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Lister

Williams brothers are spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Nolson.

H. G. Smith of Bonnington was a visitor with Lister friends one day last week.

Jos. W. Bell is taking a short vacation, which he is spending with frienns in Fernie.

Mrs. S. Evans is a visitor with Nelson friends this week.

The camp has been entirely free of business meetings of any sort this week, but to-night the children are booked to have another evening's entertaiment at the schoolhouse.

Shack moving has been pretty much the order of the day during Christmas week, the remaining Snake alley bungalows having been moved ont on to the owners' permanent locations.

Well digging has also been another form of healthful exercise, among those looking for a supply of wet goods being Tommy Atkins, Henry and Ivor Christenson, and John Bird.

There was a big turnout at the Methodist service on Stnday morning the most interesting feature of which was the presentation of gifts to every member of the Sunday school. Pastor Knox was in charge.

The camp was agreeably surprised on Monday to receive a cheque for $50 from Y. M. C. A. headquarters which it was stipulated must be spent for Christmas tree purposes for the children of returned soldiers. A meeting of the ladies was speedily summoned and it was decided to heve the tree and entertainment at the schoolhouse to-night (Friday).

Standing room only was all that was available for late arrivals at the Christmas entertainment at the schoolhouse on Wednesday night last whiche was presided over by J. A. McGee, chairman of the school board. A nicely arranged programme of choruses, recitations and dialogues was presented, with a closing feature in the shape of a play entiteled, "December," put on by a company of twelve scholars, with Bessie Frampton, Frank Alexander and Ernest Stevens taking the heavier parts. All those taking part in the play made a fihe impression, while the excellent taste shown in costuming each of the players made the presentation of "December" all the more effective. Other numbers on the programme were two choruses by the entire school "Hark the herald angels sing," and "O come all ye faithful." The junior class presented the dialogue, "Jack and Jill," and the infaet class made a great hit in their rendering of "Old King Cole." J. Malthouse, J. Jory and Gus Charleson did nicely in their dialogue, "Greuch," while the two piece recitation "Two Letters," by Muriel and Doris Millington was also nicely done. Annie Yerbury's recitation on "Buying Christmas Presents," and another by Muriel Millington on "Mnking People Happy," together with the effort of Jessie Brain and George Chudly in the "Plea of the Christmas present," rounded out the programme, feature of the entertainment and was followed by adjournment to the other schoolroom where the amiable Willam Mitchell made an excellent Santa Claus and from a well stocked tree handed out useful gifts ro each one of the 85 children in the camp. After the tree the ladies served a bountiful supply of refreshments which finished off an evening's entertainment for both children and adults that would be hard to beat.

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New Year's Day

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Adults 75c. Children 25c.

A December Bride

Rev. G. Knox officiated at a pretty house wedding on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Palmer when their youngest daughter, Miss Jeanne, was united in marriage with Mr. Herbert M. Whimster of Nelson, the ceremony being witnessed by only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The couple were unattended and the bride was married in her travelling costume of midnight blue tricotine with hat to match, with a boquet of white narcissus, the bridal costume being completed with a black fox stole—a gift from the groom. The house was tastily decorated with evergreens, chrysanthemums and daffodils. A sumptuons wedding dinner followed the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Whimster leaving on the afternoon train on a trip west, after which they will take up housekeeping in Nelson. Through much unselfish effort both as teacher at the Erickson and Deer Lodge schools, as well as in other directions the bride enjoyed a well-deserved popularity, and the very best wishes of a wide circle of friends is extended Mr. and Mrs. Whimster for a long and happy wedded life.

Wynndel

The stork made a flying visit at Duck Creek on Wednesday, leaving a wee daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Brooke.

Being unable to get down to Sirdar as planned for the Christmas tree and dance last Wednesday the young people of the community repaired to the Clubhouse for an informal dance, and a really jolly evening was spent everyone enjoying themselves immensely.

There wes a meeting of the Wynndel Athletic Club on Monday night, when details of organization were discussed and names entered on the membeship roll. Gloves were also donned and several rounds of interesting boxing were staged.

Monday also saw the departure of the Uri brothers for Burton where they expect to remain for a month or so.

Miss Irene and Master Elmer Huscroft are here from Porthill on a visit to their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wigen.

Miss Marie Hagen left on Sunday for Cranbrook, where she intends remaining for the next three months.

Sunday will see the opening of the newly-organized Sunday school, for which it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Sunday school opens at 2 and a hearty welcome awaits both children and grown-ups.

There will shortly be a meeting of the Ladies, Auxiliary of the United Farmers. Look out for notices as to date which will be posted at the stores.

Butterfield & Son desire to thank their friends for the generous support accorded them during the past year and to wish them all prosperity for the coming year. Our 1921 motto will be: Small profits and quick returns and service.

Canyon City

The springlike weather of Tuesday with rain on Wednesday has completely spoiled the rather good sleighing we had here on a snowfall of at least eight inches.

A. D. Pochin got back the latter part of the week from Spokane, where he had been on a business visit.

Guy Browell is working fot the Company again, getting the trucks fitted out for the log haul. The mill is expected to start cutting early next month.

Christmas day was very quietly observed here but from all accounts it was as merry a one as Canyon has ever had.

Miss Corbett, teacher, spent the Christmas vacation with friends at Kingsgate, leaving on Friday afternoon.

The school concert on Thursday night last attracted a crowd that filled the bullding to capacity, and all present expressed themselves as delighted with the entertainment provided. Instead of the usual lot of dialogues, songs, recitations, etc., this year's concert was an amateur dramatic effort in which about thirty of the children participated in various ways, the title of the piece being "Santa Claus and the Magic Carpet." Considerable abllity along this line was displayed by all the children taking part, due to the careful training received at the hands of the teachers, Misses Corbett Knott. At the conclusion of the concert adjournment was taken to the school basement where a Christmas tree was in evidence, and Dad Browell playing the part of Santa Claus. 84 of the Canyon children were suitable remembered, the 56 school children each receiving a book. In addition to the presnts some expense was incurred in the securing of costumes for those takin port in the play each one of the characters being dressed for the part taken, and which feature added much to the effectiveness of the play.

Local and Personal

The January meeting of Creston Valley Women's Institute is called for Friday afternoon next, January 7, when the big item of business will be to make arrangements for the furnishing of a house for district nurse Miss McLuhan. Every member is urged to attend.

To take care of his constantly expanding flour and feed business T. M. Edmondson has just installed the telephone, and wishes to anuounce that he has two warehouses filled to capacity with everything for man, beast or poultry, with good oats going at $1.90 while they last.

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Mawson Brothers
CRESTON

Jack Baines, who for the last three years has been living at Trail and Vancouver, arrived home on Thursday for the Christmas holidays with his parents. He states that the unemployed in Vancouver total almost 10,000.

Supporters of the Oliver Sovernment are reminded of the January meeting of Creston Valley Liberal Association on Monday night in Speer's Hall, at 8 o'clock. The executive have an elaborate programme for 1021 operations to submit, and a large attendance is hoped for.

Christmas trade in Creston was hardly up to the standards of the two previous years, although all the stores had a very satisfactory week's business. With almost one-third of this year's apple crop still in the grower's hands money was not available in the usual quantities for yuletide expenditures.

The sixth annual masquerade ball to night (Friday) is the social feature of the week. The affair will be held in the Anditorium, with dancing at 9 prompt, and Creston orchestra will furnish music. There will be the usual prizes for the best dressed couple as well as the best comics, and the admission is $1.50 per couple.

