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## THE BRITISH ELECTIONS

The British elections now on will be watched with a degree of interest in Canada, greater than that of any previous contest. The main reason for this is that the fiscal question which has practically been a dead issue in Great Britain since the days of Cobden, is revived in a manner which may mean much for Canada, holding, as she does, the premier place among the colonies.

Whatever may be said of the British elector he can never be called an opportunist. The imperviousness of his mind to anything in the shape of a modern idea of finance is proverbial. He is so much engrossed with the abstract that he has no time to be practical, and he will pass and fret over trivialities of domestic policy that do not amount to a hill of beans and lose sight of the greater fact that German and American manufacturers are walking all over him because of his blind adherence to an economic fetish that should long since have been relegated to the limbo of dead things. Were Cobden alive to-day he would be standing alongside of Joseph Chamberlain, for the prescience which enabled him to grasp the situation and discern the course then best adapted to Britain's needs, would now impel him in quite the opposite direction, because altered conditions will call for changed treatment. As far as Canada is concerned we have little to choose between Balfour and Campbell-Bannerman, for both are wedded to the trivialities of domestic policy that are allowed to occupy so large a place in the concern of her foremost men, but in Chamberlain's policy Canadians can see something worthy of the statesman, and everything that Canada can do to strengthen his hands should be done.

It was pleasing to note that in a public meeting held in Toronto a few days ago and addressed by Mr. Mosely of England, one of Mr. Chamberlain's warmest supporters who was anxious to obtain an expression of opinion on this side of the Atlantic, that Hon. Geo. E. Foster and ex-premier G. W. Ross both took strong ground in favor of Chamberlain's views. It is now up to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to fire back at those free trade "little Englanders," that little gew-gaw which they have wrongly termed a "Cobden medal," for as long as he treasures up that silly toy the enemies of Canada in Great Britain will try to influence the British electors by assuring them that Canada does not want Chamberlain's policy as shown by the fact that Sir Wilfrid is a free trader wearing a free trade medal. Now is the time for public men in Canada to present an unbroken front and try to help on the cause which will benefit this country most.

## Attempted Suicide.

News comes from Princeton that J. Swansbury, well known in Hedley, attempted suicide on the night of the 24th, by cutting his throat with a razor while suffering from the d. ts. He was staying in George Aldous' cabin. He almost severed the wind pipe, but the doctor is now confident that he will recover, when he will be brought before the magistrates and be dealt with as the law provides.

## Boat Delayed.

The stage was late on Tuesday night and did not reach Hedley until about 10 o'clock. The delay was caused by a storm on Okanagan Lake on Monday night which prevented the steamer Aberdeen from arriving in Penticton with the mails until late on Tuesday morning and the stage had to wait for the mails.

Mrs. W. H. Lowe and Miss Lowe came in on Tuesday night's belated stage to pay a visit to Hedley and to take in the hospital ball.

Christmas passed quietly in Hedley, which has always borne a good reputation for being a quiet, orderly mining town. The employees of the Daly Reduction Co. and Yale Mining Co. were given a holiday. There was very little drinking, and no disturbance beyond an occasional innocent whoop from some semi-swizzled way-farer.

## THE NEW SCHOOL ACT

### NEW BOARDS TO BE ELECTED ON JANUARY 11TH

The People Now Have More Say In The Administration Of Educational Affairs—Boundaries Of Hedley District

The new School Act will come into operation on January 1st. In some respects the changes are quite radical, inasmuch as the principle underlying them is very different from that formerly in vogue in districts, unorganized municipally, but so far as the actual burden of maintenance is concerned, very little difference will be felt, as the amount to be provided by the people is small.

The feature of the change which will be immediately apparent is that new school boards will have to be elected all over the province. This does not mean that the old members are not eligible for re-election, but merely that whole Boards must now be elected instead of one or more members, as the case may be, to fill the place of a retiring member.

