Mrs. Downs' was heard to splendid advantage particularly in her second number, "A Year Ago," which she sang with pleasing expression, while she also pleasingly interpreted "Perfect Day," the effect of which was hightened by the 'cello obligato by Mr. Chorlton.

Miss Kane and Mr. Chorlton mads a decided hit in their 'cello duet and obliged to respond with a well-deserved encore. Mr. Chorlton made four appearances as 'cello soloist, which afforded considerable scope to display his ability on the instrument. Each of them were splendidly executed. His more serious number, "Ava Maria" was given with feeling, while the lighter offering, "Humorsake," was equally skilfully interpreted. A stanza of "Nearer My God to Thee" done to imitate a pipe organ gave ample evidence of the performer's all-round ability as a 'cellist. The accompanistes were Mrs. Foreman and Mrs. Downs.

Following the concert a few hours dancing was provided, with the orchestra supplying the music, and the ladies providing lunch. This feature of the evening also attracted a fine crowd, about fourteen Porthill young people being amongst the dancing enthusiasts.

Announcement that another concert will be given, possibly in May, will be heard with interest. Not only will the public be glad to have the opportunity of listening to another well-balanced programe, but the more critical will then have the opportunity to judge of Mr. Chorlton's ability as an orchestra conductor—with Friday night's standard to judge by.

Mrs Darbyshire Dead

The article following, which is taken from the Victoria Daily Colonist of March 3rd, will be read with regret by many Valley citizens, who enjoyed the acquaintance of the deceased who was on the teaching staff of the Creston school a few years ago:

"Mrs. Jane Darbyshire, for the past eight years a teacher of Saanich schools, and lately in charge of the primary grade at Tolmie School, died of influenza yesterday at the family home, 7 Burnside Road.

"She was thirty-eight years of age, [illegible] a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore. Her death has created a void that will be almost impossible to fill, officers of the school board say. She endeared herself to the children whom she taught and was held in high regard by her colleagues.

"She is survived by her husband, a [illegible] Creston, and F. R. Moore of Victoria; [illegible] Victoria."

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Japan Dominates China's Actions

Delegates Instructed Not to Expose Secret Treaties

Pekin. — Despite the statement of the Japanese minister here that his country has not threatened China that unless she instructs her delegates to the peace conference to discontinue their efforts to expose Japan by placing the secret agreements between China and Japan upon the people there is strong evidence that the Japanese, officially and unofficially, are influencing the government here to give such instructions. At the last cabinet meeting it was decided, after a discussion, that China's peace representatives should be instructed not to divulge the twenty-one demands and the other secret Chinese-Japanese treaties.

Tsso Yu-lin, minister of communication, who is strongly pro-Japanese, and the official who is responsible for the majority of the secret transactions, stated that the reason why China must work in with Japan was because Japan had a position in the "big five" and that Japan had arranged with France and Italy to support her in far eastern and other questions. Thus Japan could defeat any move that America and Britain might make. It was necessary, he said, for China to be on the winning side, where Japan would undoubtedly be on account of the Italian and French support. China, therefore, must not divulge any of the secret treaties with Japan without consulting with that country. Further, he said that Britain would be unable to assist China or influence Japan on account of strikes and other internal difficulties. The other cabinet members who are Tsao Yu-lin's nominees or supporters then agreed that instructions should be sent to the delegates not to divulge the secret agreements.

Manitoba Indians Die of Flu

Winnipeg. — Manitoba, with an Indian population of 14,784, has had approximately 2,000 deaths from 'flu' according to official figures given out by Dr. C. K. Cameron, chief medical inspector for the federal government of health, while the Indian agents who have returned from visits to the Indian reserves in the province report that more than 700 of the deaths have occurred among the Indians in the province, the 2,000 Indians in the province who died from the disease being about 13½ per cent. of the Indian population of the province. Of the population of 1,300 at Norway House, 200 died of 'flu, and at Oxford House, Island Lake, Marcille, Cross Lake, Berens River, Fisher River, Jack Head, Hollow Water, Fort Alexander, Pine Dock, Fort Frances, Sandy Bay, Portage la Prairie, Dauphin, Birtle, Swan River, Norway House, Cross Lake, Oxford House, Gods Lake, Island

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Explorer Collected Good Information

Has Spent Five Years in Unknown Northlands

Frequently has it been stated in recent years that the political geography of Europe to be studied by the coming generation will be vastly different from that imbibed by the youngsters of today, because the face of Europe on the may will be so much altered as to be almost unrecognizable.

The cost of this change has to be reckoned in lives of men as well as untold treasure.

Canada, also, will have to change her atlas, not by a shuffling of frontiers and borderlines, but by the filling in of a large vacant space hitherto represented on maps somewhat vaguely as Arctic regions, yet within the boundaries of the Dominion.

This change too, has been brought about at the cost of the lives of dauntless men, apart from a long bill in coin of the realm, but Canada, as a result, will know more of herself, and the work accomplished by these sturdy explorers will stand for ever as a monument to their courage, daring and skill.

After five years, spent in exploring the vast, previously unknown territory of the Arctic regions, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, commander-in-chief of the Polar expedition which left Canada in June, 1913, has arrived in Ottawa and reported officially to Deputy Ministe Desbarats, of the department of naval service. Stefansson's work has resulted in the collection of valuable scientific information and data.

