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Kitchener

Clarence Myrene of Spokane is a guest of Miss Esther Erickson at the home of B. Johnson.

Mrs. Lionel Forrester is a visitor with Spokane friends this week.

Mr. McKenna of the Nangal Pole Company has arrived with his bride, formerly Miss McFelly of Vancouver, and has taken up residence here.

Mr. Hurlburt has arrived from Moose Jaw, Sask., to join his wife who is a visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fransen.

Mrs. Rankine of Cranbrook has been a visitor with Mr. Rankine at Kitchener Hotel.

Miss Schmidt of Sirdar was a week-end vteitor with Mrs. Hunt.

Kitchener was a busy spot on Saturday night, when a picture show was put on at B. Johnson's, which was followed by a dance in Hunt's Hall. There was a large turnout at both affairs.

Miss Hunter has organized a sewing circle for her girl pupils, and they have chosen the name Kewpie Club. The club was entertained last Friday by Miss Erickson at the B. Johnson home. Tea was served by Misses Ellen and Laura Andeen. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Molander's.

Sirdar

Supt. Flett passed through Sirdar on Sunday on his way to Vancouver where he will make a short visit.

Jim Pascuzzo, who has been in quarantine for six weeks with scarlet fever expects to be released some time this week, as his recovery is quite complete.

Miss Rosie Pascuzzo is making a splendid recovery at Cranbrook hospital, where she was operated upon by Dr. Green last week for appendicitus.

R. Dennes, sr., who has been a Spokane visitor for about ten days, is home again.

Mrs. Bamford, sr., of Cranbrook was a guest of Mrs. Goodman a few days last week.

The Social Club members will celebrate St. Valentine's evening with a dance at the schoolhouse at the usual hour.

Reg. Watson of the McCabe bridge crew was a week-end visitor at his home in Creston.

Rev. H. Varley was here from Creston on Sunday and had communion service at 8 a.m., as well as the usual Church of England morning service.

Yardmaster Loasby is keeping closely to the house still, this sort of weather not being ideal for people with throat troubles to be abroad.

Mrs. Jones of Kuskanoon was a week-end guest of Mrs. North, and states that in a few days the ranchers in that section will be starting spring work.

The epidemic of whooping cough that Sirdar has been blessed with the past two weeks is almost over with, and most of the youngsters are now in shape to take on the measles, chickenpox or any of the other infantile maladies.

Ron. Lidgate and a Mr. Davis of Creston were visitors here on Monday, going through to Kuskanook on telephone business. They were making record time on the trip with the former's new 1923 Superior Chevrolet.

Arthur North is a patient in the hospital at Nelson, where he underwent an operation by Dr. Rose on Friday, and from last reports received is making a satisfactory recovery. During his absence Miss May Wilson is staying with Mrs. North.

Mr. Wilson of the Royal Grey Granite quarries was a business visitor at Creston on Tuesday. He is hoping the milder weather will set in permanently as there is a big year's business booked for the quarry this year. Tom Vennings will be along before the end of the month to take charge of the cutting of several monumental stones that are on order.

The first robin was seen at Sirdar on Tuesday. This with the apple trees budding and pussy willows appearing is sure sign of an early spring. East of Washout Creek—three miles east of here—the foliage is not so far advanced as west of Washout to Kuskanook, which surely may well be called the banana belt.

Erickson

Six new pupils were enrolled in the receiving class at Erickson school at the first of the week, bringing the total attendance up to the sixty mark almost.

A number of the ranchers have commenced pruning operations, but most of them are waiting for the present cold snap to get by.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Leveque of Medicine Hat were visitors here a few days last week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Leveque.

Fenton Smith of Bellvue, Alta., arrived the latter part of the week for a short visit at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dodds are away on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. Percival, at Yahk at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Palmer and family are at Fernie at present on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Waldie.

Eric Craigie was a passenger on Tuesday's eastbound train, his first stop being scheduled for Portland, Ore., and he will probably go on to Fresno, Calif., before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Martin are just back from quite an extended holiday with friends at Portland, Ore.

