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Board of Trade Asks Road Action

1928 business of Creston board of trade was wound up at the December meeting on Tuesday night, at which President Major Mallandaine occupied the chair, and there was a fair turnout of members. It was unanimously agreed that the annual meeting would be preceded by the usual dinner and closed with the usual round of toasts, and Messrs. Geo. Johnson, R. S. Bevan and R. J. Forbes were named a committee to handle the affair.

W. K. Esling, M.P., and the federal minister of customs will be communicated with asking that Porthill be again restored to its former status as a port of entry. From time to time delays are encountered in getting livestock across the line by having to go to Eastport and Kingsgate to get the necessary clearance.

C. F. Hayes' motion that the transportation committee make a tour of inspection of the North and South highway and make a detailed report to Col. Fred Lister, M.P.P., and the district engineer as to what improvements are required to put the road in first class shape, received unanimous support. Now that the estimates for 1929 are being made up it is felt necessary to make immediate application for a generous appropriation.

The engineer and Col. Lister will also be written to asking that an appropriation be secured for winter work at widening the road to Kuskanook west of Sirdar particularly. If this work is to be done advantageously it must be got at before the auto traffic commences next year.

It was decided to change procedure in electing officers for next year. Instead of the free and easy style of nominations it has been decided to have a nominating committee which submits a slate of officers for the approval of the annual meeting, the chair naming C. F. Hayes, C. O. Rodgers and S. A. Speers to undertake the work.

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Alice Siding

Albert Sherwood arrived home from Trail at the end of the week, where he has been a hospital patient for some time past.

Mrs. Stace Smith and son, Ron., are just home from a holiday visit with friends in Spokane.

School closes for the Christmas two weeks' vacation today and Principal Lukas will spend the vacation at his home at Fernie.

H. E. Ostendorf, who left a couple of months ago to live at Rosthern, Sask., has leased his ranch here to Mr. Martindale of Creston, who has just taken possession.

Harry Compton, who is home from Kingsgate, is taking on the work of assistant C.P.R. agent at Creston while Charlie Armstrong is away on holidays.

Erickson

Miss J. White, principal of Erickson school, was at Nelson for the weekend, returning on Sunday.

E. Cartwright got back last week from Cranbrook, where he had been taking treatment at St. Eugene hospital.

Miss Beth Putnam was a weekend visitor with friends in Nelson.

The Erickson school Christmas concert is to be held in the schoolhouse on Thursday evening, 20th.

F. Speaker, who was reported dead at the first of last week, was observed the day following this report, on the street visiting neighbors.

Frank Putnam was a motor visitor to Spokane for the weekend.

Mr. Packenham, who has been away to Saskatchewan for some weeks, has returned to his home at Erickson.

Miss Annie Drexler, who is a patient in Cranbrook hospital is making a slow recovery, according to her mother, who has just returned from a visit with her daughter.

In the list of those sending floral remembrances in the funeral of the late Robert Dodds we ommitted a wreath from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fraser.

The marriage of Miss Edith Green of Kaslo, to Mr. J. C. Dawson of Okanagan, Wash., is announced to take place at Kaslo on December 28th. Miss Green is a former principal of Erickson school.

Frank Putnam is the first in the valley to install a butterplane radio. His is a Rogers, and is giving excellent satisfaction.

Stores Closed Wednesday

December 26

By mutual agreement all stores in Creston will be open Monday evening, December 24th, but will be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25th and 26th.

Rod - Gun Club Elects Officers

There was quite a representative turnout of members at the annual meeting of Creston Valley Rod and Gun Club, which was held at the clubhouse on Tuesday evening, with President Major Mallandaine in the chair.

Secretary W. G. Hendy presented a report in which the club's activities for 1928 were concisely stated. These included the securing and placing of 25,000 eastern brook trout fry in Meadow Creek at Kitchener, and 20,000 in Corn Creek, above the falls. The wild rice planted by the club in the past years is making a vigorous growth, particularly at Johnston's Point Mud Turtle Lake, Alexander Lake, and at the dyke.

During the year some 5000 young bass were taken from the Kootenay River and shipped to Lac la Nonne, Elkwater Lake, and a couple of other lakes in Alberta for experimental purposes. The bass placed in Lac la Nonne two or three years ago have thrived exceptionally well.

Treasurer Vic. Mawson submitted a balance sheet that showed the club in good financial standing, and with but $75 still owing on the clubhouse and lot, which was purchased about four years ago. For the third time in succession the former officers were re elected for another year, as follows:

President—Major Mallandaine.
Vice president—Chas. Sutcliffe.
Secretary—W. G. Hendy.
Treasurer—Vic. Mawson.

The club is asking the Game Conservation Board to change the deer kill for 1929 so that one buck and one doe may be taken. The usual votes of thanks were tendered the retiring officers, and an effort will be made this year to increase the 1928 membership which was 29.

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BIRTH—On December 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Dixie, a son.

Mrs. Foxall and Miss P. Foxall left last week for Nelson, where they will reside for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hindley and family have moved to Creston, where they will reside for the winter.

Miss A. Benedatti returned on Monday from Boswell.

Principal Hanna of the Sirdar school was a weekend guest of A. E. Towson.

E. A. Hackett and J. G. Abbott are the first of our farmers to go into fur farming as a sideline. They are at work at present erecting pens for three pairs of foxes.

The K.K.Klub announce a dance on Wednesday, December 26th, in the old schoolhouse. Mrs. Lister's orchestra music. Admission, $1.50 couple.

Mrs. Bleumenauer and sons and Mrs. Heap of Sirdar were visitors on Friday, coming here for the picture show, but were disappointed as the machine broke and no pictures were displayed.

Lister

G. L. Landon of Nelson, provincial poultry inspector, was here on an official visit at the first of the week.

Mrs. Dowd Cannady of Kellogg, Idaho, is a visitor here this week, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Evans.

Frank Baker and R. Stephens have just taken a log sawing contract with the J. B. Winlaw Company, and are operating in the timber adjoining the area.

Col. Fred Lister left at the first of the week on a trip to Nelson.

The annual school Christmas concert is to be held at the schoolhouse on December 19th

School closes for the Christmas vacation on Friday, and Miss Curtis will spend the holidays at her home in Slocan City.

Rev. R. E. Cribb was here on Sunday afternoon for the monthly United Church service.

The Community Society will have a bridge and court whist at the schoolhouse on Friday evening, 21st, the proceeds of which will go to the children's Christmas tree entertainment fund.

John Hewitson left at the first of the week on an extended visit with friends at Ghost Pine Creek, and other Alberta points.

The children's Christmas tree and party will be held on Thursday evening, December 27th. The entertainment will also include the Sunday school scholars.

For quality and quantity the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal, is the prudent farmer's first choice. At $1 a year or three years for $2 it is a marvel of value, and all members of the family get a wealth of reading of marvellous interest.

The Ladies Guild of Christ Church remind of their monthly bridge at the Parish Hall on Friday, December 14th. On Friday evening, December 21st, the Guild will give a dance at the Parish Hall with Mrs. Lister's orchestra music, and an admission of 75 cents, which will include supper.

December Session Village Council

The December session of the village council on Monday night was one of the most uneventful of the year. Chairman F. H. Jackson presided, and Commissioners Comfort and Cherrington were in attendance.

A communication from Major Mallandaine requesting some gravelling and road repairs on Fourth Street in the vicinity of his residence, was read, and the matter will be immediately investigated.

Accounts presented totalled $587, of which about $385 was spent on grading and other improvements on Hillside Road, Vancouver Street, and other spots in town. The chairman was authorized to sign a check for $787 to pay off Bert Boffey as soon as the haul of the 450 yards of gravel for Cemetery Road, Vancouver Street and Hillside Road is completed. Some additional gravel will also be hauled for work in other parts of the village.

The council will buy 50 copies of the Municipal edition of the Nelson News to be issued New Years, in which a review of municipal affairs at Creston for 1928 will appear.

Kitchener

Mrs. Brown, who has been visiting with Mrs. E. Johnson, has returned to her home in Seattle.

Miss Beatrice Molander, who is attending high school at Cranbrook, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Ernest Bechman spent the weekend with friends in Cranbrook.

Mrs. Blair is at present a patient in Cranbrook hospital, to which institution she was taken on Tuesday. Her health has been poor of late.

Mrs. Langlois has just installed a radio, making four of these now in use at Kitchener.

Mrs. LePage and baby have returned from a visit at Kimberley, and are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson.

The children are busy rehearsing for the usual Christmas concert, which is to be held in Hunt's hall on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Geroux motored from Moyie on Saturday for a weekend visit with Mrs. Z. Geroux.

Mrs. Barr and son of Kimberley are this week guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson.

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Canada in 1928

The year of 1928 is drawing to a close, and it is timely, therefore, to take a glance backward and endeavor to size up, however briefly, the extent of the progress made by Canada during the twelvemonth.

It will, we believe, be generally agreed that the hopeful outlook for Canada so eloquently expressed by press and platform at the time of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations last year has been strengthened by the developments of this year. During 1928, Canada has been prosperous and has made substantial progress in many ways, while in no one respect has it slipped back. Viewing the Dominion as a whole, there does not appear to be any one section that is not occupying a more favorable position at the close of the year than it did when the year opened.

Commencing down in the Maritime Provinces, it is frankly recognized that conditions are immeasurably better and that an entirely new spirit of confidence prevails which is in sharp contrast to the depression, even pessimism, which was noticeable a year or two ago. The people of the Maritimes are imbued with a new courage and energy, and are tackling their problems, and engaging in productive enterprises, in a manner which recalls the days of their earlier history.

Throughout Quebec and Ontario all industry has been maintained at a high level. building construction in the cities has been carried out on a scale surpassing that of previous years, and as a consequence of these things employment has been general, wages good, and all business has enjoyed a fair share of the resultant prosperity.

Dealing more particularly with the Prairie Provinces, the same advancement is to be noted, but to an even more marked degree. A larger acreage than ever before was seeded to crop, and the largest volume of grain in the history of this country produced. Unfortunately, early frosts before the grain had fully ripened resulted in a serious reduction in grades and consequent heavy loss to the producers. Nevertheless, substantial progress has been recorded.

