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Dakota Blizzard Prevailed Monday

Positively the worst in the weather line ever known in Creston Valley was experienced on Monday, throughout most all of which as well as up till 5.30 a.m. Tuesday the district was in the grip of a genuine Dakota blizzard that brought considerable damage at all points, the most serious incident being the death of the young indian, Sacre Peter, who was frozen to death whilst out hunting.

Up till about 9 o'clock the weather was mild with a light rain but at 9.30 the gale struck with full force and the wind, which blew at a rate of almost sixty miles an hour, with every so often a little increased speed, bowled over woodsheds, closets, poultry buildings, barns, and was particularly effective in toppling over chimneys of every description, lifting off roofs of residences and barns and blowing in windows more particularly of the larger sizes, the Fraser bakery, Imperial Bank, Lytle's jewelery store and the Auditorium all suffering in this regard, whilst at the Rodgers box factory lumber was scattered in every direction, and quite a complete wreck made of about 100 yards of the big galvanized pipe used as a sawdust conveyor.

In the animal kingdom the barn no the W. S. Watson ranch was blown down killing his work horse which was quartered in it, and there was considerable loss to poultrymen, who were unable to recover many of the birds so unexpectedly liberated when the gale overturned or collapsed the poultry sheds. Creston public library building was completely wrecked but the books have been mostly recovered in not too bad shape.

The telephone line, particularly east of town suffered a heavy casualty amongst the poles, whilst the pipe line feeding the waterworks system was also badly disarranged on account of the falling trees. However the company's reserve supply was available and there was no great shortage anywhere with the exception of the residents on the hill.

Due to the soft shape the land was in when the blow started there is some damage in the orchards due to trees being blown over, whilst along Goat mountain the havoc played with standing timber is very much in evidence.

Considerable trouble was experienced in getting the youngsters home from school, with the gale blowing at its highest just about noon and the mercury steadily climbing down below zero, the situation being aggrevat d due to the fine weather before school time making many of the scholars careless as to clothing, more than few being on hand without even mitts.

That the blow had no respect for persons or property is indicated in the fact that the chimneys on the Methodist and Presbyterian churches were wrecked, and at Christ church considerable havoc was wrought with the shingle roof.

Following the gale the Valley has been in the grip of unusually cold weather—not quite so severe as the record breaking cold spell at the first of last January, but still unusually severe for this district.

Sirdar

Mr. and Mrs. Ryckman and family of Creston were visitors here at the end of the week, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cameron, prior to leaving for Kellogg, Idaho, where they are moving to reside permanently.

The deer season, which closed on Monday, has been about the best local hunters have experienced, Sid McCabe being amongst others who had no trouble whatever in getting their quota of bucks.

A number of the young people from here were at Wynndel on Saturday night for the masquerade dance, brakeman Bill Smith presiding at the piano in fine style for some of the dance numbers.

Rev. H. Varley is due here for evening Church of England service on Sunday, and it will be largely of a Christmas nature.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur North left last week for Victoria and other coast points, and will be away for at least a month.

So far as can be learned Sam Bysouth is having the best long distance luck of all the radio owners in the Valley. One night last week he picked up a programme broadcasted from a station in England. His equipment is a Canadian General Electric and is certainly a dandy at delivering the far away station broadcasts.

In their spare time the section crews are kept busy spreading ballast at the fill at Kootenay Landing. Up til the cold snap set in most every freight brought in a few cars of tailings from the concentrator at Kimberley which are being used to strengthen the earth and rock filling.

Everyone will hear with regret that Miss Knott has turned in her resignation as teacher at the Sirdar school, of which she has been principal for the past year. Both in the school and the life of the community she has been a valued citizen of Sirdar, and her decision to relinquish the position is anything but merry Christmas news. The trustees are making an effort to again secure a man to take charge.

Several of our citizens were at Creston on Wednesday for the damage action trial before Judge Forin in which Mr. Lombardo sue d Lee Yat, cook at the C.P.R. hotel for damages sustained by one of his cows, and said to be due to the Chinaman having driven the cow over the steep bank at the rear of the hotel. Due to Judge Forin's non-appearance the trial had to be postponed.

The gale that blew at all points along the Crow line on Monday was quite severely felt here, with the lake so rough that the Nasookin tied up at the wharf at the Landing all night. McCabe's B & B crew and all the section hands had a busy day clearing the track east of here which was thickly strewn with trees bowled over by the gale. The eastbound passenger did not leave Sirdar until almost 7 in the evening, and it was at least midnight before the westbound arrived.

In the Grand Forks district buck deers are becoming so scarce and does so numerous that the cougars and coyotes are having no difficulty in killing off the females in very large numbers.

A Burns Club has just been started at Cranbrook, and almost the first business transacted after its formation was to write the defunct St. Andrew's Society of the town asking them to hand over some $51 they had made at a dinner last year to be used by the new gang of Scotchmen.

Erickson

Frank Celli, who has been a visitor at New York state points for the past few weeks, got back on Thursday last.

Ed. and Charlie Botterill were visitors with friends in Cranbrook a couple of days the latter part of the week.

A. D. Pochin had quite a good turnout of marksmen at his turkey shoot on Wednesday afternoon last in spite of the heavy snowstorm. All but one bird was won before darkness intervened, Alf Palmer being high gun at the shoot, with three turkeys to his credit.

Mrs. Attwood left on Saturday for a few days visit with friends in Cranbrook.

Percy, Leslie and Bert Boffey had a couple of days off at the latter part of the week, and in their hunting operations in the Arrow Creek area were successful in getting three fine bucks. This year has been the best for deer hunting that Erickson hunters have had for some time.

Mrs. Craigie got back on Sunday from Cranbrook where she had been with Mrs. Craigie, sr., who underwent an operation in the hospital in that city on Thursday, and who is making a very satisfactory recovery.

Reports from Vancouver, where L. T. Leveque is again undergoing hospital treatment, are very satisfactory, but he is not expected home for some time yet.

Mrs. E. Cartwright and two children, who have been on a few weeks' visit with friends at Regina, Sask., arrived home the last week.

Erickson appears to have fared about the same as other parts of the Valley in Monday's small sized tornado. Quite a number of outbuildings of one sort and another were wrecked, telephone poles were broken off, and with the land so soft when the blow started naturally some of the orchards have suffered somewhat from having trees uprooted.

Geo. Cartwright is preparing for a banner turnout at his real oldtime shooting match today, and with popular prices and a free lunch there should be keen demand for the flock of geese, turkeys and chickens that will be available.

Kitchener School Report

Perfect attendance—Mildred Andeen Ellen Andeen, Nettie Androsoff, Mary Androsoff, Myrtle Anderson, Clarence Anderson, Ludwig Anderson, Selmer Anderson, Frank Abar, Wesley Blair, Dennis Bush, Alice Cameron, Wilbert Doery, Clara Fayston, Billy Fayston, Tommy Fayston, Margaret Hamilton, Mildred Hamilton, Vivian Langlois, Alice Molander, Beatrice Molander, Richard Molander, Marjorie Strong.

Highest standing, names in order of merit, Grade 8—Alice Molander, Clara Andeen. Grade 7—Clara Hunt, Mildred Andeen, Ludwig Anderson. Grade 5—Beatrice Molander, Dennis Bush. Grade 4—Clarence Anderson, Wesley Blair, Richard Molander, Myrtle Strong. Grade 3—Selmer Anderson, Marjorie Strong, Vera McGonegal, Willard Blair, Vivian Langlois, Clifford Doery, Alice Cameron, Clara Fayston not ranked. Grade 2—Margaret Hamilton, Grace Strong, Wilbert Doery, Mildred Hamilton, Tommy Fayston. Grade 1a—Hazel McGonegal, Nettie Androsoff, Celina Langlois, Frank Abar and Myrtle Anderson equal. Grade 1b—Marie Arb, Billy Fayston, Mary Androsoff.

Lister

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Langston are down from Kockmann and will be staying over until after New Years.

John Finlay, who has been at Kimberley for the past few months, has returned to Lister.

Lister Trading & Supply Company are taking delivery of another carload of flour and feed. It is the well known Ogilvie line.

Rev. G. Knox was out from Creston on Sunday for the usual fortnightly service. He was accompanied by Principal Jones of the public school who favored with a solo. Miss Holmes accompanied at the organ.

Frank Baker is down from Kockmann for a few days and reports his chickens doing very well. His flock of 26 of last year's pullets have just completed a year's lay, with a flock average of slightly better than 194 eggs per bird. These are White Leghorns.

