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Lister

Rev. J. Herdman will be here for United Church service at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and the address and music will be appropriate for the day—Christmas.

School closed for the Christmas vacation on Thursday, and Principal Parker left the same day to spend the vacation at his home at Slocan City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Helme, who have been visitors at the ranch for the past two months, left at the end of the week on a trip south, and will winter in California and Florida.

Ed. Langston of Kimberley is expected to arrive today to spend Christmas-New Year week with his son, Harold.

Rev. J. Herdman was here on Sunday from Creston for United Church service and had the usual good turnout. He will have a communion service on Sunday morning next.

At a meeting on Tuesday night arrangements were completed for the children's yuletide treat to be given by the Community Society and Sunday school.

A Christmas concert for the children followed by a dance was staged in the Huscroft schoolhouse on Wednesday night and was very much enjoyed by all. The teacher, Miss K. Littlejohn, deserves very much credit for the splendid showing made by the children.

John Huscroft is taking full advantage of the snow to haul his cut of ties to the siding at Porthill.

The surprise party brigade were out in full force on Friday night when possession was taken of the E. J. Malthouse home to help Mr. Malthouse fittingly observe his birthday. Bridge was played and a very fine supper served. Mr. Malthouse is being pressed to publish the series of yarns he has invented in connection with his fishing exploits on Kootenay Lake the past season.

Jas. Duncan arrived back at Lister at the end of the week after eleven weeks work as cook for the gang slashing the right of way of the road between Sanca and Kuskanook.

Alice Siding

Miss Ivin Compton, who has been on the staff of the Associated Growers at Nelson for the past six months, arrived home at the end of the week.

Jack Miller who has been working at Stavely, Alberta, the past few months, arrived home at the end of the week for the holiday season.

Bill Vaness is here from Kitchener for the holidays, a guest of his sister, Mrs. A. G. Cox.

Frank Martin is another Staveley, Alberta, visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin, planning to return early in January.

Friday's westbound passenger train ran into a cow belonging to J. F. Rose, and was so badly injured the animal had to be killed. The mishap occurred at the Smith crossing.

Messrs. Tooze, Cox and Collis are a few of the Alice Siding farmers hauling straw from Porthill, Idaho, to help lengthen out the short cut of hay this season.

An admission fee of 25 cents is being charged adults at the children's Christmas entertainment on December 22nd, in order to raise about $10 to take care of some repairs to the organ.

Mrs. Sidney Pool of Edmonton, Alberta, arrived on Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. Gordon Smith.

Sirdar

C. M. Loasby was a Cranbrook visitor a couple of days last week, returning on Friday last.

Jack Cameron of Cranbrook was renewing acquaintances in Sirdar on Thursday last. He was formerly employed on the switch crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pascuzzo and E. J. Brawn were between trains business callers at Creston on Monday.

Rev. S. Newby motored down for afternoon Church of England service on Sunday, and delivered a very practical address on "Everyday religious teaching in the pulic school."

Jas. Wilson and daughter, Gwen, were visitors at Cranbrook and Kimberley a few days last week.

Mrs. Dibley and Mrs. Whiteside were visitors at Creston on Friday last. Mr. Gillie was also at the metropolis the same day.

Mrs. G. Cam, jr., of Wynndel is a holiday week visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cam.

Mrs. Dennes, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Jas. Wilson and daughter, Lilly, were Christmas shoppers at Creston on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Brawn were also Creston callers the same day.

Mrs. Whiteside is spending a few days this week with Cranbrook friends, leaving on Sunday.

Geo. Cam was a weekend business visitor at Cranbrook, arriving on Monday.

W. Nell, yard engineer, plans to spend Christmas with friends at Kingsgate. In his absence engineer Atkinson will be in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bleumenauer were motor visitors to Creston on Saturday, taking in the picture show.

Saturday last saw Mrs. Cam and Mrs. McCabe hostesses at a tea in the schoolhouse, the proceeds of the tea going to the community hall fund. After the tea the raffle of the cake and ham took place, the lucky winner of the cake being Hughie Brock of Cranbrook, with ticket 162. Mrs. Chas. Nell of Kuskanook held the winning ticket, 68, on the ham.

Wynndel

Mrs. M. Hagen returned early last week from a visit with her daughter at Rossland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Andestad left on Wednesday last for Canyon.

The Co-Operative Fruit Growers Association last week took delivery of a carload of timothy which, added to a steady supply hauled from the flats, is helping to fill local hay sheds.

Wendell Pederson returned on Monday last from Alberta, where he has been working for some months. He is accompanied by Mr. Zigler.

Percy Cockle left last week for Alhambra, Alberta, after a short visit here with his mother, Mrs. Dalbom, and his grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Rudd.

The old schoolhouse now boasts a new floor which the members of the Kill Kare Klub installed on Friday. Its installation will be celebrated with a dance on Monday evening, December 26th.

Messrs. E. Foxall and L. A. Davis are at home again, as operations have suspended for the winter on the Kuskanook Road at which clearing the right of way has been carried on for about three months.

Alex. Cameron, who has been visiting with old friends at Coleman, Alberta, for the past two months, left there last week for Toronto, Ontario, where he will spend the winter.

The service at St. Paul's United Church on Sunday afternoon will be appropriate to Christmas, the address and music being specially selected to fit into the day.

E. Ostrenski is busy with the erection of a new hay shed.

Mr. Patrick, while returning with a load of hay, had the bad luck to have the team break through the ice on one of the mud holes on the slough, and a team that went to his assistance experienced the same fate. However, further help was obtained and both teams pulled to solid ground.

Kitchener

Miss Grace Rendall of the Creston school teaching staff, was here for the weekend, a guest of Mrs. Hunt.

Mrs. B. Johnson and Miss Laura Andeen were visitors at Cranbrook a few days last week.

Jim McGovern, manager of the Kitchener Hotel, was shaking hands with old tillicums at Cranbrook a couple of days last week.

Miss Mildrid Andeen, who is attending high school at Cranbrook, spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowland and family are back from the prairie.

Mrs. Miller was renewing acquaintances in Yahk on Saturday.

O. Curran, who has been here for some time past, has returned to his home in Tacoma, Wash.

Sam Littlejohn was another Kitchenerite to pay Cranbrook a business visit last week.

Misses Ellen Andeen and Ester Nelson were business visitors at Creston on Monday.

Cranbrook Courier: George Spencer, of Kitchener, is a patient in the St. Eugene Hospital, sustaining a nasty gash in his foot while working in the bush the early past of the week.

Canyon City

McKie, Wellspring & Yerbury have commenced work on their tie haul from near the Burton camp, with two teams on the job and doing their shipping from Canyon siding.

Ernest Langston from Walsh, Alta., spent a few days here this week with Mrs. Langston and family, leaving again for Banff, to which point he has been transferred as C.P.R. night operator.

Mrs. Ridd and son, Bill, leave this week for Breton, Alberta, where they will spend the next ten days with Mr. Ridd, who is in charge of a sawmill near that point.

The finishing touches were put on at practices this week for the school concert on December 22nd, which promises to equal the best ever given at Canyon.

Fred Browell, who has been on a holiday visit with Canyon friends, has returned to Waldo to resume work with the Western Pine Company, Limited.

United Church service will be at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday. As the day is Christmas the music and address will be appropriate for such an occasion.

Eric Olsen left a few days ago for Spokane and will be spending the rest of the winter at United States points.

Canyon hunters had great luck on the closing day of the deer season—Thursday last. Jim McPherson, E. Nonguier and Cliff. Vance each got a fine buck that day, bringing the Canyon 1927 kill of venison up to about 20.

At the statutory meeting of the executive of Canyon Water Users Association on Saturday night Geo. Davie was re-elected chairman, and F. Knott, secretary. The other directors were T. Mawson, H. Young and J. E. VanAckeran.

A December Wedding

A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends was solmenized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cherrington, Creston, on Tuesday evening, when their second daughter, Miss Rose Kathleen, was united in marriage with Monrad Wigen of Wynndel, Rev. J. Herdman performing the ceremony. Due to the recent bereavement in the groom's family the happy event was witnessed by just the relatives of the contracting parties. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was gowned in compose rose beige flat crepe and carried a boquet of bridal roses and maiden hair fern. Mr. and Mrs. Wigen will reside at Wynndel. Both are well known in Valley social circles and many are the good wishes extended on the happy occasion.

At Fernie a toboggan slide over half a mile in length has just been provided in the neighborhood of the cemetery. A quarter of a mile of the runway had to be cut through the trees.

Real oldtime dances are a Saturday night feature at Rossland this winter, and instructors are provided to teach those unfamiliar with quadrills, schottisches, etc., which were so popular 20 years ago.

At the Coldstream Hotel, Vernon, guests appear to heed the admonition to turn off the light when not in use. The News tells of a ten watt bulb that has just gone out of business after being in use since 1898.

Erickson

Miss Mary Hills of Calgary, Alberta, is spending Christmas here, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hills.

Bobby Long, who is a fourth year high school student at Nelson, is home for the Christmas holidays.

W. R. Long is combining business with pleasure on a visit at Spokane this week. He left on Wednesday.

Mrs. Mead left at the first of the week for Fernie, where she will spend the Christmas vacation with her son, George.

Miss Ross, vice principal of Erickson school, is leaving on Thursday for New Westminter for the Christmas vacation.

W. G. Littlejohn was a business visitor at Cranbrook and other East Kootenay Points during the week.

The J. B. Winlaw Company have commenced pole shipping operations at the Lipsett siding.

Lawrie Handley left at the first of the week for Blairmore, Alberta, where he will spend the yuletide holidays with relatives and friends.

The Whirlwind Club have a meeting scheduled for today at which arrangements will be made for the first of the 1928 whists and dances, to be held early in January.

The Sunday school teachers, scholars and parents are having the usual Christmas treat at the schoolhouse on Tuesday night, 27th December.

The Putnam Fox Farm have this month disposed of eight silver black pelts which they sold to T. J. Crawford at Creston. They still have two pair of parent stock and three 1927 foxes.

Wishing You a Merry Christmas

and May the New Year bring you Health and Happiness.

C.A. MITTUN, D.C., Ph.C.

GRAND THEATRE Saturday, Dec. 24

Rich Comedy of "tin can tourists," auto camps, and a $10,000 reward for a car of the vintage of 1910—you'll laugh on all cylinders when you see this epic of the modern "covered wagon"—a humorous picturization of life in the auto camps—a story of love and devotion.