Apple shipping at Erickson was the heaviest of the year last week, and the ranchers are hoping the C.P.R. will make some definite announcement concerning a regular heated car service. The apple market is good now, and there are several thousand boxes to go out.

Between the teams working for Canyon City Lumber Company and Patnam and Palmer, almost 1000 ties a day are being landed at the Canyon siding these days. The former are also heavily hauling poles.

Erickson's surprise party squad invaded Creston on Thursday night last when they proceeded to entertain themselves as well as their enforced host and hostess at the home of James Cook. They had a real fine time at cards, and a short session at dancing.

FOR SALE—14 Black Minorca hens, Wallach's prize-winning strain, excellent birds for breeding from, $1.25 each. P. G. Ebbutt, Creston.

Wynndel

Mr. Botts got back from a business trip to Lethbridge, Alta., on Saturday.

Monrad Wigen left on Tuesday on a business trip up the line for a few days.

The ice haul is now complete. The Fruit Growers Association and both stores having put up all they are likely to need through the summer.

Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Irving were again hostesses on Saturday evening to a crowd of the young people. The dancing crowd was also re-invited and between whist and dancing a jolly time was spent. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Grady and Lewis Benadetti, while consolation honors went to Miss Bessie Eakin and Adolph Hagen.

Alice Siding

BIRTH—On January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mather, a daughter.

BIRTH—On January 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beazer, a son.

The February meeting of the Social Club is announced for Tuesday night next, at the clubhouse on the Pendry ranch.

Stanley Paul was a business visitor at Nelson a few days the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller were visitors with West Creston friends last week.

T. Bardel from the prairie is a visitor here at present with Mr. and Mrs. Wylie.

Hector Stewart has his team at work on the tie haul for T. Anderson and Elroy Jackson.

Mrs. R. Stewart was at home to a number of friends on Tuesday afternoon last, and a sociable few hours is reported by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barraclough are back from their honeymoon trip, and are at present staying with Mrs. Barraclough, sr., at the ranch.

Quite a large surprise party took possession of the J. Marshall home on Friday night. Dancing was the chief feature, with Mrs. H. Wood still further brightening up proceedings with a couple of songs.

Miss Lily Marshall left for Vancouver on Monday.

Geo. Hood has the contract for putting up the P. Burns ice supply at Creston, and has three teams working on the job this week.

Alice Siding extends congratulations to Will Barraclough who last month was elected an alderman of the city of Fernie. In a field of nine candidates Bill polled the third highest vote.

Canyon City

Jim Turner left at the end of the week for Silverton and New Denver and will probably spend the balance of the winter working at one of the Slocan mining camps.

Rev. Mr. Helquist, the Swedish missionary, was here from Cranbrook over the week-end, taking service at the church on Sunday night.

Canyon minstrel troupe will put on their first entertainment at the schoolhouse on Friday evening, February 16th, and from reports coming to hand all who attend will get their money's worth as a real new and novel progamme will be presented.

T. Hickey was in from a fur buying trip to spend the week-end at his home here. He is making all his shipments out of Creston this year, and that town should have quite a heavy fur shipping report to make at the next board of trade annual meeting.

The next meeting of the United Farmers is set for the 17th, when sociability was to be the feature, but due it following on the heels of the minstrel show a short business session is all that is likely to eventuate.

Twenty-five teams at least are now in the hire of Canyon City Lumber Company and between them it is figured at least 600 logs are going into the mill daily, and about 500 ties and 200 cedar poles each day piled up at the Siding. Another three weeks of the present ideal slipping would be most welcome.

While the United Farmers have so far been unable to get anything definite as to the new postoffice the call for new tenders on the Lister mail carrying is expected to include Canyon and the new office opened before the end of April.

Messrs. Geo. Strong, Principal Kolthammer, F. Knott, T. R. Mawson and G. E. VanAckeran have been named a select committee to report at the next U.F. meeting as to a site and probable cost of the proposed community hall. Now that the debt on the piano is pretty well taken care of it is hoped the next move will be for a suitable building.