The Whist drive and dance put on by the Lister Community Society was held on Friday night, with a nice crowd in attendance, there being seven tables at cards. First prize for ladies went to Mrs. Malthouse, and the gentlemen top scorer was L. Littlejohn. The boobies were won by Mrs. Millington and W. G. Littlejohn. The committee in charge of the affair were G. Niblow, assisted by Mrs. Chudley and Mrs. Bird. After refreshments were served there was a short business session, when the aims and objects of the society were explained. The next social evening will be put on by a committee headed by John Bird, assisted by Mrs. Powers and Mrs. H. Langston. Dancing was carried on until about 1.30 a.m.

Wynndel

The storm on Monday blew down J. Bathie's new barn and hay shed which were just completed.

Thursday, December 25th, being Christmas Day, the postoffice will be open for the delivery of mail from 4 to 5 p.m. only.

Monday's storm will give considerable temporary inconvenience to Monrad Wigen's sawmill operations up Lizard Creek, though we are glad to say, very little actual damage was done.

The C.G.I.T. concert in the old schoolhouse on Friday, December 19th, will commence at 8 p.m. The admission is 50 cents, children 25cents. Supper will be served after the programme. Everybody welcome, and a real good programme guaranteed.

On Monday this district experienced the worst blizzard ever known in this part of the Kootenay. The storm started at 9.30 a.m. and there was no letup until along early Tuesday morning. The roads were blocked by fallen timber. All the wires were down and the town traffic was all delayed owing to fallen trees across the track, and communication cut off due to the wires being out of commission.

The K.K. Club masquerade dance on Friday night last was one of most successful ever held here. There was a fine display of costumes, and the judges had a hard time selecting the winners. Those finally chosen were as follows: First ladies, Miss Nora Hagen as a yellow rose; second ladies, Miss G. Towson, as Queen of Hearts. First gents, Olaf Gzerde, in a Norweigan national costume; second gents, Steve Bonadotti, as an Indian. Everybody was well pleased with the distribution of prizes. The music by the Creston orchestra, who were assisted by Mr. Smith, who plays with the Cranbrook orchestra, was of the finest and a good time was spent by all.

Institute Makes Some Donations

The final meeting of Creston Women's Institute for 1924 was held on Friday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. Lyne, in the chair. The feature of the session was the report on the recent conference of the Kootenay-Boundary Institutes, which was presented in considerable detail by Mrs. Lyne, in the absence of Mrs. Boyd, who was the official delegate. In discussing local institute effort Mrs. Lyne bespoke a large membership for 1925, stating the work of the institute merited a membership of at least a hundred. Most of those present joined up for another year, with the annual meeting and election of officers to take place at the regular January session. A paper on legislation especially affecting women and children was read by Mrs. J. W. Hamilton.

After hearing a statement as to the work carried on from the monies contributed to the crippled children's fund, the meeting voted $25 to this good cause as a Christmas offering. It was also arranged to have a wreath of evergreen placed on the grave of little Dorothy Richardson at Vancouver. A vote of sympathy was tendered Mrs. Boyd whose father passed away early this month.

There was also a donation of $25 to the public school library. This will go through the trustees as the institute understands that by so doing the department of education will give an additional $25.

The entertainment features were supplied by Miss Edith Crawford and Mrs. Jessie Lewis, who each favored with a piano solo. The tea hostesses were Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. Geo. Young and Mrs. M. Young.

Indian Froze to Death

Monday's blizzard was responsible for one death locally, the unfortunate being Sacre Peters, a Creston indian, who had gone out early that morning to bring in a deer he had killed the day before in the Corn Creek country. It would appear that the morning rain had soaked his clothing thoroughly and whilst attempting to make his home at Nick's in the face of the 60-mile an hour gale he froze to death with unusual suddenness. His indian friends went out in search for him Tuesday when his absence was reported and he was found on the trail near the Corn Creek school building. Coroner Dr. Henderson and the provincial police investigated the matter and decided an inquest was unnecessary.

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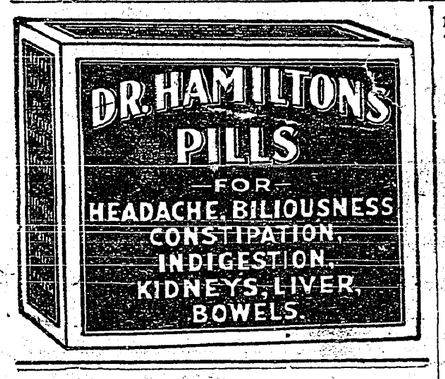

NEVER FIRE FIRST

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(Continued)

The genuine sergeant winced involuntarily. Itwas a very bad joke. He doubted that he ever would become accustomed to Sergeant Seymour spoken of as murdered—done for.

"Shoot," he heard Brewster invite.

"It's this way, Phil. Seymour must have been quite a responsible member of the Force. As you said this a.m., his snuffing is going to make a noisy roar-back. I got to report it to somebody in the Mounted—but who and whereat?"

Seymour fidgeted uneasily in the silence that followed, evidently due to Brewster's considering his answer. He detested eavesdropping; never had resorted to it on any of his cases. By way of letting the two in the adjoining room know of his presence, he scraped his chair noisily over the bare floor. This warning, however, failed to check Brewster, or even to lower his voice.

"I remember reading that Vancouver is the nearest staff-office of this new Canadian Mounted Police, but I've just been thinking—— If they send a lot of Mounties into Gold and run down these stage-robbing murderers, you're not going to get any credit. I'm strong for home industry, even in justice. Why don't you delay reporting the sergeant's death until you land your man?"

"Say, you're a real friend, Phil, even if you do try to ride me sometimes. I need the credit for turning a trick like that. It might make me sheriff when the old man gets through. But—but would I dare?"

Seymour started for the hall but on the way, heard Brewster's reply:

"Write your report, Sam, but don't post it until after tomorrow's mail has gone. That'll give you a week. Then address the letter to Ottawa, which will give you a few days more. In that time, you ought to have the murderers rounded up. You can forget what I told you about there being any Vancouver headquarters."

Surprise at such advice from a seemingly public-spirited citizen delayed Seymour's knock until he had heard it through. Of course, all this might be merely a sign of real, though mistaken, friendship for Hardley. On the other hand, was it possible that Brewster had personal reasons for wishing to delay the coming of the Mounted?

With this question to the fore of his mind, Seymour knocked on the adjoining door and was invited in. His entry seemed not to disturb either of the two.

"Just wanted to tell you that the next room is occupied and that the partition between is more or less of a megaphone," he said in a light tone. "If you've any secrets——"

Brewster's laugh was natural enough to be reassuring. "If we were talking secrets, stranger, we'd take to the brush. I've lived in the Bonanza since the day it was opened, and I don't even think secrets behind these make-believe walls."

The sergeant dismissed his unintentional eavesdropping with a shrug and turned to the deputy. Out on the trail this morning you seemed to think you might want me later. You'll know now where to find me—Room number twelve."

"Forget this a.m., old topper. I was maybe a little mite excited out there at the scene of the crime. There ain't sech a lot of difference between deputy sheriffs and mounted esrgeants. It might-a been me lying there deader than dead. Your happening along looked sort of queer. I'm seeing straighter now. You're welcome to Gold and I hope you get what you come for."

"You'll find me strong for law and order," Seymour replied.

This seemed to invite Hardley to real confidences. Beckoning Seymour from the doorway, he edged his chair closer to the cot on which Brewster reclined in his stockinged feet.

"Don't mind telling you two in confidence," he leaned forward and whispered, "that I'm in a fair way to nabbing the two who robbed the stage and killed Tabor and Seymour. Maybe I ain't seemed to be doing much, but I've got clews to burn already."

"You have?" cried Brewster, hunching himself into a sitting position on the cot.

Hardley nodded assuredly. "There were two of them in the bush lying for the sergeant this morning. One had a Winchester 30-30 and used it to kill Seymour. One rode a horse that was shod in front but plain behind." He paused, evidently, from his expression, to collect the encomiums he considered his due.

"Important if true, Sam," Brewster observed.

"Quick work," admitted the Mountie, honestly surprised; his hand was in the trousers pocket that held the cartridge case picked up that morning. "How in the world did you learn all that?"

Hardley seemed to relish supplying the details, even though he had to whisper them. Apparently he had forgotten that one of his confidants was an utter stranger both to him and to the camp, one whose name even he did not know. His was country-official vanity advanced to the nth degree.

"Dr. Pratt dug out the bullet, which fixed the brand of the gun with which the deed was done. Then I've got a half-breed boy on my staff who's keen as a Gordon setter in the bush. He found the horse track of the two from the scene of the crime. Now I'm looking for a man with a 30-30 repeater and a horse that's shy on shoes."

Surprised that Hardley should have shown so much initiative, and apprehensive that he was getting too near "home" for comfort, Seymour framed a diverting question.

"What do you know about the chap who was killed?"

