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CAN FIGURES LIE?

What the Postal Returns Show.

Several town readers have drawn the Gazette's attention to the following paragraph from the Star, and request that the full figures published in the Gazette of January 18th be reproduced. The Star says:

"The money orders and postal notes paid at the Princeton post office indicate the growing importance of this section when compared with other places. The total paid was $4877, or nearly $400 more than the next highest office in the Similkameen."

The Gazette deprecates any sectional feeling between towns, but nevertheless must admit that it has a duty to perform in the interest of the town in which it gets its living, and therefor has no right to refuse the request. The figures were compiled from the Postmaster General's report for the year ending June 30th, 1905, and does not include non-accounting offices.

Post Office	Gross Rev.	No. Money Orders Issued	Total Amt.	Total Com.	Money Orders Paid	Amt. of Orders Paid	Postal Notes Paid	Salaries	Rent Allowance
Hedley	901.30	785	21098.41	100.87	76	2492.00	318.10	200	25.00
Midway.....	376.08	966	20127.50	96.50	93	2711.95	177.90	190	17.50
Peachland...	529.87	110	2665.21	12.04	117	3629.50	530.90	170	15.50
Fairview	569.47	528	7741.69	47.20	183	4001.34	495.85	348	35.00
Princeton....	438.13	203	9011.34	40.14	181	4315.20	562.08	158	15.00
Keremeos ...	240.20	342	7252.50	33.75	27	838.78	70.25	100	10.00
Nicola.....	414.16	488	9604.01	48.61	56	1470.77	288.00	170	15.00
Spence's Bdg.	234.71	213	5637.10	30.07	29	576.44	180.22	110	10.00

Furthermore, in the item of January 18th giving these figures, the Gazette made the following explanation of how the amount of money orders and postal notes paid in any post office might under certain circumstances be misleading. In this connection the Gazette said:

"Of course there may be special features which may swell the business of a post office beyond the mark where it can be taken as a fair index of the business done in the town. Location of a Government office in any particular place, for instance, will do this, for where the people of any certain district send their taxes and other official correspondence to one place the money order and postal note business as well as the gross revenue of the post office in that particular place will possibly be doubled over what it would appear under normal conditions."

Hedley is included in the Princeton assessment district and all Hedley's taxes go to Princeton.

Now if all the money orders and postal notes paid to Hugh Hunter, Government Agent, for taxes, were deducted from the Princeton figures, and all those at Hedley paid to F. M. Gillespie, Deputy Mining Recorder, deducted from Hedley,s account, it would in all probability be found that the ratio would stand about 2 to 1 in favor of Hedley, which is about the average comparative standing under all other headings.

Anyone who will honestly examine and compare the foregoing figures must come to the conclusion that Hedley, the pay-roll town, does a greater volume of business than any place in southern British Columbia, between Greenwood and the coast. Since June 30th, 1905, it is quite possible that Midway, with railway construction in progress, is a single exception.

Comparisons may be odious but the Gazette is not to blame. If other people would be fair and truthful the Gazette would not be called upon to make any. Apart also from these figures to substantiate the claim made, there is the verbal statement made in Hedley by A. E. Howse in a public gathering in the presence of at least fifty people, one of whom was the editor of the Star. That statement was to the effect that the aggregate profits of the two stores of the A. E. Howse Co. at Nicola and at Princeton were placed at $100 for the year. The speaker said he was not aware what showing the other stores had made, but hinted very strongly that it must have been considerably less as his company seemed to be doing all there was to do. That was said on Sept. 5th, 1905, and nothing has occurred since then to materially alter conditions. Now what kind of bird is this that thus treats its own nest in Sept., 1905, and publishes the above dishonest paragraph in January, 1906?

SUNSET WORK SHUT DOWN.

The Drill Is Not Taken Out of the District—This Looks Well for Resumption of Work.

