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NEWS AND VIEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cavers left on Tuesday for the eastern states.

Pete Mack left this week on a trip to the East, where he will spend the winter.

The Nickle Plate mine, near Hedley, produces about \$15,000 worth of gold each week.

In Kamloops, C. H. Young was fined \$50 for having liquor on him on the street but not inside.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rands are to leave this week to spend the holidays at the Old Home Town.

Neil Gething, well known to all old-timers of the Slokan, is now a successful farmer in the vicinity of Vanderhoof.

The children's Christmas gift service will be held in the Presbyterian Church class room this (Thursday) evening.

Joe Dresching, who has been visiting his brother the past season, left on Monday for Minneapolis for the winter.

Dog salmon used to sell for two cents on the Fraser several years ago. Today buyers are competing with each other to get them at 65c.

Mr. T. S. Morton has taken the Westholm ranch, on a lease. This is part of the old Hancock place, one of the pioneer ranches in the district.

It will mean better service if all who contemplate taking Christmas dinner at the King Edward will speak in advance to Manager Murphy.

Potatoes are now moving east from this Province. Last week over 200 tons were shipped from Vancouver and other lower mainland points.

Tomorrow evening, Friday, Dec. 21st, the Methodist Sunday School will hold its Christmas tree. Every person welcome to the children's entertainment.

Harry Worth was in from his Trinity Valley farm on Thursday last. He reports the wagon road to Enderby in very good condition and much travelled.

The worst storm in years visited the Chilliwack district the past week; wrecking all telephone and telegraph lines and doing other great property damage.

The young people of Enderby are giving a dance in K. of P. Hall New Year's Eve in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund. The Enderby orchestra, directed by Mr. Harkins will furnish the music.

Mrs. S. Polson is visiting Enderby this week from Vancouver. She says she and her daughters are enjoying the change from Enderby to Vancouver and will in all probability remain there.

Geo. H. Dobie, manager of the Okanagan Telephone system, was called to Chilliwack district this week to lay out plans for the rebuilding of the telephone lines recently wrecked by storm.

Richard Blackburn and family moved to Grindrod on Monday, where he has leased for a term of five years the farm owned by Messrs. Geo. and James Bell, situated next to the Skyrme place.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Wm. E. Scott, is again strongly urging the farmers of B. C. to raise more hogs. The situation is becoming graver every day, he says, as the world's stock of meat is being rapidly depleted.

The warm wave of the past few days reduced the foot or more of snow to but a few inches. The roads have been well packed, and if a cold spell follows the warm wave, the roads will be better for travel than they have been this winter.

Beginning on January 1st a tri-weekly service will be inaugurated over the Okanagan line for the winter season. The great demand on the C. P. R. for trains and cars to move munitions, etc., is given as the reason for the contemplated change.

The merchants of Penticton do not believe in the policy of lying down, but insist on keeping their business flags flying in the local paper. Last week the Herald put out an 18-page number, made up of good boosting stuff and one and two-page ads of the merchants.

The Trail News says: "While the past week has not brought out a settlement of the strike of 1500 smelters in Trail which took place Nov. 15th, it is believed that matters have developed to a point where tentative plans for the men returning to work may soon be made public."

Mr. John Kyle, Hon. A. R. C. A., organizer of technical education in our Provincial schools, was in Enderby the past week looking into the possibilities of establishing a technical branch in the Fortune school. Mr. Kyle was much im-

pressed by what he saw here, and is most anxious to have the local school board put the Enderby school in line with the other progressive schools of the Province.

Canada's normal consumption of sugar is 90 pounds per capita per annum. We are now asked to reduce this to 67 pounds. The people of Great Britain have been reduced to 26 pounds, as compared with a pre-war consumption of 93.3. France's per capita consumption has been reduced from 30.6 to 18 pounds, while Italy's present consumption is not more than 12 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fravel left for Buffalo, N.Y., Wednesday afternoon, where they intend to make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Fravel have been residents of Enderby a number of years, and in that time made many staunch friends by their uniformly kind and helpful manners. For the past two years Mr. Fravel was a member of the City Council, and, as chairman of the board of public works filled a very important office in the city's affairs. We regret to lose them as citizens of Enderby.



Pte. Frank E. Elliott

Son of Mrs. Ezekiah Elliott, of Enderby, who is now a prisoner of war taken in action. Pte. Elliott writes from Dulmen, Germany, that he is well treated and in excellent health.

Special Christmas Services

A service of special interest will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening next, at 7.30 p.m. The preacher for the occasion will be the Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., of Oyama. Mr. Cassidy is a man of great ability, and an educationalist of a high order.

Special music suitable and appropriate for the Christmas season will be rendered by the choir, assisted by Mrs. Harris of Armstrong, and Mr. W. T. Hayward of Salmon River. Mrs. Harris, who has a sweet soprano voice, will sing "The Holy City," while Mr. Hayward will sing "Nazareth."