"You mean this last one—Staff-Sergeant Seymour?" asked the deputy in turn, but merely as a preface, not waiting for an answer. "Kirby of the First Bank has heard of him. Says he was nicknamed 'Sergeant Scarlet' up in the Northwest territories, and is guilty of some of the hardest patrols ever made. He must have been a regular fighting machine. Autopsy proved that."

Sergeant Scarlet! That was the nickname Moira had given him! But others, to be sure, had used it before his beautiful Irisher. Perhaps his reputation as a man-getter had spread further than he knew.

Anyway, his chance to check up on Widow Caswell had arrived sooner than he expected. He showed casual but sufficient interest in the disclosures mentioned.

"The sergeant had been under fire before, and more than once," declared Hardley. "The doctor found a silver plate bracing his spine high up between the shoulders. And, would you believe it, there was a dent in that plate which looked as if he'd been hit in the identical repair spot by some later bullet!"

"Checked to a T," thought Seymour of the widow's tale.

He became more than ever anxious to be clear of the talkative deputy. With all his false surmises, the natural-born bungler had corralled some accurate information and might make a deal of trouble for him. At first chance he got back to his room.

With a few swift strokes, he completed and signed his report. His O. C. must be prepared for that murder report, whether Hardley finally acted on Brewster's advice or not.

Hurrying from the hotel into King Street, Seymour found the post office and mailed his letter. Then, although the hour was only seven, he advanced casually upon the Home Restaurant. He was eager to be on his way to the creeks before Hardley stumbled, as possibly he might, upon the fact that Seymour's rifle, stored with his outfit, was a 30-30 and that Kaw was "shod in front and plain behind."

CHAPTER XIX.

Into the Night

"You were saying, Mrs. Caswell——"

Seymour's wait at one of the Home's small tables had been long drawn. The slender widow was worked "ragged" to cook and serve the tide of customers that, by perverse chance, had set in particularly strong that evening.

Fortunately, all were strangers to the sergeant and he congratulated himself that he had attracted only passing notice as he sat seemingly absorbed in an old fiction magazine, with his coffee never quite finished before him. He had gained nothing by coming early, for it was nearly nine o'clock when at last they found themselves alone.

"Are you too tired to talk, Mrs. Caswell? You've had a hard day," the sergeant interrupted himself. The widow smiled wanly, a grateful light in her eyes, but replied that she would prefer to "have it over with."

"Let me see," she considered, for appearance's sake supporting her weary self by leaning over a stool, instead a sitting down at the table beside him. "Where was I this afternoon when that old pest broke in?"

"I trust you punctured Cato's hopes?" The sergeant could not resist the momentary disgression.

"The presuming ox had been drinking," she said. "He gave me—well, let's call it an argument; but I had the last word. He'll not come bothering around here again."

After a smile and nod of approval, Seymour returned to their unfinished business. "You were telling me what Bart had in view up the creeks. Something "richer than gold"—wasn't that the way you put it?"

"His very words," the widow went on in the glow of loving reminiscence. "Naturally, I was curious, for I thought the gold was all there was worth while up here. I asked him what he meant." With that, her lips were stilled and a dreamy look came into her eyes.

The sergeant did not believe that she had paused with aggravating intent, or even from any sense of the dramatic. Doubtless, her thoughts were with the departed rogue. But that was no place at all for her to stop; he just couldn't wait longer to learn what in Gold was richer than gold.

"Yes—yes!" he prodded, glancing at his watch to suggest a time reason for his hurry.

"Why, Bart, just took me into his arms in a gentle, big-bear way he had—at times—and said—I'll never forget; it made me so happy."

Again she was living over what evidently had been the big moment of her recent life; but that fact did not ease in the least Seymour's present impatience.

"Well, what did he say?"

"Bart said—'All you'll care to know, Marge old dear, is that I'm going to put something over in the name of the law and within it. I'm going to rectify a wrong. In the name of the Royal Mounted, I'm going to loot some looters.' That's what Bart said, and you can understand, Mr. Sergeant, how happy it made me."

For another brief moment, Margaret Caswell succeeded in forgetting her recent bereavement.

"The talk was the morning after the unfortunate stage—business," she went on with just a little break in her voice at the mention of the crime. "Bart went forth in his borrowed uniform to establish himself at the hotel as befits an officer. He dropped in here for supper and we had a fine talk. He told me that nobody seemed to doubt his authority and that the whole camp was breathing easier at sight of the scarlet and gold."

Exactly like a woman to be accurate about the clothes he wore, thought Seymour, and he pictured the swath the handsome crook must have cut in the new camp all excited with its first big crime.

"Bart knew that he would have to work fast," the woman was saying. "From letters or orders he found in the bag, he was aware that you would soon be coming in plain clothes. In spite of the fact that he would be acting in the name of the Law and that all his so-called lifting would be from Montreal crooks, he'd be forced to make a getaway over the Alaskan border, from there to catch some through steamer to the States."

"Montreal crooks!" More than ever was Seymour now interested. Was it possible that, in that inexplicable way of the almost trackless wilds, his trail here would cross that of Harry Karmack's—that his unsolved assignment might be completed and his pact with Moira validated? Harry Karmack, he well knew, had been hand in glove with the worst of Montreal's underworld characters, although there the lawless element had been able to cover the embezzler.

But the woman was going on: "It was agreed that I'd stay right here running this eating place, until I heard from him. You see, it was safe enough, for we had been very careful and no one suspected that there was any relationship. After that evening, I never saw Bart again to speak to."

That she might not yield to this call upon her emotions, Seymour put out a couple of rapid fire questions. "You think, then, that one of these so-called Montreal crooks got him? Any line on them?"

(To be continued)

BETTER IN EVERY WAY

After Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

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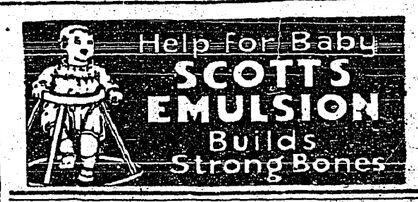

Relics Of By-Gone Days

Brings Home Old Chest of Spanish Pirates From Southern Seas

Relics full of romance have been brought from the Caribbean Sea to Toronto by W. W. Tretheway, souvenirs of his yachting cruise. He obtained them from Sam Brown, a treasure-seeker, who is constantly searching in this sea for ancient spoil. One of Mr. Tretheway's souvenirs is an ornate hammered steel chest of the pirate period of 300 years ago, when buccaneers adventuring from the Spanish Main took what they found and asked no man's authority.

This chest has heavy handles, an excellent key-lock of fancy cut steel, and is bound with steel bands back and front. Deep notched catches at the side assist its security. The rust of the sea for three centuries has eaten it through in places, but it is easily seen that it was a very serviceable property. When found it was partly full of Spanish gold and silver coin and short pieces of bullion. As it is two feet high and three and a half long, it could easily contain a fortune. Along with this is another smaller one of iron. It is not nearly so ornamental as the other, but probably has had quite as interesting a history.

LITTLE HELPS FOR THIS WEEK

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.—Prov. xvii., 22.

Jog on, jog on the foot-path way,
And merrily hent the stile-a;
A merry heart goes all the day,
Your sad tires in a mile-a.
—Shakespeare.

Laughing cheerfulness throws sunlight on all the paths of life. Peevishness covers with its dark fog even the most distant horizon. Sorrow causes more absence of mind and confusion than so-called levity.—Jean Paul Friederich Richter.

It is ever my thought that the most God-fearing man should be the most blithe man.—Thomas Carlyle.

Every Wife Should Know

that Zam-Buk contains in most compact form all the essentials of a perfect ever-ready home skin medicine.

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ZAM-BUK is "A Surgery in a Two-inch Box," useful for both Accidents and Skin Disease.

Nigerian Ruler Sees First Moving Picture

Accompanied By Favorite Wives Who Were Closely Veiled

The Emir of Katsina, who governs a district of Nigeria many times larger than England, attended a moving picture show the other night in London, for the first time in his life.

The Emir was enthusiastic about the movies. He was accompanied by his two favorite wives, who remained closely veiled throughout the performance. Upon their arrival at the theatre the wives were escorted into the manager's office to wait until the light went down so that they should not be seen by vulgar eyes.

CONSTIPATED CHILDREN

Constipation is one of the most common ailments of childhood and the child suffering from it positively cannot thrive. To keep the little one well the bowels must be kept regular and the stomach sweet. To do this nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets. They are a mild but thorough laxative; are pleasant to take and can be given to the new-born babe with perfect safety. Thousands of mothers use no other medicine for their little ones but Baby's Own Tablets. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

An Oversight

Lady (visiting prison).—And how did you come to be put in here, my good man?

"I'm unlucky," declared the imprisoned wood alcohol vender, who was in a confidential mood. "One of my customers didn't go blind, and he identified me."

