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Erickson

The United Farmers have just finished the sale direct from the car of a carload of No. 1 alfalfa, which members secured at $34.50 a ton. As the Union is likely to at once stock a couple of cars of feed here action in the matter of ordering a car of feed has been delayed.

R. J. Long left on Monday for Cranbrook on a combined business and pleasure trip, and will be gone most of the week.

Mr. Topliss, who has been on Mrs. Brown's ranch here for the past six months, has moved into the house on the Attwood place, and Mr. Woods, who sometime ago purchased the Brown ranch, is taking possession this week.

Building operations in the way of new residences has been very brisk this fall, among those putting up new homes being T. Campbell, Alf. Palmer, L. Leyque, Jos. Stinson and the carpenters are now busy on the house of school principal Smith of Creston who has acquired a couple of acres next old Adams ranch.

Mrs. G. A. Hunt of Kiechener, who was down for the Conservative whist and dance at Creston on Friday, was a week-end visitor with Mrs. R. J. Long.

On cultivated land the rainfall of the past ten days has pretty well got down to the bottom. Orchardists invariably report that the trees are going into winter in fine shape with a good show of healthy looking fruit buds.

The house on the Adams ranch, just vacated by Alf. Palmer, is being occupied for the present by Dr. Harrison, a newcomer from Cypress River, Man.

VOTE FOR

JOHN KEEN

and the Oliver Government

Who have served the people as a whole, and will continue to do so.

VOTE FOR JOHN KEEN

Alf. Palmer was duly sworn in as deputy returning officer on Thursday last for the provincial election voting on Wednesday next. The vote at Erickson poll will be close with the Liberals claiming a majority.

The Fruit Growers Union announces that their warehouse at Erickson will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon in future for the better accommodation of the residents in that section, and that a full stock of flour, feed and hay will be carried.

Water rights engineer Biker of Nelson was here on an official visit the latter part of the week, inspecting

Geo. Benney Dead

Just as we go to press this (Thursday) afternoon word comes of the death of G. M. Benney, who passed away after several months' illness on Thursday morning, at the age of 53 years. Up till four years ago the late Mr. Benney was government road superintendent for this district and was a familiar figure in the Kootenay. Announcement has not yet been made as to the funeral.

Cheap Beef

A couple of beef animals belonging to West & Payne were killed on the C.P.R. tracks near the Stace Smith crossing by a westbound freight on Saturday. It is a miracle the slaughter of cattle in that locality has not been much heavier this year. It is safe to say that at least one train a day has had to slow down almost to a stop in order to avoid running over cows, which seem to find the pasture along the track exceptionally good.

Lister

A. Wade is the latest to return to the camp, after spending three months in the Peace River country, getting as far north as Fort McMurray.

After a three months absence Walter Edgworth has again returned, he has been at Calgary, Alta.

The planer and new engine for the sawmill plant here arrived the latter part of the week, and the men are busy putting them in shape for immediate operation.

Saturday night's dance at the schoolhouse is sure to attract a banner crowd, as the proceeds will go into a fund to give the children a Christmas entertainment, and music will be furnished by the Lister orchestra. The admission is 75 cents, which includes supper.

Jos. Bell was a visitor at Cranbrook over the week-end and along with Dr. Ding, Liberal candidate in the Cranbrook riding, addressed a meeting of the Veterans in that city on Sunday afternoon.

Two auto loads from here were at Canyon City on Tuesday night to attend the Liberal meeting, which was addressed by John Keen, the candidate in this constituency.

Building permits issued this week include one for F. Bagshaw, who is specializing in pigs, and erecting a 50-foot pen for their winter accommodation.

A meeting of the settlers who are interested in the hay supply was held on Tuesday night, when the expense sheet in connection with the flats haying operations were presented. Approximately 80 tons are available and it will cost about $18 at the stack. It is figured another $12 a ton will have to be added to take care of haulage charges.

The second of the weekly meetings of the Literary, Mucical and Dramatic Society was held on Wednesday night, and attracted a fine turnout of the members. The programme was strictly musical, and was as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. H. Christenson. Vocal solo, Mrs. J. Johnston, String duett, Messrs. T. and H. Yerbury. Vocal duetts, Misses Flossie Evans and Jennie Chalmers, and Misses Frances Malthouse and Doris Yerbury. Vocal solos by Mrs. F. Powers, Harry Brown and F. M. K. Thompson. Duett, Mr. and Mrs. Christenson.