Word has just reached here that Mrs. Hugh McInnes of Yahk had the misfortune to break her leg in a fall she sustained on Saturday. They were residents here up till about a year ago, and it will be recalled that about two years ago Mr. McInnes met with a similar mishap while at work at the mill.

It is authoritatively announced that the managing board of the Methodist Church have abandoned the idea of erecting a new edifice, but instead will move the present church building further back on the lot, build a sixteen foot addition, side up the building, put on a new roof and paint it, which should provide a very comfortable house of worship. The ladies' aid have considerable funds in hand to finance the effort.

Lister

Mrs. Rowbury and two small daughters arrived back from Victoria on Sunday, Supt. Rowbury going as far as Nelson to meet them.

A. R. F. Barnhard is busy building a poultry house for A. Wellspring.

E. J. Malthouse has completed his new barn, Chas. Frampton being both designer and builder.

It is semi-officially announced that the recent call for bids for the purchase of the sawmill and equipment as well as the standing timber resulted in the sale of the cut lumber and donkey engine, but there is no definite news concerning the sale of the mill or timber.

Owing to a shortage of space this week the January report of the Lister school is held over until next issue.

On Saturday night a dance was held in the Huscroft school, with a large number of Lister people in attendance, in addition to almost the entire Huscroft settlement. Music was provided by the Demchuk family on their stringed instruments. Supper was served at eleven and during lunch there were a number of recitations, the evening being a most enjoyable one throughout.

The John Bird home was the point of attack by the surprise party people this week, the invasion being successfully accomplished on Wednesday night by a large crowd of young and grown-ups, who had a splendid time with music games, etc., and a tasty lunch about midnight.

There will be a social and dance at the Lister school on Saturday night, 10th, to which the ladies are again asked to bring the refreshments. The collection will be aid of the piano fund. This is in response to repeated requests for an evening similar to the last one.

The hockey match between Miss Ruby Lister's prairie flowers, and Miss Redpath's wildcats on Sunday, the victory going to the prairie blossoms by a score of 11 to 3. The game was played on the Edwards slough and the stars were Mervyn Williams for the winners, while a great game was put up by A. R. Barnhard and Kim Williams for the losers.

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Sub-Central at Creston

The successful flotation of the big, new province-wide selling agency, the Co-Operative Growers of B.C. Limited, seems to be taken as assured in the Okanagan, judging by the controvresy that is already under way as to the location of the head office of the new concern.

In the past Vernon has always been looked upon as the logical headquarters for any considerable-sized fruit selling concern, and due to its quite favorable situation and handling facilities it would seem assured of retaining its supremacy, except with Penticton, at which town the Herald is insisting that with the launching of the B.C. Growers there shall be a new deck and new deal, and that in the shuffle sight must not be lost sight of Penticton's superior situation on the Kettle Valley for handling shipments to Vancouver and coast points, and its quite favorable location for handling shipping eastbound.

With the fight on as to the whereabouts of the big central office, Creston may well be excused for throwing its hat into the ring in whatever fight there may be going as to the location of the sub-central that will handle the Kootenay end of the Co Operative Growers business.

In the point of tonnage no other point can begin to compare with Creston. Of a possible Kootenay output last year of not more than 400 cars 250 of these were Creston Valley product. Due to a favorable geographical situation the logical market for the Kootenay fruit is on the prairies and thus must pass through Creston.

In directing marketing operations Creston has quicker mail facilities with prairie points than any other Kootenay centre, and is unrivalled in the matter of telegraphic communication. Provided the Valley links up solidly with the B.C. Growers this point will be forced to employ a bigger office staff than any other place and with little or no extra help the business of the Kootenay sub central can be directed here with greater efficiency and no greater expense than at any other place.

Too, due to the new commodity tariff that applies only at Creston another situation is created that can be most effectively handled from this town. In connection with the handling of lake shipping points it would seem as if Proctor might be the logical assembling point, and Proctor can be quite economically supervised, in the limited way supervision will be necessary, from Creston.