Stefansson left Ottawa in the month of May, 1913, and proceded to the coast, leaving Victoria in June. He was commissioned by the department of naval service to explore the then unexplored regions north of Alaska and west of the known Canadian islands.

The main vessel of the expedition was the ill-fated Karluk, and, in addition, smaller gasoline vessels were added to the expedition at Nome, consisting of the Alaska, Polar Bear and Challenge.

The expedition was financed entirely by the Canadian government and during the period of exploration there were approximately one hundred men in the service. The average number of men with the expedition at any one time was between sixty and seventy.

"On board the Karluk was what was probably the finest scientific apparatus and equipment of any Polar expedition. The government spared no expense in fitting us out with the most modern equipment, and all this was lost. Thus our expedition was badly crippled. Our source of supplies was cut off by this disaster and we lived on the country, travelling by sled."

Asked of the approximate area of the region visited, Stefansson said it was about 1,000,000 square miles, of which perhaps 400,000 square miles had been explored.

There were thirteen scientific specialists attached to the party, and it was necessary, the explorer explained, to go all over the world to secure these technical experts.

Six of them hailed from Canada, viz.: Dr. R. M. Anderson, Ottawa; Kenneth Gordon Chipman, John J. O'Neil, Mr. Malloch of Hamilton, and J. R. Cox, geographical survey.

"The biological matter alone," stated Mr. Stefansson, "will comprise ten volumes of from 400 to 500 pages each, with many elaborate plates."

Asked when he had received news of the great war, the famous explorer stated that he first knew that there was a war twelve and a half months after it had started. This information was only received by luck. A whaler, which had gone a long way out of its ordinary course, brought the news to Stefansson, otherwise he would not have heard for two or three years, as he received no official mail for three years.

Regarding living conditions in general, Stefansson stated that he could be quite as comfortable in the northern regions as elsewhere. "I merely adjust my living to the conditions," he said, with a smile. "Hardships and sickness are largely a matter of the mind. If one thinks or imagines that he is suffering terrible privation and worries about imaginary illness, then he will worry himself into the real thing."

Mr. Desbarats, deputy minister of the department of naval service, paid tribute to the explorer, and the manner in which he had accomplished his object.

"The publication of the scientific matter is under way," said Mr. Desbarats, "and the amount of matter is enormous.

"Stefansson has added to Canada several unknown lands in the Arctic regions; he has done exceptionally valuable work by exploring oceans."

Of the commercial possibilities, Mr. Desbarats stated that the explorer found that musk ox existed in certain regions, and had a theory that there might be some industrial possibilities there. Stefansson had discovered coal. Also there was copper in great quantities, and the members of the southern expedition had reported favorably to their leader of this valuable mineral. The geological survey of Canada had co-operated with the department of naval service in the expedition, and had a careful study of the minerals in that section of the north.

Asked if many men had been lost on the expedition, Mr. Desbarats stated that, with the loss of the Karluk, there had been a serious loss of life.

"Three prominent scientists and two other scientific experts died on Wrangle Angle from exposure. Malloch, of Hamilton, died there. Then Dr. Mackay, Murray, and Beuchag, all noted scientists, left the party, after the wreck, and in their attempt to gain land they were lost in the Arctic night, and have never been heard of since.

"The expedition was a complete success," said the deputy minister, "and even more than we hoped for has been accomplished."

Foot Shows Finer Development Than Hand

Shows the Difference Between Man and Monkey

A defender of the lowly foot has come in the person of the Journal of Heredity. Says the Journal:

"The human hand, a strangely, almost shockingly, primitive survival, has received enormous praise mistakenly lavished by the philosopher and the anatomist; but the human foot, a wonderfully modified and distinctly human member, has had but scant appreciation. . . . The foot is apt to be regarded as a poor relation of the hand, as a thing which, once being far more useful, has degenerated, within the narrow confines of a boot, into a rather distorted and somewhat useless member. Although in modern man the boot has had its definite influence (as in limiting the possibilities of the power of grasp) such generalisations concerning the human foot are very far from true. If man should wish to point with pride to any organ, the structure of which definitely severs him from all other existing primates, it is to the foot he should point. If 'missing links' are to be traced with complete success, the foot, far more than the skull or the teeth, or the shins, will mark them as monkey or man. The weakness of Achilles lay in his heel; the weakness of the arboreal primate masquerading as man lies in the structure of the foot. It is the foot which differentiates between man and monkey."

Cattle Bill Results

Inspectors for the department of Agriculture were busy branding cattle at the Edmonton stockyards that have been bought under the provisions of the Alberta cow bill. During the month of September a total of $29,739 was loaned under the provisions of this bill. Five hundred and thirteen cattle were bought with this amount, of which 329 were secured at the Edmonton stockyards and the remaining 184 were bought at country points. The districts represented in these purchases were Westlock, Halkirk, St. Paul, Peace River, Mannville, Sangudo and Medicine Hat. These farmers took out loans varying from $200 to $500 each. Most all of this stock was heifers and young cows.

Hay in Northern Alberta

A considerable quantity of hay was put up in Northern Alberta this year, and will help somewhat to relieve the feed situation which is causing anxiety among cattle men all over the continent. At one point north of Edmonton between fifteen and twenty thousand tons of hay were cut and is now ready for transportation south. Arrangements are being made to facilitate the movement of it as fast as possible.

An Ounce of Prevention

For the third time in one afternoon the lady found her new maid fast asleep in the kitchen easy chair.

