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Nickel Plate Operations in 1912

Camp Hedley's Contribution to the World's Gold Supply

REVIEW OF YEAR'S WORK

Former Records Broken All Along the Line—The Pleasing Story of Increasing Efficiency—Future Has Big Thing in Store.

Again another Christmas season in Hedley has been brightened by the brighter outlook of the leading industry upon which the town subsists, and when that industry has just completed payment of thirty per cent. in dividends for the year that has just closed, and the owners are moreover free to admit that the outlook of their mines in this camp, based upon actual development, now far exceeds that at any period in the Nickel Plate's history, the feeling of supreme satisfaction which it imparts makes the work of reviewing the year's operations a very pleasant task.

It will not be necessary to remind our readers that in the fourteen years' history of the mine, of which only about eight and a half years covered the producing period, the Christmas season did not always find the situation affording the same sense of buoyancy and contentment. Yet the mine was really richer than it is now by the amount of value which has been extracted since then. The difference lay in the fact that they did not know it, to be so and that the faith of those who were expected to know and who should have known more than they did, was weak.

As might be expected from the fact that the dividends have been greater during the past year than any previous year, 1912 has been a year of smashing records and all former achievements have had to take second place. The tonnage of ore mined and milled has been greater; the bullion produced has been greater; the mill has accomplished a higher duty per stamp; the extraction has been higher; and no more important than all of them, the development done during the year has shown up foot for foot a vastly greater amount of ore than ever before with the result that the ore reserves have reached a point which puts the whole concern on easy street for years to come, so far as the necessity for looking for new ore bodies is concerned. No wonder the ore reserves have increased so enormously during the year, when it is known that every bit of the development done in the Nickel Plate during the year has been all in ore.

Mine Development

On the Nickel Plate the development work consisted of 400 feet of sinking of an incline shaft, with four levels opened out from it and 300 feet of drifting on them. This incline is known as No. 5 incline from No. 4 tunnel. There was also an incline raise here to connect No. 4 tunnel with the workings above.

Another important feature connected with the development from the underground workings of the Nickel Plate was the commencement made on what is known as the Dickson Incline. This will be a very important undertaking and will play a very prominent part in the future working of the mine. The incline is planned for 3000 feet and is pointed in the direction best calculated to serve in the mining of the large ore reserves already known to exist, and when carried on will pierce the territory where it is known that new ore bodies will be opened up. The incline is to be double compartment with manway. The work already done is that of cutting the station for it and providing ore pockets. The present intention is to equip for sinking the incline to 1000 feet and a hoist will be installed at once capable of doing so. As before stated, every part of this development work on the Nickel Plate underground workings has been in ore.

Other development work has been the 140 foot tunnel under the bunkhouse into the Silver Plate property and sinking 150 feet in the Sunnyside No. 4 incline, but as the power which could be spared for development was

limited and there was a disposition to concentrate as much as possible on the Nickel Plate itself, the Sunnysides and other workings did not receive the attention they would otherwise have got.

Exploration by diamond drill was prosecuted extensively during the year and a total of 3447 feet was drilled, of which 2069 feet was by contractors' drills and 1381 by the company's own drills.

The Windfall Purchase

In connection with development may also be mentioned the exploratory work done in connection with the purchase of the above group of four claims consisting of the Windfall, Morning, Bighorn, Winchester Fraction and Ozar Fractional mineral claims on which they took a bond from the owners in the early part of the summer and began diamond drilling. This drilling was not done on the properties under bond but on the company's own property in unexplored ground lying between the Nickel Plate workings and the group bonded, and within a few feet from the Windfall line. The bond was for a long term and the consideration was \$150,000, but it was taken up at the end of four months and the full consideration paid less the discount for cash paid before completion as provided for in the bond. The spot where the last drilling was done was very precipitous which rendered the work a trifle hazardous after the snow came on as it does very early at that point. Besides the hard frosts at nights was freezing up their water pipes and causing considerable delay and lost time. The company have provided themselves with drilling equipment capable of going the depth necessary to reach the ore-bearing strata at that point and doubtless as soon as the weather is fit in the spring they will resume the drilling and put down a few more holes to obtain further information than that upon which the bond was taken up.