This town has the banking and all other necessary facilities, and for the all round expeditions and economical handling of the Kootenay fruit ouput the Co-Operative Growers of B.C., Limited, should not be permitted to pass Creston by when choosing its Kootenay sub-central.

Must be a Creston Pool

Publication in last week's Review of the favorable commodity tariff put in effect by the C.P.R. as effective from Creston has pretty well awakened everyone to the effect that in the agreement with the Co-Operative Growers very explicit arrangement must be made for pooling that will give the local growers the full advantage of these favorable freight rates, which are almost five cents at the far way points, and not less than fifteen cents a box on the home market as far as Medicine Hat.

In any co-operative selling effort the Valley must not be deprived of an advantage providentially bestowed—with it eliminated this section loses its one best talking point in the securing of new settlers or in selling improved property.

Choose Right Director

While as yet nothing has been done as to fixing the boundaries of the voting district into which Creston will be placed for the purpose of electing a director for the Growers, it is probable Creston Valley and Boswell district will be grouped together, forming a district that has everything in common and which can be relied upon to select a director not only of sufficient calibre to successfully look after local interests but also to select a man who is big enough to occupy a place on the executive of three or five, who will indirectly be the managing directorr of the new concern.

It will, undoubtedly, be recognized that the country east of the Okanagan should have a representative on that inner executive and this community can certainly supply men capable of both rendering the whole B.C. fruit industry competent marketing service and at the same time safeguarding local interests.

In casting about for the local director on the directorate of seventeen sight should not be lost of the fact that a man big enough to serve on the permanent executive be chosen.

Adopted Wise Policy

While locally there is little surface indication of concern as to the success of the new co-operative agency there is no doubt but that the prospective change in selling arrangements is getting much and serious consideration, and by the time the five-year contract is ready for signature and authoritative information is available as to the way the Okanagan is taking to the new order of things, whoever is entrusted with the task of signing up Valley growers will not require to spend much time in getting a signed expression of local opinion.

In deciding to postpone contracting until such time as the Okanagan is heard from the local growers committee made a very wise move. If the Okanagan is not favorable to B.C. Growers, Ltd., there will no occasion to waste time passing contracts in thie area.

That $2 Assessment

In connection with the big, new co-operative move local growers should not lose sight of the fact tnat it came into being directly as a result of a conference of delegates from all the fruit centres of the province which was held at Kelowna the fore part of December.

Creston Valley was represented on that occassion by James Adlard, and in making the trip and attending the three-day conference Mr. Adlard's expenses were in the neighborhood of $80.

At a meeting at which he reported on the Kelowna sessions the hat was passed and a matter of some $50 gathered in or promised via the i.o.u. process. This deficit of $30 has not been made good so far as we are aware. The $80 was supposed to be raised by a levy of $2 on each grower; any balance being available to pay hall rent and be on hand if further conferences had to be attended.

It is hardly likely the new organization will take care care of this original expense item and Chairman Bennett of the growers' committee will be pleased to hear from at least twenty more growers at $2 apiece in order to reimburse Mr. Adlard and to pay overdue hall rents. Delinquents, do it now.

Prisoner of Zenda

"The Prisoner of Zenda," which has thrilled thousands who have read the book or seen the play, has been made into a photoplay by Rex Ingram, the man who leaped into the front rank of motion picture directors by his production of "The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse." This Metro picture, which comes to the Grand Theatre on Feb. 21st., preserves all those elements which made the Edward Rose stage version of the novel by Anthony Hope, on which the photoplay is based, so popular.

It is a story of the adventures of Rudolf Rassendyll, a young Englishman who for a time became the king of the mythical country of Ruritania and who won the love of the Princess Flavia, after a series of plots and counterplots during which he is compelled to fight for his very life. Beautiful settings, gorgeous costumes, and an exceptional cast contribute to make this romance one which will be talked about by all lovers of good pictures.

In the cast are Lewis Stone, Robert Edeson, Alice Terry, Stuart Holmes, Ramon Navarro, Barbara La Marr, Malcolm McGregor, Edward Connelly and Lois Lee. The adaptation was done by Mary O'Hara and the photography by John F. Seitz.