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Germans Failed to Get Oil

Germany expected to get great quantities of oil from the Baku district, through her "treaty" with Russia, but she has been disappointed. In the last six months the oil output dropped to a third what it was last year. Food difficulties caused 5,000 drillers to quit work and boring was decreased 60 per cent. as compared with last year. Despite this great quantities of oil are stored at Baku—probably more than 1,600,000 tons—but the transport conditions are so demoralized that it cannot be moved. And now Germany will never get it.

Jerusalem Fell to Two Tommies

Major Allen Burgoyne, lecturing before the Roval Photographic Society, told a story of the surrender of Jerusalem. He said that the city was actually surrendered to a couple of British regimental cooks, who were out trying to get some salad, when the Arabs came out with the keys of the city. One Tommy asked what they were expected to do with the keys of the "blinkin' city."

Major Burgoyne said that the scene was accounted so historic that it was reconstructed and photographed.

Good Yields on College Farm

Among the reports of threshing outputs received by the Manitoba department of agriculture, probably the premier place so far has been taken by the agricultural college farm. Specially is this true in the case of the oat crop.

The colllege farm is used largely to produce pasture and winter feeds for the large college herd, but in addition to forage crops the following have been threshed:

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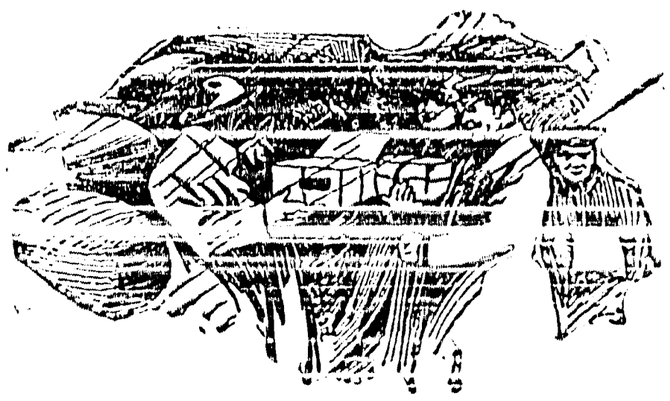

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Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Taxation Act," and amendments thereto, and the "Public School Act" respecting the Assessment Rolls of the Nelson Assessment District for the year 1919 will be held at the Court House at Nelson, B.C., on Tuesday, the Eighteenth day of March, 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

A Court of Revision and Appeal will also be held in the Court Room at the Town of Creston, on Saturday, the 22nd day of March, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Nelson, B.C., this fifth day of March, 1919.

EDWARD CREASE,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

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A Great Truth

A sympathetic ear has been turned by the provincial government in the direction of the Sumas scheme for the draining of Sumas lake in the Fraser valley, and which will thus render a large area of splendid land productive.

The plan is of great merit, and in this regard, as in respect to the South Okanagan land scheme, the provincial government is entitled to commendation for the steps taken.

Equally, if not more important, is the reclamation scheme for the south end of Kootenay lake, and the carrying out of which will render available for cultivation and production a large area of the choicest land at the north and south ends of Kootenay lake, as well as render less liable of flooding during high water periods of various points along the lake from Nelson to Lardo.

When a special commission from the territory affected visited Victoria in connection with this matter a few weeks ago, in order to impress upon the government the desirability of action, the committee was received in rather a cold-shouldered manner, by the Hon. T. D. Pattulo, wha did not appear to take kindly to the scheme at all. In fact it is stated that the reception given by Mr. Pattulo was discourteous. Premier Oliver, on the contrary, appeared to be sympathetically inclined, and is reported to have "called down" his lieutenant for the way he acted.

The Kootenay reclamation scheme is as fully deserving of consideration as the Sumas scheme or the South Okanagan land scheme. —Kaslo Kootenaian.

G.W.V.A. Active

Creston's Great War Veterans Association had a full turnout for their regular meeting on March 1st, which was held in the board of trade rooms. After the regular routine of business had been disposed of a number of resolutions directly effecting the returned men's interests were taken up. The first of these deals with the Reclamation of Kootenay Flats, and was endorsed as follows:

Whereas the Provincial Government has spent many thousands of dollars for engineers and surveyors reports on the lands known as the Kootenay Flats.

And whereas, by failing to investigate to a conclusion the feasibility of reclaiming the above-mentioned lands the fruit of an enormous expenditure is wasted.

And whereas the Provincial Government gave many solemn pledges that any man enlisting for the service of his country need have no anxiety for the future of his dependents or for himself, as their welfare wonld be the concern of the country.

And whereas the Provincial Government has repeatedly stated its intention of placing upon the land any of the eligible returned soldiers who wish to be so placed.

And whereas many returned soldiers are desirous of settling in the Kootenay district but are held in a state of uncertainty owing to the government s attitude with regard to available lands.

And whereas the Reclamation of Kootenay Flats would make 30,000 acres of land available for soldier settlement.

And whereas the features of reclamation would provide work for a great number of returned soldiers.

And whereas this reclamation would solve two of the important problems now facing the government, viz: WORK for the returned soldier and LAND for the returned soldier.

Be it resolved, That the Proyincial Government be requested to put an end to uncertainty, and to make an honest attempt to carry out the spirit of their solemn pledges. To use every endeavor toward making the Kootenay Flats available for soldier settlement. Not to waste public monies by leaving an attempted task half completed. And to take the necessary steps so that a definite statement may be issued as to the feasibility of Reclaiming the Kootenay Flats and making same suitable for soldier settlement.