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GRAND THEATRE SATURDAY, DEC. 31

Zane Grey's
Latest Feature

"Drums of the Desert"

COMEDY—Billy Dooley in "WILD WALLOPS."

TURKEY Given Away FREE!

Every one purchasing a 50c. ticket for the show New Years Eve will be given a chance on a Dressed Turkey, to be drawn for immediately after the show.

Canada, the Land of Opportunity

As the year of Canada's Diamond Jubilee draws to a close it is gratifying and inspiring to recall the widespread interest which everything pertaining to Canada now arouses throughout the world, and more particularly in the Empire and the United States. Never before in its history did the Dominion receive more or better publicity than it has enjoyed this year. People in other lands are beginning to get a true conception of Canada and its great possibilities, and possibly nothing is better calculated to spread such knowledge in influential British circles than the decision of The Financial Times, London, having the largest circulation of any financial journal in the world, to issue semi annual 40-page supplements on Canada during the next three years.

In an editorial introduction to the first of these supplements, The Financial Times recalling Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement: "The nineteenth century was the century of the United States, the twentieth century will be Canada's century," declares that Sir Wilfrid was no mere visionary, as events have proved. It adds: "Unquestionably the nineteenth century was the century of the United States, for America's growth in population, enterprise and wealth were without prior parallel in the world's history. But the ratios of Canada's progress in the twentieth century were never equalled in any equivalent period of America's nineteenth century expansion. In the past two decades Canada's expansion in all material respects has been prodigious." Supporting this statement, the managing editor, in a signed article, makes the following bald recital of facts setting forth this story of "amazing progress:"

In the twenty years' period (1906-1926), there was a 50 per cent. increase in the population, which is now estimated at 9,390,300. At that rate of progression the end of this century should see Canada with a population at least equal to that of Great Britain now.

The value of Canada's field crops saw nearly a fourfold increase in the twenty years' period to $1,131,241,100. More land was taken up as farms in that period than in the three centuries preceding, yet scarcely half of the possible farm land in the Dominion is yet occupied.

There was more than a fourfold increase in the total trade of the Dominion to $2,256,029,000. The United States had a population of 75,000,000 before its foreign trade was equal to that of Canada today.

The value of Canada's manufactures was about trebled to $2,948,000,000, so was the total capital invested in manufacturing industries, which, at the end of 1926, amounted to $3,371,000,000.

The value of the mineral output showed a 350 per cent. increase, and the ratio of value per capita of population rose from $12.81 to $25.69.

Thanks largely to the rapid development of the pulp and paper industry, there was more than a sevenfold increase in the export of forestry products.

There was a 50 per cent. increase in the marketed yield of the fisheries.

The value of furs exported showed a tenfold increase to $17,017,500. When the limit of settlement has been reached there will remain hundreds of thousands of square miles for profitable exploitation by fur traders.

Steam railway mileage rose from 21,353 to 40,352; no other country in the world exceeds Canada in railway mileage, proportionate to population.

Electric railway mileage rose from 814 to 2,500. There are now 63 electric railway companies in operation, with an aggregate capitalization of $222,000,000.

The number of motor vehicles registered in Canada twenty years ago was under 2,000. In 1926 the number was over 800,000.

Nine times as much electrical energy was developed in 1926 as in 1906—the harnessed horse power then being 500,000, against 4,556,000 now. Canada is second only to the United States in turbine h.p. installation, and second only to Norway in such installation per head of population. On a per capita basis the Dominion has nearly five times the installation of the United States. Yet the harnessed horse power of Canada is only about a tenth of her available resources. She has four times as many telephones per capita as Great Britain.

There were fewer than 1,000 bank branches in Canada in 1906; in 1926 there were 3,770. The assets of the Canadian chartered banks in 1906 were under $800,000,000; in 1926 they were $2,364,019,200.

The total life assurance in force with Dominion licensed companies in 1906 was under $700,000,000; in 1926 the aggregate was $4,609,902,200. The fire insurance aggregate rose from $1,500,000,000 to $8,045,437,100.

With the eclipse of Russia, Canada has become the second largest wheat producing and exporting country—second only for the time being to America. The Prairie Provinces alone produce wheat and other crops substantially exceeding in value that of the world's total annual output of gold.

Canadians may well find encouragement and inspiration in such a record of progress to go forward with confidence to the achievement of still greater things for their Dominion in the next twenty year period.

Silver In Canada

British Columbia Is the Largest Producer Of the Precious Metal

Following the discovery of rich silver deposits near Cobalt, Ontario, in 1905 the production of silver in Canada rapidly increased and since that date up to 1925 Ontario was the leading producer. Recent discoveries in British Columbia restored that province in 1926 to the position of leading producer of silver in Canada, when the production exceeded that of Ontario by more than one million ounces. Canada's total production of silver in 1926 was 22,371,924 fine ounces.

Salt In Every Province

Salt, either in natural brines or in beds of rock salt, is found in every province of Canada, although commercial production is confined to Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Alberta.

Plenty of people have a good aim in life, but a lot of them don't pull the trigger.

Frost Bites

Minard's will quicken circulation and prevent further trouble. Also ease the burning pain

MINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT

Soviet Selling Church Bells

Some Of Magnificent Workmanship Being Welted To Secure Needed Funds

The Soviet Government, being in need of funds, has turned to melting church bells.

A Russian merchant ship docked this week at Havre with a load of bells which had been taken from churches in all parts of Russia.

Though some of them were of magnificent workmanship they had all been shattered and bored with holes, so as to avoid payment of duty, since they were destined to be sold for the metal they contain.

Corns are caused by the pressure of tight boots, but no one need be troubled with them long when so simple a remedy as Holloway's Corn Remover is available.

Insect Gardeners

White ants of Indo-China have their own gardens, where they tend what might be called pumpkin patches. These insect gardeners raise microscopic pellets like pumpkins, made of a sort of fungus, somewhat similar to the mould on stale bread. A bed consisting of fragments of leaves and grass is prepared and weeded by the ants. These they chew into fine material into which they place the germs of fungus.

Reliable Finger Prints

Giving evidence in a court case in London recently, Detective-Sergeant Madden, of the Scotland Yard finger-print department, stated that his bureau had taken more than 250,000 finger-print impressions since 1911 without a single error of identification.

Doing Practical Work

Services Of Red Cross Society At Ports Of Entry Is Invaluable

One of the inspiring bits of work carried on by the Canadian Red Cross is known in all its fullness only to those living in the seaport cities — Quebec, St. John and Halifax. At the nurseries in these three centres, weary women and children are welcomed, warmed, fed and cheered after their long ocean voyage and sent on their way rejoicing to their new homes. Sometimes the adventurer has come to meet a prospective husband, and to go with him to a home on the prairie. Lacking the appropriate bridal outfit, she finds herself embarrassed until the Red Cross workers come to her assistance, provide the things needful, and arrange the marriage.

One of the most appreciated services is the serving of tea to each woman when she arrives. Every cup is a new brew, and in the months from February to October, at least 15,000 cups were given at the three ports.

Conspicuous among the seaport voluntary workers is Mrs. P. J. McManus, Convener of the Red Cross Seaport Nurseries Committee at Halifax, who is at present in Toronto for the semi-annual meeting of the Central Council, Canadian Red Cross.

At Halifax, from February to October, 165 ships landed, and 6,529 women, 4,349 children and 278 infants received assistance of some sort. At St. John, 2,090 women, 2,738 children, and 238 infants were welcomed, and at Quebec 6,169 women, 9,741 children, and 907 infants. Five hundred and thirteen medical treatments were given.

Paint a Corn With This Marvel Liquid

The pain stops in a few seconds. Tight shoes won't hurt any more. The Corn shrivels up, and drops off. Removes the whole corn and doesn't pain a bit. It's the sure remedy—Putnam's Corn Extractor. All druggists sell Putnam's Corn Extractor. Get your bottle today. Refuse a substitute for Putnam's.

Australia's Cattle King

Began Career As Teamster Now Owns Thirty Ranches

A man who owns so many horses that he recently destroyed 4,000 of them because he couldn't sell them and they cost too much to keep is, at seventy years of age, visiting London. He is Sir Sydney Kidman, the veteran Cattle King of Australia. He began his career as a teamster at 10s a week. Now he owns thirty ranches covering more than thirty million acres of land; more than 100,000 cattle and 10,000 horses; 1,500 camels and thousands of donkeys and sheep.

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 newborn 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.

Preserving Big Game

Mount McKinley National Park has saved big game in Alaska. Caribou, sheep, moose, and deer, seem to have learned that the park is an absolute game sanctuary and is a safe breeding ground. Those that wander out of the limits may be killed by hunters, who report an excellent year, with good quality of fur.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES RHEUMATISM BACKACHE BRIGHT'S DISEASE DIABETES

Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal brought to a close a year in which the Bank had enjoyed almost record growth.

Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager, in their addresses, stressed the rapid strides that Canada was making but struck a warning note against possible over speculation.

Sir Vincent Meredith in his address, said in part:

Trade conditions in Canada during the year have been active, and while there is still keen competition in many lines, balance sheets generally show satisfactory profits. Manifold evidence supports this statement. Bank debits, bank clearings, bank deposits, car loadings, railway gross earnings, imports, note circulation and lower mercantile mortality all reveal that the tide of business has risen during the year.

Speaking generally, manufacturing industries thrive; textile mills are fully employed; iron and steel operators continue to face strong competition from abroad, as an increasing volume of imports attests; the lumber trade shows a slight improvement; newsprint output increases; production of footwear is larger and the industry is in better state; the manufacture of motor cars has slightly diminished, but in the first nine months of the year 161,583 cars were turned out, having a value of $105,179,000, or practically the same as in the like period of last year, though the number of cars was 700 less.

I see no reason why an abatement of confidence in the continuance of these prosperous conditions need be apprehended.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, in addressing the shareholders, said in part:

In two fundamental respects, earning power and liquid strength of resources, our position continues highly satisfactory. Never have we been better prepared to care for all the normal needs of the public and to meet any business or financial exigency.

I have referred to the past year as the most expansive in the country's commercial history. That Canadians have experienced a greater degree of individual prosperity than ever before is, I think, undisputed. The high general level of employment, and the enhanced spending power of the people, are attributable to a succession of good harvests and to a great broadening of the basis of production. Until a few years ago Canada was best known abroad as an agricultural country, and outside capital sought investment here chiefly in government and municipal issues and in railway building to provide transportation for an ever-increasing agricultural area. To-day most of the largely increased capital coming in for investment is for industrial development. It is now fully recognized that Canada has the natural resources for the building up of a vast variety of indigenous industries, and is fitted by the character and spirit of her population to take an increasingly important place among the industrial nations of the world.