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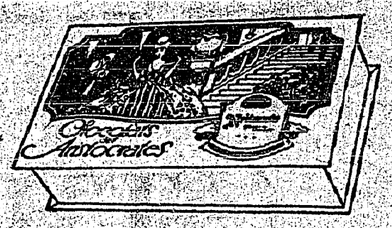

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Synopsis of Land Act Amendments

Minimum price of first-class land reduced to $5 an acre; second-class to $2.50 an acre.

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

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

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

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

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

Records without permanent residence may be issued, provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of $10.00 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years are required.

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

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

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

Mill, factory or industrial sites on timber land not exceeding 40 acres may be purchased; conditions include payment of stumpage.

Natural hay meadows inaccessible by existing roads may be purchased conditional upon construction of a road to them. Rebate of one-half of cost of road, not exceeding half of purchase price, is made.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

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

No fees relating to pre-emptions are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emptions recorded after June 26, 1918. Taxes are remitted for five years.

Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments, fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emptions.

Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied Forces, or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from enlistment to March 31, 1920.

SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LANDS.

Provision made for issuance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown Lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase, involving forfeiture, on fulfillment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. Where sub-purchasers do not claim whole of original parcel, purchase price due and taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.

GRAZING.

Grazing Act, 1919, for systematic development of livestock industry provides for grazing districts and range administration under Commissioner. Annual grazing permits issued based on numbers ranged; priority for established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits for settlers, campers or travellers, up to ten head.

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NOTICE!

Application for Grazing Permits for the Season of 1923.

Application for permits to graze livestock on the Crown range within each grazing district of the Province of British Columbia, must be filed with the District Forester at Cranbrook, Fort George, Kamloops, Nelson, Prince Rupert, Williams Lake, Vancouver and Vernon, or with the Commissoner of Grazing, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., on or before March 15, 1923.

Blank forms upon which to submit applications may be obtained from the District Foresters at the above named places, or from the Department of Lands at Victoria, B.C.

G. H. NADEN,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Department of Lands,
Victoria, B.C., January 4, 1923.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Creston's Liquor Store

EDITOR REVIEW:

SIR,—From the daily press I learn that a petition, largely signed asking for the establishment of a liquor store at Creston has been forwarded to Attorney General Manson for his consideration. In the hope that another petition opposing the establishment of this story may be forwarded to him, I am drawing the attention of your readers to the following facts:

On a petition duly presented a store was opened at Smithers on the 27th of August, 1921. According to the First Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board from August 27th, 1921, to March 31st, 1922, a period of seven months, the sales at the Smithers liquor store amounted to $38,971.20. In the distribution of profits to the end of March, 1922, Smithers received $1,381.98. That is for every $100 taken in at this store Smithers received back in profits $3.84.

As indicating how the people of Smithers regard this store today I draw attention to the following editorial that appeared in the "Interior News" of Smithers on January 17th, 1923.

"For Sale—One Liquor Store." "Burns Lake citizens are agitating strongly for the establishment of a government liquor store at that point and they are supported by farmers' and other organizations. We might be allowed to doubt the wisdom of the government in meeting the request from a business standpoint; we might even doubt advisability of the people of Burns Lake in asking for a liquor store. These doubts are expressed with some knowledge of the social and economic effects of the institution so earnestly desired by our neighbors. In Smithers we have had a year of that experience, which has been ample time and cause for many reflections on the genuine qualities of that boon we once thought it would be. But while we doubt the wisdom of Burns Lake in demanding a liquor store, we wish them nothing but the best of luck. To assist in that success we would suggest that they do not ask for a new store, but that they request the government to move the liquor store from Smithters to Burns Lake. In their agitation the Burns Lake people are sending petitions to the government. Why not change the petition to one asking for the removal of the Smithers Store? Then bring the petition to Smithers and it is fairly safe to say that five hundred signatures can be secured in this town within twenty four hours."