This resolution was at once forwarded Vancouver and through the machinery of the G.W.V.A. organization will be presented to the soldiers' parliamentary committee. Two other resolutions that met with a favorable reception from the members were also ordered sent to the proper authorities. They are:

Whereas aliens of doubtful origin are occupying positions that could, and should, be held by returned soldiers.

And whereas many of these aliens of doubtful origin are in sentiment opposed to our constitution.

And whereas many of these aliens are in sentiment enemies of our country.

Therefore be it resolved that we most earnestly petition the government that all enemy aliens, or naturalized citizens of alien origin, who by their words, their actions, or by their conduct have made their presence undesirable in the Dominion, be deported to their respective countries as soon as possible, being a menace to our future peace. And further, that all aliens who are not naturalized not being good citizens should be deported.

Whereas the Provincial Government gave many solemn pledges that any man enlisting for the service of his country need have no anxiety for the future, either for himself or his dependants.

And whereas it is inflicting grave hardship to require soldiers to pay taxes on lands which in the great majority of cases were deteriorating in the soldiers absence.

And whereas the returned man to re-establish himself on equal terms with [illegible] cost of ready cash.

Therefor be it resolved, that we the the Creston Branch of the G.W.V.A. earnestly petition the government to exempt all soldiers from taxation for the period of such soldiers service in the forces of the empire.

The meeting went on record as being highly dissatisfied with the treatment accorded to delegations by the government, and will use every effort to ensure proper attention by cabinet ministers to delegations empowered to wait upon them in the interests of the returned soldiers.

A women's auxiliary to the Creston Branch was also discussed, but this was tabled pending further enquiry and the gathering of more information.

J. W. Spence, who recently lost his position as station agent at Cranbrook, has just opened out in the insurance and house renting buiness.

D. Gellatly, the big Okanagan rancher, has recently made an offer to allow returned soldiers in sufficient numbers to work his ranch holdings on a share-and-share-alike basis, but so far none of them have seem fit to discuss the proposition with him.

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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 aiso 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

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Intervention in Russia Appears Now Impossible

London. — Premier Lloyd George spoke again on the general peace situation. The occasion was brought about by the Capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness, Unionist, asking whether the premier was prepared to press to the utmost, reparation from Germany and also to make Germany pay to the full extent of her resources. He also pressed for more information as to the status of the British colonies at the peace conference.

"We have had far too much of the particular panacea which America is supporting at the conference," said Captain Guinness. "Since the days of Mahomet, no prophet has been listened to with more superstitious respect than President Wilson."

Mr. Lloyd George began his reply by saying that reparation by Germany was the election pledge given by the government after careful consideration by the cabinet. The government, he said, stood by every word of this pledge.

The premier, defending the pledges of the peace conference, said the government has been devoting its time to speeding up agreements. He was sanguine that a complete agreement would be reached concerning the German western boundary, but the eastern boundary was a different matter. Until the commission sent to examine the matter reported, the allies would be in no position to make demands upon Germany.

The conference was unanimous, he said, that Germany had forfeited all rights to her colonies.

Mr. Lloyd George contended that with regard to indemnities, the British government was in advance of any government, as it was the first to appoint a committee to deal with this matter.

He declared that there had never been any proposal advanced at the peace conference to recognize the Bolsheviki. Russia was ready to dogmatize, but difficult to deal with. He admitted that the horrors of Bolshevism were so great that there was a sense of disgust when they came to deal with the leaders, but it was useless to blind their eyes to the real facts.

Russia represented an area over half of Europe, and nearly half of Asia, and, he pointed out, if peace were not made, the whole of this immense territory would be seething in anarchy, disorder and bloodshed; there would be no peace in the world. The Bolshevists, the premier asserted, were assassins, guilty of the crimes laid to their charge. The allies had given the anti-Bolshevist governments financial support and assistance. Much of their equipment had been supplied by the allies, who were anxious to keep the rich territories of Russia out of German hands.

If troops were to be sent to Russia, who would send them? America, he said, would send neither men, money nor material, and the work would fall upon the British and French.

The Bolshevist machinery in Russia was ruthless and brutal, but there was no doubt about its efficiency and it was the only machinery there. Everybody in the past who had interfered in Russia had come to grief. There was no idea of recognizing the Bolshevists; it was quite impossible to do so as long as they were pursuing their present methods.

It might be argued, he said, that the Bolshevist is governed by terror. The same could be said of the French revolution. He was unable to disclose the figures that intervention would involve, but, after seeing them, no sane man, he declared, would advise the allies, after five years of war, to undertake the enterprise. The Bolshevist military power had grown, while both England and Germany were too occupied to attack it and it was strong.

"And if we won, how long would we occupy the country?" he asked, "and what guarantee would there be that when we withdrew, a dependable government would be set up?"

Referring to alternative of allowing the fire in Russia to burn itself out, the premier characterized this as a brutal policy, and added that it would be useless to send food to Petrograd when the only disturbing organization was Bolsheviki. Supporting the Prinkipo alternative, the premier argued that it was by no means unknown on the northern frontier of India to parley with brigands and even assassins. The Bolsheviki system could not last forever and, in the meantime, he was informed, the threat of intervention was driving the moderate element into Bolsheviki hands.

He urged that the allies must do their best in the interest, not only of Russia, but also of Great Britain and of the world, to restore order and good government in that distracted country.