The Empire Medicine

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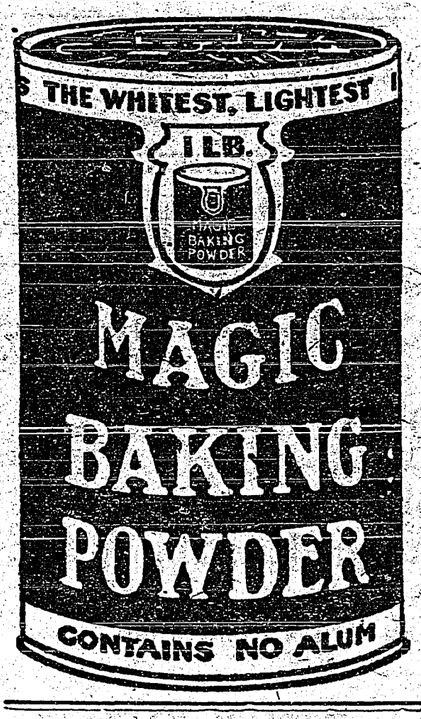

WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Hon. R. B. Bennett, LL.D., K.C., of Calgary, was elected a director of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Eighty-five thousand Spanish soldier recruits are to be called to the colors.

Despite his total blindness, Alfred Hetu, Montreal basket maker, battled with a fire in his home and extinguished the flames unaided.

Advices received at Ottawa indicate that the mission abroad of W. T. R. Preston, designed to secure an immediate reduction in cattle rates has not been successful.

During the past 18 years Alberta's population has increased four-fold, and the grain production has increased twenty-fold. The total agricultural products of Alberta in 1923 were worth $223,000,000.

The Governor of Tyrol, Dr. Stumpf, who recently made remarks which the Italian Government considered offensive to the people and army of Italy, has apologized to the Italian consul at Innsbruck, the Austrian Government simultaneously expressing regret to Rome.

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Many Use "Free" Insulin

299 Patients Treated So Far Through Policy of Ontario Government

The Ontario Government's policy of free insulin, for diabetic sufferers unable to otherwise secure the treatment, has cost $34,584 in the first twelve months of its operation. Statistics to this effect have been issued by the Provincial Department of Health. The cost of insulin has been steadily reduced from $14.16 per patient per month to $7.03 per patient per month.

In August last, which was the end of the first year of the free distribution of the treatment, 299 patients were being supplied.

Pacific Port Benefits Farmers

Alberta Growers To Receive Price For Wheat On Vancouver Basis

For the first time since the western route via Vancouver became operative for Alberta wheat shipments farmers are to receive this year a price based on the Vancouver basis instead of that of Fort William, which has been the basis of payment for years. The wheat pool officials have announced that the initial payment this season will be $1.00 per bushel on the Vancouver basis, which means that the farmers will gain the advantage of the lesser freight charge.

COLOR IT NEW WITH "DIAMOND DYES"

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Buy "Diamond Dyes"—no other kind—and tell your druggist whether the material you wish to color is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton, or mixed goods.

One On the Boss

Unusual Activity In Automobile Trading Excited His Interest

In these days of big business deals and over-night fortunes, one is not surprised at anything, but——

In the peaceful quietude of the noon-hour recess from the bustle of business, the boss of a big commercial establishment was enjoying the fragrance of his after lunch cheroot. The door of his private office stood slightly ajar, and from beyond came the occasional bustle of the office boy and the one clerk left behind to guide the progress of the business during the lunch hour. Suddenly through the open window behind him came voices——

"I'll trade you one of my Marmons for a Ford!"

Here was big business to be sure—but there must be a catch in it somewhere. The business man rubbed his eyes. Was he dreaming? But the reply was even more astonishing.

"I haven't got a Ford to spare, but I tell you what, I've got two Hudson's and a Studebaker I don't want, and I'll swap you for a Chevrolet."

Here was big business with a vengeance; the commercial man decided he must get a look at the perpetrators of such hectic bargaining. He tiptoed to the open window. Below on the sidewalk was his office boy with a telegraph messenger. They were swapping Guinea Gold Cigarette cards in an effort to complete a series.

He returned to the cigar, muttering, "They're on me."

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Haig Coming to Canada

Will Preside at Conference of British Empire Service League

Representatives of veterans' organizations from all lands under the British flag will gather at Ottawa next June, when the second biennial conference of the British Empire Service League will be held. A cablegram received by the Dominion Command, Great War Veterans' Association, from London states that the Empire headquarters' advisory committee had unanimously agreed that the next conference should be in Canada.

Field Marshal Earl Haig, as grand president of the league, will preside over the gathering. A special invitation has been sent to Earl and Countess Haig by the G.W.V.A. inviting them to come to Canada as the guests of the association, and urging that if possible they should arrange to visit other centres of the Dominion following the meeting of the league.

Alberta Hail Insurance

Rate Is Considerably Less Than For Previous Year

The Hail Insurance Board of Alberta has set its rate for 1924-25 at 7 per cent., which is considerably less than the rate last year, which was 12 per cent. The losses this season represent about an average, taking a period of years. A total of 90,590 acres was insured for the entire season at $6 per acre; 52,119 acres at $8; 748,002 acres at $10. Issued for part season 12,295 acres at $6; 5,752 acres at $8; and 50,660½ acres at $10. These figures give a total of 959,418 acres, as compared with 2,200,000 acres in the previous year.

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A cafe to seat 300 was recently built and opened ready for business at the British Empire Exhibition in twenty-two days.

To Speed Air Service

British Lines Plan Half-Hour Service To Paris

An airplane to and from Paris every half-hour, for passengers and freight, is included in the programme of development which the British air lines have drawn up for the future. Traffic by air the past summer was greater by far than ever before, both on the continent and between the continent and England. Those who are operating the air services expect continued development. The British lines have several 16-seater planes under construction at present.

Americans, though they have few commercial air routes of their own, continue to be the best patrons of the European services.

RHEUMATIC PEOPLE CAN NOW FIND RELIEF

By Driving the Poisonous Acid From the System

Rheumatism attacks people when the blood is thin and watery, or charged with impurities, thus setting up inflammation of the muscles and joints. Cold, wet weather or sharp winds may start the pains, but the cause is rooted in the blood and to get relief it must be treated through the blood. As a blood builder and nerve tonic Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are unsurpassed, and for that reason do not fail to give relief to rheumatic sufferers when given a fair trial. Among the rheumatic sufferers who have proved the great value of this medicine is Mrs. Simeon J. Tatton, Indian Head, Sask., who says:—"For over two years I was an intense sufferer from rheumatism and until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills no treatment that I took helped me any. The trouble grew so bad that I could not move around the house without help, and finally I had to give up and go to bed. Words cannot tell how much I suffered, and I could not bear to have anyone come near me. Finally one of my neighbors strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to do so. In the course of a few weeks I could feel an improvement, and I was able to get up. I kept on taking the pills until all traces of the trouble were gone, and I could again do my housework, feeling like a new person. Three years have passed since that and there has never been the slightest return of the trouble, so that I feel safe in saying that the relief brought by this medicine is permanent."

You can get the pills from your druggist, or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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If Miller's Worm Powders needed the support of testimonials they could be got from mothers who know the great virtue of this excellent medicine. But the powders will speak for themselves and in such a way that there can be no question of them. They act speedily and thoroughly, and the child to whom they are administered will show improvement from the first dose.

Alone of all feathered creatures, penguins walk about uprigth on land, as man does.

For Corns and Warts Minard's Liniment

When To Start

Canada is going to send one of her official drummers to the West Indies to boost trade. D. H. Ross, of the Department of Trade and Commerce, leaves shortly for a scouting trip, to be followed later by the negotiation of a trade treaty. But such arrangements are only starters. Canada's position in the export business will finally depend on good goods at the right prices, and good service to boot. —Border Cities Star.

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Domestic Pack

Our grown-up citizens, particularly at the present busy Christmas season, will heartily agree with the sentiment so admirably expressed by Editor Grier of New Denver's snappy weekly, who remarks that "on the afternoons when the schools are turned loose before the boat arrives it would be advisable to send but one delegate from each family to get the mail, if any. There is not sufficient space in the postoffice for tribe reunions, and in view of the fact that about the only mail some of them get is the mail order house catalogue, it is not necessary to have the whole d—d family to pack it home. Those who are paying for boxes should have free access to them without having to "tackle" a mob."

The leaven of thrift that featured the latter years of office of Kaslo's Scotian mayor, James Anderson, is still working. During the visit of Baron Byng to that town last August the visitor was presented with two 25-pound lots of cherries, one of which was secured from a Chinaman at a price of $3, whilst one, A. Milton, is endeavoring to collect no less a sum than $7.50 for the other quarter-hundredweight, but so far without success, the council insisting that the best it will do is $5.