Messrs. R. C. Morrison and L. E. Turner came down from Princeton on Thursday. They have shut down the work on the Sunset group at Copper Mountain and were returning to the Boundary. They were reticent as to the cause of the shut-down but it is presumed that with the assistance of the drill they have obtained a sufficient knowledge of the property to enable the Company to decide what they intend to do with it. The drill which was at work on the Sunset is to be taken to Otter Flat to do some prospecting work there. Messrs Morrison and Turner left here for Greenwood on Friday morning. The Star in referring to the matter says:

"It is known that friction has existed for some time between the South Yale Mining Co. which controls the Sunset, and the B. C. Copper Co, the precise nature of which is of private concern only, and this made it necessary to stop operations until an adjustment of difficulties is made. Supt. Morrison who has charge of the B. C. Co's interests here will leave for New York in a few days en route to Nova Scotia, and will then see Managing director Underwood when it is hoped arrangements will be made satisfactory to all for resumption of exploratory work and completion of the bond terms."

The property is situated about ten or twelve miles from Princeton, and the exploratory work which has been going on for the past ten or twelve months has given business men in Princeton an illustration of the beneficent effects of having a working property within trading distance. Work on a more or less extensive scale has beencarried on at Voigt's Camp on Copper Mountain for several years past. This camp is about ten miles south of Princeton, but relations that could hardly be called cordial have existed between Mr. Voigt and Princeton, which unfortunately interfered with business.

This explains why additional regret is felt in Princeton because of the shut down on the Sunset The result of exploratory work thus far is generally believed to have been most satisfactory, which should help most materially in an adjustment of difficulties.

The British Columbia Copper Company are good people to have around, and other parts of the Similkameen would regret with Princeton, to see them quit operations on Copper Mountain.

Maple Leaf Dance.

The Maple Leaf Club held their second dance in Fraser's hall on Monday evening last. There was a large attendance present and the event was one of the most successful held this season. The music was supplied by Mrs. W. H. Smith, piano, and Mr. Hill, violin. The members of the Club wore a pretty badge of a Maple Leaf hand-painted on white satin ribbon and decked out in all its autumnal splendor of brown and gold. Supper was served in the hall by the committee of management. The dance broke up at 1:30, everyone pleased with the good time spent.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Opposition Gleans One Crumb of Comfort.

WORK BEING ADVANCED

Frequent Divisions Demonstrate Government's Strength—The Dowdney Relief Bill Passes—Private Bills Committee Kept Busy — Similkameen's Representative is Chairman.

(From Our Special Correspondent)

The Conservative party in the House on Tuesday afternoon gave evidence that while they were united on questions of public policy they were not bound together to support any measures in a slavish manner in the House. In doing what he considered was in the best interests of the Province, independent of party exigencies, A.H.B. Macgowan found it necessary to vote against the majority of his party in a simple motion that a committee rise, and in so doing technically defeated the Government, much to the enjoyment of an opposition which has few rays of consolation and hope to cheer their faces in the Legislature. The reverse vote in no way revealed any split in the Government following, and has the simple effect of holding a section of the bill introduced by the Government for the prohibition of the export of timber to the United States, over for further consideration. The Conservative party was not fully represented at the time. One of its supporters, W. Manson, being chairman of the committee, and another, J. F. Garden, being absent. John Houston, the two Socialists and the Labor representative also voted with the opposition. The motion was moved by Dr. King, who desired that some provision should be made in the bill by which timber might be shipped into the Canadian North West without being manufactured. The Chief Commissioner promised to make provision for this later in the Act.

The vote being taken, the wish of the Legislature was shown to be that the section needed further consideration, and the motion carried.

When twitted with the technical defeat a little later by the leader of the opposition, Premier McBride soon set at rest any impression which might prevail that he was in the least agitated by the vote. He assured Mr. Macdonald that his position in the House was perfectly satisfactory.

The Assessment Act amendment, introduced by the Minister of Finance, has apparently been received with general favor by both sides of the House.

The Socialist Leader alone introduced an amendment to this measure. He proposed that farmers whose income from the farms was not more than $1000 should be exempt from taxation. He contended that in this the Legislature would be but consistent. The incomes of persons when not more than $1,000 were exempt.