In connection with the young people's club just recently organized, the Review has been in error in calling it the Presbyterian Young People's Club. Its official title is the Creston Young People's Club. It is undenominational in every sense of the term, and its membership already embraces young from all three of the local churches.

A pleasing feature of the installation ceremonies at Creston Masonic Lodge on Monday night, was the presentation of a past master's jewel suitably engraved to the retiring master, R. J. Long. The presentation was made by Past Master Speers. 1920 has been the best year in the recent history of Creston masonary, and as head of the lodge R. J. has had a heavy year's work.

John Keen, ex-M.P.P., of Kaslo, was a visitor here between trains on Wednesday. He states that Col. Lister's final majority is 14, but as there are quite a number of spoiled and doubtful ballots it is likely a recount will be held early in January, and Mr. Keen is still hopeful that the judge's count of these will result in his return to represent the Kaslo cnnstituency for another four years.

The Sunday evening service at the Presbyterian Church had the real Christmas flavor to it throughout. Rev. Mr. James' aedress was appropriate for the occasion, the church was nicely decorated and the music well in keeping with the season, the choir rendering two special numbers "Silent Night" and "While Shepherds Watched," while J. S. Eby was in splendid form in his baritone solo, "Psalm of Hope."

There were sounds of revelry by night in the Alice Siding section on Wednesday, the piece de resistance being an oldtime charivari to H. G. Wood of Norris & Wood—on Stace Smith ranch—who returned that afternoon from Cranbrook, where he had been wedded the day previous to Miss N. Burn. Although resident here less than a year the groom has made numerous friends, all of whom extend heartiest congratulations.

Dec. H.S. Report

Number attending, 20. Average attendance, 18. Percentage 89.80. Perfect attendance—Louise Bevan, Rose Cherrington, Arthur Gobbett, Agnes Hobden, Hazel Hobden, Eva Holmes, Keith Littlejohn, Violet Morrow, Earl Swanson, Thelma West. Highest standing: Junior matriculation—Dorothy Stark. Advanced—Harry Compton. Preliminary—Violet Morrow.

C. M. Brousson, Principal.

CARD OF THANKS

Through The Review the Sisters of St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook, wish to extend their hearty thanks and most sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to the generous people of Creston Valley who have been so kind as to give us a share of their fruit and vegetables. SISTER SUPERIOR.

Erickson

The United Farmerrs are hoping for a full turnout of all the members as well as those wishing to join up, at the annual meeting on Tuesday night at the schoolhouse, at 8 o'clock.

The G. Cartwright ranch looks to have establshed a bit of a record in the way of profitable poultry raising. 23 of their spring Barred Rock cockrels were marketed at Creston last week, and netted the rather handsome total of $44. Several of them went over seven pounds each.

Miss Jeanue Palmer, whose marriage to H. R. Whimster of Nelson took pluce on Tuesday, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Frank Stapleston Thursday afternoon last, when most of the young people of this section gathered for a few honrs of sociability with the bride-eleet, as well as to "shower" her with numerous useful gifts. The hostess was assisted by Miss Melva Cartwright who had charge of the tea, while Misses Jane Long aud Ruth Klingensmith were in charge of the refreshments. The guest has been a very popular member of the Valley,s social circle, and the best wishes of all are extended for future happiness.

The United Farmers have already decided to ask the government to hold an apple packing school at Erickson this season, and from present appearances there will also be pupils enough to have a pruning school as well.

The most successful entertainment of the sort ever given in the Valley is the verdict of those who were present at the children's entertainment at the schoolhouse on Wednesday night last which was given largely by the pupils and effort of those connected with the Union Sunday school. The programme was nicely balanced as to literary and musical numbers, all of which were carefully selected. Recitations were given by Perley Putnam, Clarence Botterill, Ruby Martin, Reulah Peuson, Rodney Putnam, Warren Harrison, Edward Martin and Douglas Putnam, while there were songs by Neola Clarke, Edward Claake, Marguerite Clarke, with a duett by Kathleen and Elizabeth Littlejohn. The senior girls had a chorus, while Agnes and Thomas Campbell favored with a violin duett. A novel feature was the band song in which Walter Dodds, Lyle Kemp, James Handley, Donnis Harrison, Tony Kemp and Lloyd Cartwright took part. Rev. G. Knox was also another performer, while Messrs. Cuming and Hall scored a great hit with their violin and guitar duett. After the programme there was a Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus who remembered all the Erickson children with the usual Christmos tree good things, and then refreshments were served. A word of hearty commendation is due Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Birney who were largelr responsible for training the children for the entertainment, and Mrs. Campbell and Miss Hill who were in charge of the refreshments.

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The banker stood looking down and across the valley.

"There is another matter about which I would speak," he said hesitatingly. "There is a man by the name of Timberley up here. I understand that he does not like you. Pardon me, Mr. Dorkin; perhaps I should not obstrude myself in your personal affairs, but please know I am actuated only by a desire to serve you a good turn."

Again he looked quickly at Dorkin, who bowed an acknowledgment of his thanks.

"You see," said Mr. Dayton, his whole manner changing, "I know him, sir, for the damned cur he is. I have reason to know him—I—"

Passion strangled him. He was white and shaking. But with an effort he mastered his feelings, and went on more calmly:—

"You are a man, Mr. Dorkin, and I know you will understand. I would like you to know just what a hound this Timberley is. He deliberately won my ward's love and her consent and mine to become his wife, his purpose being to secure her fortune. How do I know this? He got drunk, one night, and boasted of it. By God, sir, he dragged her name into his bar-room filth, and laughed over his conquest with his drunken associates. I heard of it. I went to his office. I accused him. First he denied. Then he confessed that he had said it.

"I went back to the little girl who loved that hound and believed in him. I told her all. She did not for a moment question the truth of my statement. God love her, never in her whole life has she had reason to do that—. She wrote him a brief note and sent him back his ring. Next day we came up here, Mr. Dorkin. He has followed us. He will injure us in some way—if he can."

Again he sought his handkerchief and wiped his brow.

"Mr. Dorkin," he said apologetically, "I have no right to burden you with out troubles. You must pardon an old man who has been somewhat carried away, to-day, in the contemplation of a villain's intended perfidies. But I wished you to understand fully the kind of man you have to deal with."

"Then you know, for a certainty, that he intends disturbing me?" Dorkin asked gravely.

"Yes; I met him on the trail the other day, and, among the other pleasant things he told me, was that he intended to drive you out of this place."

"I am grateful to you for warning me, Mr. Dayton," said Dorkin warmly. "I shall be on my guard. Already, I think I have found signs of Timberley's master hand—and I shall watch for others. Now," he said, laying his big hand on the thin arm of his visitor, "you must come to the cabin and have some refreshments. I would very much like you and your niece to remain my guests for a few days, if you can, so as to prove to you the wonderful things which can be done with our wild friends, through simple kindness."

Mr. Dayton murmured a few well-chosen words of thanks. "You are most kind and considerate, Mr. Dorkin," he said, as they turned back towards the cabin, "but I fear I am forced to deny ourselves the honor of more than a day's visit with you, at this time. May I tax your confidence a little further by telling you exactly why?"