Wynndel

Kunst brothers of Boswell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wigen last week, leaving on the Saturday noon train for Porthill.

Saturday morning's freight killed Sam Moon's mule and a cow whose owner is as yet unknown, while Monday afternoon's passenger accounted for the death of a cow, calf and a dog. Local farmers are now clamoring for the C.P.R. fences to be mended.

Saturday evening last a general meeting of the United Farmers was held and Mr. McGee, representing Col. Lister, was invited to come down for a friendly talk with the farmers. John Keen, M.P.P., and a party of Liberal supporters dropped in quite unexpectedly, and the session was turned into a political meeting in which Mr. McGee and Mr. Keen divided the evening's honors fairly evenly.

Saturday, Nov. 27th, sees the United Farmers again assembled for a general meeting to discuss business postponed by last week's political event. There should be a good turnout as the hay supply question will be discussed and acted upon.

There will be a dance on Saturday evening, 27th, under the auspices of the United Farmers, commencing at 9.45 o'clock. Gents 25 cents, ladies please bring refreshments. Everybody come and have a good time.

Evangelist Roper, who held a series of meetings at Creston for a couple of weeks earlier in the month, will have service here at the schoolhouse on Sunday at 7.30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

AUCTION SALE

CRESTON, B.C.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7th

Commencing 10 a.m.

I will offer at Public Auction the entire

Furniture, Household Effects and Fixtures of the Creston Hotel.

For further information see large posters.

J. F. ROSE, Auctioneer.

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C. F. HAYES, Editor and Owner.

CRESTON, B.C., FRIDAY, NOV. 26

RHYMES OF THE TIMES POLITICAL

The political bands are now playing,
Prelude to an election due before long;
Meantime citizens of B.C.
Let us reason well tune and song,
Ere we go and pledge our allegiance,
For as sure as we live certainly
We'll be called upon to pay the piper
Be it grim discord or better harmony.
We are about to make a decision
And its up to each of us—you and me
In making the choice of our medicine
To use our brains intelligently.
Now as to public provincial affairs
It's about time we arrived to see
That pushing petrified old party stuff
Is a woeful waste of time and energy.
Rather should we sense public matters
From a strictly business point of view,
Forget Grit and Tory piebald politics
And as sane men think straight, then do.
Less of party punk, more of principles;
More honesty, efficiency in public affairs;
Less petrified party flimflam games,
And the tunes they play—mostly hot airs.
We have some past party records to go on,
Better not revealed without doubt, sir,
Still if they stimulate us to reason Keen
We'll not fall for a kaiser Bill Bow-sir.
We are feeling the pressure of the burdens
Foul legacy of profligate politicians past,
While now retrieving untoward position
Why go back, we would sanely ask.
As live and worthy people let us be
Sensing the common welfare with fidelity;
Let us put honest principles before any party
Of corrupt deals and steals as the P.G.E.
As citizens with conscience clear and clean,
As men and women worthy of the name, sir;
Our bounden duty to purify politica llife
Of graft, plundering politicians, Bow-ow-ow-sir.

—J.A.L.

A POLITICAL PRODIGY!

Ladies and gentlemen, I note
That shortly you'll be called to vote;
To use your freedom without distraction
In the coming on B.C. election.
It's said, not to be overrated,
Two men have thus been nominated.

John Keen, M.P.P., white with years,
And Col. Lister's name appears.
John might have had this heritage
If he'd done away with patronage,
And given to us, as you'll agree,
A district municipality.
Sacred promises woefully broken
Are to us no enviable token;
But what they are, shame and contempt,
Like the soldier settlement agreement.
We farmers are, on every hand,
Made criminals if we clear our land,
Because of fire laws unjust
We allow our land to remain in brush.
The Creston Valley's losing ground;
The reason why we here propound.
Its simply this, as you will see—
We have no resident M.P.P.