The amendment was opposed by the Liberal members as well as the supporters of the Government and voted down, the only supporters of Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment being the mover, Parker Williams, W. Davidson, John Houston and Harry Wright.

By amendment to the Assessment Bill it is made clear that the reduction of the rate on real property from one per cent. to three-fifths of one per cent. should apply to small owners of land and not to those who although not holding the land in one block still had large possessions. Under the old wording of the Act if the several pieces of land were each less than $2000 in value the taxation would be at the low rate. The amendment provides as follows:

Under income tax the act is proposed to be amended by making it clear that the total income is to be assessed at a fixed rate.

Another amendment applies to the sale of unworked crown granted mineral and placer claims. If a bidder is not obtained at the sale for the amount due in taxes then the claim reverts to the crown, not absolutely as in the present act, but subject to redemption for twelve months by the paying of the amount due. In the meantime the claim cannot be pre-empted nor located.

The following section has been inserted as a new section to take the place of a repealed section last year:

"If the Minister of Finance should deem it advisable to expose for sale during the year 1906 all lots in townsites, villas or other small subdivisions of property for the taxes delinquent thereon, and which he has hitherto withheld from the annual tax sale, he may, before the date fixed for advertising such public auction, agree to accept from the owners of such property a sum less than the total amount due, in full settlement thereof, upon satisfactory proof being made to him that the owner is unable to pay the full amount due, or that the amount due is greater than could be realized by the owner by sale of the property. If the sum agreed to be accepted by the Minister of Finance is not paid before the date fixed for advertising said public auction, the said property may then be exposed for sale at such public auction, and in the event of the Minister of Finance agreeing to accept less than the amount due, he may instruct the collector to receive the same and issue receipt therefor."

The forfeiture to the crown of lands which at a tax sale is fixed at twelve months instead of six months, as is the rule under the existing act.

The bill for the relief and disincorporation of Dewdney municipality has caused considerable discussion in the House. The reason for the bill is that in 1894 the dykes in that district were carried away and the farms of several of the settlers in the dyking district were ruined. For the past six years the settlers have neglected to elect a council and there is now due $31,160. The creditors have agreed to settle the matter by accepting a lump sum of $25,000. The bill proposes to have $10,000 of this assumed by the province and the remainder to be met by the residents of the municipality.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the Socialist member of the House has only one objection to the bill and that is that it does not go far enough in the way of aiding these unfortunate people. He wants the province to assume the whole of the indebtedness of the dyking scheme.

The Premier and members of the Government point out that there is involved in the question a serious one for the province. If this difficulty is not overcome and the lands of the district pass into the hands of the companies holding the debentures that it will not only seriously affect the district directly concerned but a stigma will be cast upon the whole province. The effect would thus be to hurt the credit of B. C.

The opposition has raised a cry against the bill. At the same time the do not suggest any way out of it. The leader of the opposition in fact expressed great sympathy for the residents of the district but feared that a bad precedent was being introduced. The opposition would not come out and say that they would refuse to deal with the question the way proposed, but as an excuse they pressed for a special committee to go into the subject and report to the House. This motion was moved by Stuart Henderson. The Premier refused to accept this amendment and on a division being called for, the amendment was voted down.

John Oliver, representing the opposition, proposed an amendment which plainly bore on its face the imprint of being intended only for election purposes. He proposed that of the $15,000 proposed to be borne by the residents of Dewdney $13,000 should be saddled upon the dyking area and $2,000 only should be collected from the whole of the municipality. The rough attempts to pose as the friend of the people of Dewdney failed and the amendment introduced by Mr. Oliver was voted down.

A bill introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite to extend the franchise to women in provincial elections met defeat on its second reading by a vote of 24 to 12.