Miss Jean Stokes of Armstrong, who recited at Enderby on a recent occasion, will recite "Carry On."

A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend what promises to be an exceptionally interesting service.

Red Cross Tea Room

Monthly tea rooms statement:
Proceeds of teas Nov. \$52.50
Stores 1.85
Rent 7.50
Donated to prisoners of war 33.00
Donations received:
J. F. Fravel 3.00
Miss Gibbs 10 lbs. tea
Prisoners of war fund—
Miss Gibbs 10.00
Mrs. Winter 2.00
Friend 1.00
X Y Z 1.00
Mrs. Brown 1.00
Tea Rooms 33.00

CARD OF THANKS

Permit me through the columns of The Press to express my sincere thanks to the good people of Enderby and district for the many expressions of sympathy we have received and for their very practical aid and encouragement in this hour of severest trial.

Mrs. J. F. PACEY.

Order your Xmas poultry early.
GEO. R. SHARPE.



Pte. James M. Jamieson

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jamieson, of Deep Creek; recently reported killed in action. In a recent letter Pte. Jamieson paid the Canadians the highest tribute when he said: "They are altogether as good as the best Scotch troops; and they can hold on better. The Canadians have never yet lost ground gained by them."

Many Thousands Homeless

It is estimated that the people of Halifax will need \$25,000,000 to care for the needy as a result of the terrible explosion on a French munition ship in the harbor some days ago. Twenty-five thousand are homeless. It is pleasing to see how the United States cities and states have come to the aid of the sufferers. The state of Massachusetts alone gave \$5,000,000, and many other liberal contributions have been made. Trainloads of supplies, medical men, nurses and assistants were immediately sent to the stricken city; and the work of aiding the sufferers was taken in hand by experts, who brought with them a small army of trained men and women.

The Imperial Government sent a contribution of \$5,000,000. All Canadian cities are contributing what they can. It is estimated by men trained in the work of relief on a large scale, that while ample money has come forward to meet all present needs, there will be calls for assistance for weeks, if not months, to come.

At a meeting held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening it was decided that some organized effort should be made to send a contribution from Enderby-Grindrod-Mara district, compatible with the well-known generosity of our people, and the work of soliciting was placed in the hands of the organized committee, which so successfully covered the district on the Victory Loan drive. At once the committee set to work, and the regularly appointed canvassers have been busy since Monday. The subscription lists will close Saturday evening, Dec. 22nd. It is urged that all who are in a position to do so should give as liberally as possible to this worthy cause. A subscription list is also in the hands of the Bank of Montreal, Enderby. Mr. James Bell is covering the Mara district, Mr. J. Monk, Grindrod, Mr. Frank Hawes, Mabel Lake Valley, Mr. Twigg and Miss Seymour Deep Creek and way points. The following are covering Enderby: Messrs. Dill, Hartry, Fulton and Walker, with Miss Rosoman acting in the capacity of secretary.

What can YOU give to aid the homeless? Up to Wednesday night the amount subscribed ran over \$200.

"The Dawn of Love"

The moving picture business is not all velvet. Mr. Bobb, manager of the Enderby Opera House, has endeavored to give Enderby a high-class picture service, hoping to merit support sufficient to make one show a week profitable. He is somewhat disappointed with results, and states that he will have to reduce to a monthly or semi-monthly show after the 1st of the year if the present lean support is continued.

Next Saturday's picture will be "The Dawn of Love," with Mabel Taliaferro, the bewitching and gifted stage and screen star, in the leading role. The story is one of romance and intrigue, and deals with the strife between the smug-

glers and customs officers along the northern coast of Maine. Miss Taliaferro has the role of the daughter of a fisherman, who is involved with the smugglers. The play has plenty of thrills and suspense to make it intensely interesting throughout. It will be accompanied by a high-class comedy of the right sort.

Continuous Phone Service

Manager Dobie, of the Okanagan Telephone Company announces a very acceptable Christmas present to go into the stocking of all patrons of the company with the commencement of the New Year. He will establish a continuous service throughout the system. This advance in service will be particularly acceptable to Enderby, and, in fact, all points on the system. At Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton, the continuous service has been in force for some years, but at all other points there has been a partial service after 10 o'clock at night, with restricted Sunday hours.



Pte. Arden Bush

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bush, residents of Enderby; a member of the 8th Canadian Field Ambulance; recently wounded in action; now in hospital in England.

Big Unionist Majority

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Sir Robert Borden has issued a statement expressing his satisfaction with the result of the general election, and thanking both Conservatives and Liberals for the efforts they have made on behalf of the Union government, in which he says: "The people of Canada have fully realized and splendidly fulfilled their duty. The Union government will have a majority of at least fifty in the new Parliament. The result of the soldiers' vote is not yet known, but it may increase the majority to sixty or more. It is not a party victory in any sense. If party lines are to be taken into account, it is a triumph for Liberals as well as Conservatives. The splendid elements of the Liberal party who worked so strenuously and with such magnificent results in every province except one are to be congratulated equally with the Conservatives. Equally fine was the spirit of the Conservatives, who, regardless of party affiliations, supported and elected Unionist Liberal candidates in many ridings."