Mondays's worst-ever gale brought back recollections of W. A. Pease Alice Siding's poet-publicists of other days, who was wont to tell with great satisfaction the story of the Pincher Creek Scotchman who, in what must have been the worst windstorm encountered in that part of Alberta, had a one dollar bill blown out of his hand and who chased it all the way to Macleod before recovering it, and always giving the incident the expected local color by adding that, generally speaking, the Scotch were almost as careful with their money as the people of Duck Creek are with their bibles.

Whatever disadvantages there may be to a farming town like Creston, every so often the benefits of the slow but sure development appertaining to such a centre become evident. Last month it was Fernie that received a temporary setback with the announcement that the mines at Coal Creek would close down indefinitely, whilst last week came word that unless better luck was had at Rossland in getting out pay ore operations would cease there at the middle of January, and some 400 men be out of work. At Rossland hope for the town persists due to the policy of expansion at the smelter at Trail it being entirely feasible to make Rossland a place of residence for many of the smelter employees with a bus-line transportation or gas car service over the C.P.R. between the two towns.

In connection with the effort that is being made to provide electric light for the town and surrounding district there are a couple of features that should be borne in mind by both the men and women interested. To the ladies it would be well to point out that too much hope should not be held out in connection with being able to operate electric ironing apparatus, or even toasters or washing machines—unless it is proposed to have the man of the house assist with the family laundry by doing it in the evenings. Whilst no effort will be spared to give the town a 24 hour service, those who have had experience with lighting small towns recall that for a start folks are usually content to have the light available from, say, five in the afternoon until midnight.

The feature that shoul, occupy the serious attention of the male section of the population is the matter of financing the project. Just now the committee is fishing in every possible pool that comes to its attention for some outside capitalst or capitalists to take stock in the proposed light company, but that an investor will be found who is willing to put his money in a project of such a necessarily limited earning cayacity is not quite certain. With no outside capital available the matter of light is entirely up to the local men of small, moderate and large amounts available for investment, and if light and power from the canyon is desired the sam required will be quite considerable. If the having light ultimately resolves itself into a question of local capital providing the desired utility no harm can come of at this time putting this side up to prospective investors for their serious and favorable consideration.

If the question of reclaiming Kootenay Flats within the next four years gets around to receiving international consideration backers of the project assume it must have before being finally disposed of, insofar as Idaho's representation at Washington is concerned the undertaking is sure to be ably championed. Of the three federal representative that state sendes to the U.S. capital they have Senator Borah who, in addition to being a very close friend of President Coolidge, also is chairman of the committee on foreign relations, to which drainage must be referred. Congressman Burton L. French is chairman of the U.S. reclamation committee, which will also be directly consulted, whilst Congressman Addison T. Smith is chairman of the naval committee, rounding out a trio of representatives all on the inner circles of administration, and two of them on committees directly interested.

Some months ago in an address to the Rotary Club at Vancouver Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, pointed out the possibilities of business advancement for the young man who was willing to go out into the woods and apprentice himself, as it were, to the lumbering business—to start at the bottom and work up. That the minister was not advancing theory only has been demonstrated in the appointment last week of Reg. Hull to take charge of the Naugle Pole Company business at Vancouver. Four years ago Reg. was a junior clerk in the Creston branch of the Bank of Commerce, but not exactly liking the future prospects of the banking business, he decided to tackle lumbering on exactly the lines stated by Mr. Pattullo, and took a job with the Paulson-Mason Company at Kitchener. He worked in the bush, the sawmill, store and general handyman with that firm until the Naugle people opened up at Kitchener a couple of years later, when he connected up with them to obtain whatever experience was going in their line and at the end of a four-year experience he takes over one of the good positions a good firm has to offer. At this time of year when new year resolutions are in the offing careful contemplation of Reg. Hull and his advancement may well occupy the attention of the youths of his acquaintance at any rate.

The Free Press states that for the six months the Fernie miners were on strike this year the only strike pay received for that time was less than $50 to married men, and hardly $30 to single men.

The ladies of the C.G.I.T. had charge of the Presbyterian service at Nakusp one Sunday night recently, and, according to the News the edifice was hardly big enough to hold the congregation that assembled.

A SURVEY OF BUSINESS

President and General Manager Address Annual Meeting of Imperial Bank of Canada

BANK HAD A GOOD YEAR

Mr. Peleg Howland, the President of Imperial Bank of Canada, in addressing the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on 26th November, said in part—

It is with considerable satisfaction that we lay before you the Report which you have just heard read, for the year we have passed through excelled perhaps in difficulties the previous one. There has been a shrinkage in business, which has meant a reduction in commercial loans, besides a curtailment in the number of transactions from which banks derive a share of their revenue.

Taxation

There has been no reduction in taxation. The taxes paid during the year by the Bank to the Dominion and Provincial Governments exclusive of Sales Taxes and Stamp Taxes were in excess of $220,000, or more than three per cent on its capital—this is taking no account whatever of the very large Municipal and Real Estate Taxes paid.

Canada's Crops

Field crops in Canada this year, taken all in all, have been good, in Ontario particularly so. With the prices prevailing this Province rurally can seldom have been better off and the effect must soon be felt in the demand for goods. Quebec and Eastern Provinces, too, are agriculturally favoured. In the Prairie Provinces there has been produced a moderate crop, much short of last year, except in Manitoba. With the good prices some headway will be made, and part of the load of debt incurred from overprosperity will be lifted. The growth in the production of Dairy Products and Eggs and Poultry in these provinces continues, and is of the greatest importance in making the farmer less dependent for existence on grain alone.

Further Readjustments

Altogether, I am under the impression that we are approaching a period of improved business, but I cannot convince myself that that lengthy period of prosperity for which we are all hoping will begin until further readjustments downward of price levels; until production costs in the old and the new world are nearer together and until there is a more unhampered exchange of commodities between the nations of the world.

Moderate Sized Banks

There have been two more Bank mergers or absorptions recently consented to and which will be completed shortly. The number of chartered banks will then be twelve. Will this movement go on? It is hard to say. Surely there is room for moderate sized Banks carefully conducted. The Public has the matter in its own control, and can by its patronage or the withholding of it determine the question.

The Dominion Government, too, which professes to oppose as a policy further reduction in the number of Banks, can do something by distributing its business. We all pay proportionate taxes and provide certain services gratuitously as provided by law, and are equitably entitled to a greater share in the benefits derived from Government finance.

Just here I would like to emphasize that greater size does not always indicate greater strength. Take our own case—we are in an exceptionally strong position.

Fifty Year's Service

Finally perhaps I may be permitted to repeat in effect, what I took occasion to say last year. This Bank will within a few months have been established half a century. It has reached the respectable dimensions it now has without the absorption of any other Bank, except the Niagara District, and that was part of the original plan when starting. It has progressed by the diligent and careful work of those associated with its management. It has not been backward in the Pioneer work as evidenced by its early reaching out into the great Northwest country and the mining districts of Northern Ontario. Its management is now in my opinion aggressive and progressive, but not lacking in the necessary conservatism. I believe the Bank has given service to the community which has been for good and that it will continue to do so. I do not expect or believe that it will lose its identity in any movement in the future and I expect and believe that those that replace us, whom time must before long remove from active participation in its affairs, will be faithful to the traditions of the past.

The General Manager—Mr. A. E. Phipps, following the President's Address, then said in part—

In view of the adverse conditions it is with a great deal of satisfaction that we are able to bring forward today a statement showing that the earnings of the bank have amounted to the substantial sum of $1,107,889.99 and that after making the customary deductions for Pension Funds, etc., and providing for heavy Dominion Government taxes we are able to carry forward a somewhat larger sum than was carried forward last year.

Strengthened Reserves

During the period of deflation since 1920 which we hope is soon coming to an end, we have not been immune from losses, but you will be gratified to know that we have not only provided for all bad and doubtful debts without drawing on the substantial inside reserves held by the Bank at that time, but have materially added to them during the period.

Deposits Satisfactory

The deposits, which of course are the portion of the bank's business most likely to be disturbed by untoward conditions and which last year showed a shrinkage of $1,650,000 are again somewhat less, the total being $88,123,096 compared with $89,442,750 in 1923 or less by approximately $1,300,000. I am glad to say that whereas last year the falling off was in our public deposits the decline this year is altogether in the balance maintained with the bank by the Dominion Government, which is actually some $1,315,000 less than it was a year ago. Our ordinary Current Account and Savings Deposits, which, following the Home Bank disaster, were shrinking a year ago and which continued to shrink until the turn of the year, since that time have shown improvement and, notwithstanding the fact that we have closed a number of offices, are actually some $500,000 more than they were last October, and I feel they will continue to grow. Our returns show that there has been a substantial increase in the number of our depositing customers during the year. The deposits of all the banks, according to the Government Return of September, show a decrease for the year of $27,564,581 or 1.5%; the deposits of the Imperial Bank of Canada have decreased 1.4%, so that we fully held our own, something which we construe as a well-merited mark of public confidence.