There are a vast number of private bills coming forward at this sitting of

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A. MEGRAW,
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The wreck of the Valencia has aroused the public to the seriousness of leaving the coasts unprotected. The Dominion Government, whether Conservative or Liberal, has always been remiss in this matter. On Lake Superior, for instance, the Canadian shore is but ill-protected in comparison with that along the south shore where a mariner could sail from the Soo to Duluth without ever being out of sight of a lighthouse, but on the Canadian shore navigators have had to go it on dead reckoning from the time they left the Soo lighthouse behind them until the lights at Thunder Cape came in view. On the Pacific both the American and Canadian Governments appear to have been at fault, but the latter particularly so, Various suggestions have been made to avoid the recurrence of these fearful marine disasters, and one of the most feasible seems to be that of compelling the maintenance of wireless telegraphic communications between light stations and the various passenger craft plying up and down the coast, by which means navigators may know absolutely where they are in weather that is too thick to see the lights or get the sun.

There are a few of the more parrot-like among the lesser lights of the Grit press in this province, that continue to cry out "Polly wants a railroad policy." The Midway Star croaked out thusly in its last issue; but then its editor has but lately arrived from the land of the screaming eagle and is not yet accustomed to the sharp curves in public policy demanded of supporters of His Majesty's loyal Opposition across James Bay. Last year that cry was orthodox for all, but those of them who now realize where it has landed them, never say it any more. Last year a "railroad policy" was known principally to mean legislation that would provide for immediate construction of a Coast to Kootenay railway. It now transpires that the Government, by refraining from perpetrating the act of handing over a land subsidy to the G. T. P. as a bribe to get them to do what they had already agreed to do for nothing, and to grant a subsidy to the C. P. R. to build from Midway to Spence's Bridge, took the very position which has resulted in the immediate construction of the V.V. & E. by the Great Northern. This work in progress, what is there remaining to be done by the enactment of further railway legislation this session? It is true that there are many applications for charters, good, bad and indifferent, now before the Legislature. It doesn't cost the province anything to give a charter, and if there are sufficient evidences of bona fides that the charter is being sought for legitimate purposes to secure actual construction and not to play a dog in the manger game, the Legislature should grant charters. There are also cases where holders may require extension of time, and where this may be done without imposing upon the general public, nothing is gained by refusing, but if it can be shown that holders of charters seeking extension have only themselves to blame for failure to meet requirements, and extensions are being asked too frequently, a limit should be set. Beyond the exercise of proper discretion in the granting of charters and giving extensions for charters where needed, there is nothing to come before the House in the way of railway legislation that warrants being dubbed with the high-sounding name of a "railway policy," and those who talk of such at this stage merely make themselves ridiculous.

The new Postmaster-General by way of showing his goodwill towards Yale-Cariboo, has been sharpening his knife to lop off afew more mail services in order to show a bigger surplus to brag about. The latest pruning is that of cutting off another mail per week to Camp McKinney. This leaves McKiney with only one mail a week which a year ago had three. McKinney is only 28 miles distant, by wagon road, from Fairview where the nearest Government office is situated. Formerly the mail went direct from McKinney to Fairview and it was possible to get an answer back next day. The first change was to send the mail six hundred and fifty miles around by the Arrow Lakes, requiring two weeks to get an answer by the service of three times a week. With the service reduced to once a week, it will now, in all probability, take three weeks to get the reply. This is a sample of how to improve the mail service, and yet the reform of the Post Office Department by the present administration is a great card for the Postmaster-General to brag about to people in Toronto who have their letters handed in at their front doors twice a day.

NOTICE

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase eighty acres of land in the Similkameen Division of Yale District, situate as follows: Commencing at a post marked W. M. C. which is about the South East corner at J. McLellan's pre-emption and running down the Okanagan River in a southerly direction 40 chains, thence West 20 chains, thence North 40 chains, thence East to point of commencement.

Walter M. Gillespie

Okanagan Falls, B. C.
Feb. 6th. 1906. 4—9

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL SITTING of the Licensing Board for the Nicola District will be held at the Court House, Princeton, on February 24th, 1906, at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, to consider the following applications for hotel licenses:

John G. Thynne, of the Wayside House, Otter Valley.

Charles Cameron and Edgar Tingley, of the Otter Valley Hotel, Otter Valley.

G. P. Myren, of the Myren Hotel, Otter Valley.

R. HEWAT,
Chief License Inspector.

Princeton, January 31st, 1906.

TAX NOTICE.