He glanced apprehensively up at Dorkin, then, as though assured by the woodsman's steady gaze, he proceeded. "The fact is, I am interested in securing the option on a large pulpwood tract, a considerable distance north of here," he explained, "and as, for certain reasons, I do not wish to appear, personally, in the deal, I am working through an agent. That agent is in the vicinity of Lookup, now, and expects to be able to give me a definite report soon. It it necessary that I meet him for a little time each day, Mr. Dorkin, although it humiliates me greatly to be obliged to do so secretly. You see," he smiled, his nervous fingers giving Dorkin's arm a fatherly pressure, "I have promised my physician and dear Edna that I will entirely banish thoughts of business while up here in your forest Elysium. Thus," he sighed, "am I forced to resort to stealth, which I abhor."

Dorkin, catching the self-contempt in the old man's face, felt strangely drawn towards him. Surely, he thought, Edna Marsh had been most fortunate in having for her guardian one so solicitous of her slightest wish.

"Mr. Dayton," he said, as they reached the cabin, "please look upon Hardwoods Retreat as open to you and Miss Marsh at all times. When you have concluded your business with your agent, it would please me greatly to have you spend a part of your vacation here."

Mr. Dayton cleared his throat. He did not answer. But the hand on Dorkin's arm tightened a little before it was lifted.

It was late afternoon when Dorkin's visitors departed for Lookup. Pa Washburn, his corn-cob pipe alight, his blue eyes dancing with appreciation of his city boarders' expressions of wonder and delight at the marvelous things Dorkin was doing in his Hardwoods Retreat, proudly led the way down the trail to the first portage.

"I'm tellin' you," he shouted over his shoulder, "nobody else in the world could 'a' done it but him. Why, by the flattailed beaver! that Dorkin knows wild things so well he could walk right in on a sleepin' grizzily an' scratch it under the chin. I've seen him pick a she black's cub right up from under her very nose—just arter she's been hibernatin' too, an' cross as b'azes. An' what did she do, d'ye s'pose? Why, ding it all, she tore round some, an' scolded, but she ended by follerin' him into the Preserve. That's a she bear every time. She'll wade through hell-fire to get with her cubs."

Edna Marsh, who was walking next to Pa Washburn, came out of her abstraction to laugh at the native's words.

"I quite agree with you, Mr. Washburn," she said. "Nobody else could have done it."

The guide turned his head quickly, to give her a quizzical look. Her face flushed, but she met it unwaveringly.

They proceeded in silence for some distance. They were now travelling a trail running parallel with the Preserve. A twist in it brought to view a widening glade, with a tiny lake lying like a teal's blue-white egg on a nest of brown rushes. Edna was about to express her delight at the view when she felt her uncle grip her arm. He pointed across to the hardwoods. The girl's eyes followed, and she gave a little gasp. Standing, in full view of them, some hundred yards away, his back towards them, was a man dressed in grey tweeds and broad Stetson hat. As they watched him, he raised a rifle, fired at something beyond him, and quickly vanished among the trees.

Washburn, who had turned about at Edna's exclamation, in time to catch sight of the vandal, cursed beneath his breath.

Mr. Dayton stood, trembling, gripping a tree for support. "Timberley," he gasped, his eyes seeking the girl's. Her face had gone deathly pale. She drooped and swayed slightly. Washburn sprang forward and caught her as she fell."

"She's fainted," he informed her guardian. "We'll lay her down on the moss, here. You hold her so, while I go get some water."

Twenty minutes later, Edna's eyelids fluttered, and she came back to consciousness with a sigh. Mr. Dayton was bathing her temples. For a time she lay passive, then she struggled to a sitting posture.

"She'll be all right now." Washburn assured the banker. "Jest let her rest a bit while I try and find out what that skunk's been doin'."

He turned away towards the enclosure.

"Uncle," said the girl, a catch in her voice, "it was Tom!"

Mr. Dayton was silent.

"Oh," she sobbed, "to think of it! It all seems so incredible, so horrible-"

"Forget it, dear," he comforted. "Surely if you had a shred of regard still remaining for him, it is now destroyed, Edna."

She leaned back against a tree and closed her eyes.

Pa Washburn was coming back up the path. Under his arm he carried a tiny, spotted animal with long legs and ears, and big, velvety eyes.

He came forward and laid his little burden in the lap of the girl.

Edna caught her breath in wonder and surprise. "Oh, the sweet little thing-" she cried. "What's it, Mr. Washburn?"

"It's a fawn, Miss," the settler answered, his voice quivering with rage. "That sneak shot its mother. I found her lyin' dead, an' this little baby deer standin' beside her."

The girl's eyes grew wide with horror. "He shot its mother, you say?" her lips mumbled stiffly. "Oh, no! Surely not—not that!"

—"Edna, dear," begged her uncle, "compose yourself." He glanced imploringly at Washburn.

"I'm terrible sorry I told ye about it, Miss," said the native, simply. "I wasn't knowin' you'd take it thataway."

The girl was crying now, the little fawn gathered close in her arms. Its wee black muzzle pressed her warm neck; its liquid eyes were hidden beneath its long lashes. It slept.

"I'll have to go back and tell Dorkin," said Mr. Washburn. "I won't be very long gone; it's not more'n two miles back."

Edna made as though to handle him the baby deer, but he shook his head. "I guess maybe you kin keep that leetle thing, if you so mind," he told her. "Dorkin, I'm sure, would be only too willin', an' she'll make you a nice pet. Do you want to keep her?" he asked gently.

"Oh, if I only might!" cried Edna. "The lovely, wee thing. See how it snuggles against my face, uncle!"

Washburn grinned. Sunshine was showing after tears. It was well. "I'll jest mosey along," he remarked, and started up trail with long, swinging strides.

In less than an hour he was back. His deep eyes gleamed with righteous indignation and his carroty, grey-streaked goatee bristled angrily beneath his set mouth.

"It's all right fer that man, Timberley, to monkey with gunpowder, if his taste so runs," he growled, as he lifted the sleeping fawn from the girl's arms and tucked it beneath his arm. "But I'm not envyin' him his place when Dorkin brings him to a show-down, not me."

They passed, in silence, down the remaining part of the upper portage.

As Washburn drew their canoe from the copse of willows, along the lake, another canoe, manned by a white man and a half breed, rounded a point close at hand. Washburn made a motion to those behind him, putting the bushes between himself and the shore at the same time. The canoe passed close beside their hiding-place without its occupants guessing their proximity.

"That's the half-breed, Darbo," whispered Washburn. "I've never seen the white feller before, but they're like it on this deviltry. I'll jest watch them gents, and if they turn in towards the Preserve, I'll back-trail 'em, by ginger!"

But the canoe which bore Haight and Darbo did not turn in towards the Preserve. It kept straight on upstream. Washburn waited till a distant crook of the bank hid it, then he stepped out from his hiding-place.

"You saw that half-breed," he said, turning to Edna and her uncle. "Well, I bet anythin', either him or his half-brother, White Hawk, could tell who it was shot Daddy Farney."

"And who is White Hawk?" inquired Mr. Dayton.

"He's a thievin', murderin', Injun." Washburn spat disgustedly, and screwed up his face in a grimace. "A lone wolf that's been cut off from the pack, and one jest about due to make his last stand, I guess."

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The world would not see the German peril in time, so rivers of blood flowed. So far it has refused to perceive the Russian danger. It has been fooled by propaganda and words. It has shut its eyes to the elemental truth that vast populations do not quickly alter their characters; that Russia is Russia and will remain so; that 170,000,000 people who can be used without stint as the cannon fodder of the small imperialistic group holding mastery over them constitute a formidable menace to peace everywhere.—From the N.Y. Tribune.

Wireless Telephones in Alberta.