Col. Lister is a farmer's son,
With an eventful life well known.
For in the early years of life
He was called upon to settle strife.
His first appearance in this line
Was at the Matabele rebellion.
From there he was called to the Boer war
Where Kitchener and Lord Roberts were.
And from its begineing to its end
Our Col. Lister there was found.
He took his post at Spion Kop,
And they won the war—forget it not.
He then came home to his great joy,
Sick nigh to death; his mother's boy.
Kind hands and hearts soon brought relief,
Then he sailed for the land of the maple leaf.
In Ontario he then did farm
Till the lure of the west did his eye charm,
And here on Alberta's sunny plains
We find this hero farming again.
Then for a change he left the plains
To visit the Rocky Mountains;
To work in lumber camps on hills,
And also in complex sawmills.
'Twas then a sound came from afar;
He knew it was the sound of war.
He knew how battles were fought and won—
This brave, courageous farmer's son.
And formed with many other men
The famous 102nd Battalion.
I have not space to tell it all—
Where many thousand soldiers fell.
While we lie in our beds so snug,
And they lie out in Flanders mud.
Col. Lister with his regiment stood
Bespattered with their comrades' blood;
Bold and determined there to die;
To save the country for you and I.
With amazing pomp and splendor
He stood before the king,
To receive the royal title the king presented him.
Companion of Michael and St. George,
And the Military Cross,
With Distinguished Service Order;
These are the titles of our boss.

We have gone to Col. Lister; asked him to represent
This constituency in the B.C. parliament.
Will you be true and noble, as he was in the war,
Show your appreciation of his splendid service there.
Study this matter as a whole,
Communicate your brain with soul.
Now play the man, a non-resister,
And mark your X for Col. Lister.

—T. M. EDMONDSON.

Cranbrook has now a basketball team, and the enthusiasts are after a vacant room in the high school building for the purpose of staging practices and matches.

With most of the Grand Forks ranches situate not more than half a mile from the river, the suggestion is made that instead of a ditch system of irrigation a number of of small pumping plants along the river would do just as well and cost far less.

TIMBER SALE X 2665

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands at Victoria not later than noon on the 9th day of December, 1920, for the purchase of License X2665, to cut 976,000 feet of Tamarac, Yellow Pine and Fir, and 9000 lineal feet of Cedar Poles, on an area adjoining S.L. 13, Block 4592, Goat River Kootenay District.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Cranbrook, B.C.

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1. They will gixe you an efficient and economical Administration.

2. Present Government cost of administration is one quarter of the Revenue. We will reduce this. But not in such a way as to effect the Public Service and at the same time pay reasonable salariee, considering the high cost of living, to those in the employ of the Government.

3. They will do everything possible to encourage and assist in developing natural resources.

4. They will try to establish, as they did in the past, more pulp mills in this Province.

5. They will restore our credit in the money markets where they left it in 1916.

6. They will follow out their original policy of 1914 in extending the Pacific Great Eastern Railway into the rich Peace River Country and touch the great grain growing area of Western Alberta.

7. They will encourage prospecting in both minerals and oil and will cancel the reserves which the Oliver Government has placed on coal, iron and oil in this Province.

8. They will go into the money markets and borrow money at the lowest possible rate of interest and re-loan it to farmers in loans from 10 to 40 years.

9. They will institute a proper and practical policy of encouraging soldiers to go on the land.

10. They will give assistance to the Municipalities by paying them a per capita grant from the Consolidated Revenue which will have the effect of reducing taxes.

11. They will encourage irrigation in the portions of the Province requiring it by assuming Government ownership and control of the water for irrigation purposes, construction of storage surveys and main canals as public utilities.

12. They will also assist the distribution of irrigation water by guaranteeing of bonds of water municipalities.

13. They will give consideration to further necessary irrigating facilities by means of assistance to hydro-electric projects.

14. They will introduce legislation and carry into effect the declared wishes of the people as expressed in the recent referendum on liquor; at the same time this Act must be a fair and reasonable one to that the Government will have absolute control of the traffic and that there will be no abuse in the uses of liquor but same to be used only in moderation. Heavy penalities will be included in the Act for all infractions and the Act will be strictly enforced. They will also use every effort with the Dominion Government, under whose jurisdiction the matter lies, to see that legislation is passed at Ottawa which will stop the importation of liquor into this Province by private parties so that all liquor purchased and sold in British Columbia will be absolutely under Government control.

15. The Conservative Government will also hand over to the Municipalities a share of the profits derived from the sale of liquor in the Government stores so that the burden of taxation in Municipalitis may be reduced by this contribution from the Government.