Urges Teaching Of Astronomy

Goes Hand In Hand With Industry Says Dr. Ami

In an illustrated lecture by Dr. A. H. Ami, President of the Ottawa Centre Royal Astronomical Society of Canada recently advocated. Dr. Ami pointed to the need of the younger generation acquiring a knowledge of astronomy.

Dr. Ami lectured on the total eclipse of the sun as witnessed by him in England last june. He asserted astronomy went hand in hand with industry, and for that reason young Canadians should have a sound foundation for their work in later years.

Dr. Ami said some inducement should be extended to Canadian scientists so they would not need to seek more remunerative positions abroad.

No More Asthma. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy sounds the death knell of this trying trouble. It stops the awful choking and painful breathing. It guards against night attacks and gives renewed ability to sleep and rest the whole night long. Much is claimed for this remedy, but nothing but what can be demonstrated by a trial. If you suffer from asthma try it and convince yourself of its great value.

Gift Pleased Queen Mary

Junior Red Cross Hospital Patients At Calgary Sent Artificial Flowers

Her Majesty Queen Mary, paid signal honor to the Junior Red Cross Hospital in Calgary recently, by causing her secretary to write a very charming letter of thanks for the beautiful bouquet of artificial flowers made for her by the children being treated there, and taken home to her by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, following his visit to Calgary last August. Mrs. Mable Mappin, teacher of the craft, who is the proud possessor of this letter of thanks from the Queen, reports that each time the Prince has been in Calgary he has taken home a token of this nature to his mother, the Queen.

For Frost Bites and Chilblains. — Chilblains come from undue exposure to slush and cold and frost-bite from the icy winds of winter. In the treatment of either an excellent preparation is Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, as it counteracts the inflammation and relieves the pain. The action of the oil is prompt and its application is extremely simple.

Barred From Speed Test

The air ministry is being vigorously attacked for its decision that members of the Air Force will not be allowed to compete in the next races for the Schneider Cup which was won in splendid fashion by the British entries last year. The ministry loves secrecy and dislikes the limelight, and has issued a statement to the effect that its pilots were not intended to be gladiators. It will, however, give every assistance to civilian pilots who wish to compete.

Gambling at greyhound races was ascribed by Roland Wilkinson, a coal merchant of Leeds, England, as the cause of his becoming insolvent.

Minard's Liniment for Gripe.

Part Played By Aviation

Great Strides Made In Flying During Past Seven Years

Aviation is playing a greater part each year in the exploration of the natural resources of the Dominion and also in the conservation of these resources. Air transport is now recognized as one of the methods of solution of some of the most pressing problems of the forester, surveyor, geologist and explorer in their work in the more remote parts of the country. In the past seven years great strides have been made and flying now plays an important part in the work of many Government services.

Has Realized Ambition

Hairdresser In England Always Wanted To Be a Minister

Mr. F. W. Harvey, a hairdresser, of Wallasey, Cheshire, has realized a lifelong ambition by being ordained a deacon and licensed to a curacy.

He has been in business as a hairdresser for twenty-five years. At the age of twenty he was approached with a view to entering the ministry, but family reasons prevented him, and it was not until three or four years ago that circumstances made it possible for him to set about achieving his aim.

Miller's Worm Powders will clear the stomach and bowels of worms, so that the child will no more be troubled by their ravages. The powders are sweet to the taste and no child will object to taking them. They are non-injurious in their composition, and while in some cases they may cause vomiting, that must not be taken as a sign that they are nauseating, but as an indication of their effective work.

Changes Hue After Sunset

It is theoretically impossible for hybridization to produce blue in a flower that is naturally yellow and red, but A. S. Sabbe lately exhibited at Horticultural Hall, London a dahlia that was "a bluey-mauve that turned deep blue after sunset."

Minard's Liniment for Neuralgia.

A mother seal can place her puppy by a hole on a cake of ice and dive off on a food-hunting expedition, staying for hours, and can return directly to the cake though the ice may have drifted thirty or forty miles in the meantime.

That cods have immortal souls is a superstitious belief of the Eskimo fishermen.

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LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENTS TAKE TOLL OF DEATH

Ottawa.—The level crossing continues to take its toll of death.

Statistics compiled by the railway board show that in November out of 44 crossing accidents, automobiles were involved in 36. Eight persons were killed and 40 injured. Most of the automobile accidents occurred at unprotected crossings.

Comparative figures for the whole year are not yet available, but in the last four months of this year the number of crossing accidents was 145 against 137 in the four months of 1926. Autos; in the 1927 period figured in 123 of the accidents, with 42 fatalities, the same as 1926.

W. L. Best, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, in a memorandum submitted to the Minister of Railways, says that within the past six years — 1921 to 1926—499 persons have been killed and 1,437 injured at highway crossings.

Mr. Best suggests a number of things to combat the menace of present day automobile traffic on highways that cross railways on the level, chief of his suggestions being separation of grades. Pending complete separation he urges gates, bells or watchmen and further deprecates improvement of highways at approaches to railway crossings, which would force slower traffic and elimination of some of the danger. He also suggests restriction of Federal Government aid to highway construction unless provincial and municipal governments guarantee adequate removal of the level crossing danger.

Mr. Best recommends a conference under the auspices of the railway board to determine a national plan of level crossing separation and protection, and that, if necessary, the Railway Act be amended.

Lindbergh Flies To Mexico

Successfully Negotiates Non-Stop Flight From Washington

Mexico City.—"Lindy" has done it again—he and the other half of the famous "We."

Without stop Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, piloting the Spirit of St. Louis which earlier in the year had carried him to Paris, flew from Washington to Mexico City. For more than 27 hours he was at the controls.

Perhaps there has never been witnessed such a delirious demonstration of joy by a Mexican multitude when, after some three hours of apprehension that misfortune had befallen the flier, the Spirit of St. Louis settled on Valbuena Military Aviation Field, two and a half miles from Mexico City. Lindy and his 'plane were safe and sound. Nothing was wrong except that a miscalculation of direction carried the 'plane in a great circle from Tampico into the interior, instead of flying in a direct line to Mexico City.

The lone eagle not only flew over Mexico's mountains and deserts in this first non-stop flight between the two capitals, but he flew straight into the hearts of the Mexican people — hearts already long attuned in devotion to him by exploits of which they had read, hearts torn with fear for hours for his safety.

Appointed To Senate

Ottawa.—Hon. Philippe Paradis, a member of the Legislative Council of Quebec, has been appointed to the Senate in place of the late Senator Montplaisir of Three Rivers. He will resign his seat in the Quebec Upper House. Mr. Paradis' appointment has frequently been forecast. For many years he has been the chief Liberal organizer of the Quebec District. He is prominent in the asbestos industry.

Air Mail For Mine Area

Ottawa.—Plans are under way in the post office department for the substitution this winter of a weekly air mail service for the present ten-day dog team mail, to serve Red Lake, Woman Lake, Woman River, and Narrow Lake in the mining area of Northern Ontario. Aviation companies have already been approached by the postal authorities, and it is expected that tenders will be let shortly.

Children Perish In Blaze

Many Die As Flames Sweep Through Orphanage In Quebec

Quebec City.—Fifty children, most of them orphans ranging in age from five to sixteen years, are feared to have been burned to death in a fire which swept suddenly and devastatingly through the Hospice Saint Charles here.

The Hospice Saint Charles, an orphanage conducted by the Nuns of the Good Shepherd, also housed many local children placed there by their families to receive their education, and the parents of these children, crazed by grief, flocked to the city morgue to reclaim their dead.

Five hundred children and forty nuns were in the four-storey stone-faced building when fire burst out in a dormitory on the second floor. It was believed to have originated in the basement and to have eaten its way to the second floor before discovery.

In a short time the entire building was a mass of flames and doomed to destruction. Efforts of firemen, policemen and the Nuns of the Good Shepherd who conducted an orphanage in the building were directed toward rescue work. A dreadful scene ensued.

Ladders were placed on every side of the building and firemen and policemen carried many children to safety in their arms.

Mingled with the roar of the flames were the terrible screams of the frightened and injured children and those trapped within the structure. Adding to the horror of the catastrophe were the grief-stricken groups of parents who awaited the removal of the children's bodies by the firemen.

Rescue workers made repeated trips at great personal danger into the dormitories, saving as many children as possible before being driven forth by the flames.

Advance In Shoe Prices Is Predicted

Necessary To Meet Production Costs Says President Of Association

Montreal.—At the 9th annual meeting of the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada, President F. K. R. Lanthier, Montreal, told the delegates that both the wholesale and retail trade would find it necessary to advance their shoe prices again to meet the prevailing production costs.

While production has been large during the past year, competition has continued to be exceedingly keen and for the most part shoe profits have been small in relation to the number of pairs of shoes manufactured, said Mr. Lanthier. Imports from the United States and Great Britain showed a marked increase. During the last 12 months, 17 Canadian shoe manufacturing establishments have failed, arranged settlements with their creditors or discontinued business, the president reported.

Distinguished Soldier Dead

General Alderson Commanded First Canadian Division In Great War

London.—General Sir Edwin Alfred Herbert Alderson, K.C.B., sommander of the First Canadian Division in the Great War and subsequently the Canadian Army Corps, died at Lowestoft, Dec. 14.

General Alderson gave splendid service throughout the Great War. In connection with his command of the Canadian Army Corps, he was mentioned in despatches and was created a Knight Commander of the Bath and Commander of the Legion of Honor.

He was A.D.C. to Queen Victoria and from 1900 to 1906 was A.D.C. to King Edward VII.

In the Great War General Alderson took command of the Canadian troops from their first arrival in England. Members of the first contingent well remember his reception of them at Plymouth on landing and later at subsequent inspections on Salisbury Plain and in France.

Selling Spring Spinach

St. Catherines, Ont.—Spinach sown this fall by vegetable growers in the Niagara peninsula for marketing purposes next spring, has developed so rapidly that growers have had to cut the crop and sell it. It is the first time on record that home grown field spinach in the Niagara fruit belt has been marketed in December.

Canada At Geneva

Dr. W. A. Riddell, who is acting for Canada in the preliminaries on Disarmament at Geneva.

Britain Paying War Debt

Heavy Payment is Made To the United States

London.—A payment of $92,575,000 was made Dec. 15th by the British Government to the United States treasury, of which sum the amount of $35,000,000 is in payment of the principal of the debt, the balance being interest.