The rapid progress made in the building of the Hudson Bay Railway, the completion of the branch line to the Flin Flon, and the projection of other lines into the mineralized northern sections of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the successful conclusion of negotiations whereby the C.P.R. and C.N.R. jointly assume the ownership and operation of the railways in northern Alberta, have opened a new era for the West, and in the next few years a great volume of wealth will flow out of these formerly inaccessible regions.

And, while these Western Provinces will long remain pre-eminently agricultural in character and production, their present population of over two million people and their continuing growth and increased productive capacity have during this year attracted the attention of manufacuring industry as never before. The year marked the beginning of a large movement of manufacturing industry westward which, it is confidently predicted will take on additional momentum in 1929, and succeeding years.

With development proceeding at an accelerated pace and on a permanent basis throughout the prairie country, the Pacific Coast province is enjoying a larger home market for its fruit, fish, lumber and minerals, and to an increasing extent is becoming the outlet through which Western grain passes to the markets of the world.

Such developmental activity in all the Provinces has found its combined expression in a tremendous increase in the trade and commerce of the Dominion; in buoyant revenues leading to gratifying decreases in the public debt, greater financial stability, reduced taxation.

Coupled with all these evidences of material growth and prosperity, Canada has been fortunate in 1928 because of an absence of any great disasters or epidemics or disease. There has, also, been an absence of any great social unrest or industrial strife. Progress has been well balanced in all the activities of the Canadian people, who, taken as a national family, have found their ways to be ways of pleasantness and peace.

With 1928 having provided such an immediate background, and bearing in mind the staunchness of the foundations laid in preceding years, Canadians can, and do, look forward with confidence to the new year soon to dawn, and with, we are convinced, a determination to still higher and nobler achievement.

Rest Home For Horses

Animals Recuperate On Estate Of Duchess Of Portland

What becomes of the overworked horses of London? Some of them find their way to Welbeck Abbey as the guests of the Duchess of Portland. The sight of a horse struggling with a load beyond its strength is too much for a sincere lover of animals.

The Duchess often stops and buys a stray overworked horse in the street, and sends it to her rest home in the Midlands, where some of these animals are to be found frisking about the fields fit and fat and strong, and ready for work again.

Break Colds

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Women Are Trained For Domestic Work

British Women To Receive Tuition For Employment Overseas

A move is being made by the Overseas Settlement Department to organize residential hostels in various parts of the kingdom, where women will receive tuition in domestic management as a preliminary to their departure to domestic employment overseas. The training hostel opened last December by the Duchess of York, at Market Harborough, has proved a great success, and other hostels are now under consideration for Scotland, Lancashire, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Wales.

Arms Parley Faces Failure

No Discussion Was Started and Commission Adjourned

Failure faces the League of Nations final effort to launch an international convention for control and publicity of private and governmental arms production.

Count Von Bernstoff, of Germany, appealed to the commission for general discussion, and not a single speaker rose to open the discussion. The commission was obliged to adjourn after naming a sub-commission.

Bernstoff asked for discussion to ascertain any changes in opinion since the last meeting. Virtually all nations had accepted the principle of control of government production, but the commission has nat been able to agree on details of control of private production.

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Operate Salt Well

The Alberta government will operate its salt well in the McMurray country next year. Salt was struck at a depth of 670 feet.

Minard's Liniment for Chapped Hands.

A New York paper refers to very careful autoists as "bread and butter" drivers. Well, after all, they probably keep out of the traffic jam.

Church Built On Boundary

London Preacher In One Parish Addresses Hearers In Another

The Moravian Chapel, Fetter Lane, is the oldest place of Protestant worship in London, having been first used as such in the reign of Queen Mary, when the congregation met in a shed-like structure built over a disused saw-pit.

It possesses another unique distinction in that it is the only place of worship in the Metropolis, and probably in England, in which the preacher has to stand and deliver his sermons in one parish to his hearers seated in another, the boundary line between St. Bride's parish and that of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West running directly in front of the pulpit.

The Moravians bought the chapel in 1738, and amongst famous Nonconformists who have preached there were Wesley, Whitefield, and Richard Baxter.

NEARING A BREAKDOWN

A Condition That Calls For a Reliable Tonic

Many women give so much of their time to the cares of their household that they neglect their own health and sometimes reach the verge of a breakdown before they realize that their health is shattered. Often the heart palpitates violently at slight exertion, the stomach fails to digest food and discomfort follows. The nerves become weak and headaches grow more frequent. The body grows weak and they are always depressed. This condition requires immediate treatment with such a reliable tonic as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which enrich and build up the blood, carrying renewed energy to every part of the body. The value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in a rundown condition is proved by the following statement from Mrs. Alex. McInnes, Bowsman River, Man., who says:—"About a year ago I had a serious illness which left me very anaemic. I was not able to get around to do my work; in fact I could scarcely walk. I was troubled with palpitation of the heart with the least exertion. One day a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as they had done her much good. I followed this advice and took the pills for some weeks when I felt as well as ever. I have since been able to attend to all my household duties. The dizziness and palpitation have left me and I bless the day I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are just the medicine for those who are weak and rundown."

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Labor Leaders In Britain See Opportunities For Advancement Here

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Right Hon. Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, minister of labor, stated the speakers at a recent meeting in the Scottish mining centre of Hamilton, Lanarkshire, were two out of 10 miners who had been specially recommended by Labor leaders and others to go to Canada with the harvesters and see what the conditions actually were. Their expenses had been defrayed out of voluntary funds. The speakers of Hamilton had received travelling expenses, but no fees and were not employed by any government department, the minister added.

The speakers in question set forth the benefits and opportunities to be found in the Dominion, and a series of such meetings are being organized by the ministry of labor. It is understood they have already resulted in an influx of applications for special government training in agriculture preparatory to emigration to Canada.

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Aviator Killed In Canal

Instant death came to Phillip H. Atkinson, cadet, of Asheville, N.C., at Brooks Field here, when his plane went into a tail spin 200 feet above the earth and crashed into the porch of a barracks, wrecking the porch and completely demolishing the ship.

Check Colds with Minard's Liniment.

New Theatre Stunt

Impromptu plays have been introduced in Berlin. The audience is requested to supply the title for an imaginary play, which is at once produced, the actors and actresses improvising the plot and dialogue as it proceeds.

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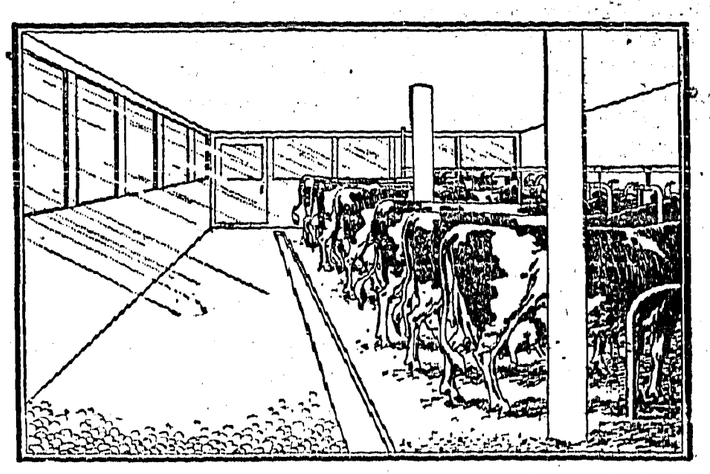

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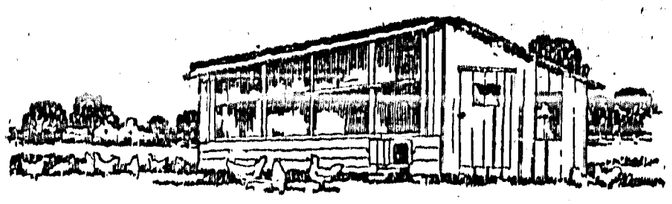
Indeed, the discovery of WINDOLITE has during the last six years completely revolutionized gardening, given a new stimulus to poultry breeding, increasing the egg-laying capacity and fertility of chickens, has greatly improved the health of cattle and is now being used in domestic and household requirements.



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MUST WAIT FOR THE EVACUATION OF RHINELAND

Lugano, Switzerland.—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, German foreign minister, belittled current reports that Germany is expecting the early and complete evacuation of the Rhineland.

He emphasized that Germany is counting upon complete evacuation of German soil when the reparations problem has been adjusted, but remarked upon the great uncertainty as to when and whether the reparations question would be satisfactorily liquidated.

It was learned that the conversations of the ministers already have touched upon the proposed creation of a committee of verification and conciliation in the Rhine area once that region is liberated of troops.

An unconfirmed report also was current that the allied powers contemplated making a gesture of amity and ordering evacuation of the second Rhineland zone simultaneously with the opening of the reparation negotiations of the committee of experts.

Daring Hold Up

Bank Delivery Car In Yonkers, New York, Robbed Of Huge Sum

Yonkers, N.Y.—Holding up a bank delivery car in the heart of the city's business district six robbers escaped with $104,500 in currency, representing part of two payroll disbursements.

A First National Bank messenger guarding the money inside the little truck was shot through both arms as two of the holdup men, who had drilled through the metal-enforced rear door, snatched the money while their comrades kept at bay the vehicle's driver and a patrolman riding on the front seat.

It all happened in about three minutes. The truck, transporting the money to the bank from the post office where it had been received from the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, was near the intersection of Buena Vista Avenue and Hudson street on the latter thoroughfare.

Would Sell Labrador

Newfoundlander Suggests Price Of One Hundred Million

St. John's, Nfld.—In the opinion of Sir William Coaker, head of the Fishermen's Protective union and colleague of Premier Sir Richard Squires, Newfoundland would be well advised to sell Labrador to Canada, or to a syndicate, if $100,000,000 could be obtained for the territory, according to an article over Sir William's name in the Fisheman's Advocate of last week.

The main object of such a sale, he writes, would be payment of the colony's national debt.

Wants Site For Town

Winnipeg.—Provincial government is asked for reliable inforuation concerning site for the tow nto be erected as a result of the Flin Flon mine developments. Letters to this effect was made through Hon. D. G. McKenzie, provincial secretary and minister of mines from The Pas Board of Trade.

Confer On Resources

Ottawa.—With the idea of conferring with the Dominion government the methods whereby the unalienated natural resources can be transferred, Premier J. E. Brownlee, of Alberta, and Dr. S. F. Tolmie, premier of British Columbia are visiting this city.