It has been announced by Dr. R. W. Boyle, of the Alberta University, that within 12 months an experimntal plant will be established for wireless telephone demonstrations for points in the province.

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By Gertrude Beresford.

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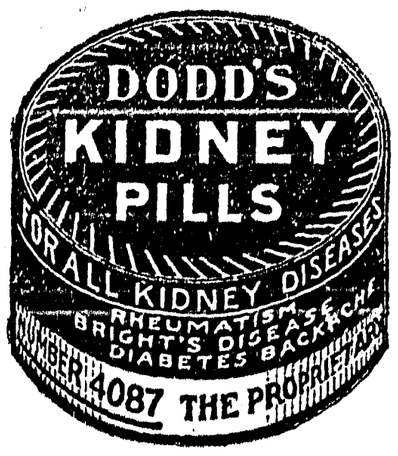

Decision and Indecision

By T. M. EDMONDSON.

Decision and indecision; words very much alike,
But they differ in their meaning as day differs from the night.
Decision is an old word—part of thr mighty plan,
When as the scriptures sayeth, God said, "Let us make man."
By His creative hand, and His decisive will,
This part of God's creation He surely did fulfil.
He gave to man decision, as you will all agree,
When he was put on trial beside the apple tree.
No court, no judge, no jury were at this famous trial,
It was a woman lawyer who thus caused Adam's fall.
Shocked with this indecision, which made the heavens ring,
Adam gained his first experience which made his conscience sting.
And from that day to this late hour
We reap seeds of indecision's power.
And thus blind indecision—blind to the cause of right—
Crept painfully into this world, this land of pure delight.
We leave this sacred story to study when you will
While we permeate the regions of science. art and skill,
In the splendid comparisons, the seven wonders of the world,
We find decision pictured by the British flag unfurled,
In the seven wonders of the world we see science. art and skill
Surpassing all our thoughts; subduing all our will.
The Pyramids of Egypt—the place of many tombs—
Intricate in construction as the threads of weavers' looms,
Stand forth as monuments of decision's mighty towers,
The abode or resting place of kingly sepulchres.
In geometrical dignity these wonders of the age
Have never fully been depicted by poet, bard or sage.
Imposing and impressive, the home of supposed souls,
We leave them in their glory as eternal ages roll.
The hanging gardens of Babylon, in grandeur so sublime,
We see decision's character that no art can define.
But of the other wonders of the world't magnificence
We have not space to tell as you see at a glance.
The North Star in the heavens is a decisive star,
It guides the mariner at sea, and explorers from afar.
In Africa's lonely forest it stood forth as the sun;
It guided Stanley's way, and also Livingstone.
If decision is so important as epochs and eras roll
Then, surely, more important the decision of the soul.
The soul shall live forever though all other things have died—
'Twill return to its Creator if redeemed by the crucified.
We are entering on a new year, a most happy event,
When every individual should make a covenant,
It would help to ease life's burdens; help to walk the narrow way;
Will it be for decision or indecision, say?
Then on New Year's Day, should troubled billows roll,
Pray chase them all away; Jesus lover of my soul.

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Institute Closes Successful Year

Financially as well as in every other direction 1920 will go down in history as the banner year of Creston Valley Women's Institute, judging by the reports turned in at the annual meeting early in the month. In the way of raising funds to meet all running expenses the ladies gathered in $522 last year which with a balance of $155 from last yeat gave them a revenue of $677. Of this amount $342 came from the various public entertainments and the balance was mostly from the teas that feature the regular meeting, and the annual fees of a membership just under 100. A review of the year's operations is briefly given in the report of Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, the retiring secretary-treasurer, which follows:

The membership this year consists of 86 members and 11 associate, total 97. A year ago last April we started a lending library, free to members of the Institute, and last October the Institute handed over their library of a little over 300 books to the Public Library Association.

The Institute has been instrumental in getting a public health nurse for this district, and at the meeting in May decided to send out subscription forms for every member. This started the campaign which the health committee from the different organizations in the district have continued since June, resulting in the arrival of Miss McLuhan last month. The Institute has been able to be of assistance in some cases of need of help, the sum spent in relief work amounting to $66. Another good work has been the introduction of hot lunches in the school, on which the Institute has spent $53.20. Besides these amounts we have donated $15 to the fair in prizes, and $10 each to the Navy League and the Federated Institutes.

Papers have been read on different subjects by the members, and Mr. Schofield of St. John's Ambulance Society gave an address in March. The juhior members gave a short program in April and served tea at the December meeting.

The big event of our year was the conference held on Aug. 31 and Sept, 1 and 2, and which went off without a hitch, and though it cost the Institute about $150 left us with a balanee on hand at the end of September of $53.

A visiting committee has been established to visit the public and high school, and their recommendations brought before the notice of the trustees. We have $125 on hand at the end of the year to carry forward.

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Between trucks and autos of numerous makes there are now over 100 motor vehicles in the Valley, the licences to operate which expire on Dec. 31st. As there is considerable "red tape" in connection with the issue of new licences Provincial police Vachon will appreciate an early call from those who will be taking out licences for use at the first of the year.

HEIFER ESTRAY

Lost—Red heifer, about two years old, under sized, branded M on right hip, left horn shorter than right. Reward to party notifying me as to the animal's whereabouts. A. Mirabelli, Creston.

CATTLE ASTRAY

Jersey heifer, 3 years old, also two red and white heifers (Shorthorn) which have been around my place since summer. Owner can have same on payment of feed bill. N. STONES, Lister.

HORSE ASTRAY

There has been placed in my charge by the provincial police on December 12, 1920, small grey horse with indistinct brand on right shoulder, has been shod. Unless owner claims same on or before January 3, 1921, animal will be sold to pay expenses, D. J. DEWAR, Wynndel.

CALF ASTRAY

Came to my premises on or about December 2, one red calf. Owner can have same on paying all expenses. JAS. COMPTON, Creston.

CATTLE ASTRAY

Two head of cattle: One red heifer 2 years old, and one red and white steer 1 year old, branded C W on left shoulder. $5 per head reward to party taking them up and notifying me. CARL WIGEN, Wynndel.

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The Canadian Banking System

In the course of this series of articles, dealing with the respective legislative and administrative functions and powers of the Dominion Parliament and Provincial Legislatures, consideration was given last week to the subject of Public Health, which is largely, although not entirely, a matter for Provincial action. This week attention is directed to a subject which comes solely within the jurisdiction of the Dominion, namely, Banking, incorporation of Banks, currency, coinage and issue of paper money.

The subject of Banking is very much in the public mind at the present time, as it always is in periods of "tight money" and when an economic necessity arises, not in the interest of the Banks alone, but in the interest of the whole country, to curtail credit and prepare for financial storms. A Bank, or a country, that failed to so protect itself would be like the captain of a sailing ship who refused to shorten his sail on a falling barometer. It would be to invite disaster. Yet, at the present time, there are loud outcries in certain quarters because the Banks are adopting a course which common prudence demands.

The necessity imposed upon the Banks of protecting the moneys entrusted to them by depositors and investors, is seized upon by unthinking people, and those who feel they have a personal grievance because they cannot obtain all the credit they demand, to clamor for a change in the Banking system of Canada, and a periodical agitation is revived for the establishment of some system of Local or Provincial Banks. Those who voice such a demand shut their eyes to the fact that all Banking history, especially in new countries, has served to demonstrate the weakness of local Banking insitutions and to prove the strength of a Federal system under which the money resources of one section of the country can, in periods of stress and emergency, be made available in less favored or more needy sections. This fact was finally recognized in the United States by the creation some six or seven years ago of the Federal Reserve Banks.