The new elections will be held on the 11th of January and the public are asked to turn out to exercise their right to have a say in the running of their own educational affairs, for it is most desirable that the very best men available be obtained to serve on the

## Nickel Plate.

Christmas was a red-letter day at the Nickel Plate Mine, being marked by a wedding, a dance, a Christmas tree, a visit from the General Manager and a good time generally. The wedding was the first event of the kind celebrated at the Mine; it was the first marriage ceremony performed by Rev. Mr. Thomas and some claim that at no point in B. C. was a like event celebrated at a higher altitude, but this latter is a claim that may be disputed.

Work at the mine was suspended for the day and the men, having a holiday at their disposal and being in a holiday frame of mind, set about looking after the eternal fitness of things by preparing a Christmas tree, upon which much care and some high art was lavished. The tree was of goodly proportions and was hung with an assortment of presents mostly of the "hard times" order, such as old suspenders, old socks, empty tomato cans, tin can lanterns and other cast-off paraphernalia familiar to the frontier miner.

Mr. R. B. Lamb, the new general manager, paid a visit to the mine and was much taken with the artistic effort put forth in the decoration of the Christmas tree, so much so, in fact, that he phoned down to Hedley for a liquid potlatch, showing that he appreciated the humor of the affair, and it goes without saying that the men

## AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

### The First Wedding Celebrated at the Nickel Plate Mine.

The first wedding celebrated at the Nickel Plate was a Christmas wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. Alex. Robinson of Greenwood, and Miss Effie Zella Mills, daughter of Ezra Mills, of the Nickel Plate. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Thomas, of Hedley, at the family residence, a goodly number of invited guests being present. The bride was attired in a handsome travelling costume of navy blue cloth, with white silk blouse. The bridesmaid was Miss R. M. Ford, while the groom was supported by Mr. F. M. Gillespie of Hedley. The groom's gift to the bride was an elegant set of furs, and among the numerous wedding presents received as evidence of the popularity of the bride and groom were the following: a silver pudding dish; a dinner set; a tea set; a cut glass berry dish; a solid silver cake plate; a set of silver salt and pepper castors; set of table ware set of curvers; dozen silver teaspoons, dozen silver knives and forks; table linen &c.

On Tuesday they came down on the tramway and started for Greenwood by private rig.

The event was celebrated with a dance in the large dining room of the Yale Mining Company, when a pleasant time was spent. The whole camp was present and dancing continued from early in the evening until two o'clock next morning.

The Gazette joins with friends of the bride and groom in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

## Work Done and in Prospect.

The completion of the crib work and repairs to the two bridges was work badly needed and money well expended, but the general public are not aware of the persistent effort on the part of the representative which was required to get it. Had this work not been done and a freshet should follow in the spring as fierce as that of 1904, there is little doubt that serious damage would be done. Mr. Shatford will leave next week for Victoria to attend the opening of the House, and is sparing no pains to make himself fully acquainted with details as to the work most earnestly needing in the riding. The illness of the road supervisor prevented him from having a report on the Twenty-mile Creek road, but as that was beyond Mr. Bates' power to do in his present condition, Mr. Al. Piper is going over the route this week that fuller particulars may be placed at the disposal of the Department of Lands and Works.

This is a work in which Hedley and the greatest mining camp in the province is vitally interested, and Mr. Shatford is demanding it, both as a matter of justice and of business, for it is an enterprise that will give good returns to the province from the day it is completed.

## Death of Allan Birnie.

The typhoid outbreak at Phoenix is claiming its quota of victims. One of the fatalities attending it is that of Allan Birnie of Vernon, a young man highly esteemed by all. The Vernon News makes the following reference to the sad event:

"The many friends of the late Allan Birnie were surprised and shocked to learn on Monday morning last of his unexpected death at Phoenix the previous Sunday. Mr. Birnie had only been ill of typhoid fever for a few days when an operation for perforation of the bowels became necessary. This was successfully performed, but he failed to rally from the shock, dying at three o'clock the following morning. The body was brought to Vernon yesterday by his brother, E. Birnie, and his sister, Mrs. Forbes Kerby, Grand Forks. The funeral took place in the afternoon, after a short service at the house conducted by Rev. R. G. Vans. It was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. The pall-bearers were: Charles Smith, Percy French, Maurice Middleton, A. O. Cochrane, Charles Christian and O. St. C. Mabee.