Cash and Liquid Assets

Turning to the other side—that is, the Assets: In Cash on Hand and at Bankers, Notes and Cheques on Other Banks, Deposits in the Central Gold Reserves and other instantly available assets of that kind we have $27,153,070.69, practically the same sum as a year ago, although our Liabilities are nearly $3,000,000 less. It equals 28% of our total Liabilities to the pubic compared with 26% last year. When we include our secondary Reserves such as Government and other Bonds, Call Loans, etc., we have $58,951,118.69 of readily available Assets compared with $55,785,358.66 in October, 1923, an increase of over $3,000,000, a percentage of 59.5% compared with 54% in 1923, a very strong position indeed I think you will agree.

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SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

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

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

Suggestions for the Christmas Spirit

When you are giving a present you will, no doubt, like to give something useful. In every department you will find something suitale for a gift that will be appreciated. Just a few reminders:

All Wool White Blankets, Men's, Ladies' and Children's Slippers
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Local and Personal

Auctioneer J. F. Rose has received instructions to sell by auction the household effects of the late Fred Little and the sale will be held Saturday afternoon, December 20th, commencing at 1 p.m., at the former residence of the late Mr. Little on Fourth street.

Some real oldtime winter has been experienced this week, following the blizzard that raged all day Monday and well onto Tuesday a.m. the mercury took a dip down to seven below zero on Tuesday morning. It was 14 below on Wednesday morning and 17 below on Thursday.

The legislature on Wednesday by a vote of 26 to 14 decided to enact legislation permitting the sale of beer by the glass in those ridings that voted "wet" in the June plebiscite. As Creston is one of the "wet" constituencies sale of the amber fluid locally may be looked for by at least midsummer.

Principal Jones was guest at a send-off party given him by the Methodist young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Goodwin on Friday night, which was well attended. Mr. Jones has been quite active in the young people's work as well as the choir and his departure is regretted by the young people, particularly.

The trustees have been fortunate in securing Mr. McLellan, who has been in charge of the East Trail school the past term, to succeed Mr. Jones, as principal of Creston school, which reopens on January 5th. Miss Edna Holmes has been chosen to succeed Miss Olsen as primary teacher. She has taught at both Lister and Erickson and should give good satisfaction.

J. D. Moore, general road foreman, was here from Kaslo at the end of the week card indexing all the roads, trails and bridges in the Creston Valley. Now that this district is no longer part of the Kaslo riding the information gathered by Mr. Moore is needed to make up the public works records of the new Creston riding, for which a grant of $50,000 has been made for public works improvements next year.

Wm. Ramsay of Nelson, district engineer, was here on an inspection visit on Friday. He expects to get an early spring start on the road improvements at Arrow Creek as well as at Goatfell and that the work at these points, which will necessitate quite a heavy expenditure, will come out of a special vote and will not be part of the $50,000 allocated for the Creston riding.

There was quite a good turnout of the members of Christ Church Ladies' Guild on Tuesday afternoon at a special session at the home of Mrs. Hayes, the feature of which was the presentation from the Guild to Mrs. Bennett of half a dozen cups and saucers—a little token of appreciation of the splendid services rendered the Guild by Mrs. Bennett during the past ten years.

At the December meeting of the village council considerable time was given over to the requests for new roads, amongst them being one to the Qunife place. J. Foster asked that the lane serving the residences facing the school be opened up and this will be acceded to not later than the end of January. The application of a ratepayer who is willing to combine the jobs of handyman and poundkeeper was stood over for later consideration.

A. I. Fisher, K. C., of Fernie, was a Creston visitor Tuesday and Wednesday, coming in Monday to appear for the defence in the case of Lombardo vs. Lee Yat. This an action for damages sustained by a cow belonging to the former, who claims said damages were unnecessarily caused by the Chinaman, who is cook at the C.P.R. hotel at Sirdar. The case was set down for hearing on Tuesday but as there was no boat from Nelson that day Judge Forin was unable to get to Creston and the case had to be adjourned. Along with Mr. Fisher was the Fernie court interpreter whose services will be required to translate the evidence of Lee Yat.

NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

This has been the greatest year ever for hunters in the Fernie area.

Fernie youngsters are getting season tickets for the rink at $1 per head this season.

Vernon has almost $29,000 of taxes in arrears out of a totol assessment of $138,000.00.

The Courier states more men than ever are working in the woods in the Cranbrook district this winter.

Louis Swartzenhauer, a Rossland hunter, has just taken a nine-foot cougar, whilst hunting at Deer Park, on the Arrow Lakes.

The Grand Forks Gazette states that eastern hunters have had great luck with the deer in the upper reaches of the main Kettle river.

Vernon butchers are asking the town council to limit the sale of meat at the town market to nothing smaller than quarter carcasses.

Ranchers at Bonners Ferry are going in for head lettuce growing next year, a growers association with 15 members having just been formed.

P. Burns & Co. have just made a donation of $250 to help make up the deficit on Revelstoke's brand new skating and curling rink.

Since going into Lumberton about four years ago the B.C. Spruce Company sawmill has paid out almost $2,000,000.00 in wages to date.

Cranbrook is all set for the social season. Mrs. Burgess opened a beauty parlor in that town a few days ago.

Home cooking is becoming so popular at Kaslo that according to the Kootenaian, Mr. Cosgriff is discontinuing his bakery shop in that town.

The sawmill plant and other equipment of the B.C. Spruce Company at Lumberton is said to represent a cash investment of at least $3,000,000.00.

Unless the town provides free juice the department warns that the clock in the postoffice tower at Greenwood will not be lit up after the first of the year.

The Herald states that at Penticton the growers are well satisfied with their year's prices, except the returns on Wealthy apples and Triumph peaches.

Kaslo school youngsters are certainly lucky. The Kootenaian says the shower bath in connection with the school gymnasium is being fitted up for use.

Dr. Dorman is opening up at Greenwood for the practice of denistry. The old town is certainly looking up, as about a month ago a private hospital was established.

When the curlers at Fernie started to fit up the rink for the winter they discovered the boys had smashed most everything smashable, as well as stealing the electric light globes.

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And further take notice that action, under Section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of November, A.D. 1924.

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Shall Parliament Be Supreme?

The decision of a majority of the members of the Board of Railway Commissioners ordering the withdrawal from operation of the Crow's Nest Pass freight rates, raises one of the biggest domestic issues ever confronting the people of Canada. The question involved in this amazing order is not merely one of dollars and cents to the people based on the rates of freight they shall be called upon to pay. Important as this economic aspect of the question may be, it fades into insignificance compared with the legal and constitutional questions involved.

The issue now before the people in Canada is whether the Parliament of Canada is the supreme power in the making of laws, or whether a body of some half-dozen men created by that Parliament has the right to nullify and set at naught an Act of Parliament. By the decision of four members out of six, the Board of Railway Commissioners arrogate to themselves full power to treat an Act of Parliament as "a scrap of paper," and by so doing impose on the people of Canada heavier taxation in the shape of railway freight rates than have the approval of Parliament.

And the Act of Parliament thus flouted is one ratifying and giving effect to a contract entered into by the Government of Canada acting for the people as a whole with the Canadian Pacific Railway. Therefore, another issue raised by the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners is the sanctity of contracts. If the C.P.R. is not bound to fulfill its contract with the people of Canada as set forth in the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement, the question at once arises whether the people of Canada are bound to fulfill their part of the original C.P.R. contract providing exemption from taxation in perpetuity for C.P.R. property in these Western Provinces.

Furthermore, if the C.P.R. is not bound by its contract to maintain the lower freight rates provided for in the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement, how can the Canadian National Railways, as the successor of the old Canadian Northern, be bound by the rates provided for in the Agreement with the Parliament of Canada under which that railway was extended westward across the prairies?

Under the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement, which the Railway Board now sweeps aside as in no way binding on the C.P.R. in the matter of freight rates as specified in that contract, the C.P.R. received from the people of Canada a cash bonus of $11,000 per mile to assist in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The C.P.R. accepted those millions of dollars and thereby obtained direct access to the rich mineral districts of Southern British Columbia and largely secured control of the traffic of that region which formerly had all gone over a short line into the United States. In exchange for this financial assistance the C.P.R. agreed to reduce freight rates on a selected list of articles below the then existing lowest freight tariff. Now the Railway Board rules that the C.P.R. is not bound to live up to its contract, and declares that the power of the Board to thus nullify the contract and impose higher freight rates on the people of Canada is superior to the power of Parliament itself.

Aside altogether from the financial considerations involved, the people of Canada will not for one moment accept the dictum that a Commission created by Parliament is superior to its creator. Under the British form of constitutional government, Parliament is supreme. Courts are created to interpret and administer the laws passed by Parliament, but they cannot make laws nor over-ride those passed by Parliament. And the Board of Railway Commisisoners are constituted as a Court which hears evidence and renders decisions.