The fact also must be recognized that, so far as Western Canada is concerned, it is still a borrowing country. Loans still far exceed deposits in amount. This is natural and inevitable in a new country where the work of development is yet in its infancy. Inasmuch as the loaning power of a Bank is dependent upon the volume of its deposits, purely Local or Provincial Banks in the West would of necessity be weak and their power to meet the credit demands of the people here limited. A Bank is after all but a trustee of the money of one group of people, the depositors, and the agency through which that money is loaned upon satisfactory security and at profitable rates of interest to another group, the borrowers. If a Bank should consider borrowers only, it would be false to the trust reposed in it by depositors. It would soon have no depositors and hence nothing to loan.

Again, those who advocate—who even demand—that Provincial Governments shall go into the Banking business, lose sight of the fact that the Fathers of Confederation in their wisdom, and with the experience of the ages to guide them, specifically provided in the Canadian constitution that the Federal Parliament, and it alone, should have jurisdiction in the matter of Banking. Those who demand that Provincial Governments set up systems of Banking to suit the particular needs of their own people are asking for something Provincial Governments and Legislatures have no power to grant.

Provincial Governments have power to create such institutions as Farm Loans Boards, and our Western Provinces have established such organizations, but everybody recognizes that the ability of these Boards to make loans is strictly limited to the amount of money Governments are able to borrow on the security of the whole Province, which money is then turned over to the Boards to put out in loans. If the people who have money will not lend it to the Governments for this purpose, the Farm Loans Boards cannot make loans. And if because of local conditions the people have not the money to loan to the Governments, they in turn have nothing to loan on farm mortgages.

Therefore, even if the Provinces had power to incorporate and create Banks, such Banks would be subject to local conditions and limitations very similar to those affecting the operations of Farm Loans Boards. A Federal Bank, on the other hand, is not subject to these restrictions but may employ is resources derived from one section of the country for credit purposes elsewhere.

The State of North Dakota recently tried the experiment of State Banks. They appeared to flourish while money was plentiful, labor at a premium, wages high, and top-notch prices were being paid for farm and other commodities, but now that a reaction has set in, these State Banks are closing their doors, no less than thirteen Banks in North Dakota closing in ten days recently.

The writer of this article is not an apologist for Canada's Banks, but it should be borne in mind that the financial institutions of this Dominion have stood the severe test of world conditions during the last six years, and stood it well when others wobbled or failed. This question of Banking is so vital to every interest in Canada, and it is so easy to make false accusations and unfounded assertions, and thus shake public confidence, that it may be well to deal with some specific criticisms of Canadian Banks and their management in a subsequent article.

Fighting Fish

Living Near Ocean Floors Have Long Teeth for Defence

One characteristic is common to all the fish that live near the ocean floors, they are powerfully armed with fierce-looking long teeth for defence. For, as the Prince of Monaco says, "They live on their fighting prowess." Another curious feature that has puzzled this investigator is the condition of the eyes of some of the species. "They are very small and rough," he says, "and have a sort of fog over them. The question is, how eyes can be of any use whatever in such great depths where all is intense darkness of the blackest sort."

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Heavy Immigration

60,000 Immigrants From Great Britain and 34,700 From United States.

Statistics of Immigration to Canada in the six months ended November 1, show a total influx of 109,856, an increase of 32 per cent. over last year. Of this total, 60,370 came from Great Britain, 34,708 from the United States and 14,778 from other countries. While November statistics from the seaports are not tabulated, figures of immigration from the United States to Canada show that 2,264 Americans came in during the month, along with 738 Canadians who have been living there and are now returning to the old home. British people moving from the States to Canada totalled 112, and other nationalities 142. The movement is not at all one way, however. Washington figures, made public a few days ago, showed that in the United States fiscal year, 90,000 Canadians moved to the States, of whom 8,000 subsequently migrated elsewhere.

New York City expects to have a million telephones in operation next year.

Holly Trees in England

Grow Sixty Feet High With Far-Reaching Branches.

The holly tree is common in England, and its glossy leaves and gleaming berries shine out in copse and roadside hedge as plentifully as the wild roses or the blackberry bushes. The holly trees in tthe New Forest are more vigorous than anywhere else on earth. They sometimes grow to be sixty feet high, with huge trunks two or three feet thick, and wide-reaching branches. With their smooth, slate-grey stems and gleaming foliage of green ivory, they are the most striking trees in England, not excepting even the colossal oaks and yews, which constantly draw the traveller's attention.

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A Roast From Rudyard.

Not long ago Mr. Kipling wrote a story for an American magazine. The publisher, who was a bit of a crank on total abstinence, learned that in the story the hero drank a glass of sherry, and he wrote the author asking that some non-alcoholic beverage should be substituted. Kipling made no objection.

"Oh, all right," he wrote back, "make it a glass of Blank's baby food. I see he advertises largely in your magazine."—The Boston Transcript.

Rubber Industry in Canada.

In a preliminary report on the rubber industry just issued by the Bureau of Statistics, some interesting figures are found. The report shows that nearly $43,000,000 is invested in the industry and it employs approximately 11,500 people.

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Boy Accidentally Shot.

Jean Malbeouf, 12 years old, was accidentally shot and killed by Alex. Bishop, a half-breed, living at Buffaol River, north of Isle a La Crosse. A report of the affair has just reached provincial police headquarters from Constable Chappius. The shooting occurred in the hinterland of Saskatchewan, cut off from wire and mail communication.

Ontario Public Libraries.

In an address before the Ottawa Library Association, W. O. Carson, inspector of Public Libraries for Ontario, stated that the province now had 425 public libraries, which, in proportion to population, was the highest of any state or province in the world.

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DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

By Rea Proctor McGee, M.D., D.D.S., Editor Oral Hygiene.

The highest death-rate is between the ages of two and six years of age. At two years the eruption of the temporary teeth is just being completed and at six years the eruption of the permanent teeth is just beginning. This period, from two until six is the time that the temporary teeth are in their prime. If the twenty little teeth are free from decay and the child is able to chew its food so that the proper nourishment will be extracted, the little body will have strength to resist or overcome nearly all of the infections that may come to childhood.

The temporary teeth are of greater importance to the child than are the permanent teeth to the adult, because a child must not only be nourished to keep up the ordinary life processes, but it must have nourishment for rapid growth as well.

The temporary teeth decay much more rapidly than the permanent teeth because their structure is not so dense and in addition the pulp is more quickly exposed because it is larger in proportion to the size of the tooth. Nearly all dentists agree that the treatment of a temporary tooth with an exposed pulp is hopeless. The best that can be done is to give temporary relief. If the temporary teeth are lost, they cannot be satisfactorily replaced.

The permanent teeth lie in the baby jaw just beyond the roots of the temporary teeth and are only partially formed even at the time of their eruption. If the baby teeth are allowed to abscess, the growing permanent teeth are bathed in pus and will probably be seriously damaged or totally ruined. Children are highly susceptable to pus. Abscesses of temporary teeth produce general infections that result in lowered vitality, rheumatism, heart inflammations and many other diseases that are very serious and sometimes fatal. Don't neglect your children's temporary teeth. Both the present and future welfare of your child depends upon the health of the mouth.

Trade With West Indies.