The result in the various provinces is approximately as follows: Prince Edward Island—Unionist, 1; Liberal, 4.
Nova Scotia—Unionist, 5; Liberal, 9; deferred, 2 (Halifax).
New Brunswick—Unionist, 7; Liberal, 4.
Quebec—Unionist, 3; Liberal, 62.
Ontario—Unionist, 72; Liberal, 10.
Manitoba—Unionist, 13; Liberal, 1; deferred, 1 (Nelson).
Saskatchewan—Unionist, 16; Liberal, 0.
Alberta—Unionist, 9; in doubt, 3.
British Columbia—Unionist, 12; Liberal, 1.

Without counting the three doubtful seats in Alberta, the government has now 137 supporters to 91 Liberals, a majority of 46. Should the four deferred elections go with the government, as they are expected to do, the government will have 141 supporters, or 144 if the doubtful Alberta seats are won. This would give a majority of 53. Should the Liberals carry the three Alberta doubtfuls, the government majority would still be 47.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday night; present, the Mayor, Aldermen Nichol, Fravel and Gaylord, and the City Clerk. The principal matters of business coming before the meeting were those dealing with delinquent tax settlements—business already placed in the hands of Solicitor Skaling for settlement. The tax roll is being cleaned up most satisfactorily to the Council.

The draft of a new public law submitted by Messrs. Cochran & Ladner was laid over for first reading.

The statutory resolution authorizing holding of elections was put through, and another authorizing a special loan to finish the year.

The finance committee reported favorably on the following accounts and they were ordered paid:

Okanagan Saw Mills, Ltd., lumber & street lighting, \$213.30
Vancouver Wood Pipe & Tank Co., Ltd. 51.24
C. P. R., freight 7.70
The Walker Press, stationery & printing 41.80
Okanagan Telephone Co. 6.55
B. C. Anti-T.B. Society 37.50
Geo. Rands, street lights 3.00
Fulton Hardware Co. 8.00
A. Reeves, stationery 1.00
W. J. Woods 7.90
The Walker Press, pig. & advertising 40.05
H. Dale, wages 20.10
T. Robinson, wages 10.80
A. C. Skaling, commission 10.36
E. E. Harvey, postage & rev. 10.50

Ald. Nichol introduced the following resolution, seconded by Ald. Gaylord, which was unanimously passed with a few words of warm appreciation from Mayor Dill:

Whereas Mr. James F. Fravel has served as an alderman and as chairman of the board of works of the city of Enderby during the past two years, and is now removing to Buffalo, N.Y., where he will in future reside; therefore

Be it resolved, that this Council place on record its high appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which Mr. Fravel has carried out the duties of his office, the interest he has taken in civic affairs, and the geniality and good fellowship which have uniformly marked his relations with his colleagues at the council board;

And further, that as an expression of esteem, of regret at losing Mr. Fravel as a friend, neighbor and co-worker for the advancement of the community, and of good wishes for his future welfare and happiness, this resolution be spread upon the minutes of proceedings, and a copy thereof, duly signed and sealed with the seal of the city, be handed to him.

In thanking the Council for the kind expression of esteem, Ald. Fravel said it had been a pleasure for him to have served the city in the capacity of alderman. He had done his best in carrying out anything within his scope of office which had fallen to him to do, and he hoped that his work had proved satisfactory. It was difficult to please everybody, but he had tried to do the right thing by all.

Vote on By-law No. 108

Here are some reasons why all Enderby electors should vote for By-law No. 108, next Monday, Dec. 24th:

Because the city and the Okanagan Saw Mills, Ltd., must have some legal form of agreement under which to carry on.

Because such form of legal agreement can only be entered into on a vote of the ratepayers on a by-law setting forth its stipulations.