With this payment, the total payments to the United States since the funding of the British debt amount to $302,980,000, of which $120,000,000 has been on account of principal.

The amount outstanding has been reduced to $4,480,000,000.

Athens Forming Senate

Athens.—A bill has been prepared for the creation of a senate which has not existed since 1862. It provides for 50 senators to be elected by the people. Twenty others will be chosen by commercial, professional, scientific and Labor organizations, and 10 by the chamber of deputies. Senators must be 40 years old. Their term of office will be three years.

Work On Flin Flon Railway

The Pas, Man.—H. F. McLean and William Tomlinson, who have the contract for the construction of the new road to the Flin Flon mine, have arrived here and are making preparations to start work sooner than was expected. It is planned to lay steel on the ground up to Cranberry Lake, so as to enable contractors to rush in supplies. If this is decided on, 200 men will be needed.

New Calendar Proposal

Fixed Calendar Of 13 Months Is Under Consideration

Ottawa.—Proposals for a fixed calendar of 13 months, each of 28 days, were placed before the External Affairs Department by its author, M. B. Cotsworth New York. Afterwards he saw some of the technical officers of the Government.

In October last the League of Nations cabled the different Governments which are party to the League, asking them to give its advisory committee on communications "all information of value to it on any action taken on the suggestions contained in the report of the committee of inquiry into the reform of the calendar and more particularly on the national proposal for committees of inquiry to study this reform." Steps are being taken to form such a committee here.

The international fixed calendar would provide for 13 months instead of 12, each month divided into four complete weeks beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. An extra month would be necessary and this would be inserted between June and July. Every month of the year, by this plan, would be identical in date and week day names. The last day of the year would be dated December 29th as an eighth day extra Sabbath ending of the last week. In leap year, "leap day" would be inserted as the mid-summer extra Sabbath and dated June 29th.

Gambler's Winnings Will Educate Youth

Texas Cattle Ranch Won In Poker Game Deeded To School

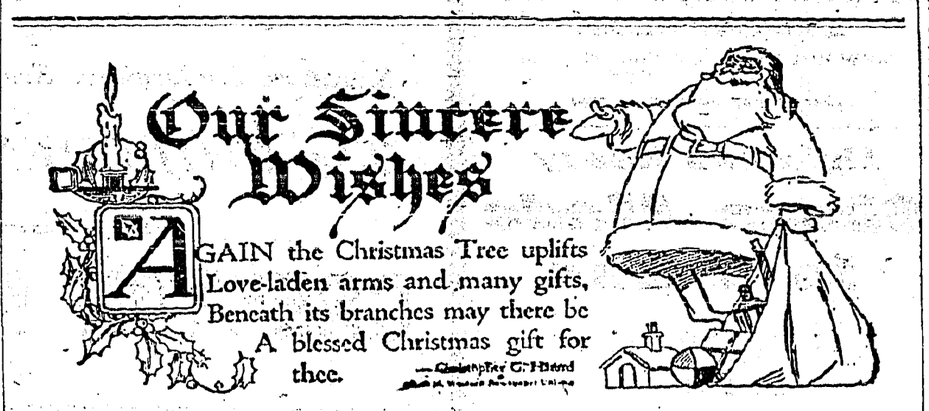
Fort Worth, Tex.—A cattle ranch won in a poker game now is contributing to the education of Texas youth.

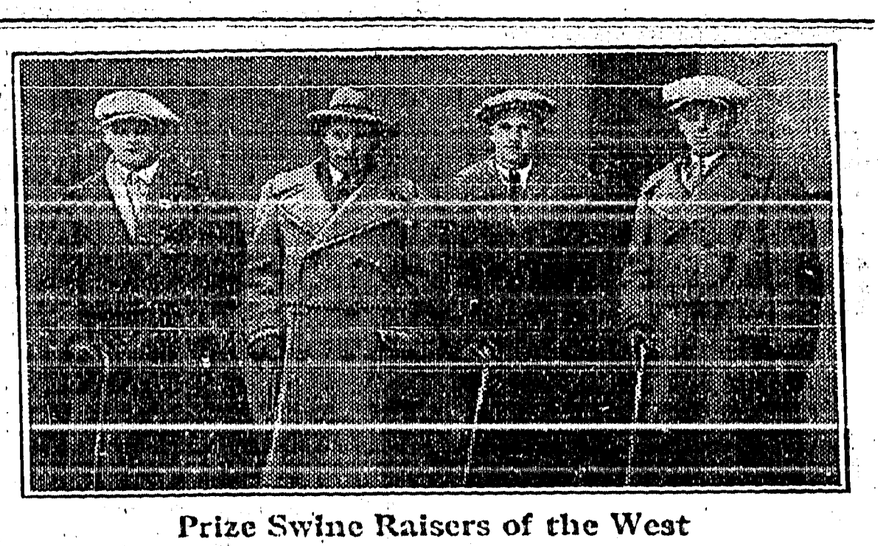
The last legal formality has been completed by which ownership of the 6666 ranch is transferred to Texas Christian University of Fort Worth. Mrs. Burk Burnett, widow of the late Captain Burk Burnett, deeded the land to the school.

Captain Burnett named his ranch the 6666 in token of the poker hand of four sixes which brought him the property and elevated him from a cowboy to a cattle baron.

Pool Payment In March

Winnipeg.—No further Wheat Pool payments will be made until March, A. J. McPhail, Regina, president, announced here. The Canadian Wheat Pool Board met here, with members present from Saskatchewan and Alberta, and discussed routine business.





Prize Swine Raisers of the West

Raising hogs that can compete with the best produced in the West is the specialty of these four young men who were winners in Juvenile Swine Competitions in the prairie provinces this year. The competitions, which have become an annual event through the west, are conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway in order to stimulate the young farmers in prize livestock raising. The young men are, from left to right: Ivan Graham and William Farr, of Kenton, Manitoba, and Thomas Cumming and James Clark of Kenmore, Saskatchewan. They were photographed in Toronto while attending the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair as guests of the Canadian Pacific. They spent many interesting and instructive days in that city, taking in the live stock fair, the Zoo, stock yards, packing plants, theatres and other city sights.

PUT A CHECK ON THE SOVIET MENACE IN CHINA

Shanghai.—Dispatches from Canton to various sources indicate that the death toll in the recent Nationalist coup, which were at first stated as probably not exceeding 1,000 will reach 5,000 at least.

Although Nationalist authority has been re-established, police headquarters has not yet been taken. Chinese Reds with a few Russians were maintaining a determined stand there.

Disorders continued, but were considerably lessened.

Numerous incendiary fires were burning. An unknown number of Reds have been executed.

Japanese dispatches state that dawn revealed countless dead bodies littering the streets. They also say the labor union headquarters were razed and innumerable shops looted. Those few that remained untouched were heavily barricaded. A thousand houses were burned, according to the Japanese dispatches.

While the danger to foreigners is believed to have passed, American naval authorities have given permission to Americans whose homes were in suburbs of the Chinese city to return and armed parties have been withdrawn from shore to their ships. A heavy concetnration of foreigners of many nationalities remains in the foreign section.

With the sudden suppression of the disorders in Canton, Nationalist officials here were unanimous in their claim that there was no danger of a further Red uprising. Military officers declared the Nationalists are amply prepared to prevent a recurrence.

The Nanking Nationalists have launched a campaign against alleged Russian influence in Chinese affairs. Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the Nationalist Party, today reiterated a statement condemning the Soviets. He declared that "Soviet consulates throughout China have been serving as hotbeds of Communistic propaganda, necessitating immediate severance of diplomatic relations between China and Moscow. Communism is bound to cause the breakdown of the Chinese revolution. Some time ago I recommended that the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) break off relations. If action had been taben then the Canton disaster probably never would have happened."

Chiang Kai-Shek repeated a statemetn that the Kuomintang executive committee had instructed Foreign Minister C. C. Wu to inaugurate moves looking toward severance of relations, but that the minister had not had time to carry out his insructions.

Will Be Ready In Time

No Delay In Completion Of Flin Flon Rail Line

Montreal.—Sir Henry Thornton, asked as to the Flin Flon development in Manitoba, said the railway would be completed in "ample time to meet mineral developments in that district."

Speaking of conditions in Mexico, where he has just visited, Sir Henry stressed the need of tranquility to give time to make the country prosperous, promote education, and put the railways in a sound financial position.

The Curse Of Tipping

Vancouver.—"Tipping is the curse of the catering business from the waiters' points of view," said P. Romaino, Vancouver, before a session of the minimum wage board. Waiters in one of the city's largest hotels have not received more than $1.30 per day in wages at any time within the past 20 years, said G. Coleman. They are compelled to get a living wage by studying the possibilities of their customers and means of extracting money from them in tips.

Smothered In Grain

Fort William Ont.—Joseph Bonoski, 28, father of five children, was smothered to death in a bin of the Grand Trunk Pacific elevator here today. Bonoski was engaged in evening grain at the bottom of the bin and it is believed that as he reached the bottom the grain slid, covering and smothering him.

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C. F. HAYES, Editor and Owner.

CRESTON, B.C., FRIDAY, DEC. 16

The New Council

Just exactly a month from this date the village clerk will be receiving nominations of three or more persons to serve as commissioners for the two year term.

Just how many of the present board will stand for reelection it is a little early to forecast, but after the strenuous municipal eqperience of 1927 it will surprise no one if two should decide to retire—and probably all three.

Heading any sort of a community activity brings trouble enough, but aggrevations of the former sort are not in any way to be compared with what village commissioners have to put up with from citizens who, because they are tax payers, exercise an indisputable right to talk business to those in charge of civic affairs with altogether too little regard for time or place.

Due almost entirely to this seemingly unavoidable friction, or whatever you like to call it, good men are not in a hurry to even hint at having municipal ambitions, and if the one, two or possibly three vacancies that are bound to arise are to be filled to the best advantage it is not a bit too early to be casting about for new commissioner material.

Who this likely new municipal talent happens to be, or who is going to induce the needed men to accept nomination, the Review is not in a position to state; all we wish to do is to emphasize the point that the best in this line is not likely to come forward of its own freewill and accord, and that if the village is desirous of having the best available in municipal administration it is time something was started—or no complaining for the next two years if other than competent commissioners are chosen.

This might be a good time, too, to point out that the village voters list for 1928 will be made up early in January, and that if your 1927 taxes are unpaid you are likely to find yourself without a vote. In order to qualify everyone must pay taxes, trade licenses, or rates of some sort, of $5 per annum.