As a result of the reciprocity treaty with the West Indies, manufacturers' agents there are endeavoring to stimulate trade with Canada, and have written the Vancouver Board of Trade ,explaining the methods of business in the West Indies, and are making an effort to have the British Columbia manufacturers extend their operations to that country.

B.C. Honey Producers.

The firs annual meeting of British Columbia Honey Producers Association held in New Westminster, showed a membership of 280 beekeepers. During the convention it was decided to adopt a label that stamps a guarantee on all their product.

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Possibilities of Alberta Pulp Industry.

T. A. Burrows, the head of a large Manitoba lumber concern, asserts that there is a good future for the pulp industry in Alberta. Along the Saskatchewan River, west of Edmonton alone, he say, "there is plenty of pulp wood to warrant the building of a large mill, but it would be necessary to develop power on the river." This can be done because in the higher reaches of the Saskatchewan there is sufficient potential power to operate several pulp mills if wanted.

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Want C.P.R. to Finish Line.

A mass meeting of farmers of the Blackie-Lomond region prepared to demand action on the completion of the Suffield branch from the end of the track at Lomond, to Blackie, covering a rich territory. The charter for the road was granted eight years ago. A delegation was named to meet D. C. Coleman, vice-president of the C.P.R., at an early date.

Minard's Liniment For Colds, Etc.

Heavy Decrease in Cattle and Beef.

A heavy decrease in Canadian exports of cattle and beef in 1920 as compared with 1919, is shown in figures given out by the livestock commissioner of Canada. The 1920 figures are, of course, not yet complete. The decrease in live cattle exports is nearly 400,000, while the exports as beef show a decrease of nearly 18,000,000 pounds.

Late And Noisy.

"America came in late," says Lloyd George. And, as often happens when one comes in late, made a lot of noise. —Chicago Tribune.

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"There's a Reason"

"Indian Spiritualism"

A Remarkable Occurrence in the Old Days at Stony Creek, Now Better Known as Melfort, Saskatchewan.

By O-GE-MAS-ES (Little Clerk).

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Living as we did for a number of years the only settler in the district, generally when travellers called it meant staying all night, and often longer, and thus friendships were formed much more lasting than at the present time.

One of our closest and best beloved friends was William Ogilvie (afterwards Commissioner of the Yukon), and he generally made it a point of staying some time with us when in the West. On one of these occasions, in the fall of 1892 if my memory is correct, he dropped in and received his usual welcome. He had been across the mountains and down in California and Utah. These places at that time were being swept by a spiritualistic wave (something like the present time) and table turning, consulting with mediums, etc., was all the rage.

One night after the day's work was done and a few friends had come in (1892 saw the first settlers, who were camping close at hand) to meet and listen to Mr. Ogilvie who was a most accomplished raconteur, with a marvellous memory, he proposed that we try and get in touch with the other world by joining hands round our large table. We had been very much interested in hearing details of what he had seen on his western trip in this line, so the reply was immediate, "let us try." An ex-naval officer was staying with me at the time and he laughed the whole thing to scorn, would have nothing to do with it, and talked of fakes, imposture and all the rest of it; so we appointed him chief critic.

There were present a doctor's wife, a young lady teacher, my own family and several others, some eight or ten in all, or more, and Ogilvie placed us standing round the table rather away from it and leaning forward resting the tips of our fingers upon it.

Our fingers were touching one another and the naval man was to keep strict watch that on one touched the table with their body.

A word about the table first. This was a remarkably solid piece of furniture with stout legs and a two-inch spruce top. The lumber had been pit-sawed by ourselves out of the log and dressed down by hand. There were no castors on it; in fact you could not shove it very well and it had to be lifted when moved.

Well, we circled the table, and Mr. Ogilvie arranged a formula, so many knocks for certain words and so on, and the table when inspired was to rear up and knock replies. We stood there probably threequarters of an hour and our naval man had the time of his life in passing satirical and bitter remarks which I could see began to annoy Ogilvie. Finally the latter said to me: "Has anyone died since you settled her some nine or ten years ago?" "No white man," was my reply. "Have any Indians died?" "Yes, several years after we came here a fine young Indian greatly beloved by his tribe died and is buried close to where we are." Poor Pa-poon-is-kum, after the Indian Medicine man had given him up we did our best to keep life in him and gave freely what little luxuries we had at the time."

"Well," Ogilvie said in exasperation at our non-success, "try the spirits in Cree," which I did, and the response was so immediate that the ladies present got nervous. That table, heavy and all as it was, fairly waltzed round our living room, knocked replies to questions with a bang, and, in fact, acted in a most amazing manner. Ja-poon-is-kum was asked if he was happy. "Yes," was the reply. Was he pleased to hear his people were well. "Yes," was the table's reply; and so on, and so on, until the ladies becoming tired, we stopped. There was a distinct spooky effect, and I think we all realised that there were unseen forces surrounding us of which we knew little or nothing. Even the naval critic was silenced, much to Ogilvie's delight.

Pa-poon-is-kum had an elder brother, a fine hunter named O-poo-hoo-sis (still living I am glad to say at Ft. La Corne) who called at my house some time after our Seance, and after some preliminary remarks I told him I had been talking with his dead brother. "Oh," was his reply, "I did not think the white man could do that, but I often talk with him." O-poo-hoo-sis was Pagan at that time, is now Christianised and would be highly offended if you asked him to communicate with the other world.

On a number of occasions I have known Pagan Indians who constantly communicated with the spirits of the departed (or thought they did), and it was a very solemn and serious matter I can assure you. They are extremely reticent in matters of this nature and you have to know them very well indeed before they will reveal these inner feelings. It appears as if the unseen world and its relation to our own is much thinner with savages. We are too materialistic, and have lost that fine sense. What Dr. Carpenter speaking here lately in the Chatauqua described as the sixth sense. In fact the unsophisticated Indian is much more pschyic than the average white man.

Urges High Ideals Of Medical Men

Medical men of Peel, York, Ontario and Simcoe Counties, and the Academy of Medicine of Toronto, were asked by the President of the Ontario Medical Association, Dr. J. H. Mullins, to make the "best in the profession" the Association's aim.

Small Banks Fail Again

The farmers of North Dakota are said to be holding their grain for higher prices, and as a result they are unable to pay their debts as promptly as they should. The banks of North Dakota, many of which are small local banks, have been seriously affected by this "wheat strike." Owing to the local nature of these institutions, a situation such as the existing one is sufficient to imperil their financial existence. As a matter of fact fifteen of these banks have closed their doors in as many days. It is stated that some of them will re-open as soon as the present financial stringency ends.

We have heard a great deal in this western country of the merits of the small local banks, so plentiful in the United States. We have heard much of the disadvantages of the Canadian banking system, much more than can be substantiated. But we have not yet heard of a financial stringency in any or all of the Western Provinces resulting in the closing down of fifteen Canadian branch banks. We are experiencing a similar situation in the West to that which is causing trouble in North Dakota; some of our farmers are holding their wheat for higher prices and neglecting to pay their debts. We have had crop failures during past years in various localities, we have had financial stringencies more or less periodically, but our Canadian banks have always weathered the storm.

Surely the troubles in North Dakota will convince the fair-minded critics of our own banking system that although the Canadian system is not perfect, it is much to be preferred to the small local bank system so often urged as the best system for Western Canada. What would the people of the Western Provinces say if fifteen branch banks in the Prairie Provinces were closed by the Government because the business in the districts in which they were situated was insufficient to make them self-sustaining? What would the people of the West say if the general managers of our chartered banks sent forth an order that every branch bank must be self-supporting in its operations or cease to do business, and how indignant we would be if we found the branches affected by such an order closed with our savings locked up tight? How would we like it if the banks decided to cease business because of a financial stringency, and notified the public that they would probably re-open when the stringency passed away? We would not like any of these things and so long as our present system of banking is maintained there is little likelihood of such things happening north of the International boundary.