Property Changes Hands

Winnipeg.—Built in 1914, the Boyd Building, nine storey Portage Avenue block, has been sold to a syndicate of Winnipeg business men for a price reported as approximately $1,000,000.

Western Styles Banned

Canton, China.—Imported western-styled clothing, which has been the collegiate rage throughout southern China, is to be abolished by the Canton government.

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Time Limit For Pension Appeals

Chief Advisor Of Department At Ottawa Explains Matter

Ottawa, Ont.—The time limit within which all appeals to the federal appeal board in pension cases must be entered does not expire at the end of the month, according to a statement made last night by K. G. MacDonald, chief soldier's adviser of the department of pensions and national health.

There has been, Mr. MacDonald said, some apprehension concerning the statutory time limit governing appeals. He points out that the pension act, as amended at the last session of parliament, sets the time limit for entering an appeal from a decision of the board of pension commissioners as on or before Dec. 31, 1928, or within two years from the date of the decision complained of.

This means that an appeal can be entered at any time within two years of the decision, unless such decision was given on or before Dec. 31, 1926, in which case the final time limit is Dec. 31, 1928.

Alberta Will Aid Immigrants

Promises Month's Free Training and Selected Positions For Applicants

London, Eng.—An important agreement promising to stimulate the flow of migrants to Canada from Britain has been concluded between the province of Alberta and the overseas settlement department of the British government. Under the agreement the province will give one month's free training in agricultural schools in Alberta, to men 17 and 25 years, and a month's free domestic training to women from Britain between 23 and 33 years of age. Subsequently the province will place the students on selected farms and in selected domestic positions respectively.

The applicants will travel in two parties in the spring.

Queen Mary Unveils Memorial Tablet

Made Brief Address Which Was Broadcast By Radio

London, Eng.—Queen Mary presided at the unveiling of a memorial tablet on Tower Hill. It is to the memory of the men of the Mercantile Marine who lost their lives during the war. The Queen left Buckingham Palace at 2.30 o'clock and was cheered along the entire route by enthusiastic crowds.

The unveiling ceremonies were broadcast throughout the nation by radio. The Queen made a brief address in behalf of the King, this being the first time her voice was ever heard upon the radio.

New Dodge Of Rum Runners

Use Power Line Across Niagara To Transport Liquor To U.S.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Using a specially constructed set of pullys rum-runners have been using a 120,000 volt power line across the Niagara River to transport liquor into the United States, a provincial police constable has discovered.

The constable came upon a sedan near the power house at Queenston. The car was stocked with assorted liquor and the apparatus for making use of the power line was found nearby.

Minister Of Fisheries

Montreal.—To seek the creation of a dominion minister of fisheries, and to present certain suggestions concerning Canada's fishing industry, a delegation of members of the Canadian Fisheries Association will meet Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, the prime minister, and his cabinet at Ottawa, early in January, according to tentative arrangements agreed upon by Hon. P. J. Cardin, minister of marine and fisheries, and R. W. Gould, secretary of the association.

Sleeping Sickness In Africa

Lugano.—A report was submitted to the council of the League of Nations saying that sleeping sickness is a veritable scourge among the natives of Africa and is rapidly decimating them. The report was adopted by the council which approved the campaign league to combat the malady.

MAY VISIT AMERICA

Queen Victoria of Spain, whose most recent photograph is reproduced above, is expected to be the next royal personage to arrive from Europe for a visit in America.

Fought Police Five Hours

Sixteen-Year-Old Chicago Negro Was Evading Arrest

Chicago, Ill.—Two blocks from Oak and Milton streets, famous "death corner" of little Italy's gang and mafia slayings, a 16-year-old negro resisted for five hours the machine guns and tear bombs of 100 police who besieged his brick barricade.

Ernest Witurst, the negro youth, was being sought for questioning in the breaking of a store window near his home. He evaded two detectives who called at his home at 2.30 a.m. opened fire on them from behind a door and began a battle which called for every available riot squad on the north side.

After five hours firing deputy police commissioner John Stege who had taken charge of the police forces, and Sergeant Thomas Conley gained entrance to the youth's barricaded room and rendered Whiturst unconscious with two shots through the head.

Given Life Sentence

Mother Of Ten Children Given Maximum Penalty For Selling Liquor

Lansing, Mich.—Mrs. Etta Mae Miller, mother of 10 children, must spend the rest of her life in prison as the first woman to be given the maximum penalty in Michigan, mandatory under the habitual clause of the State criminal code.

She was convicted by a jury here of selling liquor, her fourth felony The jury deliberated 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Grippe Epidemic In Montreal

Montreal.—There is a real epidemic of grippe in the city, although not the same dread malady which ravaged Montreal ten years ago. At the Montreal general hospital 25 nurses have been stricken, while two nurses two doctors, and eight maids have been affected from the Royal Victoria staff. The Hospital Notre Dame reports 15 of its staff ill.

Riches In Northland

Coal and Oil Discoveries Reported In Vicinity Of Hudson Bay Junction

Hudson Bay Junction, Sask.—Mining talk is commanding a lot of attntion in the Junction these nights, and it's not all about The Pas country either. Coal is reported to have been found about 16 miles southeast of the village, and some weeks ago there was a flurry when a Toronto company made a survey of the oil shales in the Porcupine Hills.

The oil find is declared to be better than that which Horace Halcrow and other prospectors from The Pas made in the Pasquia Hills, about ten years ago. The field is reachd by a fair trail, about 16 miles of it being open to auto traffic and the rest is a wagon road. The oil shales are in the heart of the bush country.

Nothing is known locally about the kind of coal or the quantity available.

Close Of Navigation

Navigation On Great Lakes Ended On Night Of Dec. 12th.

Winnipeg.—Navigation on the Great Lakes is closed, following a season in which all former grain movement records were broken out of Fort William and Port Arthur. A total of 278,780,000 bushels of all grains was shipped out of the lake head this year as compared with 193,000,000 bushels last season.

While the official close of the shipping season was really November 30, fine weather and the continued free movment of grain from the prairies kept grain boats plying back and forth until Dec. 12, which marked the last day on which insurance was obtainable.

Cargoes aggregating 2,780,000 bushels left the head of the lakes on the last grain freighters to attempt the downward trip. Grain movement on the prairies still continues heavy.

Predicts Air Mail Coast-To-Coast

Great Progress Achieved In Aerial Transport Says Postmaster-General

Ottawa.—A coast-to-coast air mail service within a few years was envisioned by Hon. P. J. Veniot, postmaster-general, in discussing the progress already achieved in the field of aerial transport.

Contingent upon the willingness of parliament to vote the necessary funds, he intimated that there was a possibility of inaugurating an experimental air mail service next summer between Rimouski, Que., and Vancouver, B.C.

Discovers Static Elimination

Omaha, Neb.—A device to eliminate static has been discovered by Louis Clernt, a convict serving 15 years in the state prison. It is small, cheap and has worked perfectly on five different makes of radio sets.

Naval Appointment

Ottawa. — Official announcement was made by Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, of the appointment of Lieut.-Commander G. B. F. Barnes, R.C.N., for duty in R.C.N. barracks, Esquimault, B.C.

RAIL CROSSING PROBLEMS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Ottawa.—Hon. Frank Oliver has been appointed advisory officer to the Board of Railway Commissioners. Announcement to this effect was made recently.

The appointment of Mr. Oliver was made on the recommndation of the board of railway commissioners under Section 21, of the railway Act. He will act in an advisory capacity particularly in respect of level crossings.

In his new office Mr. Oliver will be entrusted with an investigation throughout Canada of the problem of railway crossings. Subsequently he will submit a report to the railway commissioners recommending a means of elimnating or protecting railway crossings, a problem which has held the attention of the commission some time.

Mr. Oliver served on the board of railway commissioners from 1923 until his retirement this summer. He was first elected to the House of Commons as member for Edmonton in 1896, and was minister of interior in the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from 1905 to 1911.

Time Has Been Extended

Alberta Will Ship Coal To Ontario During 1929

Ottawa.—Subject to the exigencies of the grain movement, the experimental shipments of Alberta coal to Ontario under the $6.75 per ton rate will be extended in 1929 for a period of six months.

No provision has yet been made for granting a six months test period to Alberta for 1930.

The railway companies have not yet turned in to the Board of Railway Commissioners a statement of the costs involved in the experiment for 1928. A hearing was held a month ago at which counsel for both the transportation companies declared that their cost sheets could not be ready before the end of the current fiscal year, March 31, 1929. Not until some time after that date will it be known if the government who are pledged to reimburse the companies for any financial loss sustained in the tests, will have to distribute any federal funds.

Appointed Trade Commissioner

Montreal.—A. M. Wiseman, M.C., deputy British trade commissioner at Winnipeg, has been appointed trade commissioner in Canada. He will succeed G. F. Braddock, who has returned to the department of overseas trade, London, Eng. Mr. Wiseman, who is at present on leave in England, will take up his new appointment in February.

Meets With Painful Accident

Brandon, Man. — Thomas Forke, brother of Hon. Robert Forke, suffered partial amputation of his right foot while attempting to board a moving train at Pipestone, Man. He was taken to Brandon general hospital where he is making satisfactory progress.

Brandon "On the Air"

Brandon.—Brandon went out "on the air" through the opening recently of the city's own radio station, CKX. While the city defrayed the cost of constructing the station, $2,500, it will be operated and maintained by the Manitoba government.

Shorter Route To Bay

Montreal.—A shortening of the route from Saskatoon to Hudson Bay ports will result from the construction of a new line of railway from Aberdeen to Melfort, Sask., according to an announcement made by the Canadian National Railways.

Canada An Inspiration

Ottawa, Ont.—By leading the way to world disarmament, Canada has become an inspiration to other nations in furthering the sentiment of peace, declared Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence in addressing the University Club here.

South Africa is an important consumer of burlap and cotton bags.

W.I. to Discuss Health Insurance

Creston and District Women's Institute met in Dec mber session on Friday afternoon. Mrs. R. Stevens, president, was in charge, and there was a turnout of 33 members.

The following resolution passed unanimously at the conference of the Island Districts' Women's Institutes was sent to Creston institute for endorsation: "That the delegates present at the above conference go on record as favoring some system of state health insurance and maternity benefits in British Columbia." On motion of Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Lytle, it was decided to discuss this important question at the February meeting.