Bolsheviks Got Stores

Washington. — Large stores of food, coal, munitions and other supplies have been obtained by the Bolsheviki forces along the Dvina river, advices to the state department said. The despatches did not make clear whether the stores were captured by the soviet troops or were abandoned by the Czecho-Slovaks and loyal Russian forces.

Paris. — King Alfonso of Spain, has definitely decided to visit South America, according to the Gaulois. He will go to Buenos Ayres, Montevideo and Rio de Janeiro, it is said, but the date of the voyage has not not yet been fixed.

Now Well and Strong as Ever

After a Year of Great Suffering from Kidney Disease and Lame Back—Two Interesting Letters

Lindale, Alta., Feb. 19.—It is only after sickness that one properly appreciates health. The writers of these letters show how they appreciate the means whereby health was regained, and recommend the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to others.

If kidney disease is to be cured it must be taken in hand early, and that is why the warning given by backache, headache and urinary derangements should be heeded and treatment begun at once.

Mr. C. E. Raymus, Lindale, Alta., writes: "I was a great sufferer from kidney disease and lame back for more than a year. A friend of mine one day told me of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and, acting upon his advice, I tried them. After I had taken one box I felt better, so I continued until I had used five boxes. By this time I felt as well and strong as ever, and am glad to recommend Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to anyone suffering as I did."

"I know Mr. C. E. Raymus, and believe his statement in regard to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to be true and correct."—John Torbett, Postmaster.

Mr. Thomas Austin, Earl Grey, Sask., writes: "I wish to let you know what Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills did for me. Last summer my back ached so much that I not only could not sleep at night, but could not lie in comfort in bed. I tried several remedies, and finally sent for three boxes of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, but was quite cured by the time I had used one box. I always recommend these Pills to anyone suffering the same as I did, as I am satisfied and thankful that they cured me."

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Will Sell Land

Edmonton. — About 100 offers of land in different parts of the province have been received by the Alberta office of the soldier settlement board from private owners who are willing to sell under the new land scheme now pending. They are for various sized parcels, ranging from one-quarter section to a block of 2,100 acres and the prices quoted run from $5 to $30 per acre. The list of properties so offered will be placed before Commissioner Imbert, chairman of the settlement board, and Major Shore, director of lands for the west, both of whom are expected here in the course of the next few days.

Kaiser Confers With Supporters

Object of Meetings Cannot Be Ascertained

Amerongen, Holland. —There have been various indications during the last week that Count Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, is maintaining communication with his former supporters.

Two secretaries of the German legation at the Hague, Koester and Schleibach, visited the castle at Amerongen and stayed over night, having a long conference with Count Hohenzollern and Hans von Guntard, the sole remaining high functionary of the old imperial court. He remains faithful to the former emperor. Baroness von Rosen, the English wife of the German minister to Holland, is still at the castle.

The object of these meetings cannot be ascertained. Further departures of the former emperor's domestics occurred during the last week, some of them, however, being replaced by new arrivals from Berlin. The German government has given notice to all state servants in attendance on the former emperor and his wife that they must place themselves at the disposal of the government by April 1 or forfeit all claims for pensions. Countess Keller still remains with the former empress.

Will Not Use Military Force

League Has Not Decided to Form International Army

Paris. — Lord Robert Cecil, the British representative on the league of nations commission, denied the report spread in Paris that the league of nations commission had approved the creation of an international army and that the United States and Great Britain had conceded the point to France.

Lord Robert Cecil said that in his opinion the commission would decline moreover, to approve any such plan. He added that such a report must have originated from an enemy of the peace conference.

Australia Will Assist Farmers

Guarantee Ninety-seven Cents Per Bushel for Wheat Crop

Ottawa. — Some interesting particulars of the steps taken by the government of the Australian commonwealth to assist the wheat growers of the island continent, are contained in a report to the department of trade and commerce from P. D. Ross, Canadian trade commissioner at Melbourne. He states that, independent of earlier guarantees, owing to the federal government not having reached a decision in the matter the commonwealth government has decided to make advances of 97 cents per bushel to farmers on the 1918-19 crop of recognized quality. This guarantee immediately relieved the state government from any liability in making advances to farmers.

The advance will involve a payment by the government of over sixty million dollars in addition to railway freight and all expenses in handling.

An estimate made by the Australian wheat board puts the available supply in Australia at 156,266,000 bushels.

Chaplains Gain Honors

London. — The total number of Canadian chaplains now serving in the overseas forces is 436. The number of honors gained include five C.M.G.'s, nine D.S.O.'s, 33 M.C.'s, 35 mentioned in despatches and 13 brought to the notice of the secretary of state for war.

Two chaplains were killed in action; one died of wounds; one was drowned on the Llandovery Castle, which was sunk by a German submarine; two died of illness and twenty-one were wounded.

Four Russ Factions Join Conference

Paris. — Prospects are brightening for the assembling of at least four of the Russian faction at the conference to be held on Prince's Islands. Word has come from the Ukraine that the government of that former part of Russia will participate in the conference, and it is asserted that the indecision of General Denikine has given way to a desire to join the conference. The government of the Crimea already has accepted the invitation as has the Russian Bolsheviki government.

Make Germany Realize We Are Their Conquerors

Claims of Belgium

Paris. — The Belgian claims as placed before the supreme council included a demand for the return to Belgium of some territory held by Germany in addition to requests for free navigation of the Scheldt and the restoration of certain territory held by the Dutch. The German districts demanded are Montjoie and Malmedy, just east of the present Belgian-German border. The population of these districts is mainly Walloon and their possession by Belgium, it was pointed out, would deprive Germany of an outlet for a new invasion of Belgium.