The GAZETTE wishes its Patrons and Friends a Happy, Prosperous New Year

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.  
Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust for gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

## School Board.

especially at the commencement of work under the new Act.

The boundaries of Hedley school district include a mile on each side of the Similkameen River for six miles below Hedley and five miles above. This leaves Central Station on the gravity tram outside the Hedley limit so as to fall in with the Nickel Plate, which is a good arrangement, for the Nickel Plate school will be the hardest to keep up to the regulation attendance, and Central station will help out.

## New Teacher

The Board of school trustees have secured the services of Miss C. Lamont of Vancouver to teach the Hedley school for the ensuing year. Miss Lamont is a thoroughly qualified teacher having had seven years' experience, and comes highly recommended not only by the school boards of schools in which she has taught, but also from school inspectors. What Hedley needs is a teacher of this kind who will prove a thorough disciplinarian and how will run the school after the methods taught in the Normal and will carry out those methods rigidly, regardless of the interference of others. This apparently Miss Lamont can be counted on to do, and it is to be hoped that the trustees and people of Hedley alike will stand by her in doing so.

## The Lengthening Day.

How much longer are the days? was a question asked the Gazette the other day. The following data is supplied in answer thereto, and the reader can work it out for himself. On Dec. 9th the sun set at 4:16. It now sets at 4:32. Thus it will be seen that the days didn't begin to lengthen out at night on Dec. 21st as generally supposed, but about the 12th, for on the 16th the sun set one minute later than on the 9th. But in the morning they will not begin to lengthen out until after the New Year, for it will not be until Jan. 5th 1906 that the tables show the sun to rise a minute earlier. From Dec. 9th to 14th when the days were shortest at the evening, the sun rose at 8:15; it now rises at 8:28, and on Jan. 5th it will rise at 8:27. These figures are for the meridian of Winnipeg.

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Now that the Great Northern is coming sure, just hustle in your jobs of office stationery into the Gazette print shop and get ready for your share of the rush.



**Town and District.**

The Kelowna Courier is holidaying this week, and no paper will be issued in consequence.

A little dance was given in Fraser's hall on Thursday evening last in honor of departing Hedleyites.

As the Gazette goes to press the hospital ball is in progress and of which fuller particulars will be given later.

Miss Colbeck, who taught the Hedley school during the past term, left for her home on the coast on Friday morning's stage.

Mr. L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., was confined to the house several days as the result of stepping on a sharp nail, which penetrated his shoe and inflicted a painful wound in his foot.

The Loomis Prospector says that a gang is at work on the lower Similkameen between Oroville and the Boundary, rip-rapping the railway grades where they are likely to come in contact with the river in high water.

Mr. Lamb claims that the tramway achieved a new honor this week in running its first honeymoon trip, the bridal party making the descent from the upper regions to encounter the stern realities of life on a lower plane, as other honeymooners have had to do.

A new transformer has been put in at Shatford's corner, and the lights of Fraser's hall, Shatford's store, the bank of B. N. A. and the Gazette office put on that circuit. It was first turned on, on Christmas Eve, and came as a Christmas box, for it made a vast improvement on the lights.

Mrs. S. L. Smith was able to walk down street one day last week for the first time since her accident early in the fall. Mrs. Smith has no more confidence in a packing box now than she has in a bucking broncho, and the next time she has any fruit to pick she will either take a step-ladder for it or stay on the ground. Her many friends are pleased to see her out again.