Must Have an Objective

And while we are busy giving good and wholesome instruction in the matter of selecting men to safeguard the best intereste of those who pay the village taxes, the time may be opportune to, with deference, point out that with election of officers about due our community organizations should be active in the same commendable direction.

For the board of trade, even its most enthusiastic admirer must admit that things have gone from not too bad to a point where matters must mend or there will come an end to an organization that both the village and district needs.

In the old days, before incorporation, and prior to the matter of reclamation passing into the hands of a company made up of board members, it is true the board had a greater scope for its activities, but the changed state of affairs in the two matters mentioned can not be entirely to blame for the dormancy of the board, during 1927 more particularly.

The membership today comprise many of the men who made history for the organization in the past, but what has been missing is a definite objective. For 1927, outside of careful attention by President Mallandaine at all times, the board has pretty much run itself, and with the inevitable outcome of very little to show for the year's effort.

For 1928 a nomination committee will function and its special work will be to submit for election the strongest possible executibe, but the work of this committee will be only half done if it fails to also bring in recommendations at the annual meeting which will indicate some of the work to be gone on with next year.

A fairly active start has been made at inducing the minister of public works to route the connection with the Idaho north and south highway from Porthill to Creston via the old K.V. roadbed. If favorable action in this matter is to be had a bright and early start will have to be made in January as the legislature will be in session quite early in the new year, and all the signs point to a decision in this highway matter being made at the oncoming session.

With the prospect of this highway and the dyking of the flats there have been rumors of reliable parties being willing to put up a fully modern hotel in Creston if given some needed encouragement.

And with the increased tourist trade that will come with projected new highways the board might find its time profitably occupied in devising ways and means of establishing a tourist camp.

These are just some things that come to mind offhand, and are more or less local and selfish matters. Undoubtedly there are others for the larger benefit of the Valley that need just as serious attention, and give the board membership a year's work that will compare favorably with the best in its quite long history. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Boundary county commissioners have voted $500 to take care of the expense of surveying the road from Copeland to Porthill and will spend it provided the state highway officials will spend a like sum to survey the road from Copeland to Eastport.

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MILK

JERSEY—8 Quarts for $1.20

HOLSTEIN—10 Quarts, $1.10

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Seedless Muscats, pkg.	20c	Sunmaid Prunes, 2 lb. pkg.	35c
" " 2 lbs	35c	Blue Ribbon Peaches, 2 lb. pkg.	60c
" " 4 lbs	65c	" Figs, 3 lb. pkg.	50c
Muscat, Puffed, pkg.	20c	Dromedary Dates, pkg.	25c
Imported Currants, lb.	20c	Glaced Cherries, pkg.	40c

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Reports covering each of the Six Mineral Survey Districts are published separately, and are available on application.

Local and Personal

HAY FOR SALE—Quantity of clover and alfalfa. F. Powers, Camp Lister.

Mrs. Ramsey and daughter of Cranbrook are holiday visitors with the former's mother, Mrs. M. Young.

Ben Embree arrived from Wardener on Tuesday, and will spend a couple of weeks with his mother, Mrs. Repsomer.

Mr. Gabelhei, who has been working in Alberta, has arrived on a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McDonald, Glencoe ranch.

Santa Claus will be at St. Stephen's Church on Friday evening to meet all the Sunday school scholars. A good time is anticipated.

Miss Vera Willoughby, who has been spending the past few months in Nelson, is home on a visit with her mother, Mrs. Lytle.

Miss Sinclair, secretary of Girls' Work for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was a visitor to Creston on Tuesday of last week and addressed a meeting in St. Stephen's Church. During her stay she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Boyd.

CHRISTMAS

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CRESTON

Mrs. L. Paine and son, who have spent the past few months in Creston Valley, returned to their home in Queenstown on Wednesday.

Mr. Jarman, the fox specialist, who has spent the past two months at Creston is spending Christmas holidays at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Services at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church on Sunaay next, 25th, will be: Sunday school, 10.30 a.m.; Morning worship, 11.30, "The Spirit of Christmas." 7.30 p.m., "The Purpose of His Coming." Special music by augmented choirs. All welcome.

In the way of tax collections in the village 1927 promises to be the best in the four years of incorporation. Today there is less than $200 of current year's rates outstanding, in addition to which there has been a liberal liquidation of arrears. The village collects almost $2000 a year on land and improvements.

The village bank account bulged $219 on Saturday morning when the cheque for Creston's share of the 1927 betting machine revenues was deposited. This amount along with the liquor profits and motor license revenues gives the village a total grant of over $5000 this year from the provincial minister of finance.

With temperatures ranging just a few degrees above zero and the minimum of sunshine the curlers are having a rare season's sport. The president vs. vice-president competition will be finished this week with a liklihood of the latter's rinks rolling up the greater number of points to win the customary supper.

Service at Trinity United Church at 7.30 Sunday evening will have a decidedly Christmas flavor, and might be correctly described as a Christmas Candle Light Service. The church will be illuminated by candle light; the young people will represent the shepherds watching the flocks; solos will be sung by three of the men representing the Magi; the solo, "Star of the East," will also be sung while a bright star shines. Christmas music will be played while the congregation is assembling.

Christmas

Snow is deep along the pathway;
Trimmed with frost the mountains grand;
Sparkling bright the stars of heaven
Shed their light o'er all the land.

It is Christmas, and the manger,
Once so cold, and dark, and dim,
Now shines with tapers tender;
Wafts our thoughts to Bethlehem.

And His mother held Him closely;
Filled her heart with love's sweet song;
May the years the dear Lord grants us
Bring such love and peace along.

MRS. D.S.T.

NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

3000 people attended the opening of the artificial ice rink at Trail early this month.

At Fernie beginners will this year get a season's curling at $8. Old players put up $12.

At Armstrong the Women's Institute are operating a rest room in the town's community hall.

The capacity of Kimberley hospital will be doubled with the completion of the new wing now under erection.

Geo. Tannant of Wasa is East Kootenay's champion turnip grower, with a crop of almost six tons from one acre.

According to Chairman Black of the board of direction it cost orchardists $1,600,000 to pack the 1927 apple crop.

Cranbrook Assembly of the Native Sons of Canada is sending organizers to Yahk and Kitchener to enroll members.

Penticton is facing the necessity of spending another $9000 to give the town needed attention to its domestic water supply.

Early in the year Cranbrook ratepayers will have opportunity to vote $33,000 for a five-room addition to the high school.

Things look a little more hopeful at Moyie. The local barber, who shut up shop to go to prairie harvest, has returned and re-opened for business.

The Cranbrook girls hockey club is having a gramaphone raffle in order to secure funds to take part in the winter carnival at Banff in February.

The First National Bank at Bonners Ferry is making a service charge of 50 cents a month to customers whose accounts do not run over $50.

At Rossland the United Church Sunday school scholars and teachers have been divided into groups and a competition is on to enroll new scholars.

Cranbrook's new Roman Catholic Church was formally opened on December 4th. It cost almost $25,000. There are seventy families in the parish.

At Cranbrook the churches, lodges, service clubs and Y.M.C.A. are combining to look after the Christmas needs as well as winter charitable work in that town.

Kimberley has struck rock bottom alright. This winter the downtown rink will be operated for the children only, as there is no prospect of a hockey league in that town.

Rossland Chinamen are living high this month. A six foot cougar recently shot by Ross Crowe has been bought by the celestials at a price of 50 cents a pound live weight.

At a school fete at Cranbrook one day last week over $500 clear was gathered in for the purchase of playground, gymnasium and athletic sports equipment for the scholars.

Free Press: At a meeting of the Board of Trade held on Tuesday evening it was decided to investigate the possibilities of a central heating plant for Fernie, using powdered coal.

MINERAL ACT

[FORM F]

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NIAGARA MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Iron Mountain, northwesterly from Kitchener, B.C. Lawful holder: Charles Plummer Hill, Victoria, B.C. Number of the holder's Free Miner's Certificate, No. 12016-D.

TAKE NOTICE that I, G. A. M. Young, Free Miner's Certificate No. 4334-D, acting as agent for the said Charles Plummer Hill, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under Section 85 of the Mineral Act, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 8th day of November, A.D. 1927.

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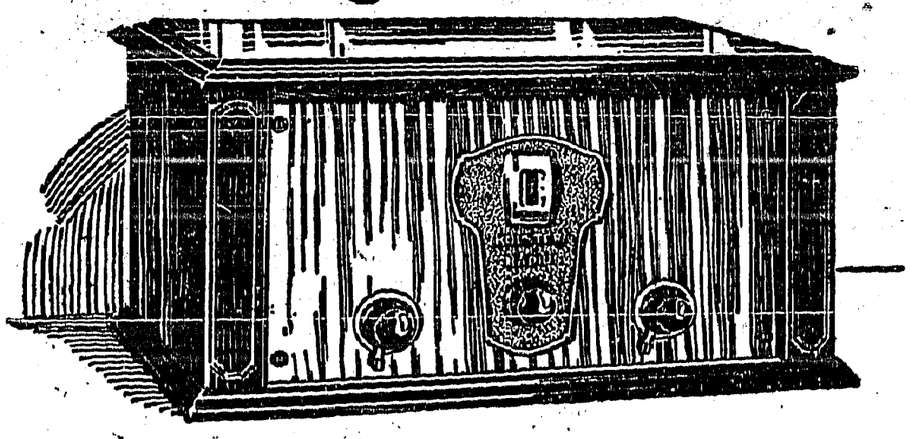

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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Discovery of $4,000 worth of radium in the Ottwa hospital incherator terminated a frantic search. It had been thrown away with soiled dressings.

David M. Turnbull, Winnipeg, is this year the successful candidate from Manitoba for the Rhodes Scholarship, tenable for four years at Oxford University.

Turkey's only radio company, founded last March under a monopoly of all radio supplies, closed its service lacking funds because its Scandinavian backers failed.

The U.S. gunboat Sacramento has landed field guns at Canton to protect foreigners. The guns were taken to the U.S. consulate in the Shameen concession district.

William J. Baroni, restaurant proprietor, former stock market page boy and a veteran of the World War, was revealed as the purchaser of a seat on the stock exchange at the record price of $310,000.

The British Government has made no move to start negotiations with Japan to renew the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, Godfrey Locker-Lampson, under secretary of the foreign office, told the House of Commons.

Announcement is made of the death of Commissioner Elijah Cadman, the first Salvation Army captain, whose adoption of the title led to the present system of ranking members of the Salvation Army.

Notification has been received from Geneva that the international committee of Red Cross Societies has accepted the Canadian Red Cross Society as a member of the international committee.