Reds Invade Japan

Tokio. — It is reported that Bolsheviki are daily pouring into Japan to the great consternation of the local police, who are trying by every means to prevent harm by the invaders. It is estimated that there are 400 of these undesirables, each possessed of plenty of money, living in Yokohama and Tokio. Many of the unwelcome visitors are planning to go to America but are finding difficulty in getting certificates.

New German Ministry

Copenhagen. — According to despatches from Weimar, an agreement has been reached by the German national assembly on the composition of the new ministry which will consist of 14 members. Philip Scheidemann has been selected chancellor. Dr. August Mueller, minister of economics. Herr Bauer, minister of labor. Herr Landberg, minister of national defence and justice.

Paris. — The German authorities have been asked to furnish information confirming the amount of the war material, cannon, airplanes and other equipment. This question came up in the recent sessions of the war council, when the extent of this material was advanced as a reson for taking effective measures against the renewal of warlike activity.

Before determining on any such step, it was considered desirable to request information, both as a memo, dealing with the subject, and as testing the good faith of the enemy in disclosing the status of his military equipment.

Although no official communication was issued after the meeting of the supreme war council, the Havas Agency understands that the council decided first to place Germany in a military situation where it would be impossible to recommence hostilities.

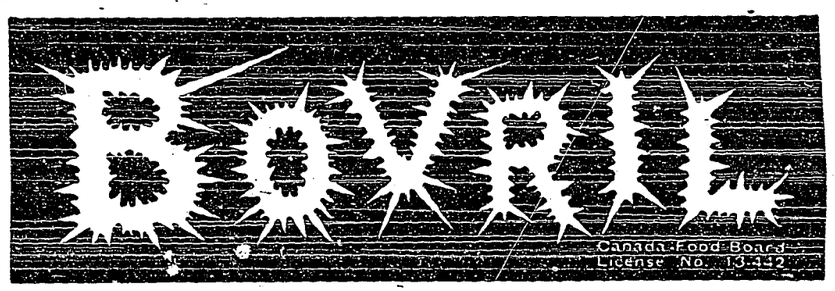
It is pointed out that the enemy countries are preserving war material permitting them to equip very rapidly an army of at least 3,000,000 men.

The council decided, secondly, according to Havas, "To make Germany realize that we are the conquerors and that it is not a 'White peace' that we are seeking to impose on her."

In case Germany submits with grace, continues Havas, it is possible that the entente would facilitate the resumption of the entente's works of peace for the benefit of Germany.

The council also had to exchange the demand by the Poles that a clause be introduced into the armistice that agricultural machinery stolen by the enemy should be restored.

The council's program also contained questions of effectives and the raising of the blockade concerning Turkey and Bulgaria.



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BIRTH—On March 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gibbs, a daughter.

FOR SALE—Gasoline lighting system, three lamps, pump and tank.—F. W. Ash, Creston.

Mrs. Chas. Moore returned on Tuesday from a short visit with her mother and other Kaslo friends.

Starting the first of the month Creston school went on the spring schedule starting operations at 9. a.m.

Young lady employed in office would like to secure board and room in private home. Enquire REVIEW Office.

WANTED—Live hens and ducks. Top cash price paid by Dong Barney at Pacific Restaurant, next drugstore.

R. E. Beattie of Cranbrook arrived yesterday on his semi-annual visit to Creston, looking after business interests in town.

Creston Methodists are reminded that Rev. J. F. Shaw of Fernie will be here for evening service only on Sunday, March 23rd.

Mesdames M. Young and R. Sinclair Smith were hostesses at the Red Cross tea on Tuesday, which netted the society's fund $4.

Miss E. Hirtz of Cranbrook arrived the latter part of the week to take the position of stenographer in the Canyon City Lumber Co. office.

HATCHING EGGS—White Wyandotte. Regal strain. Imported, $1.75 setting of 14. Same kind not imported $1.25.—F. W. Ash, Creston.

Mrs. W. K. Brown left on Saturday for Spokane, to be with her sister who is to undergo an operation in a hospital in that city this week.

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

Another of the Forestry Draft recruits got home on Tuesday in Pte. Tom Baines, looking pretty much the same as when he left here about two years ago.

Don't forget Aunt Susan's Visit, Auditorium, Friday evening, March 21st. The Creston orchestra will play between acts. See posters for full announcements.

VEGETABLES—For sale, white cooking beans at 9c. a pound, or $7 per hundred lbs. Also white onions at 4 cents a pound, or $3 per 100 lbs. Mrs. F. Putnam, Creston.

Creston orchestra has already started practising on a lot of new music which will be presented at the Board of Taade whist drive, box social and dance on Easter Monday, April 14th.

E. C. Hunt of Nelson, the provincial horticulturist in charge of this district, spent a couple of days here the middle of the week, making preliminary arrangements for 1919 operations.

According to the February report there are 142 pupils attending the Creston school. Miss Kane's room leading with 44. This is certainly high water mark for school attendance at Creston.

Creston is due to have the best St. Patrick's Day celebration in the Valley's history, the reception to the returned soldiers being scheduled for that night. You're all invited. Make it your night out.

Institute members and others are reminded of the book shower in connection with the Institue meeting tomorrow afternoon—the contributed volumes to be the nucleus of an Institute lending library.

