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KEREMEOS FRUIT-GROWERS MEET

Matters Relating to the Fruit-growing Industry Discussed.

A CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY FORMED

Steps Taken to Secure More Rigid Fruit Inspection as a Prevention From Pests.

A meeting, well attended by the fruit growers of the Similkameen valley, was held in the school house, Keremeos, on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd inst. The principal object of the meeting was the election of officers for the Similkameen Farmers' Exchange, which has lately been incorporated for the purpose of authorizing the association to do a co-operative business as a commercial institution.

The names appearing in the British Columbia Gazette as incorporators are: F. Richter, W. H. Armstrong, J. J. Armstrong, Rev. A. H. Cameron, J. R. Shaw, K. A. Mattice, J. Mattice, R. Elmhist, J. Elmhist, G. Kirby, and D. F. Jelly.

Since incorporation, the following have become members of the Exchange: O. V. Wilson, D. J. Innis, J. D. Hunt, G. B. Murphy, A. Morrison, J. C. Woodrow, H. W. Brown, G. C. Armstrong and John Thompson.

The people here are very enthusiastic over the future prospects of the Similkameen Valley. The fruit grown last summer in the orchards of Mr. Richter, Mr. Webster, Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Daley and Mrs. Lowe was a revelation to most people. The fruit was produced in great quantity and we believe the quality can not be excelled in any place, and can be equalled in very few places. Peaches, apricots, grapes, pears, plums and cherries of the choicest and most delicate varieties were produced in abundance. Any person who has ever been in Keremeos knows that the apples cannot be beaten anywhere. All vinous products, such as water and musk melons, pumpkins, squash, vegetable marrow, citron and cucumbers, grow to perfection. Peanuts were tried on a small scale with good results and very likely will be largely grown here in the future. Tomatoes were simply immense, and as great a success as anybody could wish for. Corn, potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips, onions; in fact, all garden stuff, roots and vegetables have done splendidly.

The young trees that were planted here the last two years, about 1,500 in all, have made very satisfactory growth. A large number will be planted this spring, so that it seems very probable that this part of the Similkameen, with Keremeos as a centre, will eventually become one of the most important and successful fruit growing sections in the Dominion of Canada. Realizing this and recognizing that it is of the utmost importance to British Columbia that the fruit industry, which is bound to be one of the leading industries of the country in the future, should be protected from the ravages of insect pests and fungous diseases, that have caused such an enormous outlay of time and money in the older portions of Canada and also of the United States. It was resolved to ask the B. C. Government to appoint a local inspector of fruit, whose duty it would be to make a periodical inspection of every orchard in the vicinity and thus prevent any diseases from getting a permanent foothold in the district. In this the old adage, "An ounce of prevention &c." is especially applicable.

The following were elected directors: F. Richter, Rev. A. H. Cameron, J. R. Shaw, K. A. Mattice, R. Elmhist, O. V. Wilson and D. J. Innis.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, F. Richter was elected president; Rev. A. H. Cameron, vice-president, and D. F. Jelly, secretary-treasurer.

And still no movement is made for resuming grading operations on the V. V. & E. in the Similkameen.

THE UPPER SIMILKAMEEN.

Charles Cammell of the Geological Survey Presents Report of His Work Done There Last Summer.

The district in which the field work was this season carried out was that portion of the Similkameen Mining division of British Columbia, lying about and to the south of the town of Princeton; the object being to commence a topographic and geologic survey of a sheet, which shall embrace the whole of the Similkameen district, to be eventually published on a scale of four miles to the inch with a contour interval of 200 feet. Interest in this section of southern British Columbia has been greatly increased in the last year or two by the probability of its being shortly traversed by one, if not two, separate lines of railway; and although it has long been known to contain valuable deposits of gold, silver, copper, platinum and coal, the lack of lines of communication with markets for these products prevented any extensive development of these deposits. With the advent of the railway, however, the country has a promising future, and already some of the principal claim owners are making preparations to open up their properties with a view to the shipping of ore in the near future.

The lack of any detailed geologic information has been a great drawback to the prospectors in the district, for up to this year no attempt has been made by this Department to do much geological work since the publication of Dr. Dawson's map in 1877.