16. The above are only a few of the reforms which will be instituted by the Conservative Government should they be elected on the 1st of Debember, as they stand pledged to adopt a constructive business-like programme which will be administered by business men, looking forward to a more successful period in the next five years and with more results than we have seen under the Oliver Administration.

VOTE FOR FRED LISTER

Camp Lister Correspondence

Letter of Resignation

Camp Lister, Creston, B.C.
Dec. 30th, 1919.

Chairman, Board of Directors,
Land Settlement Board,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir,—

I wish to make request for an increase in my present salary from $200 a month to $300 per month, as the present rate is quite inadequate to meet the present demands of the position. Very much as I would regret to have to take such a step, failing your being able to meet with my request I will be forced to let this stand in lieu of one month's notice expiring on January 31st next.

Yours truly,
FRED LISTER,
Superintendent.

Acceptance of Resignation

January 5th, 1920

LT. COL. FRED LISTER,
Creston, B.C.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of recent date regarding increase in salary has been received and noted. The Board having discussed the matter thoroughly is of the opinion that in view of the very definite position taken by you in your letter there is no possible course open but to accept the same as your formal resignation, taking effect January 31st 1920.

In explanation of the Boards position it is desired to point out that a material increase such as you suggest may have far reaching effects.

Salaries throughout the board's operations have been graded on a system which is obiviously not altogether within the control of the Board itself, being influenced by outside conditions to a large extent and by the general proceedure in the government service. This being the case, the Board cannot meet individual demands arising from time to time without making a proportionate increase throughout the service.

It is recognized that certain officials and employees of the board, yourself included, have made some sacrifices in the matter of salaries in view of the fact that the development undertakings of the board are still some distance short of proved success, and that those charged with the direction of the work are passing through a probationary phase. These sacrifices were never more necessary than at this particular time, especially in the case of the Area under your charge.

If however, as indicated in your letter, you are no longer prepared or able to make such sacrifices it only remains for the Board to recognize the excellent service you have rendered in the past and the unswerving loyalty shown by you towards the Board and the settlers in your charge.

It is hoped that nothing in the above will affect the friendly relations hitherto existing between the Board and yourself. Your suggestions regarding the appointment of a superintendent to succeed you will be cordially welcome, although provision for this is already under consideration.

Hoping the change you anticipate may bring you prosperity, we remain,

Yours faithfully,
Land Settlement Board
R. D. Davies,
Director.

Queries and Answers

Victoria, B.C.
Nov. 16, 1920.

Hon. John Keen
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Sir;

I am directed by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, to furnish you with the following facts in relation to the Land Settlement Board work at Camp Lister which has been the subject of political discussion recently. The points covered by the said instructions are enumerated below with answers thereto stating facts as contained in our records.

1. Statement that sawmill machinery at Creston is useless and consists practically of scrap iron.

This machinery was purchased by Col. Lister and Mr. C. R. Ward in Alberta and is in excellent condition at the present time.

2. Statement that supplies for camp were all purchased at the coast and that they could be purchased at Creston for less than coast price.

An exact statement as to amounts purchased locally and at the coast for Creston is appended herewith, showing that 67 per cent. of supplies have been bought locally and 33 per cent. at the coast. In the matter of price, the usual Government proceedure is followed, tenders being thrown open to all firms. Records show that the purchasing department has exactly followed customary proceedure lowest tenders generally being accepted.

3. Agreement for sale of forms to settlers. No specific complaint re the clause objected to recently has been laid with this board. The agreement referred to is the one in use in the Courtney Area and is entirely satisfactory to the settlers there. The clause referred to has been deleted by the Minister of Agriculture, but there is no doubt actually in the minds of any the settlers as to the readiness of the Land Settlement Board to meet fairly, any case of disability or misfortune occuring.

4. Statement that settlers did not know the price of their alloted farms.

All settlers at Creston and at Merville were formally notified more than two months ago the exact price of their allotted farms. No objection has been raised, collectively or otherwise, so far to these prices.

5. Statement that the Board after accepting Col. Lister's resignation, employed the following men in his place for work that he would have been able to do; (a) Superintendent; (b) Mill Superintendent; (c) Travelling Superintendent;

(a) A Superintendent was employed in Lister's place commencing at a salary of $150.00 per month, which has since been raised, after a period of probation, to $200.00 per month.