An excellent report from the cemetery committee, held over from the November meeting, was read. The committee have gone carefully into the question of planting trees and shrubs next spring, on the advice of C. B. Twigg, who has undertaken to give all possible assistance.

It was decided to hold a calendar tea on January 5th, and the committee to take charge is as follows: Mrs. J. E. Hayden, Mrs. Frank Staples, Mrs. Cherrington and the president. A home cooking booth will al o be in evidence, and all members are requested to contribute.

Mrs. W. J. Truscott and Mrs. Cherrington were named auditors of the 1928 accounts. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Lytle, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. McGonegal and Mrs. E. W. Payne. The tea collection for the Crippled Children's Fund amounted to $2.60.

To all whom we have served ahd to those whom we expect to serve, we extend the heartiest of Good Wishes for Happiness and Prosperity at this Season and throughout the Coming Year.

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WATER NOTICE

DIVERSION AND USE

TAKE NOTICE that South Kootenay Water Power Company, whose address is Rossland, B.C., will apply for a license to take and use two hundred second feet of water out of Goat River, which flows westerly and drains into Kootenay River about 1 1-2 miles north west of Creston, B.C. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about traffic bridge over canyon about 600 feet southwest of northeast corner of S.L. 29 Lot 812, and will be used for power and waterworks purposes upon the area described in the undertaking of the Company, within a radius of twenty-five miles of power site. This notice was posted on the grould on the 6th day of December, 1928. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the Water Act will be filed at the office of the Water Recorder at Nelson, B.C. The petition for the approval of the undertaking as per Section 26 of the Act will be heard in the office of the Board of Investigation at a date to be fixed by the Comptroller, and any interested person may file an objection thereto in the office of the Comptroller, or of the sale Water Recorder.

SOUTH KOOTENAY WATER POWER COMPANY; Apolicant.
By E. MALLANDAINE, Agent
Date of the fir2t publication of this notice is December 14, 1928.

To the Legislature

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session, on behalf of the Chiropodists of British Columbia, for a private bill to be known as "The Chiropody Act," for the purpose of governing and regulating the practice of chiropody throughout British Columbia by providing for a board of examiners to insure the better qualification and standing of persons practising and holding themselves out as practising the profession of Chiropody in British Columbia, and the registration and licensing of practitioners, and for the incorporation of Registered and Licensed Chiropodists of British Columbia into a body corporate under the name of "The British Columbia Chiropody Association," with powers of acquiring, holding and disposing of real and personal property, fixing and collecting of examination registration and enrollment fees, the issuing of certifications of registration and of licenses, the admission of candidates, the disciplining and control of members, and enacting of all bylaws and regulations for the general management of the association.

Dated at Vancouver, B.C., this 26th day of November, A.D., 1928.

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Boy Scouts Pass Tenderfoot Tests

At the regular weekly meeting last Friday evening eight Scouts passed their Tenderfoot tests and received their badges after making the promise. R. Harris, who is a King's Scout, passed their work and was well satisfied with their progress. We hope that the rest of the troop will soon qualify for their badges and that it will not be long before we have some second class scouts in the troop. Those receiving their badges were Patrol Leaders George Murrell and Jack Payne, and Scouts Jack Young, Herbert Couling, James Downs, Hubert Beninger, Frank Morrow and Eric Murrell. Several Scouts now have their uniforms and we hope that the whole troop will have them before long.

Several scouts are already out for proficiency badges of which there are sixty-one so that a scout has a wide choice of subjects in which to qualify. The Ambulance badge is essential for a First Class Scout and must be one of a King's Scout badges. Those wishing to qualify for their second class badges have to know the uses of the triangular bandage, how to carry a patient and how to care for a fractured limb, and also how to stop arterial bleeding.

We are going to have some snowshoe hiking this winter, and the scouts are going to make their own snowshoes. An entertainment of some kind is also being considered to provide funds for equipment.

Owing to the fact that so much has been going on lately it has been difficult to arrange a parents' meeting, but one will be called in the near future and we hope that all parents will make a point of being present as it is essential that we have a Scout Committee and that parents take an interest in the troop.

Miller-Boffey Nuptials

In the presence of the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties Miss Hirrell (Noonie) Miller, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller, and Fred Boffey were united in marriage at Christ Church on Wednesday morning, Rev. A. Garlick officiating. The bride wore a travelling costume of reindeer with hat to match, and the witnesses of the ceremony were Miss Lucy Marshall and Bert Boffey After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. M. Young, where a wedding dinner was served, and later Mr. and Mrs. Boffey left by auto on a wedding trip to Spokane, and on their return will take up housekeeping on the groom's ranch east of town.

Commencing January 1st, all the garages at Creston and Erickson are going on the cash basis. Watch for signal announcement next week.

Local and Personal

FOR SALE — White enamel baby bathtub, $1; set irons, 50c.; bread mixer, $2; hanging mantle lamp with shade, $4; strainer milk pail, 75c. Mrs. W. Ferguson, Creston.

Chas. Armstrong, assistant C.P.R. agent, is taking his usual two weeks vacation, and is on a visit at Cranbrook and Spokane, and will be with his parents at Nelson for Christmas

Built on the confidence of its subscribers, the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal, stands supreme today among farm papers, while its Magazine Section is easily at the head of the list.

LOST—On or about September 15th, a bay mare, nine years old, weight about 1000 lbs. old barb wire scar on front fetlock; animal slightly lame on same foot. A Diamond J brand. Will give reward for recovery. V. Mawson, Creston.

Ten tables of players were in evidence at the bridge drive under Christ Church Ladies' Guild auspices in the Parish Hall on Friday night, at which the prize scores were made by Mrs. Hopwood and W. H. Kemp, with second prizes going to Miss Margeory Hamilton and Mr. Jones.

St. Stephens Church Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment and supper in the church on Friday evening, 21st. Supper at six o'clock. A full attendance is requested. Parents and friends are invited to come and bring refreshments. A real good time is expected. Santa Claus has promised to be present to meet the children.

The young people's work in connection with Christ Church has been organized under the name of the Zipper Club, of which Lewis Littlejohn is president. Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays and the yearly membership fee is 50 cents. A hearty invitation is extended all Anglican young people to join up and make the club a success.

At least 48 members are expected for Creston curling club this year, and with this in view the executive have named a dozen skips for the season, as follows: W. Fraser, Dolf Weir, C. H. Hare, Frank Putnam, T. W. Bundy, M. J. Boyd, W. J. Craig, A. L. Palmer, M. J. Beninger, Matt. York, C. Hamilton and M. R. Joyce, The executive have named Matt. York as ice maker and rink manager.

St. Stephen's Church will observe the festival season at both services on Sabbath next, with messages appropriate to the occasion. At 10.30 the Sabbath school and Bible Class meet, when a full attendance is earnestly requested. Morning service at 11.30; subject, "The Joy of Christmas." Evening service at 7.30, subject, "If Jesus had not Come." Strangers and visitors are heartily invited. Rev. W. A. Greer will preach at both services.

There was quite a good turnout of growers at the meeting of the Creston Valley members of the B.C.F.G.A., in Trinity Church hall on Saturday afternoon. The meeting elected W. R. Long as delegate to the convention in January, and selected W. G. Littlejohn as director for this district for another year. In view of the court action that may render illegal the legislation setting up the Board of Direction the meeting transacted little or no important business.

Library members are reminded that all memberships expire on December 31st. Anyone wishing to join for the ensuing year can do so any Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5, at the library, which is located in Speers' Store, and if memberships are paid on December 22nd or 29th December, books may be taken out at once. The annual fee is $2 for which two books can be taken weekly until December 31, 1929. A fresh lot of books has just been received from Victoria and will be available on Saturday. The annual meeting will be held early in January, date to be announced later.

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Farming—the basic industry—sound and profitable industrial prospects are pleasing

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Total Assets up $12,000,000

Mr. Peleg Howland, President, took the chair of the Annual Meeting of shareholders in Toronto on November 28th and spoke in part:

Our profits have been good, and are shown after making ample provision for contingencies. The usual dividend has been paid, with a bonus of 1 per cent. for the year, and we have felt justified in increasing our Rest and writing off a large sum from our Bank Premises Account.

Foreign Trade Increased.

To refer to general conditions in the country, our foreign trade has grown, particularly in imports, which would indicate increased spending ability on the part of the people.

Debt Reduced—Revenue Increasing.

The net debt of the Dominion is being reduced, offset to some extent at least by indirect obligations incurred on behalf of the National Railways. The annual revenue is increasing, giving hope of further reduction in taxation, than which there can be no greater stimulus to enterprise.

Most of our industries, it is believed, will show satisfactory results from their operations this year, with the notable exception of at least Pulp and Newsprint, which is suffering from over-development, the natural result, no doubt, of previous conditions.

Very Large Field Crops.

Our field crops have been very large, though not as large as the early estimates indicated.

As it is, even at the somewhat reduced prices being realized, many farmers must fare well, and the carriers, and all others engaged in handling grain, must benefit from the large crop, and our general prosperity will be helped thereby.

Savings Increase.

Savings deposits have increased, as also have the sales of life insurance, both of which are evidences of thrift.

Bank Mergers to End.

In the race for supremacy, another bank merger or absorption has recently occurred. This movement has surely nearly reached its end. As far as it has gone, it must have added to the likelihood of growth and the certainty of success of institutions such as ours.

St. Lawrence Waterways.

The deepening of the St. Lawrence waterways is a subject of vital interest before the public just now. The United States would seem determined to provide a deep shipway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. It would seem desirable, therefore, since we have gone to the enormous expense of the enlarged Welland Canal, that negotiations should be begun as early as possible with that country to bring about the completion of the outlet through the St. Lawrence.

Country's Prospects Are Pleasing.

Altogether, the picture of the country's prospects as I see it is very pleasing, and reasonable confidence in the immediate future is instilled.

Sir James Woods, Vice-President, in seconding the adoption of the report, spoke in part:

Science Helps the Farmer.