In confirming the establishment of a Canadian Institute of International Affairs Sir Arthur Currie announced that Sir Robert Borden, former premier of Canada had accepted the chairmanship of the council.

Claims New Device Neutralizes Gravity

Radio Engineer Of New Jersey Is Inventor

The invention of a machine by which the force of gravity is neutralized is announced by Bernays Johnson, a radio engineer, who claimed that if the machine can be developed to a commercial stage air flight from New York to Paris can be achieved in five or six hours.

At his laboratory in Newark, N.J., Johnson said he had actually suspended a miniature plane in the air by neutralizing gravity and also that he could suspend a fifty pound weight in the air.

Fewer Travelling Men

There has been little notice of the passing of the travelling salesmen. Comparatively there are few left. The owner of a wholesale drug house, who employed some forty, now has four. Yet his business has grown yearly. Business once secured by these apostles of good fellowship is now accomplished by air mail, telephone and telegraph.

Water-Power Sites In Canada

The developed and undeveloped water-power sites of the Dominion of Canada are estimated to have a capacity of 20,197,000 horse-power under conditions of ordinary minimum flow, or 33,113,200 horse-power dependable at least six months of the year.

Prairie Swine Herds Increase

During the five years between 1921 and 1926 the number of swine on farms in the Prairie Provinces of Canada increased by 547,244 according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The figures for the two census years follow: 1921, 1,055,245; 1926, 1,602,189.

Old Fashioned Christmas

Merry Christmas Is As Merry As Ever and Its Spirit Is As True and Earnest

Good old-fashioned Christmas cheer, so loudly mourned for in these modern days, is a myth. The new fashioned Christmas is far better, declares the Woman's Home Companion in its December number. "Much has been added and nothing has been taken away unless by our own blindness or folly," it continues.

"Sleigh-bells and Yule log, the far, slow pilgrimage over drift-piled roads to the home of childhood, the groaning board lined with beaming faces, voices lifted in familiar hymns—the old-fashioned Christmas.

"Fast motor cars, rows of city houses heated by oil, families scattered over a dozen states sending quick greetings by wire; a few gathered about a smartly decorated table, the loud speaker filling the room with music from a distant orchestra—the new fashioned Christmas.

"It is easy to draw a cynical contrast. But it is harsh and false as is the way with cynicism and offends our inner knowledge that all is still well in the hearts of the people. Merry Christmas is merrier than ever and its spirit is as true and earnest.

"Children still scream for very joy over the tiniest gifts. The fingers of age unwrap parcels with ardor undimmed by the years. Funny little springs of mistletoe still beckon above the doorways. From every window wreaths smile at passers-by. The highways even into the country and hamlets are swept, if there has been a fall of snow, and are open to the eager traffic that brings people together. And, for all the bustle of it, men and women pause to think and speak reverently of the Christ-child.

"Never was the world so wide for happiness, never so deep for the current of friendliness. Never so many men of good will, never so ardent a desire for peace on earth, never so many things to make Christmas merry."

Winnipeg Newspaper Union Fashions

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The British Museum has fifty-five miles of books on its shelves, and each year has to find places for 35,000 more.

WORLD'S RECORD

E. B. Fink, for 60 years a train despatcher and telegraph operator, retired from the service of the Canadian National Railways on November 30. Mr. Fink's service is longer than that of any telegrapher in the world. At the time of his retirement he was in the employ of the company in Winnipeg.

Radio Developed Twenty Years Ago

First Broadcast Was Made On December 24, 1926

Radio almost reached its present development 20 years ago, Reginald A. Fessenden, inventor, testified in Boston at the federal trade commission hearing of charges that the General Electric Company, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and other concerns had combined to control radio and establish a monopoly.

He said the first radio broadcast was made December 24, 1906, when the message "Peace on earth good will to men" was put on the air at Martha's vineyard.

Hoarded Things Shrink

The man that wrapped his talent in the napkin, and said, "Lo, there thou hast that is thine," was too sanguine. There was never unused talent rolled up in a handkerchief yet, but when it was taken out and put into the scales, it was lighter than when it was committed to the keeping of the earth.

B.C. Tobacco For Britain

The first shipment to Great Britain of tobacco grown in British Columbia has been sent forward by W. F. Bremner, who is in charge of the provincial crop. There is a report current that Ontario interests are to build a curing plant at Vancouver to look after the export trade.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS LESSON

Golden Text: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save His people from their sins."—Matthew 1.21.

Lesson: Luke 2.1-20.

Devotional Reading: Luke 2.8-20.

Explanations and Comments

I. The Birth Of Jesus At Bethlehem, verses 1-7.—A decree of Caesar Augustus ordered the enrolment of every one in the Roman Empire. The people of Palestine were enrolled in "their own cities," and therefore Mary and Joseph left their home in Nazareth of Galilee for Bethlehem, which had been the home of their ancester David. There Jesus was born, and Mary laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

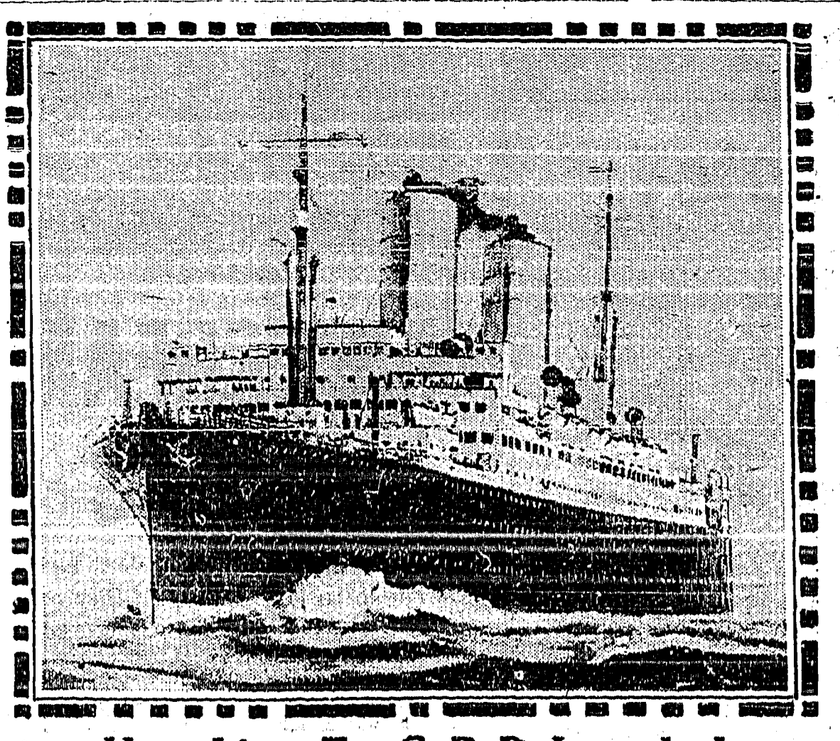
"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee, thy soul is all forlorn."

II. The Shepherds and the Angels, verses 8-14.—God's revelations come to those who are ready for them. It was not to learned rabbis, but to humble shepherds at their accustomed toil that the wondrous news of the birth of the Christ came. They were watching their flock at night in the neighboring fields of Bethlehem, when an angel suddenly appeared to them and bade them fear not as he announced, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people." For the four words "I bring good tidings" there is but one word in the Greek, evaggelizomai, from which is derived our verb evangelize. And this was the glad tidings: "There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Christus, Christ, is the Greek, as Messiah is the Hebrew, for anointed, the Anointed One. It was the title of Jesus as the One consecrated to be the Redeemer of the world. "He does not simply say, Christ is born, but to you He is born; neither does he say, I bring glad tidings, but to you I bring glad tidings of great joy. Furthermore, this joy was not to remain in them, but it was to be to all people."—Martin Luther.

"Jesus did not just begin to be the Saviour when the shadow of the cross fell upon Him at the end. The Saviour was born at Bethlehem. The hands of the Bethlehem Babe were infant hands, but they were the hands that would afterward be nailed to Calvary's cross. He was not born to make a holiday, but to save the world, and to save it at any cost. Our shallow, superficial, good-natured Christmas festivity is far enough from what Bethlehem meant. Mary knew in part, the Wise Men knew in part, the angels knew in part. The heart of God knew altogether. Perhaps one of our highest services in modern life would be to recover Christmas for Jesus Christ and His real purpose in the world."—William F. McDowell.

Judge—"Have you anything to offer to the court before sentence is passed on you?"

Prisoner:—"No, judge, I had ten dollars, but my lawyer took that."



Huge Liner For C. P. R. Launched

With the launching of the new 20,000 ton passenger liner the "Duchess of Atholl" on the Clyde recently, ships with a total of 72,000 tons have been launched for Canadian Pacific service during the months of October and November. This is believed to be a record for a private company.

The "Duchess of Atholl" is the first of four "Duchess class steamers for trans-Atlantic service being constructed for the Canadian Pacific Steamships. Her Grace the Duchess of Atholl was the central figure at the launching and christening of this huge palatial liner. A sister ship, the Duchess of Bedford will be launched some time in January, while the two others of the same class will be ready by the summer of 1929. These four 20,000-ton vessels will augment the Canadian Pacific service on the Atlantic between Montreal, Quebec and Old Country and Continental ports. They will represent four of the finest passenger liners afloat and will be the largest to negotiate the St. Lawrence as far as Montreal on regular runs. The general length of the four steamers will be 500 feet over all; breadth 75 feet with a load draft of 27 feet.

DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS

CLEANSE THE SYSTEM

WEALTH OF H. B. AREA

Enormous Mining Development Will Follow Building Of Railway

The whole of Canada will benefit by the opening up of the Manitoba mining area, north of Hudson's Bay Railway. This is the conviction of Cyril M. T. Young, F.R.G.S., Toronto, superintendent of development of the Canadian National Railways, who was the speaker at a joint meeting of the Board of Trade and the Young Men's Board of Trade at Winnipeg.

"The country north of the Hudson's Bay line," he declared, "especially along the height of land between the Nelson and the Churchill Rivers in the Sherritt Gordon-Flin Flon section and northeasterly toward Churchill is going to give Canadians another surprise in mining." This, Mr. Young said from his 25 years experiences in mining, forestry and settlement and as a result of a personal examination of the resources of the territory.

Ore in the Manitoba properties was not as high a grade of copper, affording as large a net return, as that of Rouyn, Quebec, he stated, yet measurements and sampling showed that each of the properties had today ore values three times the total of the developed ore in the Rouyn area in 1927, when one takes into consideration the fact that Rouyn traffic has justified the 43 mile Canadian National branch line, said Mr. Young, and that a second railway has been constructed and is now in operation into that camp.