Will Not Suspend Railway Rates in West

Commission Refuses to Grant Application for Suspension of Rate Order.

Ottawa.—The Board of Railway Commissioners, in a judgment handed down, refuses the application of the Governments of Saskatchewan and Manitoba for an order suspending the railway rates increases granted in an order issued on Sept. 9, the higher rates becoming effective four days later.

The ground is taken that, notwithstanding the criticism to which the board has been subjected, its findings cannot on the most searching analysis, be fairly characterized as other than just and reasonable.

After dealing at some length with the general aspects of the case and commenting on certain criticisms of the board, which have been made in respect to its action in increasing rates, the judgment deals exhaustively with the financial position of the Canadian Pacific Railway at the present time. After presenting figures showing what the situation for the company would be with and without the rate increases, the board declares that these figures furnish a fair indication that the company is "not likely to do more than pay its way during the coming year, if indeed it succeeds in avoiding a deficit."

The order granting an increase in rates, which has been the subject of considerable criticism, was written by Chief Commissioner Carvell and concurred in by the other members of the board. The judgment handed down was written by Commissioner Dr. J. G. Rutherford and concurred in by Hon. F. B. Carvell and Assistant Chief Commissioner Dr. S. J. McLean.

The application which was made by Mr. H. J. Symington, for Manitoba, and D'Arcy Scott, for Saskatchewan, and representatives of other interests, was based on a judgment of the Governor-in-Council, which referred the order granting increased railway rates back to the board for further consideration. Mr. Symington asked that if the rates were not suspended the increase in rates on lines west of Fort William should be reduced to 15 per cent.

Exploration in Northern Canada

Inspect Steamer With View to Trip to Hudson Bay Straits.

Quebec.—Captain H. C. Pickle and J. D. Craig, of the Federal Department of the Interior, made an inspection here of the steamer Arctic, which was used by Capt. Bernier in his North Pole expeditions. The object of the inspection, it is said, is to ascertain the condition of the steamer, with a view to using her for an exploration trip through the Hudson's Bay Straits, to the MacKenzie River.

Tax on Confectionery

Candymakers Are Promised But Little Sympathy From Government.

Ottawa.—Candy manufacturers who object to having their products subject to luxury tax, the same as alcoholic beverages and toilet preparations, and automobile men who think they should have a rebate on cars they purchased under the tax, are not likely to receive a great deal of helpful sympathy from the cabinet, judging by the remarks of cabinet ministers to the Canadian Press.

In the case of candy, the Government, it is said, takes the stand that the cheaper grades, which are usually given to children, are free of tax in any case, so there is no suggestion of depriving the kiddies of their candy, and the more expensive grades of chocolates, etc., which are really in the luxury class, are still taxed, and likely to remain so. As for automobile men's claims, one minister pointed out that the argument of the dealers that they should have a rebate because they were stocked up with cars on which the tax was paid, was illogical. The same automobile men had not offered the Government any rebate on cars they bought a few days before the tax became effective.

Rural Students Attend University

Ontario Rural Population Does Not Take Advantage of Educational Facilities.

Toronto.—Gordon Waldron presented the views of the United Farmers to the University Commission. He pointed out that an examination of the records of attendance showed that the rural population numbering about 900,000 sent last year to Toronto University, but 351 out of a total of 1,833 students, entering for study. The records showed also that Toronto enjoys the educational benefits of the state university in a proportion far beyond its ratio of population. In the faculty of arts, 693 out of 1,797 students came from Toronto and in all the faculties 1,828 out of 4,777.

Wentworth, including the city of Hamilton, with a population of more than 130,000, sent only 77.

Canadian Fleet at Halifax

Formally Welcomed By Gov.-General and Other Distinguished Officials

Halifax.—The cruiser Aurora, destroyers Patriot and Patrician, and submarines H.C. 14 and 15, with Capt. Henry G. Adams, C.B.E., R.N., in command, were formally welcomed by a distinguished group of officials headed by His Excellency the Governor-General, on behalf of the people of the Dominion on the arrival of the three former British vessels here

With the first streak of dawn the little fleet, in line with the destroyers ahead, was sighted off Chebucto Head, slowly making its way up the harbor. Maintaining this formation they reached anchorage off the dockyard a few minutes before eight o'clock.

H. M. S. Aurora was fouled by H. M. C. S. Patriot while the ships were being berthed and slight damage was occasioned the flagship. The incident had the effect of delaying the official welcoming program. The vessels were dressed from stem to stern with flags when the opening guns of a royal salute sounded throughout the city.

Heavy Fighting in Ireland

Military and Police Ambushed in Counties Kilkenny and Tipperary.

Dublin.—Heavy fighting has taken place between large forces of civilians on one side and soldiers and police on the other in the section lying between Callan, County Kilkenny, and Glenbower, County Tipperary. The military and police were ambushed at not less than three different places and numerous casualties resulted on both sides. These included Sergt. Walsh, Royal Irish Constabulary, killed; some soldiers, number unknown, killed; ten or fifteen civilians killed, and Sergt. Shannon and several other soldiers wounded.

To Blockade Fiume.

Rome.—Replying to the ultimatum of General Caviglia, Gabriele D'Annunzio declared that he would maintain his attitude and would not recognize the treaty of Rapallo.

General Caviglia now will proclaim a strict blockade of Fiume and the islands of Vegila, Arbe and San Marcos, it was announced.

Swear In Dr. Brett.

Ottawa.—Rodolphe Boudreau, clerk of the privy council, has left for Edmonton to swear in Dr. R. G. Brett, as Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta for a second term. The date of the ceremony will be arranged on Mr. Boudreau's arrival.

Want Free Medical Care

Propose Free Medical Care For Veterans Out of Work.

Ottawa.—A request that the free medical service be extended to returned soldiers during the unemployment crisis has been received here from the secretary of the British Columbia command of the G.W.V.A. The request came here in the form of a wire to G. C. McNeil, Dominion secretary of the G.W.V.A., who is taking the matter up with the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, which department would be the one to deal with it.

Increase New York Police Force.

New York.—A resolution calling for removal of Police Commissioner Enright, under fire in New York's present crime wave, was introduced at a meeting of aldermen by Alderman Bruce M. Falconer. The board adopted a resolution to increase New York's city police force by 769 patrolmen.

High Price for Stock Exchange Seat.

Toronto.—F. J. Stewart & Company, bond dealers of this city, bought a seat on the Toronto Stock Exchange at $12,500, the new recent high price for a seat on the exchange.

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Will Carry Munitions

Irish Railroaders Vote to Abandon Strike and Return to Their Jobs.

Dublin.—The Irish railwaymen in conference here decided unanimously to abandon their strike against the carrying of munitions and return to work. The men voted to carry all the traffic offered, providing all the men are restored to their former position. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, will negotiate this condition with the Government.

Cholera at Constantinople.

Constantinople. — Several more cases of cholera have been reported from Russian camps outside this city. Strict quarantine measures have been put into force and there is no possibility of the city's water supply becoming contaminated.

Will Not Reduce Staff

Railroad Men to be Employed During Winter in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg.—With few exceptions, the employees of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways here will be well employed this winter, officials announced.