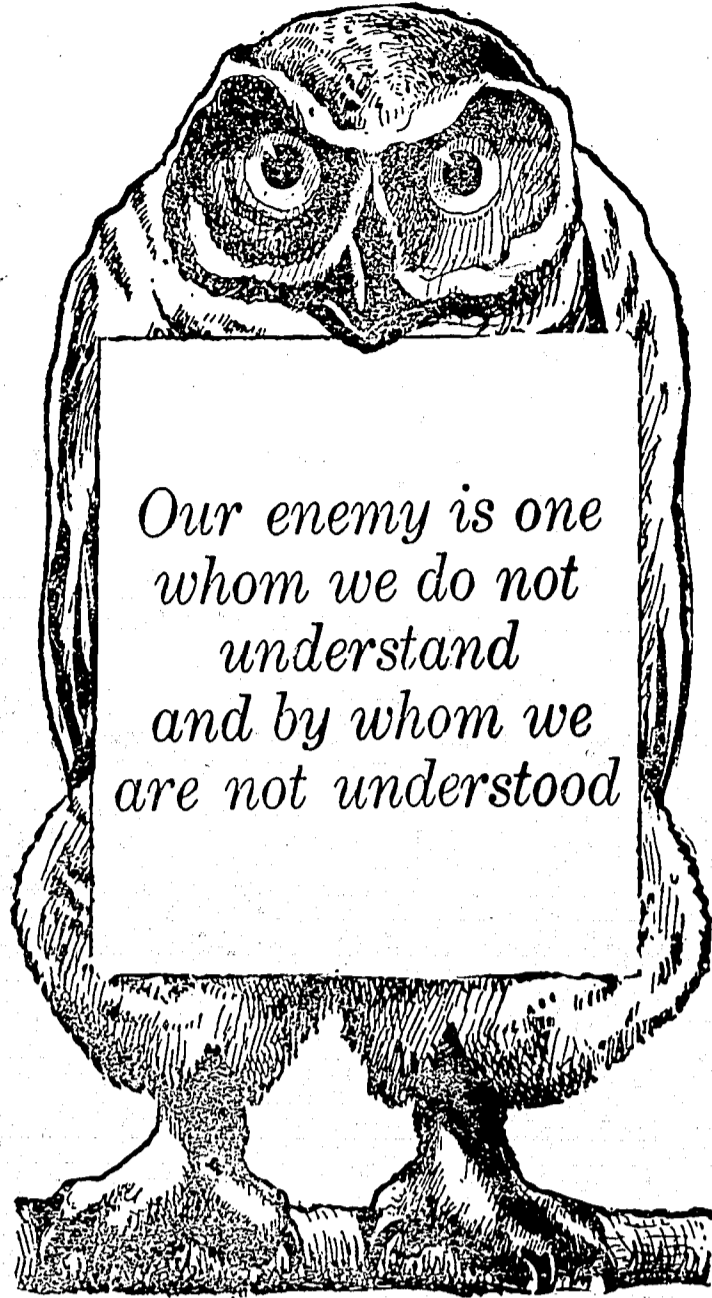
Because unless the by-law is carried, the City will have no footing in dealing with the operating company, and there will be no standard of charge set for the guidance of anyone.

Because the City cannot afford to be without electric lights.

Because, under this agreement, the City is privileged to take over the wiring, poles, etc., of the company at a figure to be fixed by an appraiser, and, should the occasion arise when the City felt it was to its advantage to install and operate a power plant of its own, then the existing agreement could be terminated by giving 60 days' notice.

Because in justice to the Okanagan Saw Mills Company, it is entitled to some legal agreement under which to operate.

Order your Christmas poultry early.
GEO. R. SHARPE.



Our enemy is one whom we do not understand and by whom we are not understood

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RENEWING ELECTRIC LIGHT AGREEMENT

The electors of Enderby will be called upon to vote on the question of extending the electric light agreement between the city and the Okanagan Saw Mills, Ltd., for a further period of five years. Under this agreement the city has been furnished electricity by the Okanagan Saw Mills Company for the past ten years; and, in justice to the company, it must be recognized that the quality of service has been A1. No complaint can be sustained on this score, and the light rate has been very reasonable. The new agreement demands slight alterations in the interest of the company, that of a minimum rate of 75c per month to any home, and an increase of 10c a street light to the city. The minimum rate of 75c has caused some complaint, but, in view of the decreased revenue the company has been receiving the past two or three years, and the increased cost of operating, it looks to us as though the company is not asking anything out of reason.

There is everything to be gained by the city and nothing to lose in passing the by-law confirming the action of the City Council in renewing the agreement. We do not anticipate any opposition to the renewal, but should any arise, and in fear that it may, it should be to the interest of every ratepayer to turn out and vote for the agreement on Monday, Dec. 24th. We cannot do better than renew the amended agreement. While it is true the agreement can be terminated by either party by giving sixty days' notice, nevertheless it gives certain rights to the city which it would not hold if the by-law were defeated.

LABOR NEEDS OF THE FARM

The meeting of farmers of the Northern Okanagan held at Armstrong one day last week, was not, as some suppose, to hear protests against conscription. It was for the purpose of formulating some definite statement to present to the Government setting forth the opinion of all in this district, that it would be unreasonable and unjust to further deplete the district of farm help in view of the great number of men enlisting from this section under the voluntary system. It is the general opinion that the Okanagan already has given almost every man that can be spared, if we are to keep the production of the farms up to requirements. No doubt the Government will be pleased to have had the farmers speak as they have. Men on the ground and acquainted with the district's needs are better prepared to speak on what the district should and should not do than men, however high up in authority, who are not in touch with the district and cannot know its needs. Undoubtedly similar meetings will be held in other parts of the Province, and other provinces, where the Military Service Act threatens to deplete the farms of required manpower. The country cannot go beyond its resources in men if production is to be kept up, and this fact may as well be recognized now as later, when it may be too late.