The field work requisite for the compilation of a suitable map of the whole district must of necessity occupy several seasons, so that, to satisfy the immediate claims of the district, it was deemed best to confine the work of this session to the more important sections where economic minerals had been discovered and mineral claims located. Commencing on the boundary line where it crosses the Pasayton, and tying on to two prominent monuments of the Boundary Survey, a skeleton triangulation was run northward to Princeton, taking in a belt of five miles on either side of the Similkameen river. The mineralized areas of Roche river, Copper and Kennedy mountain camps were connected together on this skeleton, and the geology of these camps studied more carefully than the rest of the country. The boundaries of the Tertiary coal basin about Princeton were defined, and this, with the Copper Mountain camp, was plotted on a topographic map of half a mile to the inch with 100 foot contours.

The early part of June was very wet, but no rain fell from the end of June until early in September, so that the bush fires which started at the end of July remained unchecked for several weeks, during which the pall of smoke rendered it impossible to carry on the work of triangulation. For this reason the original intention of carrying the triangulation up the Tulameen river from Princeton had to be abandoned, and the important camps of Bear creek, Boulder creek and Champion creek in this section were only done geologically, and not connected up with the other camps.

Both in the topographical and geographical work Mr. J. A. Allen rendered material aid and made a very efficient assistant. On May 28, I arrived at Penticton where a pack train and outfit were obtained, and from here the journey of seventy-five miles to Princeton was made on horseback. The latter place was selected as headquarters for the season. Though it is quite possible to continue the field work in the eastern part of the district well on into October, operations were suspended in September, and on the 25th of that month I left Penticton for Rossland, Phoenix and Greenwood, where some days were spent in a comparative examination of their ore bodies with those which I found in the Similkameen district.

The Similkameen river forks at the town of Princeton, the west branch being known as the Tulameen and the south branch as the South Similkameen. Twenty miles up the South Similkameen again forks, dividing in-

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A SETTLER'S SAD END.

John Link, Rancher and Miner, Meets Death on His Ranch on Kettle River.

John Link, a Swiss who owned a ranch and a mineral claim high up on the mountain on the west side of Kettle river and about four or five miles from Rock Creek was found dead near his cabin about two weeks ago. Link was without exception one of the most industrious men in the country. On his mineral claim there was work done by himself equal in amount to that done on many properties on which over \$20,000 had been spent. On his ranch, also done by himself, a large amount of clearing, fencing, graded roads, large bank barn and other out-buildings was to be found; while for the last few years the acreage which he had in crop each year was large.

The exact cause of his death will never be known but it is believed to have been due to some powder accident of some kind or other. A hole was found in his forehead which is reported to have resembled that inflicted by a detonator. Men who handle explosives for a long time often become insensible to the danger connected with it, and take risks that they should not.

On the other hand, explosives have been known to go off for no apparent cause, and the result be equally as death-dealing. What may have happened to poor Link no one may ever know; but anyone who has gone over his place as the writer has done, and seen what the man has accomplished cannot help being all the more impressed with the sadness of the calamity, and must honor him in death as in life. Though living much alone, he was no misanthrope; but light-hearted, jovial and sanguine to the last degree.

FAIRVIEW NOTES.

Mr. T. D. Pickard, road superintendent, went over to Keremeos last Sunday.

Provincial constable, Geo. Sproule, paid a visit to the Stemwinder a few days ago.

Mr. Parkinson is enlarging the residence recently occupied by him as an office for the accommodation of Mrs. Lambly who will reside there for a time.

Jas. R. Brown is appointed government agent pro tem.

John Henderson who has had large experience in the Guggenheim mines at Leadville, Col., is the new foreman at the Stemwinder and has a good grip of the work there.

Fred Gwatkin is back at his old stamping ground.

C. J. Rippin, of the Park Ranch, brought a load of produce to the Stemwinder boarding house this week.

A. Curtis, fireman at the Stemwinder, drove a pick through his foot and is consequently on the sick list. As he doesn't know how it happened the accident may be described as peculiar.

Mrs. Lambly is contemplating a visit to Mrs. Russel at her residence near the Stemwinder.