As a result of several good harvests, Canada is prosperous and produces far beyond any other country of like population. One reason why so much is accomplished by ten million people is the increasing application of machinery in the fundamental industries. The rapid increase in the areas under field crops in the three Prairie Provinces is indicated by the following figures:

1900	3,600,119 acres
1910	13,607,697 acres
1920	30,235,114 acres
1928	38,858,263 acres

This increase in acreage is far greater than the relative increase in population in those Provinces and is, in a large measure, due to the introduction of labor-saving appliances. The annual migration of tens of thousands of harvesters to the West may, as a result, be lessened and the cost of production be reduced.

Labor Benefits Through Science.

A similar development of mechanical labor-saving appliances has been introduced in most lines of industry.

This development of labor-saving appliances has not worked to the disadvantage of labor.

In 1924 the American Federation of Labor commenced an exhaustive study to determine the number of wage-earners in the United States, the value they added to raw material by their labor, and the average income per wage-earner per annum. The findings show that, from 1914 to 1925, the value added to raw material by manufacture increased 155 per cent., while wages increased, in the same period, 146 per cent., and the number of wage-earners increased by 19¼ per cent., showing clearly, I think, first, that wages come from production; second, that labor-saving machinery does not cause unemployment. It may force labor into different channels, but the new employment will probably be more desirable and advantageous.

Congratulates Government

We should congratulate the Government of Canada on its decision to erect and equip in Ottawa a great research institute under the direction of the National Research Council. Similar congratulations should be extended to the Government of the Province of Ontario for providing public funds and for securing the co-operation of the industrialists of the Province in setting up a research institute in Toronto.

Farmer No Longer Isolated.

Inventions of the past generation have done much to make those living in the isolated places of the country feel that they are in touch with the rest of their fellows. The telephone, formerly found in the urban centres, has been extended so that the rural sections are no longer out of touch with what is passing in the world. The radio, at very slight cost, brings the music of the best orchestras to the pioneer's cottage, while the development of good roads and automobiles has done much to annihilate the isolation of those in the rural areas.

The help that comes to us through the development of mechanical appliances and the promotion of research, is particularly fortunate for us, with our small population and great natural resources. Under the present conditions, immigration is not so imperative as in earlier times.

Mr. A. E. Phipps, General Manager, addressed the meeting in part:

The assets of the Bank have for the first time exceeded $150,000,000. The profits of $1,459,523.11 are the largest in the history of the Bank and have enabled us to write $500,000 off Bank Premises Account and make an addition of $500,000 to Rest or Reserve Account, bringing that account up to $8,000,000.

Deposits Increase $9,000,000.

The deposits not bearing interest are $27,000,000, an increase of $8,000,000, or 12½% for the year. The deposits bearing interest are $91,130,000, an increase of over $6,000,000, or slightly over 8%. Our actual cash on hand $9,300,000. Adding the New York Call Loans and the other cash items in the Balance Sheet to the actual cash on hand we have $32,000,000, just about 24% of the Bank's liabilities to the public, and when we include the secondary reserves consisting of Dominion, Provincial, Municipal and other high-grade securities and accounts we have $74,380,000 odd, equal to 56% of total liabilities to the public. A very strong position indeed.

Adequate Capital.

According to the September Government Return, the percentage of Capital, Rest and undivided profits to Total Liabilities of all the chartered banks was 8.5%. The proportion of the same items to total liabilities in the Imperial Bank of Canada was 10.6%, so that if we want to look at the position from a purely capital standpoint, the Imperial Bank of Canada stands above the average.

Current Loans Up $12,000,000.

It is in the current loans that the most remarkable change has taken place, the increase being $12,000,000. It seems superfluous to repeat that our loans have been carefully examined and everything of a doubtful nature eliminated or provided for, but I once more assure you that such is the case, and that the Bank's position in this respect is thoroughly satisfactory to the Executive, is reflected in the transfer of $500,000 to Reserve Fund or Rest Account.

New Branches.

New Branches: One Branch of the Bank was closed during the year and nine branches have been opened—at King and Bay Streets, at the corner of Mount Pleasant Road and Eglinton Avenue, Toronto; at Leaside, Chatham and Caledonia in Ontario; one in Alberta and three in Saskatchewan. We have now 195 branches in actual operation.

Staff Numbers 1,404

Staff: The opening of new branches means a constantly growing staff and we now have 1,404 employees, of whom slightly over 300 are young ladies. I have great pleasure in again testifying to the efficiency and loyalty of the staff—they work hard and get results.

Shareholders Number 2,651.

The total number of shareholders is 2,651, compared with 2,605 a year ago and 2,055 in 1920.

On his return from a Western trip, President Beatty of the C.P.R. is quoted as follows: "I have never seen the country looking better, and in all my experience I have not previously found so general a feeling of complete confidence in this country and its possibilities." This to some extent sums up my present feelings with regard to the immediate future. Conditions in Canada are largely governed by the profits from agriculture, which seems to be on an assured basis, and given a continuance of the prosperity which the agriculturists have enjoyed for the past few years I see nothing ahead to check the development of the country and the growth of the Bank's business.

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Shoe and Harness Repairing

Local and Personal

Commencing January 1st, all the garages at Creston and Erickson are going on the cash basis. Watch for signed announcement next week.

R. M. Reid of Macleod, Alberta, a former well known resident of Creston, was combining business with pleasure on a visit to town this week.

Provincial police H. W. McLaren left on Sunday for the coast, picking up a couple of prisoners at Nelson and escorting them to New Westminster.

The Sunday School children of Christ Church have the usual Christmas frolic in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 26th.

Miss Vera Willoughby, who has been nursing at Craigmyle, Alberta, for the past few months, is here for Christmas with her mother, Mrs. T. Lytle.

New Orthophonic Victrolas at $115, $160 and $190, and the new portable Orthophonics $48.50 in stock now for Christmas. Creston Drug & Book Store.

HORSES FOR SALE—Good saddle pony, well broken and gentle; also team of heavy horses, 8 years old, suitable for logging. E. Nouguier, Canyon.

The Co-Op. store is offering the greatest value ever in dolls with a limited supply of the popular Jiffy Dolls going at $1.25 each. See window display.

Members of Creston Masonic Lodge are reminded of the December communication on the 26th, for the election of officers. W. Fraser is the retiring master.

The Ellen Dow Girls Mission Band of the Presbyterian Church had a good turnout at their tea at Mrs. McCreath's on Saturday afternoon at which the intake was $15.

Miss Coles, B.A., who resigned as vice-principal of Creston high school at the first of November, is now in charge as principal of the five-room public school at North Bend.

United States friends and relatives get gifts duty free by ordering from our American catalogue; you also get the advantage of American prices. Creston Drug & Book Store.

At the middle of the month the village still had $524 of 1928 taxes unpaid, along with about $130 overdue for 1927. This year's unpaid dues are slightly larger than a year ago.

The school trustees have just completed the purchase of another acre of land from the Burn-Murdock estate, and it will be used for high school playground. The price was $500.

Ed. Gardner, who has been working at Needles, on the Arrow Lakes, for the past few months, has returned to Creston, and is in charge of the blacksmith shop at the C. O. Rodgers mill.

RABBITS FOR SALE—Fine pedigreed Chinchillas from both English and American strains. Also White Flemish Giants from prizewinning stock. Prices right. Carl Wigen, Wynndel.

In line with all the big centres of the province Creston merchants have agreed to keep their stores closed on Wednesday next, 27th, taking a two-day holiday for the Yuletide celebration.

Our former townsman, Dr. Mittun, chiropractor, who is now located at Cranbrook appears to have established an excellent practice in the divisional city. He has just installed his own Xray.

Although there is still an abundant wood supply in the district and the season has been much milder than a year ago, Creston fuel dealers report a 25 per cent. increase in coal sales already this year.

Capt. Oatts arrived home on Friday from Nelson where he has been a flu patient in the hospital in that city for ten days. He is hoping to get away before the end of the month on his holiday trip to England.

The Grand Theatre management are having the usual New Years' Eve dance in the ballroom on Monday, December 31st. Mrs. Lister's orchestra will supply music, and the admission is $1.35 including supper.

All interested in the formation of a ladies' curling club are asked to turn in their names to M. R. Joyce. The fee is $2, and curling will be available every afternoon. A meeting is to be called later to complete organization

C. B. Twigg, who has been a hospital patient at Vancouver was well enough to travel and arrived home on Friday. The office of the assistant provincial horticulturist has been moved into the Jackson building, next the Imperial Bank.

Messrs. Boyd and Craig returned on Saturday from Sirdar where they were busy last week on the carpenter work of the new community hall at that point, which it is hoped to have in use this week, opening with the usual Christmas children's concert on the 21st.

Christ Church, Creston

SUNDAY DEC. 23

CRESTON—7.30 p.m., Evensong.

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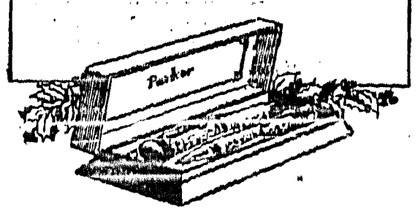

WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Sir John Phillips, 73, physician to Queen Mary, died recently in London.

Alice Mary Longfellow, daughter of the poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, is dead at her home in Cambridge, Mass. She was 78 years old.

The Carnegie Foundation has offered to provide between $25,000 and $30,000 yearly for ten years to stimulate research in Australia.

Through the government's campaign for eradication of bovine tuberculosis, infection among cattle in the Dominion has been reduced five per cent.

The promotion of sheep clubs throughout the province of British Columbia was discussed at the annual conference in Victoria, of the advisory board of farmers' institutes.

The appointment of Hon. Frank Oliver, former member of the Board of Railway Commissioners, as an advisory officer to the board in respect to grade crossings is announced.

A preliminary survey of Canadian broadcasting conditions is to be undertaken immediately, Sir John Aird, chairman of the radio commission, stated following the commission's inaugural session.

French circles assert that Foreign Minister Briand, of France, and Dr. Gustave Stresmann, German foreign minister, had reached a tentative agreement on the convocation of a preparatory disarmament commission in February.

Alberta officials are pleased by the decision of the Dominion board of railway commissioners at Ottawa extending the time for the low rate on Alberta coal to Ontario to six months in 1929 as against three months this year. The rate will be in effect from January 15 to July 15.