HOSPITAL REQUIREMENTS

One more word on the subject of hospital. If we are to get at the bottom of it and discover the weaknesses of the policy of the past, there must be open discussion, and, the question being a public one, it seems there is only one medium through which to reach all persons interested in the subject and that medium the public press. The city having purchased the hospital property, which it is holding for hospital purposes, and paying out public money for its purchase and repair, the question of how the institution should be handled becomes very much a public one, and the demand is insistent that the institution should be conducted on straight business lines. Everybody admits that a hospital is a good thing for the community; almost everybody will admit that it is a necessary thing. Then, if it is a good thing and a necessary thing, why not provide in a businesslike way for its operation and upkeep, instead of making it subject to the whim and patronage of those charitably disposed and able to give to its support? Why not put it up to the people of Enderby straight: do they want the hospital or do they not? If they want it, then why not let all contribute their share to its upkeep? These are some of the questions which come to an inquiring mind. Find out exactly what a competent nurse and assistant will demand in monthly salaries, approximately what the running expenses would be annually; what government assistance can be secured and, approximately, what the hospital fees would amount to; then let any balance between receipts and expenditures be made up by adding a half mill or a mill to the general tax rate.

Is there anything fair, reasonable or just in the manner heretofore adopted in connection with operating the hospital? Have we not stated, practically if not in words, that we cannot afford to operate the hospital on business lines; yet at the same time we have expected it to be operated for us on unbusiness-like lines. The folly of the thing should be apparent to all. Anything that cannot be operated on business lines, certainly will fail if unbusiness-like methods are attempted. We have said, practically, to the young woman in charge: here is the building, furnished, with water, taxes and light free, and the salary for your assistant; we cannot see our way clear to go farther and pay you a salary out of the hospital fees, but we will let you take the hospital fees for your services and running expenses. We expect you to conduct this necessary institution for the public's benefit, and want you to take all the risk, while we will help with a bun-feed or a card party now and then; we'll also make you a charity proposition and hand to you any butter and eggs, fruits and vegetables that we can spare.

What has been the result of such a policy? What could the result be? Could we reasonably hope for anything better than failure? The city has put public funds into this hospital property. The building today stands idle. The city has two aldermen as members on the hospital board. It is up to them to put an end to any joking in connection with the hospital, if there is any. If the proper records have not been kept, and if the building is in need of repairs to make it conform to the requirements of the Hospital Act, these should be attended to without further delay and a competent person put in charge so as to bring the hospital within the requirements of the Act, and enable it to demand government recognition.

The Provincial Hospitals Act works well when its requirements are complied with. Our trouble seems to have been that we have insisted upon sidestepping these requirements and at the same time claimed the right of assistance provided in the Act entirely on the strength of our need.

A MENACE TO CANADA

"It is an undoubted fact," says a communication from the Food Controller's office, "that an attempt so extensively organized and so deliberately carried out as to make its origin easily attributable to enemy agents has been made in Canada to discredit the Food Controller and to checkmate his efforts along the line of conservation. Stories without even a vestige of foundation have been scattered broadcast. Nor have they come to life casually. They have started simultaneously in different parts of the country, and in each instance have been calculated to arouse public indignation. These untruths, intangible quantities though they be, have the power of destruction that lies in a battalion of soldiers. They are insidious, subtle, persistent. Bit by bit they dissipate public trust, the great essential in the work of food control. They hamper the work of the Food Controller. It lies with every individual to forbear from criticism; to refrain from passing on the vagrant and harmful story; and thus the more effectively to cooperate in work which is going to mean more than the majority of people yet realize."

For some reason, which in due season will be explained, it has cost the United States \$20,000,000,000 for the first year of war, while for over three years it has cost Austria \$12,000,000,000, Germany \$30,000,000,000 and Great Britain only \$35,000,000,000. With every tick of the clock the war bill of Uncle Sam is \$46,000, or over \$10,000,000 a day.

He Knew Jane's Voice

An old farmer couldn't really believe that people who were miles apart were able to converse over a telephone-wire. One day his wife went to a distant friend who had a telephone in her house. During the afternoon the farmer sought shelter in the house of a neighbor, who also possessed a telephone and who persuaded the farmer to call up his wife as a little surprise.

Following instructions, the farmer put the receiver to his ear, and after the usual preliminaries, shouted:

"Halloa, Jane!"

Just then a flash of lightning struck the wire and he fell to the floor under the force of the shock.

Rising to his feet and shaking



his head wisely, he said: "It's wonderful! That was Jane right enough."—Chicago News.

Are you going to do any Building or Repairing This Season?