Princeton Assessment District.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all Assessed Taxes and Income Tax, assessed and levied under the "Assessment Acts," are now due and payable for the year 1906. All taxes collectable for the Princeton Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situate at Princeton.

This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Princeton this 30th day of Jan., 1906.

HUGH HUNTER,
Collector Princeton Assessment District.
4-2 Princeton Post Office.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I will apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land, more or less, in the Similkameen Division of Yale District, situated as follows:

Commencing at a post at the northwest corner of Wm. Arnott's pre-emption No. 4708, running thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north along the Indian Reserve line 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN CLARK FINDLAY
per JAS. RITCHIE
Summerland B. C. Agent for applicant
Dec. 13th, 1905 50-9

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Dated at Victoria, B. C. 17th January, 1906.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON,
3—6 Solicitors for Applicants.

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Commencing at a post at the northwest corner of Wm. Arnott's pre-emption No. 4708, running thence east to Dog Lake, thence north along the shore of Dog Lake to southeast corner of Wm. Simpson's pre-emption No. 4452, thence west to Indian Reserve line, thence south along Indian Reserve line to opposite point of commencement, thence east to point of commencement.

THOS. NAIRN RITCHIE
Summerland, B. C. per JAS. RITCHIE,
Dec. 13th 1905 50-9

NOTICE

SIXTY DAYS after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain land situated in the Similkameen Division of Yale District: Commencing at a post marked L. T. Shaw's N. E. corner, thence south 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1905

L. T. SHAW
50-9 per C. E. SHAW

NOTICE.

SIXTY DAYS AFTER DATE, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 240 acres of pasture land situated on the west line of the Penticton Reservation: Commencing at a post marked Alex. McKay's N. W. corner post, running 40 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 20 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 20 chains west, thence 40 chains north to point of commencement.

Dated December 11th, 1905.

ALEXANDER McKAY
Similkameen Land Recording District
51-9

NOTICE.

SIXTY DAYS AFTER DATE, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 480 acres of land, more or less, as follows:

Commencing at a post at the southwest corner of G. H. Cahill's pre-emption, thence 80 chains east, thence 60 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 60 chains north to point of commencement.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1906

52-9 THOS. BRADSHAW

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioners of Lands and works for permission to purchase 80 acres of land as follows:—Commencing at the N. W. corner of L. 2063, G. 1, Osoyoos Division, thence west 40 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence North 20 chains to the point of commencement. Required for range and agriculture.

JOHN QUIGLEY,
Per R. H. PARKINSON, Agent.
Fairview, B. C. Jan. 11th, 1906. 52-9

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard or other gauge, with any kind of motor power for the conveyance of passengers and freight, from some point at or near Osoyoos on the international Boundary, running in a northerly direction along or near Lake Okanagan to a point at or near Enderby, thence in a westerly direction to a point at or near Kamloops, thence in a northerly direction following the course of the North Thomson river, thence by the most feasible route to Quesnelle and Fort George; Also from a point at or near Enderby in a northerly direction to a point at or near Sicamous along the course of the Spallumcheen river; Also from a point at or near Kamloops in a southerly direction to a point at or near Quilchena, thence in a southerly direction by a feasible route to a point at or near Princeton; Also from a point at or near Quilchena Creek in a northerly direction along Nicola Lake to upper Nicola river; thence northeasterly along the upper Nicola river to a point at or near Salmon river, following the course of that river to a point at or near Salmon Arm, all in the Province of British Columbia.