S. G. Foreman of Embree & Foreman was a business visitor at Cranbrook on Tuesday, where he made arrangements for his firm to have the sole agency in the Valley of the well-known McLaughlin car.

There will be no more meals served at the White Lunch restaurant after March 9th, though bread and pastry will be sold for a time, with the place closed on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, proprietress.

T. W. Bundy got back from Halcyon on Thursday last much improved after a week's treatment at the baths, leaving the following day with Mrs. Bundy and daughter to resume his old position as C.P.R. agent at Wardner.

Creston will not lack social attractions for the next couple of weeks. On Monday night the Presbyterians have their Feast of Nations in Speers, Hall, and on Friday night the same aid is putting on "Aunt Susan's Visit" in the Auditorium.

The assessment roll court of revision will be held on Saturday next, March 22nd, starting at 2 o'clock town time. If all who have threatened to have actually appealed Jude Crease will certainly be here for the week-end—and then some.

A memorial service for the late Rev. W. C. Bunt, late pastor of Creston Methodist church, was held in Centennial Methodist church, Victoria, on Sunday last, and was quite largely attended. Mrs. Bunt and family will reside permanently at the capital.

Wm. Hooper of Rossland, accompanied by his son-in-law, J. A. Fraser, were visitors here on Wednesday on a business trip. Mr. Hooper is predicting an early spring, and figures on being back in a few weeks to get at the spring work on his ranch here.

For Easter Monday night, April 14th, the Creston Board of Trade will be hosts at a whist-box social, which will conclude with a dance with Creston orchestra music. The affair is being arranged by a competent committee and will be the event of the season.

Aunt Susan is on her way to Creston. She will visit her nephew, John Thomas Tibbs, and all are invited to meet her at the Auditorium on Friday evening, March 21st. Come, as we expect a most enjoyable time. Aunt Susan is very amusing. The orchestra will render special music.

Final payments on the 1918 Victory Loan were due on Thursday last and Manager Bennett of the Bank of Commerce reports that every one of the $38,000 worth of bonds taken out here have been paid in full. Over 60 per cent. of this was paid when application was made for the bonds.

Aunt Susan's Visit will be presented in the Auditorium on Friday evening, March 21st, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid. In addition to the play the Creston orchestra will render special music. This combination should be a guarantee of a splendid evening's entertainment.

Creston is getting more and more cosmopolitan every day. The latest arrivals are a couple of families of Doukhobors who are occupying the Quaife place, next the section house. There will be no shortage of berry pickers if a few more similar-sized families move into the Valley.

Red Cross work secretary's report for the week acknowledges the following work turned in on Tuesday: Mrs. C. Hall, pair socks. Miss Candy, women's jacket. Miss V. Gobbett, 1 amputation sock, Mrs. E. Cartwright, 4 child's shirts, and Canyon City Auxiliary, 4 childs shirts and 6 petticoats.

Instead of the Feast of Nations the Presbyterion Ladies' Aid are having afternoon tea and a sale of home cooking and candy in Speer's Hall on Monday afternoon, March 17th, from 3 to 6 o'clock. This will be a fine chance for those wishing to take refreshments to the soldiers reception to secure them on short notice.

G. Hendren and staff are busy this week remodelling the interior of the front part of the Fruit Growers Union building so as to provide more office space, including a manager's private office. Lumber is also arriving for a considerable addition to the main warehouse to provide the needed storage for the ever-increasing apple shipping.

Owing to the arrival home of at least half a dozen veterans who are liable to be away again for their discharge before the 28th, the committee in charge of the soldiers' reception have changed the date of the affair to Monday next, March 17th, at the Auditorium, with an admisson of 50 cents, except to soldiers and their kin, all of whom will be admitted without charge.

Creston orchestra had a businsss reorganization meeting after the usual weekly practice on Monday night, at which J. K. Chorlton was formally appointed musical director, and W. B. Embree business manager. The charge for the orchestra in future will be $25 where the engagement runs from 9 to 2, or $12.50 where the music is only required till midnight.

At the meeting of the board of trade on Tuesday night it was decided to take advantage of a prospective visit of provincial engineer Ramsay this week to call his attention to the necessity of a bigger ferry to be operated by steam or other power. Statistics of the use of the ferry the past few months show it to be about the busiest ferry in the province.

J. H. Fulmer has vacated the Boadway house and now occupies the Reid bungalow on Fourth street. Mrs. Jos. Wilson has moved into the Reid cottage on Victoria Ave. as Mr. Quist, who recently bought part of the Wilson ranch, is expected back shortly to take possession of the place. Mrs. Wilson will likely build another house on the unsold portion of the ranch.

Whether members or not all ladies will be welcome to the Women's Institute meeting to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at which the chief feature will be an address on hospital work by Mrs. Garland Foster of Balfour, who is just recently home from military hospital nursing in England. For good measure Mrs. G. Young will read a paper on the League of Nations.

The Farmers' Institute irrigation committee had a wire from the comptroller of water rights, Victoria, on Friday, enquiring as to about what time the engineer could get busy with the finish-up of the Arrow Creek irrigation survey. The reply was to the effect that work could probably start in three weeks at the Creston end, but at Arrow Creek it would be two weeks later brfore the grades would be in passable shape.