(b) The Board has no Mill Superintendent, the work being looked after by a millwright who built the mill and who looks after al the repairs.

(c) Finally there is no such thing as a Travelling Superintendent.

6. Statement that Col. Lister's resignation was on account of his dissatisfaction with Land Settlement Board treatment to settlers.

We append herewith Col. Lister's letter of resignation together with our reply thereto. Further to this, Col. Lister at no time made any complaint as to the board's policy.

In making the above answers it is desired to point out that all these matters vitally affect the welfare of the Land Settlement Board as a Department, and, while strict instructions have been enforced on all officials to refrain from entering into discussions of a political nature, it is considered that the mis-statement of facts involved in the above complaints required to be refuted in the interest of the work itself.

(Signed) R. D. Davies
Director.

The Herald claims that at least 80 per cent. of Penticton taxes were paid before the end of October, along with some considerable amount of arrears.

Vernon's share of war trophies consists of a field gun, a trench mortar and two machine guns—all of which have been placed in position on the city hall grounds.

Rossland has about $12,000 of waterworks extension bonds unsold, and these will be offered the citizens direct. Victory Bonds will be accepted as payment for them.

The new Presbyterian church at Grand Forks has a seating capacity of 200. The Sunday school room, which adjoins the church, can be pressed into use on emergencies, thus providing room for another 100.

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KITCHENER TIMBER CO., LTD.
J. A. CROWE, Agent.

LAND REGISTRY ACT
SECTION 24

In the matter of Part (South 20 Acres) of Block 31 of Lot 892, Group 1, Map 698A, Kootenay District.

Proof having been filed in my office of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 7170A, to the above-mentioned lands in the name of James Bartholomew, and bearing date the 22nd June, 1907, I hereby give notice of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue to the said James Bartholomew a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu of such lost Certificate. Any person having any information with reference to such lost Certificate of Title is requested to communicate with the undersigned.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Nelson, B.C., the 25th day of October, 1920.

Date of first publication Nov. 5, 1920.

E. S. STOKES,
District Registrar of Titles.

Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 2095

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RESERVE FUND - - $15,000,000
CRESTON BRANCH, C. G. Bennett, Manager.

Local and Personal

BIRTH—On Nov. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Neil, twin sons.

PULLETS FOR SALE—60 Plymouth Rock pullets. Apply Creston Hotel, Creston.

HORSE FOR SALE—Work horse, price right. Pochin (Canyon), Erickson P.O.

MILK COW WANTED—Will buy good milch cow, must be milking all winter. A. Joy, Wynndel.

The monthly children's service will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning.

HEATER FOR SALE—No. 25 box heater, two holes, in first class shape. E. J. C. Richardson, Erickson.

FOR SALE—One White Leghorn cockerel, took first prize at fall fair. $3, Mrs. M. B. Long, Creston.

Rev. G. Knox announces his subject for Sunday evening in the Methodist Church as "A Faithful Friend."

Mr. Darbyshire of Victoria was a visitor here a few days this week with his brother-in-law, Chas Moore.

Capt. Crompton announces that he is resuming his classes in singing, and still has a vacancy for a few pupils.

NOTICE TO PARENTS—Kindly notify Principal G. P. Smith not later than Nov. 25th, name and age of child whom you wish to attend receiving class beginning of winter term. Creston School Board.

BIRTH—At St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook, on Nov. 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson of Kitchener, a son.

WANTED—To buy, pullets, Barred Rocks preferred, will pay spot cash. Apply E. A. Gross (Canyon), Creston P.O.

There will be the usual morning service with celebration of Holy Communion in Christ Church on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

LOST—On Nov. 8th, between Creston and Goat River Crossing, time book. Reward to party returning to Geo. Hendren, Creston.

Ardrey and Lily Wilson, who have spent the past four months with friends at Hardisty, Alta., arrived back on Thursday last.

Mrs. Muirhead and family have arrived from Khedive, Sask., to join Mr. Muirhead, who has just leased the Trombley ranch for a term of three years.

And still the high cost of living keeps coming down. T. M. Edmondson this week offers Royal Household flour at $6.10. Bran is $2.05, and Shorts $2.30.

FOR SALE—Three canaries — one singer and two hens—and two cages, $15. Also one Adan chapel piano in good shape, terms. Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, Creston.