The horrible condition of a couple of old skates belonging to John Burnett who, under the tender care of Daniel Braithwaite, is recovering from the effects of an accident met with some time ago, has been remarked pretty frequently of late. These animals left in the charge of a Chinaman on John's ranch are so thin that they are invisible except from the side. One of them has an enlargement of the leg, that is as big as a cabbage over the pastern joint, and being a raw and bleeding mass of flesh leaves a sanguinary trail wherever it goes. The other is suffering from a foul nasal discharge, and, being allowed to run at large, is infecting the drinking places of other animals with large quantities of horrible slime. Surely there is some one whose duty it is to prevent such a state of affairs.

[What is the matter with the local Dominion vet?—Ed]

A party of Canadian politicians were registered at the Hotel Tomasket early in the week. They were Smith Curtis, John Gladden, W. E. Burritt and Geo. Moffat.—Molson Independent.

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GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED TELEPHONES.

In the east there is a strong agitation at present to nationalize the telephone and telegraph systems; and government ownership of public utilities is a doctrine that is fast gaining ground. Advocates of public ownership and public operation always point to the postal system as an example of the practicability of public operation. It is true the postal system in most countries is in tolerable shape, but nothing like what it ought to be, considering the length of time it has been under direct government control, and that the experience of the postal authorities of one country could be benefited by on the part of those of other countries, to enable them to correct ills and perfect the system where they may really want to do so.

Neither is government controlled telegraph and telephone an untried experiment in Canada for it is now about thirty years since the Dominion government under Sir John A. Macdonald established and operated a telegraph system in certain parts of British Columbia, because it became apparent to him and his government that telegraphic communication was imperative and that the business in sight was not sufficient to warrant any private enterprise to supply the want. Thus British Columbia's first experience in government owned telegraph was altogether paternal in its origin, and that instead of being launched with the sole object of producing revenue to the government, it was regarded as public utilities ought to be regarded, and that is for the public benefit, whether they produced revenue or not.

It was after the present administration attained power that the government owned telegraph line in British Columbia was extended somewhat and in a few instances operated as telephone instead of telegraph; but the two features that have tended to mar most the effectiveness of its work and make its operation unsatisfactory to the public, are that partizanship is allowed to dominate and that the idea of compelling it to yield revenue to the government whether the service rendered to the public was such as to warrant the production of revenue or not, was considered too good politics to be let pass.

Government ownership and operation of railways has had a long trial in

Canada since the Intercolonial was built over 30 years ago but has never yet had a fair trial. Political pull always queered it. Under both parties there was gross mismanagement, and political hacks were given positions on the road for political services who were unable to make a living in any other walk of life, and who could have been more profitably provided for as inmates of some house of refuge than as railway officials on a government railway. The first minister of railways to make the I. C. R. pay its way was John Haggart in 1894. Claims have been made of a like nature one or two years since then, but they have been held to have been more a matter of peculiar book-keeping than of bona fide railroading. But it is hardly right to conclude that government operation is a failure solely on the experience of the I. C. R. when the road was never given the chance of being conducted as a business proposition along business lines, but was run more like a political orphanage than as a railroad. The tale of the Temiscaming railway is one of a different kind. That is a road operated by the Ontario government that is giving slightly lower passenger and freight rates than those charged by the big railway corporations and is yielding good profits to the government, but many politicians are very hot under the collar because there are no sinecures for them.

Government operation is good, but it should not be done by political hacks. Where a government official, be he railway, telephone or postal, feels himself so firmly entrenched behind the party bosses that he can disregard the public the latter are bound to get much the worst of it.

But to return to our mittens, the operation of the telephone and telegraph systems by the government, is one that concerns us in British Columbia more perhaps than elsewhere. In Ontario where the telephone and telegraph are all in the hands of private corporations they want the change to that of government control, and one of the reasons they give is that the private corporations may have a listener at the receiver or at the key who may use the information thus obtained either for the personal benefit of the listener himself or herself or for the benefit of the corporation. We in British Columbia have the idea at present that the information that may be surreptitiously obtained at the receiver is quite as bad, if not worse, in the possession of the political heeler. There is at present a strong feeling that the government telephone in this province is anything but satisfactory. Business concerns complain bitterly of the service rendered. They can get nothing out until away on in the forenoon; they are cut off at eight o'clock at night, and at various intervals during the day they ring in vain for an answer. The line is often down for a mile at a stretch, dragging on the ground and making distinct hearing impossible. The offices are not supplied with sound-proof boxes, and loungers with itching ears hear every message despatched and received, while at any corner curious ears may be glued to receivers to catch on to everything that is going. Redress may be sought only to find out that Ottawa is so far away, and months may be consumed in getting an answer, to say nothing of having action taken.