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No. 4 Drop Siding	15.00 " "
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SECRET SOCIETIES

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Enderby Lodge No. 40 Regular meetings first Thursday on or after the full moon at 8 p. m. in Odd-fellows Hall. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

J. C. METCALFE W. M. C. H. REEVES Secretary

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Coal mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub-Agent of the district in which rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights as may be considered necessary for the working of the mine, at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior,
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—83575.

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Big Value of Canadian Crops

The Census and Statistics Office has issued a preliminary estimate of the total value of the field crops of Canada for the year 1917, as compared with the finally revised estimates of 1916 and 1915. The estimated value for 1917 represents prices received by farmers, and are calculated from current market quotations; they are subject to revision after the compilation of returns from correspondents in December. According to the preliminary estimate the total value of all field crops for 1917 is \$1,089,687,000, as compared with \$886,494,900 in 1916 and \$825,370,600 in 1915. This is the first time that the estimated value of the field crops of Canada has reached one billion dollars, this large figure being due to the high prices now ruling. The total of \$1,089,687,000 is made up of \$451,874,000 for wheat, as compared with \$344,096,400 in 1916, of \$236,142,000 for oats, as compared with \$344,096,400, of \$145,371,600 for hay, clover and alfalfa, as compared with \$171,613,900 and of \$81,355,000 for potatoes, as compared with \$50,985,300. The aggregate value of other grain crops is \$134,006,700, as compared with \$84,679,800 and of other root and fodder crops \$40,974,700, as compared with \$84,165,000. The final estimates of value for 1917 will be published as usual in January.

Class A Men Sufficient

Col. J. Moss, chairman of the Military Service Council, in a statement issued the past week, said:

"The total number of men who have reported for service or claimed exemption up to Dec. 1, is 403,505; of these 241,565 have been medically examined, of these medically examined, 117,873 are categorically A men, and 123,692 in lower classes. This leaves 161,939 at that rate still to be examined, and if the same ratio of category A men to others is maintained, which might be reasonably expected, it will give an additional 72,582 in category A, or 196,435 men in all. The tribunals may exempt 50 per cent and still have the 100,000. In view of the figures, the Military Service Council has not considered the idea of calling out the married men, as it is evident Class A of the first class will furnish the required quota."

Grappling with Problem

Union Government is grappling courageously with the problem of the high cost of living. By order-in-council just passed all packing houses in the Dominion are to be operated, so far as their earnings are concerned, under the general supervision of the authorities. They will be allowed 2 per cent on their turnover up to a minimum of 7 per cent; after that up to 15 per cent there will be an equal distribution of profit between the government and the company; beyond that all profits go to the state. Thus the most a packing-house can earn for its owners is 11 per cent; and to secure that amount it will have to earn at the same time 4 per cent for the people.

India's Complex Position

The entire area of India is 1,766,597 square miles, or about one-half the size of Canada. Comparing it with other countries, it is equivalent to seven German Empires, ten Japans, or fifteen British Isles.

The population of India and Burma is 315,133,597. Canada's population is eight millions. If numbered at the rate of twenty a minute, it would take thirty long years to finish the count of India's population. One man, woman, and child in every five in the world is in India.

No less than 117 distinct languages are in use in India, and over a score of these are spoken by a million people each. Hindi,

spoken by seventy-one million, is the chief language, and Bengali, Behari, Telegu, Marathi, Punjabi and Tamil follow in order. The last, Tamil, is spoken by six millions.

There is remarkable interest in the education of Indian women. It has become one of the leading public questions, and is being discussed freely in the Indian press. A proposal to establish an All-India Women's University has caused wide spread comment. The government is taking added interest in the education of women, and the war has given additional stimulus in widening the outlook and enlarging the activities of Indian women.

The leading religions of India include Hinduism, Mohammedanism, and Animism. Buddhism, which had its beginning in India, has since been driven out and is prevalent only in Burma, Ceylon, and in countries farther east, where it has taken strong hold.

The census records 2,378 principal castes. These castes have broken up society, made honest work seem contemptible, and brought in other evils.

Fewer Prisons

Sixteen prison have been closed in England since the beginning of the war, but on the other hand there has been a large increase in juvenile delinquency. Social problems are constantly changing and the solutions of yesterday are no longer applicable. Probably the future will see the uniformed policeman on the street corner turned into a social worker, having the legal authority to redress human wrongs. Thus instead of rushing people off to the lock-up he could be devoting his energy to the protection and guidance of the public, especially the young and inexperienced, saving them from themselves in many instances, and spreading sunshine and kind deeds all along his path.