The closing meeting of the campaign will be on Tuesday night in the Mercantile Hall, at 8 o'clock prompt. The speakers will be Col. Lister—the candidate—and other Conservatives.

ONLY 24 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

What does this mean? It means that every day will be a busy one, especially for the housewife who has a hundred and one things to prepare for the festive season. We are endeavoring to make this store from now till Christmas

A STORE OF SERVICE

—the kind of service you will appreciate: WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT IT, coupled with quick and courteous attention. New Christmas stocks will be arriving daily. You can do your Christmas shopping here with the full assurance that our stocks are new and fresh, which is a most desirable feature to the fastiduous shopper.

Do Your Xmas. Shopping EARLY

Early in the day; early in the month. It will result in better service, better selection, and more economicol shopping. By helping us you help yourselves.

NEWS FROM THE Grocery Department

We have just received fresh, new stocks of Shelled Walnuts; Shelled Almonds, Almond Paste, Dromedary Dates.

Well surrounded with pure Groceries and fresh Fruit is dear old Santa. He realizes, like every housewife should, that there is only one place to buy buy RELIABLE Groceries—and that place IS HERE.

New Stocks Arriving DAILY

A visit to this store will prove a decided help to you in deciding the all important question, What shall I give? Every table, every counter brimful of timely suggestions.

We Sell Only the Best and Freshest of Groceries

The following you will find absolutely satisfactory, having just come to hand: Mince Meat, Peels, Currants and Raisins.

THE STORE of QUALITY **S. A. SPEERS** *Dry Goods Gents' Furnishings Groceries, &c.*

Electors of Creston Valley

Regarding the much-discussed agreement placed before the soldier settlers at Creston by the Liberal Government to be signed by them it is well to remember that while the Government, after due publicity being given to its unfairness, have stated that "the objectionable clause" has been cut out of the agreement, no provision has been inserted promising to give a title to the settler when he has paid up in full. Would a business man sign an agreement and pay money to a vendor of land without insuring that he would get the land when he paid for it?

The Government does not state which clause has been cut out; whether it is the one which provides that in default of payment "all improvements shall become the property of the Board," or the clause which gives the Board the right to cancel the agreement and keep all payments and improvements made—even if 90 per cent. completed—if "in the opinion of the Board the settlers "owing to physical disability, lack of energy, OR OTHER CAUSE the purchaser should become unfitted to engage successfully in farming," AND FORBIDS HIM TO APPEAL TO THE COURT.

Either clause gives a right to the Board to take from the settler's wife and children any results of years of hard work under the hardest to conditions AND TURN THEM OFF THE PLACE WITHOUT A DOLLAR.

Is this the sort of treatment you would want for yourself OR YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN?

Once more we offer goods of merit and exceptional value.

Stanfield's Heavy Ribbed Underwear

GREEN LABEL

Shirts and Drawers

FOR MEN

$1.95 per garment

We have 72 Suits only.

Creston Mercantile Company
LIMITED

Another couple of ten acre lots in Block 524 of the Dow Addition were disposed of this week, the purchaser being E. Miloux of Marquis, Sask.

Frank Ebbutt, who has been out with a mining survey party in the coal fields of the Yellowhead Pass for the past six months, got home on Friday for a short vacation with his parents here.

G. H. Bohlee of Spokane was a business visitor at Creston this week. He has about completed his course at the auto and tractor school in that city and is looking for a likely location to open a garage.

Postmaster Gibbs advises that parcels for Old Country points for delivery at Christmas should be mailed at Creston not later than Wednesday next, Dec. 1st.

Six new names were added to the membership roll of Creston Presbyterian Church at the communion service on Sunday evening—five on presentation of certificates and one on profession of faith.

There will be the usual services in Holy Cross Church, Creston, on Sunday, Nov. 28th, with Father Desmarais taking charge. This will be his last visit to Creston as he has been transferred to the coast.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid announce their annual bazaar for Saturday Dec. 11th, in Speers' Hall. There will be the usual booths for the sale of fancy goods, home cooking, candy, as well as a memory table. Afternoon tea be served.

Tom Baines, Jr., who has been working in Vancouver since returning from overseas about eighteen months ago, got home last week. Anywhere from five to eight thousand men are looking for jobs in Vancouver at present and no work in prospect.