One remedy is suggested to have the Dominion government telephone line taken over by the Provincial government. That, in fact, was advocated by Smith Curtis, who made it a plank in his platform during the recent election. The Provincial government are at all events closer to the people, and can be got at more quickly to remedy short-comings. So far as local exchanges are concerned, municipal control would be even better, and eliminate party.

Meanwhile the objects sought are to obtain greater efficiency and promptness, and more privacy. It is a matter

where the people should rule. If they wish to obtain the boon they desire let them act promptly.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

An insulting jibe thrown out by the member for Yale-Cariboo in the House of Commons the other day brought a vigorous retort from Fowler, of New Brunswick. After the charge of hooliganism made against him last session by so prominent an authority as Wilison of the News, one would think that the member for Yale-Cariboo would try to do a little "living down" this session to regain lost ground. Besides, it is extremely indiscreet for one so vulnerable to run these risks, for someone armed with the facts will go at him one of these fine days and then the member for Y-C will be sorry.

The suffering as well as financial loss that has followed from insufficient fuel supply during the past year, should make the question of government owned and operated coal mines, a live one from this out until such arrangement is secured. The hand-to-mouth operation of coal mines in this province by private corporations, and the incessant clashing of interests between these corporations and their employees, has created a state of affairs well-nigh intolerable, and the sooner vigorous measures be taken to protect the public from these losses and inconveniences the better.

Imperialists in England are disappointed at the lack of interest displayed by Canada concerning the approaching imperial conference. Suggestions concerning the programme have, at the invitation of the imperial authorities, been received from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other colonies, but none from Ottawa. Had any of the provinces evinced a similar lack of interest in the recent provincial conference at Ottawa, the Canadian premier would have considered it rather strange, if not discourteous. Surely Sir Wilfrid intends to have Canada represented there.

The attention of the Princeton Star is drawn to the fact that in the Manitoba elections now on, the interval between nomination and polling days is only one week. And yet the Star, in December last, raved at "the very idea of bringing on an election within a fortnight of the nomination" in British Columbia. "This," it said, "is what McBride would style British fair play." Verdant as the spring-time, even if the season was bleak December!

Eastern papers are busy translating Premier McBride to the federal arena. They may save themselves the trouble. British Columbia still has work for Premier McBride to do in this province, and it will be time enough for us to think of dispensing with the services of men who can do things, when our own house is put in order.

The customs department, at Ottawa, in appointing a collector for the point where the V. V. & E. crosses into the state of Washington, near McBride's, named Molson as his headquarters. The presence of Secretary Root at Ottawa at the time, possibly warded off any danger of international complications, or Canada might have had a little Fashoda affair on her hands. It is evident that Duncan Ross does not put in much of his time down there, teaching the geography of Yale-Cariboo.

Nothing Like Concerted Action.

The people of Butte and Amaconda had to do without their city daily papers, and couldn't get any news over the phone because the press-men and hello girls had all gone out on strike together. The reason why the girls didn't take their lay-off when any of the other fellows were on strike was because the others weren't press-men.

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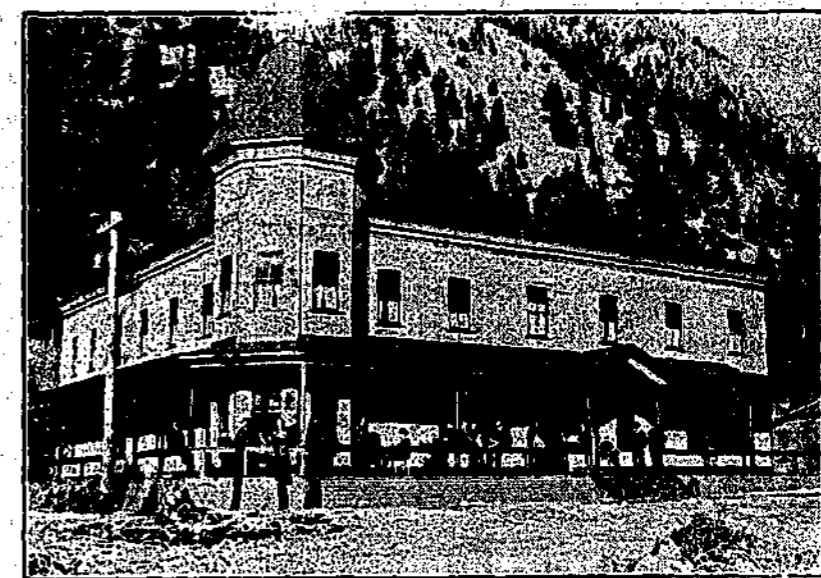
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From all present appearances, base-
ball in Hedley is going to be on the
pork for the coming season.