"It is not the intention to make any general reduction in the staff employed in the mechanical department, but a reduction will be made in the working hours per man until the spring," stated A. E. Warren, general manager in charge of the western lines, C.N.R.

D. C. Coleman, vice-president in charge of western lines, Canadian Pacific Railways, said that only "seasonable reductions" were being made on the railways, which did not involve a great number of employees

Child Makes Long Journey.

Calgary.—A journey of seven thousand miles by her lonesome, has no thrills for little Wilhelmia Allan, the seven-year-old daughter of H. A. Allan of this city, a returned soldier who has made his home here. The child made the trip from Glasgow to this city unaccompanied, though she was glad to have her daddy waiting for her when the "choo-choo" stopped.

Advised to Hold Cattle.

Calgary, Alta.—Canadian farmers are advised by A. H. Maryland, one of the biggest cattle dealers on the prairies, to hold their cattle until next spring. He predicts that there will be a vastly increased demand.

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Winter Storage

Remember your Batteries will run down when your car is not in use.

Sometimes good Batteries are ruined through not being charged.

I will keep them fully charged at $1.00 per month.

Creston Auto & Supply

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Local and Personal

J. A. P. Crompton has vacancy for a few pupils in singing.

FOR SALE—Yorkshire boar, two years old. J. Sherwood, Creston.

FOR SALE—Registered Oxford ram, 3 years old, $35. F. K. Smith, Creston.

Mrs. Perry of Spokane arrived on Saturday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. R. Piper.

WANTED—Clean cotten rags, no small pieces, will pay 7½ cents a pound —Bevan's garage.

FOR SALE—Fairbanks-Morse gas engine, in good running order. Enquire Review Office.

Mr. and Mrs. James Adlard spent the Christmas holidays with the former's brother in Cranbrook.

S. A. Speers hes a most timely announcement this week. He is offering a 4-pound tin of the best jam made at $1.25.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Hendren left the latter part of the week to spend Christmas with the latter's parents in Vancouver.

J. A. Bell, who up till midsummer had the Creston Hotel, is this week moving on to the A. Lindlay ranch, which he recently purched from Frank Celli of Coleman, Alta.

Mrs. Benney and Margueite left the latter part of the week for Cranbrook, where they will visit with friends for a couple of weeks.

Sunday supplied the coldest weather we have so far this season, the mercury getting down to seven above zero that morning.

Miss Elsie Hendren who has been home for a couple of weeks due to the illness of her sister, Blanche' returned to Vernon on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson of Invermere and Miss F. Erickson of Spokane, were Christmas week visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bennett.

There will be morning service only in Christ Church on Sunday at 11 o.clock, which will be foliowed by a celebration of Holy Communion.

Sugar is slowly but surely getting back to the pre-war price. Shipments of it that arrived the latter part of the week are retailing at 15 cents a pound.

Sub-lot 54, containing 320 acres, on Arrow Creek, is for sale at $10 per acre, or will sell north or south half. Address owner, W. K. Esling, Rossland, B.C.

TURKEYS—Buy your Christmas or New Year's turkey from Chas. Moore and secure the best. I have just shipped a few really choice birds. Mrs. David Scott.

Miss Bertha Hurry, who is teaching at Rock Creek, and Miss Susie Hurry, who is at the Nelson business college, are spending Christmas with Creston friends.

LUMBER—Common Boards, Dimensions, Shiplap, Flooring, Drop Siding, Bevel Siding, at reduced prices. Write or phone for prices. Wynndel Box Factory, Wynndel.

For the first half of January the Hardware and Furniture Supply Company announce a discount of 10 per cent. off all lines of furniture, beds and mattresses.

Mrs. W. K. Brown left on Sunday to spend about three months with old friends in Georgia and Alabama. Her nephew, Harold Davis, accompanies her on the trip.

The Preobyterian Sunday school children had their usual Christmas treat in the shape of a sleighride on Wednesday afternoon, followed by a supper and a round of games, etc., at the church.

This year's Christmas Day mail was apout the heaviest holiday mail that has ever come into Creston. There were sixteen sacks of it, the Old Country mail arriving in time for Saturday distribution.

Creston Young People's Club will meet at the church on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. The hisiorical and geographieal committee will provide the programme, which is expected to inclde a talk by Dr. Lillie.

The official report of the Creston Valley Women's Institute shows that this year the local organization had a membership of 97, and that during the year over $500 was raised by the ladies for Iustitute purposes.

School opens for the winter term on Monday morning, with one new teacher on the staff in Miss Irvtne, who succeeds Miss England in charge of Division III. Miss Irvine is a sister of Mrs. C. B. Garland.

Mawson Bros. announce that commencing Monday they will give a straight cash discount of 10 per cent. on all cash purchases, and a 5 per cent discount on all accounts paid before the 10th of the following month.

The annual meeting of Creston District Public Library will be held in the library room on Monday, Jan. 10th, at 8 p.m., for the election of officers, etc. Intending members are cordially invited to attend and take part in proceedings.

Christ Church Ladies' Guild have their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Bennett on Tuesday afternoon, when it is likely the ladies will form themselves into a branch of the Woman's Auxiliay. The retiring president is Mrs. Crosthwait.

Manager Allen of the Imperial Bank and Const. Hanna had charge of the drawing for the winning ticket on the gramaphone which was on raffle at Mawson Bros. store during Christmas week. Ticket 245 was the lucky one, and is held by Henry Brown of Wycliffe, where a portion of the 250 tickets offered on the machine were sold.

J. Harrison, who has been in charge of the dry goods section of the S. A. Speers store for the past two months, has given up that position, and leaves today for a few days' holiday with his family at Nelson before engaging in business as a special sales manager. Mr. Harrison was in charge of the big sale at the Speers' store last month, which was the most successful merchandising event of its sort in town, and if all his sales in future are conducted on the same straightfarward and progressive lines Mr. Harrison can hardly fail to make good in his new line.

Following is a list of the elective and appointive officers of Creston Masonic Lodge for the ensuing year:

I.P.M.—R. J. Long.
W.M.—Jas. Compton.
S.W.—Hilton Young.
J.W.—A. Hendren.
Secretary—C. F. Hayes.
Treas.—S. A. Speers.
S.D.—A. B. Norris.
J.D.—Guy Constable.
S.S.—T. W. Bundy.
J.S.—W. R. Long.
Tylor—R. Piper.
Trustee—John Blinco.
Chaplain—W. H. Watcher.
D. of C.—C. M. Loasby.

R.W. Bro. S. A. Speers, D.D.G.M., officiated as installing officer, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies the brethren sat down to the customary banquet at which the usual list of toasts were proposed and responded to.

For New Year's Day evening Manager Rodgers has been successful in booking two splendid holiday films for the Grand in "A Broadway Cowboy" and "Jiggs and the Social Lion," the latter being an adaptation of Jiggs in the "Bringing up Father" pictures which have become so popular with readers of the daily press press. "A Broadway Cowboy" is a marvelous melange of uproarious laughter, mixed with spine-tickling thrills, while the "Social Lion" is something entirely new in comedy. There will be one show only, at 8.30 p.m., with prices at 75 cents for adults, and 25c. for children.

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Holiday Greetings

and our sincere good wishes for a

Happy and Prosperous New Year

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This jam is absolutely pure strawberry and sugar, and from the famous Hamsterley Farm, Saanich, Victoria.

We have twenty-five cases only, and for five days we make a special offering of this jam.

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per tin.

S. A. Speers

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