Four more of the overseas soldiers who enlisted at Creston are back again, Sergt. Earl Pease and Ptes. Bert Hobden and Charlie Leamy of the Creston Forestry Corps, along with Milt Beam, who was with the infantry, getting home on Saturday. There was a fine turnout of townspeople at the station to welcome the boys back After a few days leave they will go on to Vancouver to obtain their discharges. All of them look in the best of health.

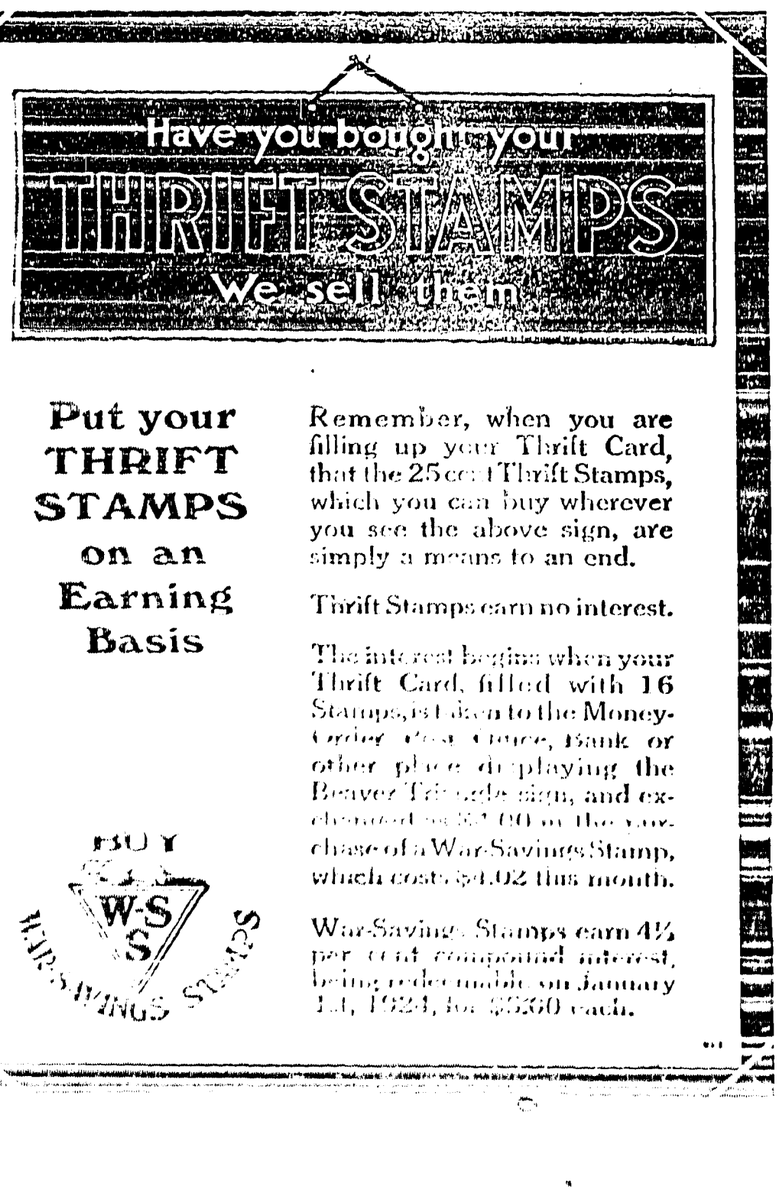
The teachers at Creston school have this month undertaken the good work of boosting the sale of War Savings Stamps amongst the scholars. The effort has been thoroughly organized and each division has a distinctive name. Miss Ross' charges are Bees. Miss Kane's the Squirrels, Vice-Principal Smith's the Chipmonks, and the principal's proteges the Beavers. Up till Wednesday noon a total of $104 worth of them had been disposed of, the Squirrels leading with $53, and the Chipmonks next with $30.

Creston troop of boy scouts, which now shows an enrollment of 22, are getting along nicely on a course in woodwork and expect soon to place some household conveniences on sale. Recently the following scouts successfully passed their "tenderfoot" tests, and are now well on their way for second class badges; Arthur Gobbett, Lionel Moore, Harvey Gobbett, Bob Crawford and Teddy Payne. Amongst the cubs the majority have already either taken their first star or are ready for test. Several new scouts have been enrolled, and more have made application and will be enrolled in the near future.

The short course extension in agriculture, which has been under way at the Auditorium since Tuesday, and which concludes this afternoon, has been well attended, more particularly the afternoon sessions, with a good turnout of ladies at the sessions, where dairying topics are up for discussion. All four speakers, Messrs. Boving, Clement, McLean and Sadler, are highly spoken of, not only for their intimate and practical knowledge of the subjects they are presenting, but also for their ability to place matters in such a way that their hearers readily grasp the facts that they are being presented. Taken all round the four-day school has been a great success.

Guy Constable got away on Tuesday on a hurried call to Victoria to meet the Reconstruction Committee of the provincial legislature to put before them the merits of Kootenay Flats Reclamation as a returned soldiers proposition. This is a committee specially appointed by the government to investigate returned soldier land and employment schemes and to report on such as are feasible to the legislature. The committee has three soldier members out of seven on the committee. Reclamation has been discussed with this committee by the executive of the provincial G.W.V.A. and has looked so good to them that they requested the fullest possible information, hence Mr. Constable's trip.

The Okanagan country had 18 inches of snowfall last week, and the ranchers are rejoicing greatly. It ensures the necessary moisture to facilitate spring work, as well as promise of a water supply for irrigation purposes.



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