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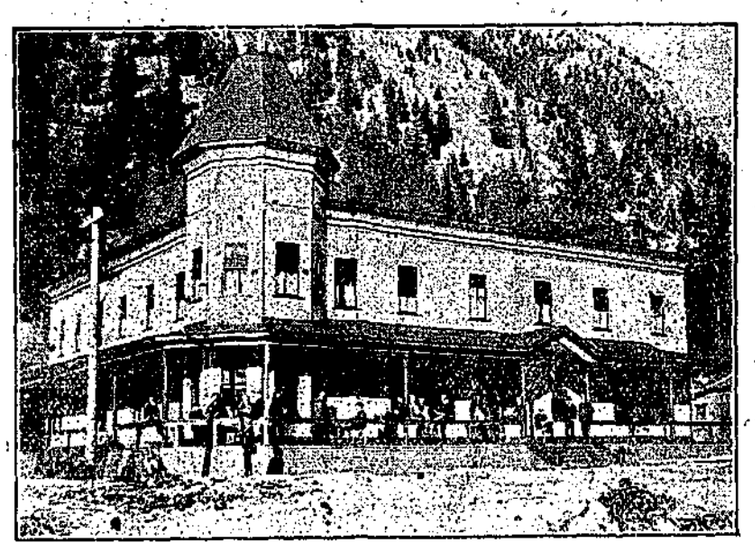

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Town and District.

H. H. Jeffreys, representing Simon Leiser, came in on Tuesday's stage.

Angus Stewart, of the Hedley Lumber Co. left last week on a trip to the Coast.

A communication from George E. Winkler is held over. It will appear next week.

Wm. Gosnell, the Nelson brewer passed through Hedley on Sunday on his way to Princeton.

A social dance will be held on Valentine's night at Hotel Similkameen. A nice lunch will be served. Everybody invited.

Al. Piper has completed the new bridge at the mouth of Rock Creek which has beenin bad shape for some time past.

The ice harvest is now fairly under way in Hedley. W. F. Revely has a gang of men at work cutting ice on the river near Pinto's and all his available work horses are busy hauling it into town.

The steam shovel is at work on the V. V. & E. right of way below Keremeos, and the manner in which it handles the dirt would make Irishmen and dagoes turn green with envy.

The Hedley school vacated McLean's house on Scott avenue on February 1st, and took up their quarters in the new building over adjoining the reservation. Hedley has the most itinerant school in the province. They move on an average about four times a year.

Miss Greenhill who had been nursing out at Prather's, White Lake, returned last week quite ill, and is now clearly in for a seige of typhoid. The Prather premises are evidently in a very unsanitary condition, one of the family having died of typhoid a few weeks ago.

King Kennedy gave a performance in Fraser's hall on Saturday evening, doing some rather mysterious-looking slight of hand work, and discoursing sweet strains with a gramophone by way of interlude. The trick-work and the Punch and Judy show with which the show wound up were especially entertaining to the children.

Phoenix is promised a third railway. A company has been organized in Spokane with J. P. Graves at the head to build a railway to Phœnix, and J. P. Graves is a name to conjure by in the "big mines" city of the Boundary. At all events Phœnix has never had any reason yet to kick at J. P. Graves' bill of fare.

There is a very good prospect of the Department of Education putting up a new school building in Hedley this summer. Mr Shatford is urging the necessity of a two-room building, on the Government. The steady increase of school population in the past two years will show the folly of putting up a one-room building, which would be overcrowded almost as soon as completed.

A jolly little social event took place in Fraser's hall on Friday evening last when a few of the Hedley bachelors gave a dance. There was a good attendance, and dancing, interspersed with songs and Bridge was kept up until a late hour. Some new dances were introduced which were well received and enjoyed by all. The bachelors purpose giving another in about a month.

Diamond drilling will begin in a few days on the Humming-bird mineral claim owned by J. J. Marks. The drill is all ready, and the boiler is now either on the ground or within a days' drive. The drill-operators who completed their work last week on Copper Mountain went up to the Humming bird to get everything in readiness and as soon as the boiler is hitched up the work of proving up a big mine will commence.

J. F. Royer has issued a new time card for his Overland Flyer, taking effect February 1st. The night drives are all cut out. Passengers leave Hedley at 7 a. m. arriving at Oroville at 6 p. m.; leaving Oroville next morning at 8 a. m., they arrive in Midway at 7 p. m. where they catch the Gt. Northern train next morning. At present connection is made with Welby's stage at Keremeos, but later, when travel becomes more congested it is expected that the Flyer will run through to Hedley.