Looking at the matter solely from an economic standpoint it is quite evident that this store has been a decided detriment to business. If one considers the social and moral effect the argument becomes unanswerable. That this is not an isolated case may be abundantly proven by reference to the First Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board. For example, the liquor store in Nelson was opened on the 14th of July, 1921. To March 31st, 1922, the sales amounted to $182,140.75. The profits received by Nelson for this period amounted to $10,551.23.

The merchants in Vancouver, in Nanaimo and in many other places throughout the Province are protesting against the very serious financial drain that has become disastrous so far as business is concerned.

Hoping that your readers will consider these facts and that a petition may be forwarded against the opening of a store that will undoubtedly seriously effect the business and have a disastrous social and moral effect.

CITIZEN

Creston January School Reports

DIVISION I.—G. P. Smith, Principal. Enrollment 20.

Highest Standing: Senior Fourth—Frank Maione, Delvin Payne, George Winch. Junior Fourth—Eileen Hendy, Edward Bush, Annie Smith.

Perfect attendance—Nadine Bell, Edward Bush, Lloyd Couling, Charlie Cotterill, Lily Lewis, Elmer Olsen, Mabel West, Keith Lidgate, Joyce Moore, George Winch, Harry Webster.

DIVISION II.—Miss Vickers, Teacher. Enrollment 30.

Highest standing: Senior Third—Clarence Staples, William Bush, Dorothy Ryckman. Junior Third—Dorothy Moul, Mary Collis, Eric Martin.

Perfect attendance—Rophina Androsow, William Bush, Ena Christie, Fred Christie, Mary Collis, Alex. Henderson, Jessie Learmonth, William Manuel, Eric Martin, Charlie Moore, Mary MacDonald, Verne Olsen, Dick Randall, Dorothy Ryckman, Harold Speers, Margaret Walker, Edith Wilson.

DIVISION III.—Miss Wade, Teacher. Enrollment 43.

Highest standing: A Class—Mary Goodwin, Laura Holmes, Lionel Downes. B Class—Gwendoline Webster, Mary Small, Norma Pears.

Perfect attendance—Lyda Christie, Lionel Downes, Mary Goodwin, Jean Henderson, Laura Holmes, Edith Lewis, Madeline Moore, Jean McCreath, Eric Nelson, Jack Norris, Alice Ryckman, Lila Ryckman, Betty Speers, Aileen Spratt, Dorothea Spratt, Arthur Webiter, Letty Couling, Ethel Lewis, Hazel Hopwood, Gwendoline Webster.

DIVISION IV.—Miss K. Moore, Teacher. Enrollment 37.

Highest standing: Junior Second Reader—Kathleen Mawson, Beth West, Konstine Wittman. First Reader—Lillian Trevelyan, Ronald Gibbs, Gunnar Nelson. Second Primer—Mary Maione, Lynn Beazer, Joan Hilton.

Perfect attendance—Lynn Berzer, Harold Beninger, Eric Bennett, Joyce Burkhart, Earl Christie, Irwin Crosthwait, Thelma Hayden, Frances Lewis, Frank Morrow, Gunnar Nelson, Hilda Payne, Beth West, Hubert West, Konstein Wittman.

DIVISION V.—Miss Creighton, Teacher. Enrollment 39.

Highest standing: Receiving Class C—Allan Staples, Sidney Huddle, Mead Beazer and Charlie Huddle equal. Beginners' Reader, B. Class—Mabel Johnson, Allan Speers, Jack Young. Beginners' Reader, A Class—Herbert Couling, Andrew Miller, Herbert Dodd.

Perfect attendance—Jay Bliss, Hubert Beninger, Meade Beazer, Herbert Couling, Herbert Dodd, Charlie Faas, Sydney Fisher, Jack Gibbs, Charlie Huddle, Sydney Huddle, Mabel Johnson, Jim Johnston, Jack Johnston, Lilian McMillan, Andrew Miller, Roland Miller, Arthur Speers, Allan Speers, Jack Young, Frances Lewis, Helen Hopwood.