It is true that the Act creating the Board of Railway Commissioners instructs and empowers that Board to remove any discriminations in rates or in traffic arrangements which may exist. It is also to be admitted that the tariffs filed by the railway companies under the Crow's Nest Pass freight rates did constitute discrimination in various ways and between places. But in exercising its powers and discharging its duty in bringing about a removal of such discrimination, the Railway Commission is bound to recognize and respect other Acts of Parliament and specific contracts entered into by Parliament. There are other ways of removing the discriminations created by the railways themselves in the freight tariffs filed by them than to accept the arguments of the lawyers employed by these railways, over-ride an Act of Parliament, and increase rates.

By their decision the majority of members of the Board of Railway Commissioners have raised a real issue in Canada and have started something which they cannot control. Certain it is, the people of Canada will never consent to their Parliament occupying an inferior position to any other body in the country, and least of all a body which Parliament itself created.

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Manitoba Man Wins Scholarship

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R. M. White, a native of Darlingford, Man., has been selected as Manitoba's nominee for a $500 post-graduate scholarship in scientific agriculture, tenable at Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., and leading to the degree of M.Sc. This is one of ten scholarships annually donated by W. C. Macdonald Reg'd. Inc., tobacco manufacturers of Montreal. Under the terms of the gift two of the scholarships are awarded to Quebec nominees, this by reason of the bilingual situation there. The remaining eight go one to each province.

In donating these scholarships, which have an aggregate value of $5,000 each year, W. C. Macdonald, Reg'd. Inc., is adhering to the policy of its founder, the late Sir William Macdonald, who in his lifetime gave many millions of dollars for the advancement of scientific and technical education in the Dominion of Canada. Sir William Macdonald realized at a time when the fact was not apparent to others, that progress in the Dominion would depend in a large measure upon the facilities offered for scientific and technical education. Without education in these lines being readily available it would be impossible properly to develop the country's natural resources or to advance its basic industry, agriculture. Accordingly he gave away millions. Part of his princely benefactions established and maintain Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, where these scholarships are tenable and which is one of the finest institutions of its kind in the world. Part of them went to the establishment of a faculty of engineering at McGill University. Part went to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

Mr. White, who represents Manitoba at this year's post-graduate course, took grades 9, 10 and 11 in the Morden High School in '04, '05 and '06, and spent the following two winters in the Manitoba Agricultural College. From 1909 until the outbreak of war he was engaged in various capacities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, enlisting in October, 1914, in the 27th Battalion. He was in France from September, 1915, until wounded at Cambrai in October, 1918. He returned home in March, 1919, and spent the following year on the farm near Darlingford, later securing a position as field supervisor with the Soldier Settlement Board of Alberta. He spent nearly a year and a half at this work and then registered for his B.S.A. at Manitoba Agricultural College. He became interested in entomology and obtained a position at Treesbank where he is now spending his third summer. He was a member of the team that represented Manitoba at the Royal Agricultural Show and won first and second scores in the grand aggregate, and gold medals for swine and beef cattle. He obtained a medal in this judging contest.

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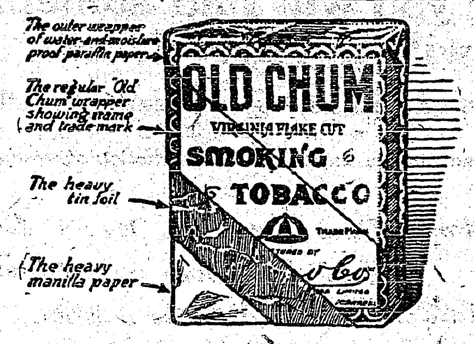

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The Solid And Secure Position Of Canada Is Described By Lord Beaverbrook

Interesting observations on "My Journey in Canada" by Lord Beaverbrook appear in his paper, the London Express, in a recent issue. Lord Beaverbrook's article follows:

The Canadian dollar is now at parity of exchange and often at more than parity. In other words, the Canadian dollar is normally worth as much as the American dollar and on occasion more. Canada's currency is therefore today as good as the best in the world, and sometimes better. And this fact is, of course, but a reflection of the unbounded prosperity of the Dominion. Yet how many people are there in Europe, outside strictly business and financial circles, to whom this news will not come as a surprise? We are too accustomed to look for currency values to New York and to forget Montreal or Toronto—possibly because they happen to be inside the empire.

The Canadian dollar is valuable because Canada is rich and prosperous. Its prosperity springs fgrom three great primary sources of national wealth. There are the minerals, the gold and the silver, of Ontario. Looking to the west there are the vast wheat fields of the prairies—themselves exploited in a manner of industrial efficiency which suggests the operation of mining from the soil rather than the old agricultural methods in vogue in England. Looking again to the east, Canada is mining the vast forests which nature has spread so abundantly for her, to supply Fleet Street and the world with newsprint. The timber is cut, the logs go to the mill, the wood pulp to the paper machines, and the forests groan in order that the journalist may perspire. Canada, in fact, is one great national mine of undeveloped resources.

Such are the vital resources of the Dominion. And in consequence of their vigorous exploitation there is in Canada no "dole" today. The employed have not to pay a tax to maintain the unemployed, and the finance of the state is not therefore subjected to this continuous drain. There is no unemployment problem in the Dominion in the sense in which we are compelled to face it in Great Britain—that is to say of persistent unemployment over long periods due in no way to the fault of the worker. The unemployed in Canada under ordinary conditions are simply those who are physically incapable of prolonged labor or those who have a natural distaste for the sort of employment which lies to their hand.

There are other factors which have enabled the Dominion to make its astounding recovery from the efforts of the war and the bad world conditions which accompanied the post-war period. Among these I would place her admirable banking system. It is the soundest in the world and the strongest. I have not looked into the figures, but I feel sure that the savings of Canadians per head exceed those of the people of any other country, not excluding the United States. The heads of the banking world are therefore of primary importance to the safe and prosperous conduct of Canadian life and industry. Their relative standing is enhanced by the fact that Canada, unlike the powers and nations of Europe, has practically no external difficulties. Her problems are purely internal, and it is this fact which makes the banker, rather, than the politician, the King of Canada.

Another vital factor in the progress of the Dominion will be found in its educational system. Education is free to everybody, and all children attend the same schools on a footing of absolute equality. In this way the intelligence of the whole mass of the people is given a free vent, and we possess in real truth and actuality that equality of opportunity of which the democrat has always dreamed. And I attribute the great progress that the country is making largely to the fact that there is nothing to prevent any lad in any walk of life today taking the place and playing the role now occupied by men like Sir Vincent Meredith and Sir Herbert Holt—as the new generation succeeds the present one.

The knowledge that this is so gives a tremendous stimulus to the energies of the individual. He devotes himself to developing the resources of his country and not grumbling about the limitations of a life which has in fact no limitation.

To a sound system of education there is added a sound theory and practice of government. Canada enjoys excellent administrations—so that we may hope that good government has become a matter of fixed habit. All governments have, of course, their critics, and rightly so, for the criticism of an opposition is an essential factor in the working of a democratic constitution. None the less it is true that the government of the Dominion is better both in quality and character than that of the United States. It is demonstrably more efficient.

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British Girls For Canadian Homes

A party of British girls, for all of whom positions have been provided in Western Canada, arrived a few days ago at the Canadian National Depot in Winnipeg. Some of the party remained in that city, while others left for positions in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster under the escort of Salvation Army officers.

Grain Facilities At Lake Head

With the added capacity for storage in the Reliance elevator at Port Arthur available, the grain facilities of the twin cities at the lake head are said to lead the world.

Settles Claim With Germany

HON. RAOUL DANDURAND

Hon. Raoul Dandurand, minister without portfolio in the Canadian Government and Canada's senior representative at the League of Nations Assembly this year, who completed the adjustment of war claims between the clearing houses of Canada and Germany. The settlement enables Canada to close its war claims office in Germany.

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General Agricultural Situation Is Much Better Than Appearances First Indicated

From the time the first forecast of the 1924 wheat crop of Western Canada was hazarded, estimates have been continually rising until the latest government figures to be published show a drastic variance from those which were based upon conditions in the earlier part of the season. Once more Western Canada has shown that such are the recuperative powers of its soil and climate over a poor start, that it is never safe to venture a dogmatic opinion as to the ultimate outcome of the harvest. What many accepted as a situation of some gloom and pessimism has changed to one of realization that the state of things is, on the whole, satisfactory.