A number of trees left standing about the works of the Daly Reduction Company have been cut down during the past week, which has considerably changed the appearance. Preservation of trees was always a hobby with the former general manager, whose ire was quickly aroused by what he considered unnecessary destruction of trees. Mr. Rodgers believed every tree to be worth its room for the shade and ornament it afforded, but many that were formerly protected on that score have now been condemned by Mr. Lamb because they were in the way and were more or less of a menace in helping the spread of fire. Henceforth workmen or visitors who are careful of their complexion will have to adopt a sombrero type of millinery, and poets must seek elsewhere for "the checkered shade."

Thos, Graham, well-known at the Nickel Plate where he worked for years, died at Kruger Mountain on Monday, of hemorrhage and was buried yesterday at Fairview. He was very well liked at the Nickel Plate mine where he was a general favorite. This is another of the old Cariboo's victims who contracted miner's consumption in the dry stopes of that famous old McKinney mine which made a few men rich and laid many more in their graves. The mine has now been shut down for over two years, and the full harvest of its victims has not yet been gathered in. They were all looking for a dry place to work in, not thinking of the deadly dust that was being imbedded in their lungs. Better the temporary discomfort of a wet winze than the seeming comfort of a dry stope.

The town liars got tired manufacturing canards about Jim Hill's Chinese contract, and switched off last week on to the Daly Reduction Co. whose works they said were to be shut down by an injunction obtained by M. K. Rodgers. As the representatives of the Company in Hedley, and also Mr. H. Rodgers, who is here, state plainly that they heard nothing of it beyond the general street rumor, it is evident that home talent as usual spun the yarn. Meanwhile the whole forty stamps continue as usual to pound away without an hour's intermission in the twenty-four. Whatever friction may exist in the internal working of the Company either in their offices in Broadway, New York, or at Butte, Montana, it is a very sure thing that the people of Hedley will see no difference so far as the work here is concerned, for it will not pay either a majority or a minority interest to have the work here shut down for a single hour.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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the Legislature. During the week the standing committee on private bills have been kept busy in consequence during the forenoons disposing of these. This most important committee has seen fit this year to honor L. W. Shatford by making him chairman.

Among the private bills which have come up is one to amend the Midway & Vernon Railway Act, extending the time for completion of the line to 1910 and declaring the company to be since 1901 a body corporate with all the privileges and rights conferred by the Act of Incorporation and amending Acts.

The bill has passed the Railway Committee and received its first reading in the House.

The British Columbia Central Railway Company, for which incorporation is being sought by James Ritchie of Summerland, Thos. J. Smith of Vancouver and J. M. Robinson of Summerland, has had its bill of incorporation introduced by Price Ellison. It is proposed to capitalize at $3,000,000.

The company proposes to construct and operate a railway from some point at or near Osoyoos on the International boundary, running in a northerly direction along or near Lake Okanagan to a point at or near Enderby; thence in a westerly direction to a point at or near Kamloops; thence in a northerly direction following the course of the North Thompson river; thence by the most feasible route to Quesnelle and Fort George; also from a point at or near Enderby in a northerly direction to a point at or near Sicamous along the course of the Spallumcheen river; also from a point at or near Kamloops in a southerly direction to a point at or near Quilchena; thence in a southerly direction by a feasible route to a point at or near Princeton; also from a point at or near Quilchena Creek in a northerly direction along Nicola Lake to upper Nicola river; thence northeasterly along the upper Nicola river to a point at or near Salmon river, following the course of that river to a point at or near Salmon Arm, all in the Province of British Columbia; also branch lines not exceeding in any one case twenty miles in length.

Another railway bill which has been introduced into the House is by Mr. Macgowan. It is to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Co.

Under this bill Reginald B. White, Penticton; Robert Martin, Vancouver, and Walter T. Shatford seek to construct and operate a railway from Penticton, thence southerly by the most feasible route to a point on the southern boundary line of the Province of British Columbia.

The Minister of Education has introduced a bill to permit of the establishment at such a point in British Columbia as may be selected, of a McGill University College. The bill has been introduced and read a first time.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending February 3rd:

AT THE MINE.