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G. M. Argue of Beattie-Oatway, Ltd., was a business visitor at Cranbrook on Tuesday, returning following day.

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Anglican Church Services

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8 and 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.	3 p.m.

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Miss Erickson, who has been with her sister, Mrs. Bennett, the past month, returned to Invermere on Sunday.

Dr. Wilson Herald, ear, nose and throat specialist, will arrive in Creston on February 15th, and remain for three days.

The January vital statistics show a total of seven births, one death and one marriage. Of the new arrivals five were boys.

Murray Stephens, ledgerkeeper at the Bank of Commerce, is at his home in Vancouver for the usual three weeks' vacation.

Holy Cross Church ladies will again help citizens celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the usual whist and dance in the Parish Hall.

Miss McPherson of Kaslo, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Barner the past two weeks, left for her home in Kaslo on Friday.

C. B. Twigg, local provincial horticulturist, is at Balfour this week, where he is in charge of the 1923 pruning school at that point.

The Leclaire Vaudeville Company is putting on a variety show in Speers' Hall tonight at 8 o'clock, with an admission of 75c. to adults, children 25c.

The January enrollment at Creston public and high schools is just over 220. Of these 26 are taking high school work, and there are 17 in the Entrance Class.

Rod and Gun Club members and all others interested are reminded of the club's annual meeting, which will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23rd, at the office of Major Mallandaine.

Capt. and Mrs. Crompton are giving a musical evening at their home at the end of the month in aid of Holy Cross Church funds, of which fuller announcement will be made later.

Members of Creston Board of Trade are reminded of the February session on Tuesday night, at which resolutions to be submitted at the Associated Board's convention will be considered.

Miss A. Doyle of the Staples Fruit Company staff, is at her home in Nelson for a month's vacation, and will probably visit her sister at Edmonton, Alta., before returning to work.

The poultrymen of the Valley are having a session this afternoon in Speers' Hall, when Mr. Traves, provincial poultry superintendent, will discuss the operating of the Kootenay egg circle.

W. C. Robinson of Nelson, Dominion fishery inspector, was here on an official visit last week, coming from Cranbrook where he had successfully prosecuted an angler for catching trout through the ice in the close season.

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"Mrs. Wiggs of the cabbage patch" will be an added feature of the Valentine Tea the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid are having in Speers' Hall on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17th, from 3 to 5.30. Home cooking and candy will also be on sale.

W. B. Stevens, in charge of the government telephone and telegraph service, with headquarters at Kamloops, was in town last week, making arrangements for the new pole erection work on the line between Wynndel and Kuskanook.

Friday last was Candlemas Day—the occasion the bear comes out to size up weather conditions. If bruin was not too early a riser it is certain he saw his shadow and has gone back for another six weeks' slumber, fearing that winter weather will prevail till the middle of March.

T. J. Mangan, the Fernie lumberman, was the successful bidder for the half-million feet of lumber offered for sale at Lister by the Land Settlement Board. The donkey engine was purchased by a coast firm but the offers for the mill and standing timber were not sufficiently attractive to warrant acceptance.

The cash intake at the provincial police office for January totalled $1450 —somewhat in excess of the January intake a year ago. $835 was paid in for 1923 motor licenses, whilst the other outstanding source of revenue was $347 for retail trading licenses, but this did not include $95 paid for poolroom licenses.

Holy Cross church ladies had another good turnout for their whist in Speers' Hall on Friday night at which the prizewinners Miss Connie McCarthy and R. Walmsley, who did the high scoring, whilst Mrs. M. Beninger and Geo. Downs were awarded the consolation prizes. A splendid lunch was served and all present had a most enjoyable evening.

Creston is now supplied with a harness repair shop. Fred Benham of Outremont, Sask., has leased the store in the postoffice block and will be open for business in both harness and shoe repair lines by the 15th. He comes highly recommended as a tradesman. He is accompanied by Mrs. Benham and for the present they are residing over the store.