The Ore Tonnage

There was mined and milled during the year a little over 70,000 tons, which is nearly 13,000 tons more than last year, while last year was about 10,000 tons more than the year preceding. The tonnage month by month was as follows:

Month	Tons	Assay value
January	5701	\$10.70
February	5014	9.49
March	6263	11.69
April	5826	10.55
May	5636	10.64
June	6027	10.13
July	6110	9.97
August	5900	12.11
September	6108	16.38
October	6101	11.69
November	6003	11.57
December	6050 (estimated)	

This will show the value of the ore mined and treated during the year to have been at least \$792,000 and as the bullion output to the end of 1911 was as we have shown in former issues to have been \$3,810,700.02 it may now be seen that the output to the end of 1912 is a little better than \$4,600,000 for the average assay value of the ore for 1912 was \$11.32, and as the extraction for 1911 was over 92 per cent. and for 1912 has gone up to 94 per cent. the assay value and the bullion recovery are very nearly the same.

Milling Operations

It will be remembered that prior to the time the present company took hold of the Nickel Plate the highest record of ore mined and milled in any one year was 44,068 tons in 1908. The first full year the present company operated was 1910 when they increased the tonnage to 46,828 tons. During that year important changes were made in the mill to cut out the losses that were constantly occurring up to that time but no increase was made to the number of stamps. These changes were not fully completed and in operation until a month or two of 1911 had gone past, but nevertheless the tonnage for 1911 went up 10,500 tons over 1910. The tonnage for December 1912 is not available at the hour of going to press but we are safe in saying the tonnage for the year is likely to beat

that of 1911 by nearly 13,000 tons. Why this should be when there has been practically no new equipment installed and in operation during the year over what was in operation in 1911 may seem strange. It is, however, to be accounted for not to any one or two great changes but to a number of smaller improvements here and there through the mill made by individual mill hands in the working of the machines under their charge and it shows that initiative on the part of individual operatives is a good thing to encourage. The great gain in the tonnage of the winter months of 1912 over the same months of former years is easily to be accounted for in the change of the water system by which the water was used over and over again. This not only meant that less water was required to do the same work but it ensured a more equable temperature in the water and better work on the vanners and other concentrating machines which were hampered in their work by having to use icy water direct from the penstock that was sometimes half water and half anchor ice. Two other things which have no doubt contributed to the duty per stamp so far as the batteries are concerned, are the magnet on the conveyors which has been the means of saving stamp stems from breakage, and the increase in the drop of the stamps and use of coarse screens. This last of course threw a heavier duty upon the tube mill in having tailings to regrind, but it showed that the tube mill heretofore was not working up to its fullest capacity.

New Equipment

The only new equipment during the year of any marked importance were the changing of the headgear on the gravity tramway at central station and the installation of another new 150 horse power boiler in the power house.

The headgear at the central station has always been a source of trouble and has caused many delays through the breaking of the shaft in the two wheel gear formerly in use. The uneven wear on the cable and the drum created a differential strain which grew worse as the wear proceeded, until finally the snapping point was reached at irregular intervals. Some three years ago the general superintendent, G. P. Jones, who is of a mechanical turn of mind devised a plan to use three wheel gear but it was not put in owing to the expense attached in casting the new wheels required. Lately he modified it using the same principle but making provision for utilizing the two wheels that have always been in use and necessitating the making of only one additional wheel. It has now been working about a couple of months or more and is giving every satisfaction. There is better control of the skips and the strain on the shaft is reduced from 81 tons to 28 tons. Mr. Jones is confident that the breaking of the shaft is now a thing of the past, and the tramway which in the past was a fertile source of trouble will become one of the best behaved parts of the plant.

Another tramway improvement was the installation of a direct-connected hoist at the tippie which will enable them to handle freight cars loaded at the mill and send them right through to the mine without reloading or rehandling.

The Power House

The only thing new in this part of the plant is the installation of a new 150 horse power boiler which has now been in commission a little over a week and is proving a fine steamer. Its installation enables them to close off one of the other boilers at any time for repairs and it is being made use of in this way at the present time to permit of the others receiving an overhauling, and it is found they were all in need of it. When all have been overhauled and the full battery is put on, the power should be very much steadier and the lack of necessity for forced steaming will mean greater economy in fuel. A new plan is also adopted with the disposal of the ash and clinker. Formerly it was wheeled out and dumped on a slag heap but now a stream from the tail race strikes it and carries it off granulated to the creek.

The Power Question

Last year in the annual review for

1911 we made mention of the digging of 7000 feet of ditch to conserve a large volume of surface water which would otherwise run off in the spring. In speaking of it we made mention that it was estimated it would increase the annual water supply of Twenty Mile Lake forty per cent. but last spring it did much better than that and the increase was found to have been fully sixty per cent. Unfortunately the dam developed a weakness and allowed a good deal of it to escape. Repairs of a more permanent nature were made to the dam, part of which was the laying of a large steel pipe in concrete extending out into the lake as the collapse of the former wooden structure precipitated the break. Last year for the first time in many years the pumping of water at the lake was dispensed with and if everything goes well with the dam next spring and summer and the muskrats will behave themselves, next summer should see a strong volume of water conserved that will supply the big Double water wheel in the power house well on into the fall months and save a large fuel bill.