Dr. Whillans moved his family from
his residence adjoining the Hotel Sim-
ilkameen to the rooms over the drug
store.

Mr. Millikin's party of V. V. & E.
surveyors have been working for the
past week between here and Brad-
shaw's.

Ed. Graham, bar-tender at the Jack-
son House, Princeton, went through
Hedley last week on his way to Grand
Forks.

Mr. J. Prideaux, master mechanic,
formerly of the Mother Lode, arrived
in Hedley this week to take a position
with the Daly Reduction Co.

Rev. D. F. Smith's headquarters in
India are now at Neenuch, where he
is industriously struggling with the
mysteries of Urdu and Hindi.

A couple of commercial travellers,
Horsfall and Bowden were driven in
on Saturday by T. Roadhouse of Pen-
tiction. The former represented the
E. G. Prior Co., and the latter, Mackay
Smith, Blair & Co. of Vancouver.

L. W. Shatford, M.P.P., had planned
a trip to Princeton for the end of last
week, but the break-up of sleighing
interfered. He will leave during the
coming week for Victoria, to be pre-
sent at the opening of the House.

Hay shows a tendency to soar
towards the \$50 mark. W. J. Arm-
strong, in the Lower Similkameen,
played in luck by securing several big
stacks across the line, which he hauled
home when the sleighing was good.

J. Gillan resumed work last week on
the building for his bottling works,
the work on which was interrupted by
the severe weather which set in at the
beginning of the year. In a few days
more it is expected that work will be
resumed in various quarters.

During the past week several large
gangs of laborers have passed through
town, bound for the railroad work at
the front. It is claimed by contractors
that there is plenty of help to continue
the road on from Oroville at a reason-
ably rapid rate.—Molson Independent.

H. W. Yates, who took the Okana-
gan route for the coast, leaving here on
election day, had considerable difficul-
ty in getting through. He had to
walk across Okanagan lake on the ice
and he got mixed up in a fire at
Sicamous. On his way back he came
in by way of Nicola, returning on
Tuesday.

Saturday was the first time that the
mail leaving Sicamous Friday made
connections to reach here on Saturday
night. The Aberdeen has at last man-
aged to make her way to Pentiction,
and freight that has been held up at
Okanagan Landing for two months
may manage to get through here in
a week or ten days more.

A couple of weeks ago, the G. N. R.
passenger train which reached Bryde-
ville on time was delayed six hours in
getting from there to Molson, a fifteen
minute run. On their way they came
up with a stalled freight train on the
grade that had run out of water and
was freezing up, and they had to haul
it back to Myncaster to get room to
pass.

A queer accident happened to a sup-
ply train on the grade between Molson
and Oroville one day last week. One of
the cars was loaded with heavy bridge
timbers, and directly preceding it was
a car of gasoline. One of the large tim-
bers became detached from the load
and fell from the car in such a manner
that one end struck the gasoline car,
the huge stick piercing it and creating
havoc generally. After the fragments
were picked up the train proceeded to
Oroville.—Molson Independent. If
that particular piece of timber had
been as active in moving forward two
months ago, the rails of the G. N. R.
might now be in Keremeos.

The soft weather has spoiled the
Kingston toboggan slide. All winter
the gang, who have been working over
1,000 feet above the cabins, have been
taking an easy and expeditious method
of returning. They broke a trail
through the deep snow in direct line
for the cabin, and the trail when
broken became a slide, but much too
lively to permit the use of toboggans,
so each man lay down on the slide on
his back and let'er go. Those who
were more careful of their wearing
apparel provided themselves with a
stout fir bough that had plenty of
branches to act as brakes and made
the trip on this, doing the stunt in
about five minutes.