The children of Holy Cross church congregation were given their annual treat on Friday afternoon at Speers' Hall, preceding the evening of whist. A variety of games and other amusements were provided and at six o'clock the ladies served a sumptous spread of good things to eat. The "treat" was supervised by Mrs. Ben Long, who proved herself an adept at handling the afternoon's fun.

Lent starts on Wednesday and the season will be strictly observed at Christ Church, Rev. H. Varley having issued a bulletin showing services for every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. For Ash Wednesday there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 and 11, and matins and litany at 10 a.m., with evensong at 8 p.m. The rector is giving special addresses each Sunday morning and evening, as well as at the Thursday evening service.

The West Erickson surprise party brigade took forcible possession of the Jas. Cook residence on Thursday night last for their usual weekly session at cards, music, etc. Honors at whist went again to Miss Gladys Wood and Clarence Maxwell, while the low scoring was done by Mrs. Palfreyman and J. M. Orrigie. After cards and lunch there was an hour's dancing which rounded out about the most enjoyable session so far this winter.

The official weather report for January shows the 6th to have been the balmiest day of the month, with the mercury getting up to 46, whilst the last day of the month was the coolest, 6 above zero being recorded that morning. There was a total snowfall of eighteen inches, and there was a rainfall of one and one-third inches, giving the month a total precipitation equal to at least three inches, as the snowfall was all melted and went down into mother earth.

High School Report

DIVISION I.—C. M. Brousson, B.Sc., Principal.
Enrollment 17.
Attendance, 16.35.
Highest standing: Junior Matriculation—Violet Morrow; commended, Thelma West. Advanced Junior—Sydney Bell.

DIVISION II.—J. D. Siddons, Teacher.
Enrollment, 9.
Average attendance, 8.36.
Preliminary Junior: Highest standing—Clara Morrow.
Entrance Class—Enrollment, 17. Average attendance, 16.5. Highest standing—Edith Crawford. Annaretta MacDonald.

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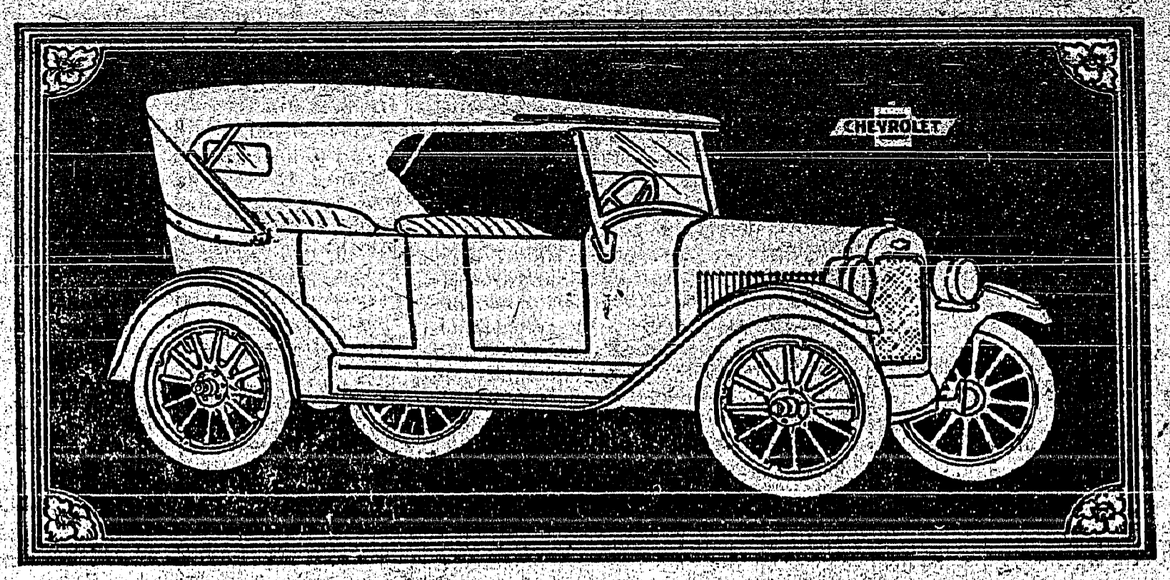

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