Origin Of Christmas Tree

Dates Back To Old German Saint According To Legend

According to an old German legend, it is to Saint Winifred that the world owes the origin of the Christmas tree. The story tells how the Saint gathered a large number of converts round him to witness the hewing down of a very large oak tree which for several years had been prominently connected with Druidic worship. Half-way through the ceremony, however, a strong wind rushed through the forest, caught the oak and blew it down in a crashing heap. Only one thing which lay in its path escaped the devastation, and that was a small fir tree, which still remained erect pointing its slender stem to heaven. The people acclaimed it a miracle, and the Saint immediately blessed the tree and called it the "tree of the Christ Child."

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Oppose Capital Punishment

Capital punishment was abolished by a heavy majority in a provisional vote taken by the Criminal Law Committee of the German Reichstag. The vote is not final. It serves only as a recommendation to the Reichstag.

Robot Dispenses News

A young Russian inventor, M. Vinogradov, has invented a "robot" (mechanical man) newspaper-seller which calls out the chief news items and gives change.

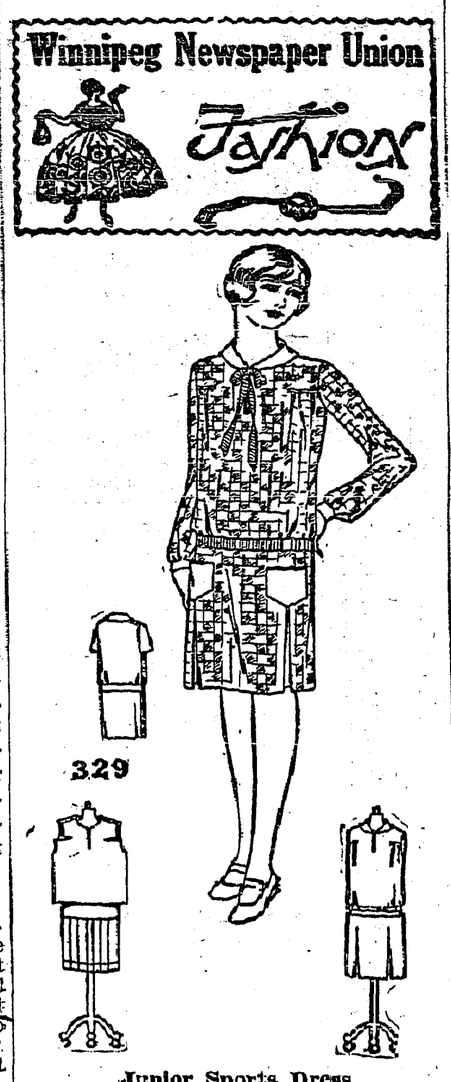
A PATH THAT IS ALWAYS DRY. —Der Gotz, Vienna.

Sir Charles Gordon, President of the Bank of Montreal.

The First Christmas Card

Was Sent By Sir Henry Cole Over Eighty Years Ago

What is believed to be the first Christmas card ever issued is preserved in the British Museum, in London. It was sent in 1846 by Sir Henry Cole, and it bears the well-known words: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." In 1871, the firm of Raphael Tuck took hold of the idea; since when it has grown continually. The popular holiday greeting is now established as a world-wide custom and enjoys an enormous circulation.—Vancouver Province.



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Bank Of Montreal Annual Meeting

Meeting Marked By Many Important Developments

The 111th annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, held at the head office, was marked by a number of important incidents and developments. Sincere expressions of regret were made at the absence of Sir Vincent Meredith, Chairman of the Board, who had presided at the Annual Meeting of the Bank for so many years.

Of special importance was the announcement of an increase in the authorized capital from $31,175,000 to $50,000,000. No intimation was given of the amount that would be issued at the present time.

Sir Charles Gordon, president of the Bank, presided for the first time. In his address to shareholders, he said, in part:—

"Reviewing the business situation in Canada, one cannot but remark how rapidly the basic sources of our national wealth are widening. The concurrence of a wide variety of raw material with water powers on a truly gigantic scale gives Canada extraordinary opportunities for all-round development, and the fact that these opportunities are now being realized is resulting in the establishment of primary enterprises involving large investments of capital and contributing in marked degree to the general activity.

"There seems to be a somewhat widespread idea that Canadian banks have transferred large amounts of money to New York for employment in call loans. That notion is wholly erroneous. The policy of the Bank of Montreal, and I may say I believe this applies to all Canadian banks, has long been to carry in New York a substantial proportion of ready reserves or quick assets. No funds, however, are ever transferred to New York or London to be loaned on call until every legitimate need of our own country has been carefully examined and, if at all possible, complied with. Our loans there have been less than they were a year ago."

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, general-manager of Bank of Montreal, reviewing the business of the Bank, said in part:—

"Canada as a whole has enjoyed more prosperity than ever before. At the commencement of 1928 a succession of good harvests had already placed the country on a prosperous footing, and the position has been further improved this year by good average yields of the staple crops in all the older provinces, while the Prairie Provinces have far surpassed their previous records. In Industrial activity an extraordinary enlargement has shown itself in construction works, many being of a most impressive character. These include the further exploitation of those great natural assets, water powers, minerals, and forests. Also, we have seen a further increase in revenue from the tourist trade, now ranking high among Canada's business activities.

"These factors have put large sums of money into general circulation; they have increased the demands upon many of our industries, and have created the highest scale of employment since the War. Particularly in the two chief industrial provinces, Quebec and Ontario, manufacturing has been on an unprecedented scale, despite exceptions in a few lines owing to outside competition.

"In Western Canada the year has been remarkable, not only for the record grain crops in the Prairie Provinces, but also for a reduction in harvesting cost per bushel, due chiefly to good weather and partly to the growing effectiveness of agricultural machinery.

"The relative decline of rural population, often the subject of comment, is partly attributable to the growing production per man-power brought about by machinery. The varied labour-saving equipment increasingly used on farms all over Canada both enlarges the productive capacity and improves the living conditions of our rural population.

"These developments show the Canadian farmer today as a man of affairs who is rapidly bringing his methods up to the standard of highly developed urban industries.

Christmas Candles Old Custom

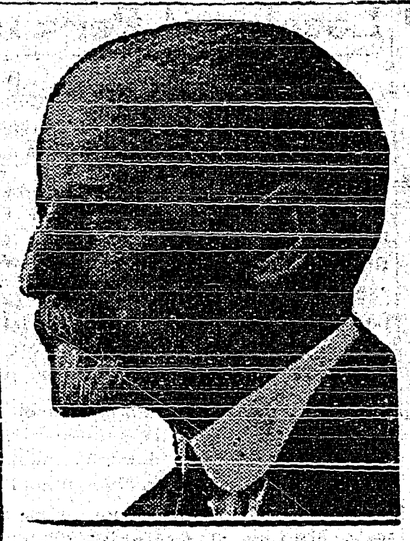
The custom lighting candles at Christmas time is an ancient one. According to the old idea, these candles were to be lighted on Christmas Eve, placed on the window sill, and left burning all night. Modern usage has found a place for them on the mantlepiece, as part of the table decorations for the holiday feast, and on the Christmas tree where they are very effective among the holly wreaths and other scenery.

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

Sheep Raising In B.C.

Sheep raising is a growing industry in Penticton region of the southern interior of British Columbia, several thousand sheep having recently been imported from the Prairie Provinces.

Minard's Liniment for Asthma.



Sir Frederick William-Taylor, General Manager of Bank of Montreal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 23

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Golden Text: "There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2.11.

Lesson: Luke 2.1-20.

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 11.1-9.

Explanations and Comments

The Birth Of Jesus At Bethlehem, verses 1-7.—When Caesar ordered the enrollment of every one in the Roman Empire, the people of Palestine went each to "his own city" to be enrolled. Bethlehem had been the home of David, their ancestor, and therefore Mary and Joseph went from Nazareth of Galilee, where they were living, to Bethlehem to be enrolled. There Jesus was born, and Mary laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Story Of The Shepherds and the Angels, verses 8-14.—"Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people," were the angels' glad words heard by shepherds who were watching their flocks in the fields near Bethlehem on the night of the day that Jesus was born.

And this was the good tidings. "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Christ is the title of Jesus as the One consecrated to be the Redeemer of the world, for it means "The Anointed One."

"And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger," the angelic host explained. The "sign" was in the unexpected circumstance of the Babe's being cradled in a manger. The swaddling clothes were the bands of cloth which the eastern mother wraps tightly around the body of her babe, confining legs and arms.

Suddenly a multitude of the heavenly host appeared praising God by saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." The last part of this song always seems strange to us who are accustomed to the words of the Authorized Version. "good will to men." The different translations are due to the fact that in some manuscripts the Greek word is "eudokia" (good will), nominative case, while in other manuscripts the word is "eudoklas" genitive case, (of good will). The revisers decided that the latter was the better version; and accordingly the English Revised translation reads, "among men of good will." To show more clearly that it is God's good will, not man's —for the phrase is a Hebraism meaning men to whom God is favorable—the American Revised translation reads, "among men in whom he is well pleased."

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

Canadian Orchestra Scores Triumph

Permanent Records Made Of Two Popular Selections

A distinct contribution to the advancement of Canadian orchestra music is the recording of two of the outstanding popular selections of recent years—Nanette and Frivolity—by the Eveready Concert Orchestra.

This orchestra, which has delighted the radio audience of CKNC with interesting programs during the past year, had the opportunity of making permanent records of the two selections, when in Montreal last October, to play at the Radio Show. The recordings were made by the Victor Talking Machine Company, in their Montreal studio, and the records are being released this month.

The heaviest wood known is iron wood. It weighs 81 pounds per square foot and sinks in water.

Accurate Date For Christmas Not Known

January Seventh Was Day Observed In Early Centuries Of Christianity

The day—Christmas Day not on the 25th of December would come as a shock, it wouldn't seem Christmas at all; yet in early centuries of Christianity, January 7 was Christmas Day.

The Eastern Church did not come into line with the Western, which had adopted December 25 for over 400 years. And even now the Armenian church keeps Christmas Day in January, on the day when the rest of Christendom is keeping a different festival, that of the Epiphany.

Christmas Day commemorates the birth of Christ, but the actual day and month of that event is not known. December 25 is not the actual date.

The latest researches put the year as B.C. 4, and the month as not later than February.

Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

SOUR MILK CAKE

1 cup sugar.
1 egg.
1 large lump butter.
1 large lump lard.
Mix well together, then add
½ cup baking molasses.
1 teaspoon baking soda disolved in ½ cup of sour milk.
1 full cup sour milk.
1 teaspoon cinnamon.
1 teaspoon nutmeg.
1 teaspoon cloves.
½ cup floured, seedless raisins.
2 cups sifted flour.

Mix all together and bake in a medium oven about twenty-five minutes.

RAISIN POLENTA

1 cup cornmeal.
3 cups boiling water.
½ tablespoon salt.
1 tablespoon fat.
1 small chopped green pepper.
½ pound chopped round steak.
½ cup puffed raisins.
2 cups tomato sauce.

Add cornmeal slowly to boiling water, stirring constantly to prevent lumping. Add ¼ teaspopon salt and cook 10 minutes. Melt fat in small frying pan, add chopped pepper and simmer a few minutes with pan covered. Remove cover and add chopped meat and ¼ teaspoon salt; cook, stirring constantly, until red color of meat has disappeared. Heat food chopper in boiling water and put raisins through, using medium cutter. Add raisins and tomato sauce to meat mixture. In a greased baking dish put half of cooked cornmeal. Then pour in the meat and tomato, and put the rest of the cornmeal on top. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.), 30 to 40 minutes.

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The Christmas Spirit

Feeling Of Good-Fellowship Will Never Lose Its Popularity

The Christmas Festival of goodwill, good-fellowship and peace has lost none of its popularity in its passage through the ages.

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CHAPTER IX.—Continued

"Thank you," answered Donald, "but if you don't mind I'd rather look at your flower garden."

It was quite evident that their host was pleased by this statement. "You are interested in flowers?" he questioned eagerly.

"I am," admitted Donald, "but unfortunately I don't know much about them."

The dignified Englishman proved to be not only an intelligent, but a most willing teacher. From plot to plot they went, the botanist glad to talk on his hobby to an attentive audience. He gave the names of the plants, their mode of germination, growth, nature and uses. For half-an-hour his quiet voice went on until the lengthening shadows deepened. As they moved toward the cabin, the Breed passed them carrying a pail brimming with milk, at which Andy gazed with longing eyes.

"We always have a light lunch in the evening; won't you stay?" begged their host.

Andy nodded his blond head vigorously in a silent signal to Donald for acceptance, and acceptance was instantly forthcoming.

The interior of the log cabin was rough in the extreme, but scrupulously clean, with chairs, tables and beds that had never issued from a furniture factory. The window-curtains were made of flour and sugar sacks, on which the names of the manufacturers could still be deciphered. On one wall were two bunks, set one above the other, on which were spread heavy Hudson Bay blankets. No sheets were in evidence, and the pillows were rough sacks stuffed with moss. The lower bunk showed the feminine touch in its drapery of cheap blue print, a pathetic attempt to brighten the coarse surroundings. Behind a small stove in the corner hung an array of cooking utensils, spotlessly clean, but of inferior quality. The one and only table, placed conveniently near the stove, was as white as a ship's deck from constant scouring.

In direct antithesis to this seeming poverty, one end of the cabin was literally filled with books. These richly-bound volumes looked incongruous in conjunction with the rough tables, the uncomfortable chairs and the rude beds. Donald's eyes roved over the books, arranged on the shelves standing and crosswise. Most of them were in English, but many were in German, French and Italian; some in what appeared to be Arabic, perhaps Sanskrit; and dozens were on botany, ornithology and natural history.

"A bookworm," mused Donald, "a bookworm, and at the expense of his personal comfort." He felt ashamed of his unwarranted criticism of their kind host.

"I built this cabin all alone," informed Wainwright proudly.

Donald's eyes rested on the speaker. Wainwright wore a shooting-jacket and riding breeches of excellent cut and of rare material, but now worn threadbare and neatly patched. Donald knew that those rents had been mended by a woman's hands. Wainwright's aesthetic face was impressive. The marks of toil could not hide the delicacy of his thin hands with their long, tapering fingers. The hands of a dreamer or poet, thought Donald, not the hands to wield an axe. A quick admiration for this man's gameness filled his heart. "A good job," he lied, as he surveyed the sagging roof and bulging walls.

"As good an authority as Hillier told me that it was excellent work," stated their host rather boastfully.

"Bless old John's heart!" thought Donald fervently.

It was plain that Connie had anticipated their staying for lunch, as the table was set—with tin plates and cups—for four. She drew a pan of hot rolls from the tiny oven, and, her face a deep red from the heat and her exertions, she sat down to the table, using a canned goods box as a seat. Donald noticed that the two chairs had been given up to the guests, and he arose at once to offer his seat. Andy, not to be outdone in gallantry, successfully prevailed on Connie to make a change.

"Bit shorter every day," he grinned as he sank to the box. At this Connie lowered her head her shoulders shaking with merriment.

Wainwright's manner was that of the owner of a baronial estate entertaining guests under the most luxurious surroundings. His cheeks were flushed, and he seemed filled with a boyish happiness. "It no doubt will seem incomprehensible to you," he remarked with a smile, "when I say that you are the first white men to break bread with me under this roof. We are quite a disance from the Pemberton trail, and therefore come in contact with but few travellers."

Little wonder, Donald thought, at their's host's nervous gaiety and the child's distress. What turn of Fate had caused this scholar to seek a home in so lonely a spot? Misanthropes fled to the wilderness to escape their fellow-men, but their welcome was proof that Wainwright was not of that class. Why, then, had had he voluntarily become an anchorite? Was he obsessed by his hobby to such an extent that he had ostracized himself to carry on the study of Nature? Was he a criminal hiding from justice? Donald put the latter thought aside quickly. The Englishman's delicate features, with wide forehead, clear eyes, and tender, sensitive mouth, were not the features of a man of criminal tendencies. At times, when in repose, Wainwright's face held a deep and brooding sadness. Some tragedy had entered his life, Donald decided; some great calamity, that had seared his very soul, had driven him to the life of a recluse.

Connie strove to appear at ease, but without success. Hoping to relieve her embarrassment Donald spoke to her. Although she ventured an upward glance, his voice seemed only to heighten her confusion.

Mr. Wainwright resumed the discussion of the wild flowers of British Columbia. With his head held ridewise, Andy listened intently to the flow of conversation. When their host used Latin words Andy's face would assume a bewildered expression. With eyebrows raised inquiringly and a humorous smile playing about his lips, he would turn to Connie and slowly shake his head.

This odd little man, with his blithesome manner and the whimsical gleam in his blue eyes, was extremely amusing to Connie, and it was with difficulty that she controlled her mirth.

"I s'y," observed Andy deferentially, "I'd like to learn about these flowers and things; but, strike me 'andsome, the big words you use, and some of them in the bohunk lanlangwidge, puts more'n 'arf of it over me bloomin' 'ead."

Wainwright's laugh had a pleasant ring. "I'll do my best to help you, Mr. Pettray. You'll find books here," pointing to the shelves, "that will be of greater assistance."

The keen mountain air made itself felt through the poorly chinked walls of the cabin, and the company moved their chairs nearer to the warmth of the crackling fire. Donald offered their host a cigar, which was accepted and smoked with evident relish.

"Start me at the beginnin'; put me in the kindergarten, where my size belongs," chuckled Andy.

Wainwright leaned back in the rough chair, puffing luxuriously at his cigar, sending wreaths of fragrant smoke about his head. "I hardly know where to begin," he said meditatively.

The room suddenly grew dark, and they heard the soft sighing of the wind in the branches of the trees nearby. These signs were precursors of one of the mountain showers so common in the coast Range of the Province. A moment later there came the intermittent patter of big raindrops on the roof, gradually increasing until it became a strumming roar that debarred conversation.

Connie lighted a candle, and using the neck of an empty vinegar bottle as a candlestick, she placed it on the table, then took a seat outside the radius of the dim light.

The door opened to admit the Breed. As he entered a rush of sweet rain-washed air, laden with the odour of fragrant buds, filled the room. Shaking a shower of glistening raindrops from his wide sombrero, the Breed hobbled silently on moccasined feet to a seat in the corner.

The pelting rain dwindled to a drizzle, then stopped as abruptly as it had begun.

For an hour Wainwright gave a disquisition of the value of plant life to mankind. Selecting two books from the shelves, he placed them on the table before Andy. "You will find no difficulty in understanding these volumes, as they are written for the novice. You will also find that there is no pursuit more conducive to health and happiness than the study of plants. It keeps one largely in the open air, and promotes pure and helpful thinking. For this reason parents should lead the minds if their children to the study of plant life."

During her father's discourse Connie's eyes scarcely left Donald's face. The Breed from the darkness of the corner noticed her rapt interest in the tall stranger, and his dusky eyes glittered wih jealousy. He limped to the doorway, and as he turned, Donald could not repress a start as he caught the malignant look of hate which shot from the half-breed's glowing eyes.

"Constance, dear, will you play for us?" asked her father.

She moved obediently to her bunk, and from the floor beneath she drew out a much worn violin case.

The mellow radiance from the candle and the ever-changing lights from the open draft of the small stove cast long, wavering shadows within the cabin. From without came the wailing of the wind, the creaking of the trees, and the steady drip of water from the eaves.

As the bow touched the strings Connie forgot her shyness. The violin drifted into a melody as light as a bird singing through the trees, now joyous, anon sobbing in a deep rhythm of eerie sadness. As she played her body swayed, almost imperceptibly, as a blossoming tree sways under a soft spring breeze.

As the last note ascended and faded on the throbbing air, Connie's embarrassment returned. At Donald's words of praise a scarlet flush dyed her cheeks. She returned the instrument to its case, and, with eyes downcast, resumed her seat in the darkened corner. Wainwright's eyes held a look of deep tenderness as he thanked her in a voice that was like a caress.

As they said good night Donald saw that their host's face was again shrouded in deep melancholy. The light of a waning moon threw ghost-like shadows as they stumbled down the narrow trail through the aromatic woods. Save for the drip of water, a brooding hush hung over the forest. The trail was soft with needles, on which their feet made only a softened beating. In the nave of huge conifers the solemnity of the forest made speech seem almost irreverent.