The Christmas shoot of the Hedley Rifle Association was called off, owing to the number of competitors being insufficient to make the competition of interest. The general feeling of the Association was to discontinue the matches until spring, that being the time mostly all rifle associations begin the season's shooting. In all probability Good Friday, April 13th, will be the date of the first match in 1906.

Someone is responsible for a canard that ten miles of the V. V. & E. from Keremeos north had been let to a Chinese contractor in Victoria, who was bringing in 500 Chinks. The yarn had neither reason nor plausibility to recommend it for credence, and yet there were many who swallowed it in apparently good faith and worked themselves up into quite a stew about it. As the plans have not yet been approved by the Railway Commission and no contract has yet been let, there is not much likelihood or any possibility of truth in the yarn that such a sub-contract had been let.

Oroville is moving to complete the wagon road up the Similkameen so as to take the trade of the upper Similkameen that way. Money put into good roads is money well spent. The public can't have too many roads, providing that they are kept in a proper state of repair. The proper thing is to get the main trunk roads in the right place so as to take the largest volume of traffic by the shortest route consistent with proper grade, and then keep them in repair. Those who take a trip over the Flyer to Midway cannot fail to be struck with the superiority of British Columbia roads over those in Washington State.

Geo. E. French, who has been employed for the past year on the Gazette staff, left on Friday morning's stage for his home in Vernon. His place on the Gazette staff is being taken by J. P. Watson, late of Evans & Hastings, Vancouver, and formerly of Winnipeg. George was a good printer, painstaking, observant and resourceful, and both the quality and the quantity of the work turned out was considerably in advance of that done by many printers of much wider experience. He expects to try the city offices for a while and thus further qualify himself in the most modern methods of the up-to-date printer.

It is not at all probable that Rev. E. P. Flewelling will be back for several months, the doctors having altogether disapproved of him undertaking the long stage drives necessary on this field. This is much to be regretted, as Mr. Flewelling was winning golden opinions from all and popularizing the services, the attendance gaining week by week. The people of Hedley will wish for his speedy and permanent recovery and hope to have him back

among us. It was not alone with those of his own denomination that Mr. Flewelling was held in esteem, for he was always a gentleman and his kindly nature and breadth of views won the confidence and esteem of all.

The crib-work in the creek is completed so far as the present appropriation is concerned, and a strong, tidy job has been made, which should stand the rush of water, unless a specially heavy freshet is caused by the melting snows in the mountains next spring. To make a thoroughly safe job of it the cribbing should be extended a little farther up the creek on the west side and backed up with more rock. The bridges have received an overhauling during the past week, with new covering, new side rails, and on one of them new stringers were put in. The plank covering is a decided improvement on the old covering of poles. Foreman Piper has given value for the money expended.

They have a red-hot license question on their hands down across the line, along the V. V. & E. right-of-way. The Board of License Commissioners, in compliance with a petition from the liquor men in Oroville and Molson, refused to grant any more saloon licenses along the right-of-way. An attempt was made to have the Commissioners reverse their decision and now the contractors have declared against the granting of licenses near their works. The treasurer of the county is opposing the Commissioners and has endeavored to thwart them by granting a permit to a saloon at the tunnel. If the Commissioners, backed up by the contractors, prize their reputation for backbone, that treasurer should have some crow to eat.

Mr. M. K. Rogers, who is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, attended the 52nd meeting of the society, held in New York from the 5th to 8th of December. There were present at the gathering 1029 persons, including members and their guests. The guests accompanying Mr. Rogers were Mrs. M. K. Rogers, John R. Toole, Mrs. J. R. Toole and Miss Thula Toole. One of the sessions of this meeting of the society was held in the main saloon on board the steamship Amerika, of the Hamburg-American line, at Hoboken, N. J., and the Gazette is indebted to Mr. Rogers for an interesting, handsome brochure descriptive of that superb ocean greyhound, claimed to be the finest afloat and launched last April from the shipyards of Harland and Wolff at Belfast, Ireland.

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