	Maximum	Minimum
Jan. 28	38	28
29	48	30
30	45	35
31	45	20
1	52	22
2	51	22
3	35	31

Snowfall for week 2.5 inches
Total on ground, 5 inches.

AT THE MILL.

	Maximum	Minimum
23	38	25
29	34	31
30	39	31
31	38	31
1	38	29
2	38	26
3	40	21

Rainfall for week, .3 inches.
Rain on 29th, sleet on 30th.

The Passing of a Pioneer.

During the past week or two there have departed an unusual number of the pioneers of the city and the province. Yesterday morning was laid away the remains of Mrs. Dewdney, wife of the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, ex-Lieutenant-Governor and ex-cabinet minister. The deceased had been a resident of the province almost continuously since 1862, with the exception of the periods of absence occasioned by Mr. Dewdney's official residence at Ottawa or in the Northwest. For over five years she graced the old government house, then known as Carey Castle, and it is scarcely necessary to say that few hostesses in that capacity were more popular or respected than she was. Just a few days previous to that the mother of deceased passed away at the advanced age of 96. She, too, as well as her daughter, had spent a great many years in British Columbia, and was probably the very oldest of its pioneers, though perhaps not so many years a pioneer as some others.—News-Advertiser.

FAIRVIEW NOTES.

A meeting of the Fairview rate-payers was held on the 27th ult. when it was decided to raise the sum of $300 for sundry uses.

Miss Hazel McKenzie, of Cliff Ranch, is very ill with bronchitis.

Mrs. C. A. R. Lambly has had an attack of tonsilitis.

Dr. R. B. White has pronounced the colds which are so prevalent, to be a mild form of whooping cough.

Butter-cups were blooming here last week.

The Fairview minstrels gave a side-splitting entertainment on the first. The troupe was complete with interlocutor, endmen, banjo, bones and tambo. The cast were Venner, Softleigh, Hardie, Lee, Coristine, S. Hine, Main and Dalrymple, with R. H. Parkinson (uncorked) as middleman. It was a big success.

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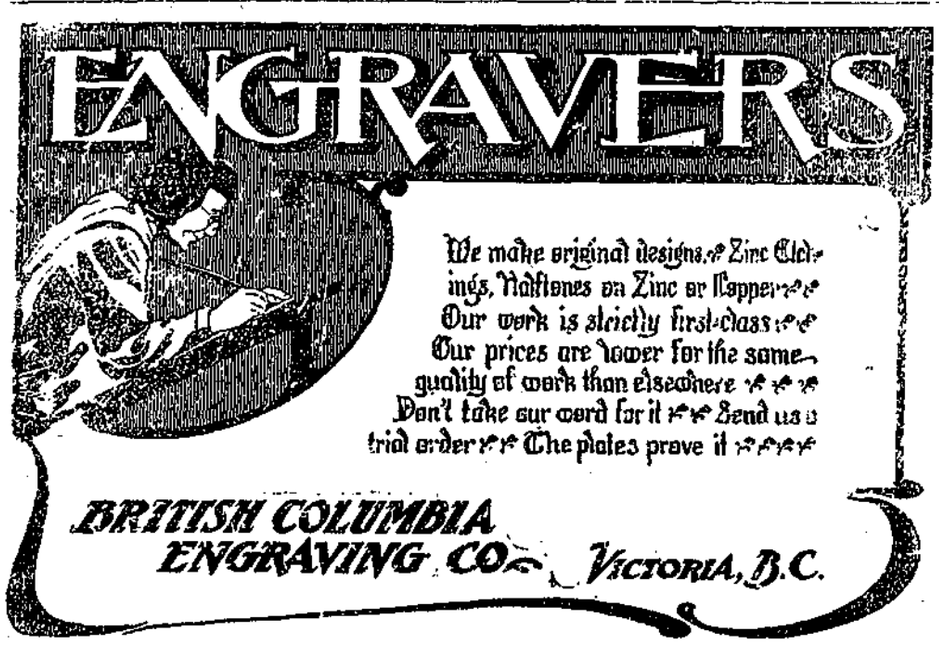
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