A masquerade ball was on the tapis,
but it was postponed—because it is
lent now.

J. W. S. Logie, of Summerland,
came in on Tuesday to relieve John
Love for a few weeks. Mr. Love is
taking a trip to the coast.

A young fellow named E. McBain
was arrested in Vernon for the murder
of Zimmerman, the Pentiction jeweler,
but on a preliminary hearing was
discharged.

The hospital annual meeting called
for Tuesday night was adjourned un-
til Friday night owing to smallness of
attendance. It is hoped that Friday
night will bring better results, and
that all members will attend. It was
a mistake having Tuesday night the
night specified in the by-laws.

Sunday's Chinook made short work
of the balance of the sleighing around
Hedley. Southward the wheeling is
good but between here and Princeton
the going will be bad for a spell as
there is no sleighing at the Hedley
end and the snow is too deep for wheel-
ing on the upper end.

The work of enlargement of the tun-
nels has gone on briskly and is being
speedily executed. Sufficient room to
get material through was all that was
required, and a little overhead stoping
which can be much more quickly and
economically done than sinking or
driving, did the business. The advan-
tage and economy to be derived from
the improvement will be apparent the
moment that any more repair work to
the flume is needed.

Messrs W. E. Burritt and George
Moffat who left here on Monday the
4th inst didn't reach Vancouver until
Sunday the 10th, being delayed by
snow-slides washouts, rock-slides &c.
Rev. Mr. Bartlett and family had even
a worse time of it than that. They
waited at Molson a day to rest, and
came in for a wash-out which delayed
them for four days at Lind on the
Northern Pacific, and did not arrive
in Vancouver until the 13th, being
nine days on the trip.

The non-arrival of Royer's stage
from Oroville will not be felt so much
now, since the service to be given by
Welby's stage, after the first of March
will supply the deficiency. The Hed-
ley-Oroville and Hedley-Pentiction
connections will be served by the one
stage as far as White Lake. Beyond
White Lake a branch stage line will
be put on by Mr. Welby to run from
there to Oroville, via Fairview. The
stage will leave here on Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 a.m.,
making connection at White Lake for
Oroville at 2 p. m. and reaching Oro-
ville at 6 p. m. Returning it will
leave Oroville at 5:30 a. m. on Tuesdays
Thursdays and Saturdays.

The next few weeks will mean much
to cattle-men. The long cold winter
has already got away with much more
than the ordinary season's supply of
fodder. While most of the Similkameen
ranchers had made as good provi-
sion as usual, some of them are now
commencing to run low, and unless
the spring opens satisfactorily to per-
mit grazing at the usual time some
loss will occur. A feature that made
things worse was the fact that the
cattle were in worse condition at the
beginning of the winter than is usual.
This was due to the bush-fires which
over-ran a good deal of the best graz-
ing ground last year up around Prince-
ton where the cattle have their sum-
mer ranges. Unfortunately this was
not noticed by owners until several
weeks later and the cattle had already
got down in flesh.

On Friday last Mr. F. A. Ross, gen-
eral manager of the Daly Reduction
Co., received a visit from Messrs. A.
Aeberli and E. N. Breed for whom he
had been looking for several days.
These gentlemen have come as consult-
ing engineers and are eminent authori-
ties in the matter of power and equip-
ment for mining plants and other in-
dustries. Mr. Aeberli is a hydraulic
engineer of international reputation,
having designed the large Niagara
Falls plant on the American side,
and has also many fine plants in Swit-
zerland, Russia and elsewhere, as mon-
uments of his engineering skill. Mr.
Breed is an electrical engineer also of
international reputation. Mr. Ross
wished to go into the whole matter
of power and equipment with them be-
fore making any material changes in
the plant here. They have made care-
ful examination of plans of surveys
and gone over the ground to size up
conditions for themselves, and in due
time will give the local management
the benefit of their skill and experience.

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about ten miles east of Okanagan Falls. The
said land is to include and surround a lake
known as Lung Lake, at the head of one of the
tributaries of McLean Creek, in the Similkameen
District. The land is required for a res-
ervoir site, and is to be forty chains square,
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site.