Every province would have its share in the development of the new country, he asserted. It is reasonable to expect, he continued that the coking coal used in the Flin Flon-Sherritt Gordon smelter will come from Alberta, because good coking coal exists on the coal spur branch south of Edson. The metallurgical process being adopted will require salt, which should come from Saskatchewan. The timber requirements for mining work will come from British Columbia. The western meats and other food stuffs and the mining supplies will be shipped from Manitoba and the two sister prairie provinces to supply the towns and cities which will grow up hand in hand with the mining industry and with the allied cheap power and pulp and paper industries on the Nelson river. Mining equipment and electric power machinery will come from the manufacturing centres of Ontario and Quebec.

Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

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CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE

1¾ cups sifted prepared cake flour.
1 teaspoon baking powder.
¼ teaspoon salt.
½ cup butter, or other shortening.
1 cup sugar.
½ cup chopped almonds.
¾ cup grated coconnut.
½ cup citron, cut fine.
½ cup Sultana raisins.
½ teaspoon almond extract.
½ teaspoon vanilla.
5 egg whites, beaten stiff.

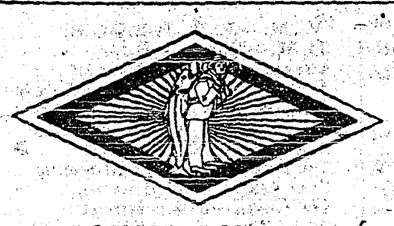
Sift cake flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Sift ¼ cup of this flour mixture over nuts and fruits; mix thoroughly. Cream shortening until light and fluffy add sugar gradually and cream together thoroughly. Add remaining flour mixture slowly to creamed mixture. Beat after each addition until smooth. Add nuts, fruit, and flavorings. Fold in egg whites. Pour in loaf pan which has been prepared with a paper lining in the bottom. Bake in slow oven (250 degrees F.) 1½ hours. Make 1¾ pounds. For larger cake double recipe and bake in tube pan two hours.

The doctor had two pretty children. One day a woman passing two small boys heard one say to the other:

"Those pretty girls over there are the doctor's children."

"Yes, I know," said the other. "He keeps the best for himself."

The biggest man on earth began life in a small way.



LESSON No. 14

Question: **Why is *emulsified cod-liver oil so* efficient and *so* beneficial a food-tonic?**

Answer: **Because it is *so* easily assimilated and quickly builds up strength. Multitudes use it every day as in**

SCOTT'S EMULSION

Would Not Accept Defeat

Young London Financier Recoups Fortune After Big Failure

Three years ago most of his friends regarded Mr. Clarence Hatry, a well-known financier of London, as a ruined man. Young as he was, they believed his career was, if not over, at least held up for a long period. A great company with which he was connected was wound up and Mr. Hatry shouldered debts of the company amounting to three-quarters of a million pounds.

But Mr. Hatry set to work quietly and has built up a new fortune. He has just started a big new London omnibus company to link up the many small independent companies now in operation. He has taken a share in several of the big drapery companies now in operation. He has taken a share in several of the big drapery amalgamations recently. One of his most spectacular enterprises was a big jute combine which he formed in Dundee.

Her Secret Beautifier Envy of Her Friends

Miss C. Delano, Washington, writes:—"About two years ago I was bothered a great deal with a muddy, sallow and pimply skin. I found I could cover the blemishes with cosmetics, but this was only a temporary relief. "My druggist recommended your purely vegetable laxative, and suggested my trouble might be constipation. After taking a short while I noticed a wonderful difference. My complexion has improved, also headaches, indigestion and biliousness never bothered me any more."

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CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

In the evening they drove home, almost without speaking, but with hearts curiously knit together.

Every second Sunday Helmi had the afternoon to herself, and, without prearrangement, she and Jack took the trail to the Falls. Not a word of love had passed between them. They were just two good companions. Sometimes Helmi told him about Finland; sometimes he read to her; sometimes they sat still. But the day always held for Helmi a pleasure so keen, so piercing, it made her tremble.

The acutest part of Helmi's happiness centred around the little house which Jack was building. To please her he pronised he would not work any more on Sunday. She loved to watch him from her bedroom window as he planed and sawed and hammered.

"He must be a good, that Jack Doran, to fit the boards so nice and make it all so well. He can't be bad like Aunt Lili said, or why should he want to build? In his spare time he works, while other men play cards and smoke and go to bar and drink. I think he must be good man, that Jack; I think I like that Jack Doran a pretty good lot!"

Jack's shift ended at four in the afternoon, and after he had changed his clothes he usually went to work at his house. Helmi often went over with him and helped to hold the boards while he planed them. Their conversation was limited. One day when he was putting in a window frame he said: "I don't mind working my eight hours while I have something nice to look forward to. I love making things, though perhaps if I had to do it, it would seem like work, too. Do you ever get fed up on dishwaching?"

"Gosh, yes," said Helmi, "but I try always to make them shine, and nothing is too bad if it can be well done."

There was a long silence then, broken only by the sound of planing.

"I don't know what I'll do when I get done with this," he said.

Helmi looked up in surprise.

"I believe I'll build another one down by the river. There's a big tree there on a high bank—I would like a house right beside it, and then I could hear the river all the time. I would like that."

"No chance," said Helmi quickly; "river is dangersome."

"Dangerous, Helmi," he corrected, "d-a-n-g-e-r-o-u-s," spelling the word for her.

Helmi wrote the word carefully in her book. "Yah, it's dangerous," she repeated. "This house is near the river—near enough—too near, maybe."

"Why," he asked, carefully sighting the edge of a board.

"Kids might fall in," she said.

Jack gave an exclamation of surprise and looked at her hastily. Helmi's face was grave and unabashed. Generations of child-bearing women whose business in life was the rearing and protection of their young had spoken through her.

"See here, Helmi," Jack said anxiously, "don't you say that to anyone. It is—well, people don't talk that way, that's all."

"All right," Helmi said simply. "I won't say it again, but it's true." Then she went on writing—"dangerous, dangerous, dangerous."

Jack went to the city for a week just before Christmas, and when he returned Helmi could not keep her heart from beating or her eyes from glistening when he walked in carrying his valise. He wore a new overcoat of black cloth, with an otter collar. The whole room seemed to be bursting with light and happiness when he came in. After supper he stayed behind until all the men had gone to the bunkhouse, and then came over to where she was setting the tables for breakfast and handed her a purple velvet box.

"For a good Finn girl," he said.

The lid opened with a spring, revealing a sunburst of pearls on a white satin lining, and a little card with a tiny house set against a snowy hill and flanked by evergreens, with these words printed on it in gold letters: "With love and best wishes for a Happy Christmas," and, written below, "For a good Finn girl called Helmi, who runs out in the storm and carries men in out of the wet."

Helmi gave an exclamation of surprise. "O Jack," she said, "it is so nice it makes my heart pain. Is it all for me?"

"Nobody else," he laughed.

Helmi turned to him with the rapt look in her eyes she had had the day she watched the mountain-side for angels, an adoring, worshipping look that transfigured her. She was always attractive, always striking, with her deep, dark eyes, high coloring and burnished hair; but now, with her eyes so tender, so full of devotion, she was beautiful.

Jack put his hand on Helmi's shoulder and drew her to him. "I think you should let me kiss you now, Helmi,—just once—I have never kissed you—or any other girl."

Aunt Lili's warnings were all forgotten when Jack's arms tightened around her. The river, under two feet of ice, was singing its old song; the sky was still luminous with the fires of sunset; the clouds had risen to form a Chinook arch, faintly green against the blue; already the western breezes were soft as velvet as they went past the eaves, murmuring something very sweet and satisfying, in which disappointment and heartbreak had no place at all.

CHAPTER XV.

Mrs. McMann and Bill Larsen, the bar-tender, having a common grievance, had become fellow-conspirators. They were consumed with one desire, though from widely different motives. Mrs. McMann feared the loss of the best girl she had ever had, and more than that, she resented the sincere respect and friendship the boarders had for Helmi. Here she was, a girl who simply stepped off the train without a reference or letter, and in less than a year was the most popular girl in the valley. When the Anglican Church, desiring to raise money for their incumbent's salary, had put on a contest in Eagle Mines, Bannerman, and Brule, running one girl in each place, Helmi had won in a walk. And there was something funny about the way she acted, Mrs. McMann confided in her friend Mr. Larsen, for when it was all over and the minister came to Helmi to find out where she came from, how long she had been in Canada and all that, she wouldn't tell him a thing, and begged him not to write anything about her in the papers. It was queer to see Helmi afraid of anything.

Bill Larsen looked as meditative as anyone could with Bill's cast of features. "There was a Milander girl in Winnipeg about a year and a half ago who raised a lot of grief," he said. "She was a hot socialist and got in jail, and all that. I remember the name, because I've had a lot to do with Finns one way and another down at Port Arthur. Of course it's a pretty common name—but Helmi wouldn't be afraid if she wanted to heave a rock." Mr. Larsen's mind reverted to the unpleasant episode which marked the beginning of his acquaintance with Helmi.

Mrs. McMann was for direct action. "I think we'd better put it up to Jack straight, and see what he's goin' to do. I don' believe for one minute he intends to marry Helmi, but she thinks he does, and if he's foolin' her, she may kill him or herself. I knew a Finn girl once who drank lye because her fella didn't come to take her to a dance. They're high tempered and quick with a gun or anything that comes to their hand."

Mr. Larsen admitted it.

"I don't suppose she's told him a bit more about herself than she tells us," Mrs. McMann continued. "You see, she never writes a letter only to Finland, and she didn't come straight from Finland here, that's sure enough. And where did she get the nifty clothes she brought here? It sure looks queer, and no one can get it out of her."

Mr. Larsen was unable to offer any advice. "She's a dandy girl, is Helmi," he said, "and I don't like to see her fooled. If she wants to get married . . . . . ."

Mr. Larsen left the sentence unfinished.

"She'd be foolish to marry any man," said Mrs. McMann. "Here she is, pullin' down her twenty-five dollars a month, rain or shine, and lots of time to herself, and takin' lessons all the time. Gettin' married is a queer business, Bill. No one takes warning! I didn't, and she won't. It's like the pigs that stick their noses in the hot feed and go along squealing, and another and another does it—no one learns,—But I think it's up to us to bring Jack Doran to a show-down, just to see what happens. I never was one that could bear suspense—I like to have a thing settled one way or another."