The Great Menace

A very important article by Dr. Clarke, Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, in which he states that 12 per cent of the patients admitted to the public wards of that institution have syphilis, is a feature of the eighth annual report of the Commission of Conservation. The return of thousands of soldiers at the end of the war lends more than usual interest to this feature of the Commission's report. Other phases of the subject, including measures for controlling the menace, are discussed by Drs. Mackenzie, Hair and Goldie of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

Don't Kill Snakes

Be careful how you kill snakes. Few of them are poisonous and they are a national asset worth many millions of dollars. So says Gayne K. Norton, writing in American Forestry (Washington). Mr. Norton is afraid that one result of the introduction to outdoors given to thousands of indoor "tenderfeet" by the new gardening impulse will be the de-

struction of a large number of snakes by "well-meaning but misinformed gardeners." The kind of misinformation that Mr. Norton fears has, he says, been spread abroad for generations, so that there is a "very general tendency to kill snakes on sight." And yet, "every time a snake is killed more damage is being done than good." Farmers should protect and breed harmless varieties of snakes that destroy really harmful vermin—and these embrace a large proportion of the whole snake family. Writes Mr. Norton:

"Reptiles may not manifest friendship towards us, few would welcome such a condition, yet they are not enemies. They never attack unless in self-defence. Of our 111 species but 17 are poisonous—two species of Elaps, coral snakes, and 15 species of crotaline snakes, the copperhead and moccasin, the dwarf and typical rattlesnakes. On the other hand, the help they render is valuable. The pests they destroy each year, especially the rodents that injure crops and carry communicable diseases, roll up a large balance of good service in their favor."

News Thirteen Years Old

From the Edenograph, December 7, 1904.

Twenty men went to the lumber camps this week.

Jas. R. Linton has the contract for painting the Enderby Hotel and has the work well in hand.

The dress making parlors of the Enderby Trading Company are the busiest center of industry in the Bell Block.

A. Todd has called a meeting of the members of the Curling Club at the Edenograph office for Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

A. M. Baird has sold a half-interest in the Enderby Brick Yard to R. R. Gibbs, of Kelowna. It is the intention of the firm to largely increase the capacity of the yard.

Orchard & Crawford are finishing the interior of the handsome residence of F. H. Hale. This is the first finished job of painting that has been done on any residence in Enderby, and from cellar to garret the work is in perfect harmony.

H. W. Harvey states that the formation of the coal company is progressing favorably, and will soon be in position to proceed with the development on a larger scale. At the mine workings indications are proving satisfactory. The coal seam increases in width and solidity as the tunnel is driven on it.

"Here! waiter, where's my portion of sugar?"

"That must be that beastly fly again, sir—as soon as I puts down a portion of sugar, along 'e comes and sneaks it!"

Dr. L. O. Howard, U. S. Government Expert, has done some figuring on the possibilities of fly production. He estimates that one healthy normal female house fly is good for no less than 5,598,720,000,000 offspring in a single season of five months. Put away the fly paper.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

By-law No. 108

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Enderby to ratify and confirm the renewal, with certain modifications, for a period of five years, from the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, of a certain Agreement entered into between the Corporation, of the one part, and A. R. Rogers Lumber Company, Limited, of the other part, and bearing date April Twenty-Fifth, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Enderby and the Okanagan Saw Mills, Limited, are desirous that the Agreement referred to in the first recital of the Agreement hereinafter set forth be renewed, as mentioned in the second recital of said Agreement, which renewal Agreement is in the words and figures following, that is to say:

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate this third day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, between The Corporation of the City of Enderby, in the Province of British Columbia, hereinafter called "the Corporation," of the first part, and Okanagan Saw Mills Limited, a Body Corporate, duly licensed under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, having its registered office in said Province at the City of Enderby, aforesaid, hereinafter called "The Company," of the second part.

Whereas by an agreement dated the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and ratified by the electors of the said City under the provisions of the "Municipal Act", entered into between the Corporation of the one part and A. R. Rogers Lumber Company, Limited, of the other part, the Corporation thereby granted a right to the said A. R. Rogers Lumber Company, Limited, its successors and assigns, the said Company being the successor and assign of the A. R. Rogers Lumber Company, Limited, at its own costs and charges to install, operate and maintain an electric lighting system within the corporate limits of the Municipality of the said City of Enderby for the benefit of the inhabitants thereof for a period of ten years from the first day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, subject to the terms and conditions therein contained.

And Whereas the parties thereto are desirous that the said Agreement be renewed for a further period of five years from the second day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, subject to certain alterations and modifications as hereinafter specified;

Now Therefore this agreement witnessed that in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto covenant, promise and agree to and with the other of them as follows:

1. That the said agreement, save as hereinafter amended or modified, shall be and the same is hereby renewed for a further period of five years from the second day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen;

2. That paragraph 3 (three) of the said Agreement shall be and it is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the words "Provided that the minimum monthly rate chargeable hereunder by the Company shall in no case be less than 75c (seventy-five cents)" immediately preceding the words "street lighting", and by striking out of the figures "50" immediately after the words "street lighting", and the substitution thereof of the figures "60";

3. That paragraph 9 (nine) of the said Agreement shall be and the same is hereby amended by striking out therefrom all the words after the word "force";