Near the centre of the tunnel-like trail, where the shadows deepened, Donald stopped short with every sense alert. Without knowing why, he suddenly felt a quick sense of danger. A dark form rose in front of them and slunk into the woods.

"The blinkin' Indian," whispered Andy.

In passing the spot where the Breed had disappeared, Donald had an uncanny feeling that the burning eyes of Connie's devoted guardian were fixed on him and he felt a crinkly chill creep up his spine. It was with a feeling of relief that they emerged from the obscurity of the timber and caught the friendly gleam of light from their cabin window on the lake-shore far below.

CHAPTER X.

The following day their work brought Donald and his companions to the top of the falls near Connie's fairy nest. The melting snows from above had swelled the water until it filled the narrow gorge to the brim.

As Donald viewed the thundering river he was impressed by the potential power in the mighty surge of water that flung itself in a cascade of foam to the rocks below. "Good place for a dam!" he shouted to Gillis, as he pointed to the narrow canyon and then to the sianting walls that formed a natural basin.

That night, while Andy pursued his studies on flowers, Donald covered several sheets of notepaper with drawings and figures. He became so deeply engrossed in his work that he sat up long after the others had gone to bed. At breakfast he placed the result of his night's work near Gillis's plate. "Jack, I believe we could put in an electric mill that would be successful," he said earnestly.

Gillis studied the papers carefully, then passed them to Douglas. "Might be done," he said non-committally. "I don't know ntohin' 'bout electricity; do you?"

"I've had a little experience," admitted Donald modestly.

Douglas, who had been poring over the drawings, spoke emphatically. "I'll bet Dad would be interested in this. I've heard him say that all mills would be electrically driven sometime. He's up-to-date—always willing to listen to new ideas."

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"Who's old 'Moss-back'?"

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Going Upstairs Had to Sit Down Breath So Short

Mrs. H. Brousseau, Magog, Que., writes:—"For many years I suffered with shortness of breath; then four years ago I had palpitation of the heart, and was so bad I had to sit down two or three times when going upstairs. I read about

MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS

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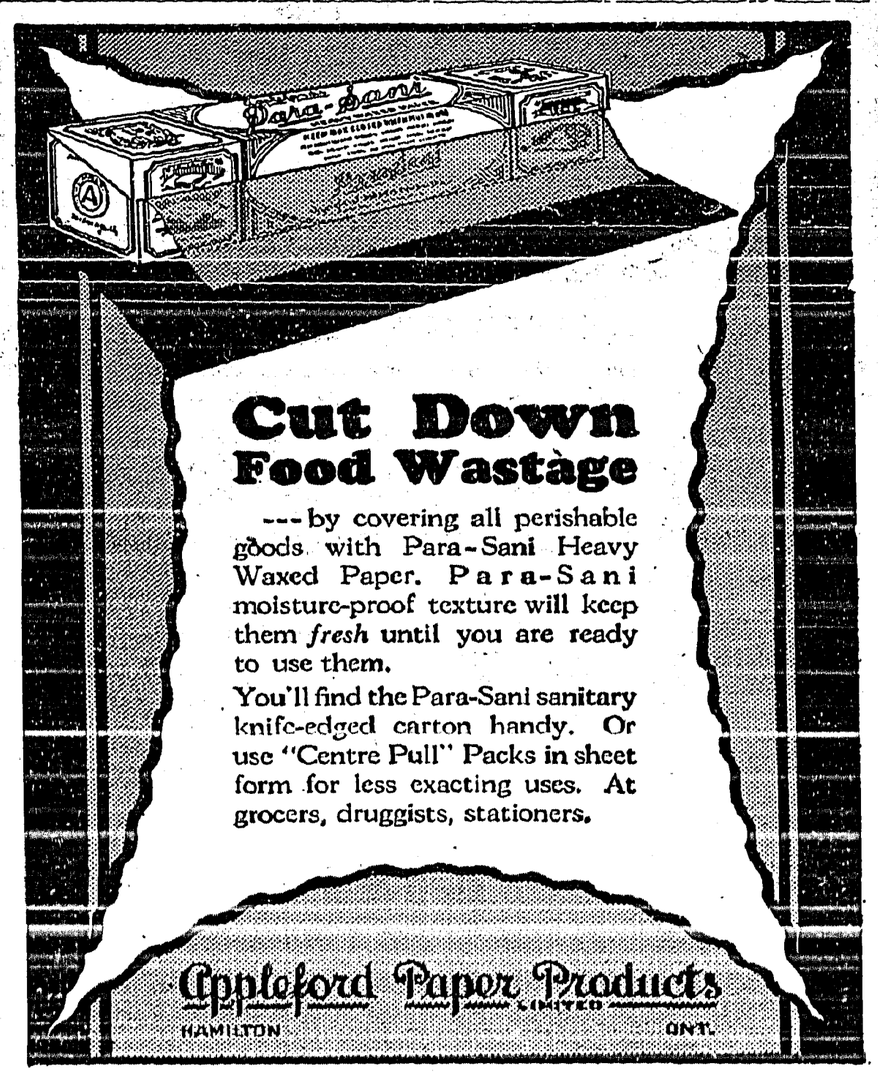

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Local and Personal

FOR SALE—Ford car. C. Blair, Canyon.

Today, 21st, is the shortest day of the year.

A great big bargain in dolls at the Co-Op. Jiffy dolls at $1.25.

FOR SALE—Single Comb Minorcas cockerels. Heavy laying strain, $1.50 each. J. C. Martin, Creston.

Say Christmas greetings with flowers from Cook's Greenhouse.

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FOR SALE—Alfalfa and timothy hay from barn. H. Yerbury, Camp Lister.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic. Hild left on Monday on a visit with friends at Cranbrook.

FOR SALE—600 watt Delco lighting system with batteries, in good condition. S. A. Speers, Creston.

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Unsurpassed in clearness of tone, power and beauty.

Make it your Christmas Gift for the Family

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The cold-proof Boot for all outdoor work or sport — heavy felt top with rubber sole and heel.

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Made in 9 and 7 inch heights for men and women, and 6 and 5 inch heights for boys.

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A complete range of "Northern" Boots and Rubbers is on hand to meet your needs—at

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A Merry Christmas from Creston Motors

Gordon Spiers, who is working in Nelson, was a weekend visitor at his home here.

Rev. A. Garlick, announces services in Christ Church for Christmas Day at 8 and 11 a.m.

The Women's Institute have booked the afternoon of Saturday, January 5th, for a calendar tea

Mrs. Rumsey of Cranbrook is a Creston visitor this week, a guest of her mother, Mrs. M. Young.

A service will be held in Trinity United Church on Christmas morning, December 25th, at ten o'clock.

WANTED—Good fresh milch cow, or one that will freshen soon. 4 or 5 years old. A. N. Couling, Creston.

School closes for the two weeks Christmas vacation today. Operations will be resumed on January 7th.

Mrs. M. J. Beninger returned on Sunday from Nelson, where she has been visiting friends for a few days.

Manager Rodgers has been successful in booking the well known film, "The Haunted House," for New Years night.

APPLES FOR SALE—Small sizes in McIntosh and Delicious. 75c. box delivered in town. Wm. J. Truscott, Creston.

V. Paulson of Cranbrook was here at the weekend, on a business visit at his Creston branch of the Kootenay Garage.

The Grand is putting on a show on Christmas night, when "Camille" will be the offering, with an "Our Gang" comedy.

Miss Mary Bush, who has spent the past month with friends at Kimberley and Cranbrook, arrived home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowd Cannady of Kellogg, Idaho, were weekend guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bliss.

R. B. Staples of Kelowna arrived on a business visit on Saturday, and spent a few days at the first of the week in Spokane.

Jack, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Neil, had the bad luck to break his left arm in a fall he sustained on Monday morning.

The weather still continues quite mild with no snow. The five above zero encountered on December 5th is the coldest weather to date.

Geo. Nickel has just taken delivery of a purebred 4-months' old Jersey bul, from the well known Price Brothers farm at Ganges, B.C.

The evening of Friday, January 18th, has been booked for the presentation of the children's fairy play, "Slumberland," in the Parish Hall. It is put on by Wynndel talent, and is reported to be quite the best juvenile entertainment seen in years.

GRAND THEATRE TUFSDAY, DEC. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIAL!

NORMA TALMADGE in

"CAMILLE"

A Picture and Star that are sure to please to you.

OUR GANG COMEDY

A Special Program at Regular Prices.

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After all is said and done, articles for regular use or for personal wear—practical things—make the most acceptable gifts, especially when they are of such quality and attractiveness as those we offer. Space does not permit of even a mention of all our lines but we again direct attention to our stock of

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Jap Oranges, $1.25 per case

Complete range of NUTS, CANDIES, &c.

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Boxed Stationery, Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, Hose, Bridge Sets, Shoe Tree Sets, Gloves, Slippers, Silk Pajamas, Silk Gowns, Girdles, Garter Sets, Luncheon Sets, Manicure Sets, Flashlights, Vanity Cases, Aprons, Cups and Saucers, Dressing Gowns, Wall Mirror Panels, 23 piece Tea Sets, Stainless Cutlery.

For Men

Socks, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Belts, Gloves, Scarfs, Pajamas, Shirts, Braces and Garter Sets, Collar Cases, Sweaters, Slippers, Christmas package Cigars and Cigarettes, Pipes, Flashlights, Tobacco Pouches.

JAP ORANGES——$1.25 per box

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES—A complete, fresh stock of everything you need.

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We have the exclusive agency in Creston for the S M P Ranges and Heaters and are able to give you a Range or Heater equal in price and of a better quality than any similar article purchased from any mail order house.

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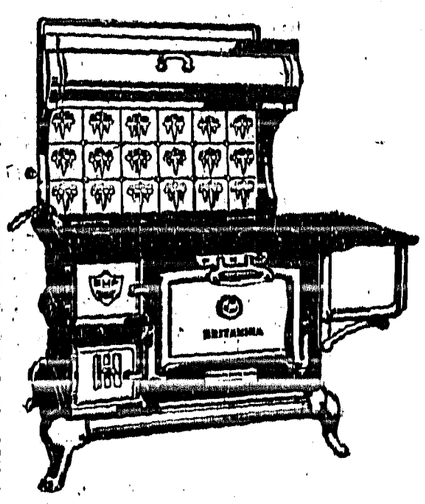

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