Bill admitted he was something of an out-and-outer himself.

(To Be Continued.)

Motherhood!

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Early Postal Items Prove Interesting

Collection Of 100,000 New Being Catalogued In London

Some curious relics from early days, before letters could be sent for a penny, are in a collection of 100,000 items belonging to the Union of Postoffice Workers, which is being catalogued at London and for which a group of Americans offered £200,000.

The collection, which is the life work of A. V. Moreton, retired postman, won't go to America, but probably will be made a permanent postoffice museum. It includes an original letter, dated May 24, 1639, written by Sir Edward Osborne to Colonel Fairfax at the time of the advance of the Royalists against the Scots. It had been mailed:

"With all possible speede,
"Hast, Hast, Hast,
"Post Hast, Hast,
"For Life."

Perhaps the earliest curious post receipt is for Normandy, dated 1397. Another interesting receipt is for a letter sent to Kent, for which the coach mail messenger asked Queen Elizabeth a fee of one pound.

Dairymen Solve Mystery

Find Jackdaw Removed Cardboard Tops From Milk Bottles

A successor to the Jackdaw of Rheims has been discovered. Its particular specialty is the removal, not of rings, but of cardboard stoppers from milk bottles.

For some time dairymen have been puzzled by the mysterious opening of bottles left on doorsteps of houses, so a watch was kept and it was discovered that a jackdaw descended in the wake of the milkman on his early rounds and was able to open as many as a dozen quarts in one street during the morning hours. The milk was untouched.

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Don't Expect Perfect Friends

We have to learn to do our loving in this world over a good many rough places and around a great many sharp edges. If we insist that our friends be made to order, we shall never have any friends. We must take people as we find them, and expend our desire for perfection in shaping the friendship we give rather than in expecting it in that which we receive.

Prefer Oil To Roses

This is the plowing season in the Valley of Roses in Bulgaria, but no plowing is being done near Kustendil, around the bushes that produce the famous attar, for the peasants are preoccupied with the fact that oil has been struck there.

Lilies of the valley will grow in the house planted in cocoanut fibre. Ask your seedman to procure a half dozen pips for you and plant them in a small bowl.

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Little Helps For This Week

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. — 1 John iv. 16.

They only miss
The winning of that perfect bliss.
Who will not count it true that love,
Blessing, not cursing, rules above,
And that in it we live and move.
—Richard Chevevix Trench

All you need strive for is to love God more,—more singly and simply; to still the human actings and impulses of your being Him. Love is of God; it is a divine gift. Do not seek to crush it; seek to keep it steadfast, and seek to help others by love, by letting their love for you draw them upward and closer to God, the Fount of all love.—Harriet Monsell.

EFFICIENCY IMPAIRED

Why Many Men and Women Are Badly Handicapped

When you are so run down in health that it impairs the efficiency of your work as well as your power to enjoy your leisure hours or obtain rest, it is time you looked to the cause. If you do not, a serious breakdown is almost sure to result sooner or later. In nearly all cases this condition, which doctors usually describe as general debility is due to poor blood—blood that is deficient in red corpuscles When the blood is thin and weak your whole system suffers. You lose appetite, have no energy, your nerves trouble you and you feel restless.

What you need is help to build up your blood and you should begin at once to make your blood rich and red by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. You will soon notice the difference in your health by a better appetite and increased vigor. The reason is that the new blood created by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills stimulates all the organs of the body to healthy activity, and so the system gains nourishment and strength. If you are weak or out of sorts begin gaining new strength today by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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

Convention At Calgary

It has been arranged to hold the National Convention of the Canadian Authors' Association in Calgary during the first week of July next year.

One of the commonest complaints of infants is worms, and the most effective application for them is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

One pair of chiffon hose represents 112 miles of tiny silk threads. Most of this silk comes from Japan and China, and about a tenth of it from Italy.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

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Dry Tamarac wood for sale. H. V. Lewis, Creston.

COW FOR SALE—Jersey-Shotthorn, just freshened, $75 with calf. Geo. Davie, Canyon.

CAR FOR SALE—1926 Ford, in excellent condition, all accessories, $300. Write Box 45, Review Office.

Inspector Capt. Manning is here for the usual semi-annual check up of the public school teaching staff.

FOR SALE—A few tons baled alfalfa hay, a little bleached in curing, but good feed. $20 ton. John Garfield, Creston.

For spring planting: No. 1 Nursery stock, including Black Currants, and 3-year old Asparagus. J. H. Carr, Creston.

Trinity United Church Sunday school has its Christmas concert at the church tonight (Friday) 23rd, at 8 o'clock.

The village commissioners have made themselves popular with citizens by sending the snowplough out after the last two heavy snowfalls. Travelling in all parts of the town is the easiest it has ever been since the late Mayor Little struck the valley.

FOR SALE—Piano case seven-octave Estey organ. Will give purchaser three months' free tuition. T. Goodwin, Creston.

Christmas Day falling on Sunday this year will be observed on Monday, 26th, when all places of business in town will be closed.

Bob Avis of Perry's Siding, a well known figure in local baseball circles a few years ago, is renewing acquaintances in town this week.

Village Clerk Taylor is looking for increased revenues in dog licenses, having just placed an order for 75 tags. In 1927 sixty licenses were issued.

Ivan Staples left on Monday for Kelowna, where he will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Staples, who are now living in that town.

Petroleum Coke costs a little more than coal but goes just about twice as far. H. S. McCreath will have a carload of it in next week. Place your orders now.

The Girls' Guild of Christ Church had a fair turnout at their tea and sale of work at the Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon, the day's intake totalling $12.

Mrs. Geo. Hendren and daughter, Blanche, left on Saturday for near Seattle, Wash., where they are on a visit with Mrs. Hendren's grandson, Robert Hetherington.

HAY FOR SALE—Quantity of No. 1 timothy, home grown and baled, $24 ton. Also quantity of baled alfalfa. Both stored at box factory. Apply at office Chas. O. Rodgers.

Ben Crawford arrived home on Thursday from Nelson where he is a fourth year high school student this year, and has joined the postoffice staff for the holiday rush.

FOR SALE—Jersey-Ayrshire, very gentle, milking, $40. Jersey, 8 years, milking, due to freshen February, $80. A sacrifice due to shortage of hay R. Sinclair Smith, Creston.

Up to the middle of the month eighteen trapners licenses have been taken out, which is less than a year ago when 25 were issued at Creston office of the provincial police.

WANTED—Purebred registered Jersey cow, not over seven years. Must be bred to full blood registered Jersey bull, and to calve within two months. M. Vanlerberg, Box 54, Fernie, B.C.

R. G. A. Hockley, who about a month ago was taken to Nelson for medical observance, has been found insane and last week was removed to the provincial asylum at Essondale.

Creston Valley's honey yield for 1927 will run to about five tons, the hives averaging about 65 pounds, Notwithstanding an unusually wet season the output is well up to the average.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Armstrong left on Saturday for a two weeks' vacation with relatives and friends in Nelson. In the former's absence Harry Compton is second in charge at the C.P.R. depot.

The usual Christmas treat for the Anglican children will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 28th, from 3 to 5.30, and all Anglican children of the district are invited to attend.

This year Vic. Mawson is giving his friends a Christmas remembrance in the shape of an aluminum mixing spoon. Chas. Murrell's yuletide greeting also takes practical form—an earthenware mixing bowl.

Petroleum Coke, guaranteed to give 2000 lbs. of heat per ton and no ashes will be available to Creston householders next week. H. S. McCreath will have a carload about December 28th. Place your orders now.

Eight tables of players were in evidence on Friday night at the Parish Hall for the third of a series of bridge drives by the Christ Church Committee, at which the prizes went to Miss Effie Littlejohn and Robt. Crawford.

Members of the Creston Masonic Lodge and all sojourning brethren are reminded of the installation of officers on Tuesday night at the new lodge-room in the old Speers Hall. D.D.G. M. J. C. Reynolds of Fort Steele has been asked to conduct the exercises.

The log haul to Putnam, Palmer & Staples, Limited sawmill commenced again on Monday, and the firm will commence sawing early next week. The mill will saw the timber to be used in building the clamshell dredge E. Larson is using at dyking work in Drainage District No. 7 at Bonners Ferry.

The extension to Goat Mountain Waterworks system to serve the new Rodgers sawmill was completed last week when water was turned in to the millpond. Sawing will commence on January 2nd and the run will be steady as there is now almost a million feet of logs at Goatfell ready to deliver.

The usual distribution of calendars is under way and particularly striking samples are being handed out by both banks. The Bank of Commerce presents a most striking view of Simon Fraser canoeing the rapids of the Fraser River in 1808, while the Imperial Bank calendar submits an equally attractive view of Victoria as one enters it from the harbor.

Encouraging reports from all departments were turned in at the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Creston Presbyterian Church which was held at the home of Mrs. McCreath on Tuesday afternoon, at which officers for 1928 were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. John Sherwood.
Vice-president—Mrs. (Dr.) Henderson.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. K. Brown.
Secretary—Mrs. M. J. Boyd.
Home Helpers Secretary—Mrs. J. W. Dow.
Glad Tidings Secretary—Mrs. C. H. Hare.
Welcome and Welfare Secretary—Mrs. (Rev.) W. A. Greer.
Supply Secretary—Mrs. H. S. McCreath.

1927 has been the most active year in the history of the organization and still greater effort is planned for 1928.

Creston Loyal Orange Lodge had its annual meeting at the November session at which the elected officers were chosen and since which the appointive officers have also been named and at the December meeting the officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows:

W.M.—J. P. Johnston.
D.M.—Francis Ross.
Chap.—Rev. S. Newby.
Rec. Secy.—R. W. A. Maxwell.
Fin. Secy—A. S. Samuelson.
Treas.—W. Kernaghan.
Marshall—M. York.
1st Lec.—Ludwig Moberg.
2nd Lec.—O. Johnson.
1st Com.—John Spratt.
2nd Com—John Sherwood.
3rd Com—W. H. Crawford.
4th Com.—D. Learmonth.
5th Com.—Martin Nelson.
Inside Guard—Ed. Gardener.
Tyler—J. V. Lockhead.

Eric Olsen, P.M., was in charge of the installation exercises, which were conducted in most impressive fashion.

Christ Church
CRESTON

THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY
Sunday, December 25th

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.15 a.m.—Children's Service
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Commuion and Sermon.

Subject: "The Magi's Gift; Today's Meaning."

Rev. S. and Mrs. Newby desire to convey the Compliments of the Season to all parishioners.

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