4. That the Company shall have the right, at the expiration of sixty days' notice in writing of its desire so to do, served on the Clerk of the Corporation, to discontinue operating the said system, but such discontinuance shall in no wise affect the right of the Corporation to purchase the said system as provided for in paragraph 7 (seven) of the said Agreement; and it is agreed that the notice required to be given by the Corporation to the Company shall be in such case sixty days' notice in lieu of the six months' notice provided for therein;

5. That the Corporation shall submit a By-law to the electors of the Corporation of the City of Enderby under the provisions of the "Municipal Act" for ratification of this Agreement and to grant unto the Company the extension of the said franchise herein provided for;

6. That this Agreement shall have no force or effect and shall

not be enforceable until the same is ratified and confirmed as aforesaid by the said electors.

7. That this Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of as well the parties hereto as their respective successors and assigns.

In witness whereof the Corporation has caused these presents to be signed by its Mayor and Clerk, and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto, and the Company has caused these presents to be signed by its duly appointed Attorney and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto.

(Signed) F. B. DILL, Mayor
(SEAL)
(Signed) GRAHAM ROSOMAN, Clerk
(Signed)
OKANAGAN SAW MILLS, LTD.
(SEAL)

A. R. Rogers, Attorney.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said A. R. Rogers, President, in the presence of David J. Craig, Minneapolis, Minn., Lumberman.

And Whereas before the said Agreement can be brought into force or effect and become enforceable it is necessary that the Municipal Council of the said Corporation pass a By-law ratifying and confirming the same and before the final passage thereof that it be submitted to and receive the assent of the Electors of the said Municipality.

And Whereas it is deemed advisable to ratify and confirm the said Agreement, and to provide that this By-law be submitted to the said Electors for their approval:

Be it therefore enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled as follows—

1. That the said Agreement of the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1917, and made between the Corporation of the City of Enderby of the one part and the Okanagan Saw Mills, Limited, of the other part, as hereinbefore set forth be and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

2. This By-law shall, before the final passage thereof, receive the assent of the Electors of the said Corporation of the City of Enderby who are entitled to vote upon a By-law to contract a debt in the manner provided for by the "Municipal Act" and Amending Acts.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken, at the City Hall, Enderby, on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1917, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

GRAHAM ROSOMAN,
Clerk of the Municipal Council,
Dated at the City Hall, Enderby,
B.C., December 13th, 1917.

CITY OF ENDERBY

Voting on Proposed By-law

Public Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Enderby that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, Enderby, on MONDAY, the 24th day of December, 1917, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., for the purpose of voting, by ballot, either to confirm or to negative a certain proposed By-law, to wit:

A By-law to ratify and confirm the renewal, with certain modifications, for a period of five years from the Second Day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, of a certain Agreement entered into between the Corporation, of the one part, and A. R. Rogers Lumber Company, Limited of the other part, and bearing date April Twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

Any person, male or female, being a British subject and of the full age of twenty-one years, who is the assessed owner of land or of real property within the Municipality, is entitled to a vote either confirming or negating the said By-law.

Given under my hand at the City Hall, Enderby, this 13th day of December, 1917.

GRAHAM ROSOMAN,
Returning Officer.

LAND REGISTRY ACT (Section 24)

In the matter of an application for duplicate certificate of title No. 13910a, issued to C. S. Hazleton, covering Part 7.12 acres of Part of Lot 2, subdivision of Part of Lot 226, Map 151, Osoyoos Division, Yale-District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of first publication hereof to issue a duplicate certificate of title covering the above land to C. S. Hazleton unless in the meantime I shall receive valid objection thereto in writing.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Kamloops, B.C., this 8th day of November, A.D., 1917.

C. H. DUNBAR,
District Registrar.

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Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

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London's Late War Summary

There is no use trying to camouflage the gravity of the situation on the west front—the only war theatre which in the last analysis really counts.

Premier Lloyd George's speech at Grey's Inn was regarded as a call to arms in a present-day crisis.

The set back to British arms at Cambrai seems to have marked the end of the British offensive for the present. For the present the initiative has passed to Hindenburg.

The most competent experts predict that the Germans will make unusually strenuous efforts to break through the Allied line before American participation can equalize the reinforcement of the German line from the Russian front.

This reinforcement of the Germans, made possible by the cessation of fighting on the east front means a half million picked men to throw into the assault against the Allied line before America can get in.

Besides restoring to Hindenburg his long lost initiative, General Byng's reverse graphically demonstrates the untruth of various widely prevalent stories regarding the enemy.

It demonstrates the absurdity of the story that the morale of the Germans is waning.

It contradicts the confidently circulated stories of Germany's impending collapse.

Regardless of who is personally responsible for the Cambrai reverse, the belief is held in England that the whole army has been permeated with a spirit of cocksureness—if not over-confidence—and that it has grown careless.

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