As a matter of fact, the situation is even better than that and justifies a much more pronounced attitude of satisfaction and optimism. Inevitably the 1924 wheat crop is regarded in a comparative manner with the figures of the phenomenal and record yield of 1923 ranged mentally alongside. The comparison is, however, not carried far enough and the realization driven home that only on four occasions in the history of the Canadian West has a greater volume of wheat been harvested than that forecast in the latest government figures, which must too, be regarded as being on the conservative side, as other expert authorities place the anticipated yield twenty per cent. higher. The government estimate indicates a greater wheat yield than that harvested in any year since 1915, with the exception of 1921, 1922 and 1923. If values are taken into account, the 1924 wheat crop of Western Canada becomes yet more significant and farmers should benefit to a substantially greater extent from the 1924 harvest than the record one of 1923. The prices prevailing last year brought to the prairie provinces for their wheat crops a total of $294,298,000. At the prices at which it is anticipated the 1924 wheat crop of this territory will be sold, the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta should receive at least $300,000,000.

The wheat crop of the Canadian prairie provinces has such a bearing on world supply, is coming to mean so much more annually in this regard, and is so easily the largest single productive item in this territory, that its volume and value have come to be almost universally accepted as standards of general agricultural production and as indications of the average prosperity of the farming population. As a matter of fact, this is becoming true to a lesser extent each year.

At the present time the wheat crop of Western Canada accounts for barely fifty per cent. of the agricultural revenue of that area. Whilst wheat acreage is increasing at a healthy, normal rate, the many phases of mixed activity are more rapidly growing in popularity. Such issues as cattle and hog rearing, dairy production, poultry and eggs, and apiculture are coming to mean a great deal more in revenue to the western farmer, and his financial standing is tending to get farther away from a dependence upon the wheat crop alone.

In the general betterment the year has brought in most of these agricultural lines, a greater revenue will be secured, supplementing that derived from the wheat crop and materially improving the condition of the farmer in Western Canada.

Holds Unusual Job

A job such as few women ever enjoyed is that held by a Miss Williams, who for 20 years has been the official ship reporter at Highland Light, on the tip end of Cape Cod. Day in and day out, holidays and Sundays and all, she watches the ships that pass her window, identifies them and telegraphs the information to the offices of various shipping companies in New York or Boston and Baltimore.

Relief For Dry Areas

Decision to appropriate up to $1,500 for relief in dried out areas of Saskatchewan was reached at a meeting of the Central Board of Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association at Regina. Sympathy with the idea of amalgamation between the Farmers' Union and the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was expressed in a resolution by the board.

Brick From Saskatchewan Clay

Deposits at Claybank Are Being Successfully Exploited

More than 3,000,000 face and fire bricks and 750,000 hard burned vitrified brick for roundhouse work for the Canadian National Railways have been manufactured at Claybank, Sask., this year, according to T. M. Molloy, commissioner of the bureau of labor and industries, who returned from a tour of inspection of clay deposits in Southern Saskatchewan.

Dr. Chas. Camsell, deputy minister of the Federal department of mines, and A. J. C. Nettell, Vancouver, British Columbia representative of the geological survey, accompanied Mr. Molloy on the trip.

Dr. Camsell expressed himself as surprised at the extensive area covered by clay deposits in Southern Saskatchewan and was greatly interested in studying fossils of the different claypits visited to determine their age and origin. He found the clay free from impurities and of good texture.

Mr. Molloy said next year will probably see a big reduction in the import of fire brick and refractory shapes due to the extended use of Saskatchewan clays. Lignite coal is being successfully used in the early stages of the manufacture of fire clays at Claybank and experiments are being conducted to find a way of using lignite in all stages of the production if possible.

It is claimed there is enough clay in sight at Claybank to permit of the manufacture of 50,000 bricks a day for the next 200 years. The normal capacity of the plant at Claybank is 10,000 to 15,000 bricks a day, and the full capacity 25,000 a day.

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The Tisdale-Wadena line connects at Sheho and the Melfort-Naicam line at Lanigan, with the Yorkton-Saskatoon-Edmonton lines of the Canadian Pacific, thus affording a new direct route to Southern, Eastern and Pacific Coast points.

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Local and Personal

Sunday is the shortest day of the year.

FOR SALE—Apples and potatoes. Fred Smith, Creston.

F. C. Rodgers is spending a few days with friends in Spokane this week, leaving on Sunday.

Anglican Church Services

SUNDAY. DEC. 21

CRESTON 8 and 11 a.m. — SIRDAR 7.30 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ryckman were weekend visitors with friends in Sirdar.

FOR SALE—200 feet of Skinner irrigation system. P. R. Truscott, Creston.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor is a visitor at Dover, Idaho, with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Botterill.

WANTED—Plain sewing, repairing, cleaning and pressing. Apply next door Review office.

Mrs. Jessie Lewis, teacher of piano forte, Royal Academy of Music, London, Lamont Bldg., Creston.

WANTED—Gasoline engine drag saw outfit complete, state price, will pay spot cash. A. Wesling, Canyon.

POULTRY FOR SALE—Dozen White Wyandotte cockerels at $1 each; also twenty hens at 75c. each. F. W. Ash, Creston.

C. D. Blackwood, Nelson's well-known insurance agent, spent a couple of days here at the end of the week on a business visit.

For Christmas Day Postmaster Gibbs states that the general delivery wicket at the postoffice will be open only from 5 to 6 p.m.

E. Repsomer is a patient at Cranbrook hospital at present undergoing treatment for his leg, which has been troubling him of late.

Due to Monday's gale leaving the church in a state of disrepair all services at the Presbyterian Church for Sunday next, 21st inst., are cancelled.

Village clerk Taylor is busy with the preparation of the assessment roll for 1925, and notices in this connection will be going out to property owners shortly.

Thursday of next week is Christmas Day, in consequence of which the stores in town will be open all Wednesday next, including the evening.

RANCH HOME FOR RENT—Five room house with cement basement, with domestic water supply, $10 a month. Immediate possession. Enquire Review Office.

Lionel Moore, who has been working at Silverton for the past few months, arrived home on Thursday, the mine at which he was employed having shut down for the winter.

HAY FOR SALE—One stack of hay, chiefly "red top," price $90; half stack, $50. Also a limited quantity of baled hay at $17 a ton at farm. Terms cash. Apply to C. Blair, Reclamation Farm.

School closes for the Christmas vacation today, and will reopen on Monday, January 5th. The two lower rooms are having the usual holiday closing concerts this (Thursday) afternoon.

The 1925 deer season ended on Monday, but due to the heavy gale blowing there was no last day rush at all. From all accounts deer have been thicker than ever this season, and the indians, particularly, are well stocked up with venison.

As the Creston library building was very badly wrecked in Monday's gale the library will be temporarily closed until such time as new quarters can be found, of which immediate notice will be given.

The movie patrons are reminded that there will be a shown of films at the Grand on Christmas night, Thursday. Dec. 25th, the feature picture being Pola Negri, in "The Spanish Dancer."

Miss Olsen, who has had charge of the primary room of Creston public school since midsummer, has turned in her resignation, having accepted a similar position on the staff of the Trail school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lyne are leaving today for a two months' vacation which will be spent with their daughters at Silverton, Ore., and Vancouver, as well as calling on other friends at coast points.

There was quite a good turnout of haymakers at the special meeting of Creston Valley Stockbreeders Association on Saturday afternoon, at which a variety of matters of interest to stockmen were discussed.

The Girls Guild of Christ Church, under the direction of Mrs. Thurston, staged quite a successful sale of work and afternoon tea at the Parish Hall on Saturday, at which the cash intake was in the neighborhood of $40.

The final bazaar and sale of work is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, 20th, in the Parish Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church. Afternoon tea is being served, and all are invited.

Mrs. T Mawson and Mrs. Angus Cameron and young son left yesterday for Estevan, Sask., where they will spend a couple of months with the former's daughter, Mrs. McWilliams, and other old Saskatchewan friends.

The Valley's honey output this year is estimated to be in the neighborhood of five tons at the lowest estimate. There are at least 105 hives in the district and the average output per hive this year has been in the neighborhood of 100 pounds.

Alf. Nelson of the Creston Valley Produce Company, is on a business visit to Calgary, Alta., this week. Up to last week the firm had moved twenty cars of this year's apple crop, and he expects to round out the even two dozen by the early part of January.

Friends of Reg. Hull, who about four years ago was junior at the Bank of Commerce, and since then has been working for the Paulson-Mason and Naugle Pole Company, will hear with satisfaction of his promotion as manager of the latter firm's branch at Vancouver.

Fruit inspector A. McL. Fletcher was here on an official visit the latter part of the week and his records show that up till December 15th 299 cars of apples have been shipped from Valley points. He estimates there are at least five cars in the cellars of growers, and about six cars in the local warehouse.

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Christmas Tags, 4 envelopes	25c
Honey Pots, each	2.00
Bon Bon and Pickle Dishes, each	75c. to 1.00
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Red Crepe Paper, roll	10c

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