Capt. Venus, whom our readers will recall as being second in command of the forestry corps recruited here in 1917, has returned to Creston to reside, and will be associated with Major Mallandaine in the latter's lumbering operations here this winter.

Evangelist Roper who has been holding special meetings in the Methodist Church for the past two weeks, concluded his series of services on Sunday night. Uniformly large crowds were in evidence each night, and a number of converts are reported.

S. A. Speers was a visitor at Cranbrook on Wednesday for a Shriners' ceremonial which was put on in the Masonic hall in that town that evening by the officers of Gizeh Temple, Victoria. Shriners from all points in the Kootenay were in attendance.

R. E. Beattie and Joe Jackson of Cranbrook were visitors here the latter part of the week. Both express the utmost confidence in the re-election of Dr. King and J. Buckham, the Liberal candidates in the Cranbrook and Columbia ridings respectively.

The deer shooting season closes at sundown Tuesday, and unless snow arrives in the interval this year's take of venison will be about the lightest on record. It is doubtful if a couple of dozen deer have been shot this season in the country from Sirdar to Kitchener.

The two machine guns presented Creston by the War Trophies Board via the Board of Trade, are now on the display in the window of the Bevan garage. Dick is getting together a collection of war trophies of which the guns make a striking centrepiece.

Messrs. Galloway and McLean, travelling secretaries for Sunday School and Young People's Society work for the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, will be in Creston next Tuesday evening to meet with all those interested in the Sunday schools of the town.

Friday afternoon, Dec. 10th, is fixed for the annual meeting of Creston Valley Women's Institute. The organization numbers 90 members and it is specially desired that all should be in attendance. The directors are preparing an attractive programme for the meeting.

Facts vs. Malicious Mis-statement.

Col. Lister pointed out that at Creston the present administration had lately completed less than a mile of this sort of road, and that this had already cost in the neighborhood of $20,000. — Nelson Daily News report of part of Col. Lister's speech at Kitchener Monday night.

With reference to the above statement the facts are these—on the authority of District Engineer Wm. Ramsay: Cost of construction was $7500 per mile, and less than one mile was so constructed.

Is a candidate (whose ability to state the facts cannot be relied upon to give the truth any closer than the above statement) the type of man Creston Valley citizens would care to have represent them at Victoria?

Vote for John Keen.

The monthly statistical report o the teachers of Creston school for October shows that there were 167 pupils actually attending the public school last month, and another 18 at the high school. Mrs. McLeod had no less than 49 to keep an eye on in the primary room, in which there is an enrollment of 52.

Miss England, teacher of Division III. at the public school has tendered her resignation to the board, and the same was accepted at the trustee meeting on Monday night. A successor will be advertised for in the coast papers, to commence work after the Christmas vacation.

G. A. Earl, formerly in the blacksmith business in the Grady shop, who purchased Mrs. M. Young's residental property this spring, is moving back to Alberta, and has disposed of the former Young residence to Mr. Carlson, a former partner of Mr. Scalen in the W. K. Brown ranch.

Next week's social feature is the afternoon bazaar and the evening of cards and dancing under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church. Whist will start prompt at 8.30, with supper at 11 and then dancing until 2 a.m. The bazaar will feature the sale of plain and fancy needlework, home cooking, candy, etc., and afternoon tea will also be served.

"Buck" Taylor of Kaslo, returning officer, was here at the end of the week swearing in the men who will be in charge of the voting in the Valley on Wednesday next, and delivering them the necessary supplies. Jack Smith and Frank Simister will be in charge at Creston and the polling place will be Mercantile Hall. Voting is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. town time.

The Conservatives had a fine turnout at their whist drive and dance, the noticable feature being the delegations present from both Kitchener and Lister. There were twenty tables at whist the trophy winners being Miss Florence Wood and Mrs. Jas. Cook, and Messrs. G. Moul and J. W. Hamilton. Lunch was served shortly after 11 and dancing followed until about 2 a.m.

At their meeting on Monday night Creston school trustees had a request from the district health nurse committee suggesting that they should avail themselves of the services o Miss McCluhan as a school nu The trustees were favorably imp with the suggestion and wil upon it to the extent of c ference of all the trust schools with a view being availed of each one of the d a certain amou service.