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THE UPPER SIMILKAMEEN.

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to the Pasayton and the Roche rivers. The name, Roche river, was originally applied to a smaller branch of the stream flowing in twelve miles above the mouth of the Pasayton, but in recent years it has become customary to refer to this branch of the river as the Roche, while in reality it should retain its original name of South Similkameen.

Both the Roche and the Pasayton rivers draw their water from the high range of mountains lying on and to the south of the International Boundary line, their branches interlocking with those of the Skagit drainage, and the Methow which flows directly southward into the Columbia. The basin occupied by these two streams is enclosed between two spurs of the Cascade range of mountains, which divide in the state of Washington, the true Cascades or Hozomeen range forming the divide between the Roche and Skagit rivers and running up northward to the west of the Tulameen river; while the eastern Cascades or Okanagan range strikes slightly east of north and lies to the west of the Pasayton and Ashnola rivers. The western of these two spurs is the more persistent and stronger range, and its summits show little or no diminution in elevation or ruggedness of relief beyond the limits of this sheet to the north. The eastern range, however, from summits at the boundary line with elevations of 8,500 feet, dwindles down north of the Similkameen river to elevations of 7,000 feet.

Taking as a central point the town of Princeton, whose elevation above sea level has been variously estimated at from 1,885 feet to 2,120, and which lies in a shallow depression occupied by Tertiary sedimentary rocks, there is a marked rise in the slope of the lines radiating to the west, south and east, while a gradient to the north is almost imperceptible. In this curve the hills have all been worn down below the limit of intense alpine erosion and appear as rounded ridges and dome-shaped summits of gradually increasing elevation towards the circumference. Only towards the periphery of this curve do the summits attain an elevation greater than the tree line, which in this district is approximately 7,000 feet above sea level, but except in the immediate vicinity of Princeton these are usually well wooded with spruce, pine, balsam and tamarack. This rounded outline and regularity of form, while in the main due to erosion, is also in part the result of the filling in of old irregularities of the surface by the Tertiary lava flows which still cover such a large proportion of the surface. Glacial action—both the action of erosion as well as deposition—has also been instrumental in reducing the vertical relief.

Many evidences of recent development in the topography occur. The south Similkameen from the Pasayton to the Whipsaw creek occupies a deep narrow V-shaped valley indicative of a comparatively recent uplift, which imparts to this portion of the stream increased vigor and power of erosion. The valley of the Tulameen also, above Ottor creek, as well as many of its tributaries, is very narrow and steep, showing that the drainage has not been very long in operation since the change in elevation.

Numbers of terraces and deposits of gravel also occur at various elevations to a height of 1,100 feet above the present level of the lowest ones. As a rule the higher of these only now occur as small remnants of more extensive terraces, formed in the period immediately following on the disappearance of the Cordilleran glacier, and which have since been reduced in size by the ordinary atmospheric agencies of erosion, or by the action of streams which are now far below them. These are the most apparent evidences of comparatively recent changes of level.

Accompanying the changes of level and either a direct result of them, or of the blocking of ancient channels by recent volcanic flows, have been some striking changes of drainage. The most marked instance of this is the deep wide valley of Wolf creek, now occupied by a stream inconsistent with the size of the valley. It seems probable that this valley, with its continuation through Swelter lake, once carried a great part of the drainage of the Similkameen river which now flows through the Tertiary basin about Princeton. All the smaller streams entering the south side of this valley occupy hanging valleys, so that they debouch in waterfalls, or have been forced to cut deep canyons down to the level of the trunk valley.

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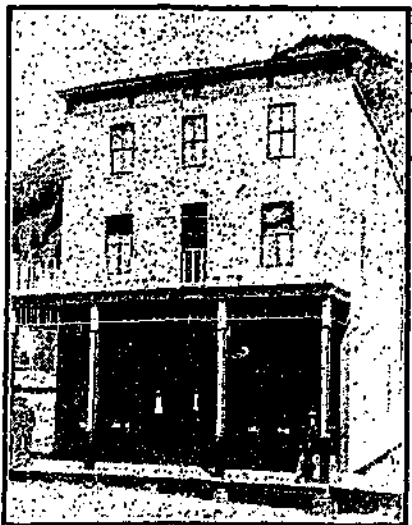
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