The Bigger Power Question

While Twenty Mile Creek and Twenty Mile Lake have always loomed large in Hedley's power schemes it has always been known that there was a much greater one in reserve and that the day would come when the waters of the Similkameen River would be harnessed to not only supply the deficiency but to assume the whole load and allow Twenty Mile to take a rest. The wonder was that it was not taken hold of long before, but now when it has become active it has become very active. Not until a few months ago was any definite move made by the company to secure rights on the river, but unfortunately when they did move they found they had delayed too long and that the situation was complicated by a prior right which had been granted for a volume of water that was practically the entire volume which the river was capable of supplying at low water.

Of course it is still open for the company to go further up the river and develop power, returning the water to the stream at a point above where the prior right could divert it, but that means greater inconvenience and greater cost. What they most complain of now is the fact that delay is occasioned and they want to begin immediately the installation of a plant which will develop 2000 horse power. This they cannot do until the holders of the prior right file their plans and show where they propose diverting the water. The water rights branch of the Department of Lands has told them that extension of time has been given the holders of the prior right as provided in the Water Act and the Commissioner, like the laws of the Medes, cannot change what he has already done.

The whole question of the development of Similkameen power is one which has been discussed at length in these columns long before the present situation arose and it would neither be in place nor within the scope of a review of this kind to go into it further just here, although we may have occasion to discuss it further in future issues as well as keep our readers posted from time to time with what is being done.

LETTING THEM TALK

Government Will Rest its Case on the Speeches Already Made—Foster's Great Effort Unanswerable.

The "Evening Citizen" says: "That the memorable speech of Hon. Geo. E. Foster on Wednesday on the Naval Bill is the last word in the discussion is so regarded by prominent Conservatives here. When the House resumes, a few on the government side may speak, but it is considered that the ground already has been completely covered. The system of putting up speaker for speaker only tends to aid the opposition if any blockade is designed, and so it is said to be probable that the field of discussion will be abandoned to the Liberals. The government side is likely to sit tight and let the others do all the talking."

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A. MEGRAW, Managing Editor.

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The Liberals in Ontario and elsewhere who placed country before party and refused to help Laurier to "make Canada only an adjunct of the United States" for President Taft, do not seem to have recanted or in any way regret the course they took in that matter. They know that Sir Wilfrid had no love for George Washington Ross since the latter gentleman refused to support reciprocity and they knew that Sir Wilfrid's choice of a leader of the Senate in succession to the late Sir Richard Cartwright was Senator Hewitt Bostock, but they turned down Bostock and elected Mr. Ross instead. Now the same principle which impelled them to oppose Laurier when his bad judgment led him to play into the hands of President Taft against the interests of Canada will make them oppose him again when his worse judgment and bad politics is leading him to play into the hands of Emperor William of Germany against the interests of Canada on the navy question, for the best interests of Great Britain in this matter are the best interests of Canada.

Hon. George P. Graham, the defeated of Brockville, who has frequently been slated as Laurier's successor in the Liberal leadership will do well to refrain from measuring swords with Hon. George E. Foster any oftener than he can help, for every time he does so he is bound to see the leadership slide a little farther away from him. In his speech in favor of Laurier's navy amendment Mr. Graham declared that Borden's proposal to have Canada come immedately to Britain's assistance with a \$35,000,000 vote for three dread-noughts at the expressed wish of the British Admiralty as contained in the memorandum which Mr. Borden read to the House, would "place Canada seventy years constitutionally backward." When Mr. Foster probed a little deeper and asked Mr. Graham whether he really meant that, the latter went deeper into the pit he had dug for himself by brazening the thing out and reaffirming his belief that it would "place Canada seventy years constitutionally backward." Mr. Foster thereupon placed him face to face with the declaration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself in his speech introducing the amendment where

he said that if he believed Britain needed assistance from Canada to help to maintain her naval supremacy he would be willing to give four times \$35,000,000, which according to Mr. Graham's figures would set Canada 270 years "constitutionally backward." Now in that statement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier he shows that he takes no stock in the views of either Mr. Graham or preacher McDonald of the Globe who rave about "tribute" and going "constitutionally backward," but he does something that is even worse for he unmannerly tells the British Admiralty that he does not believe that they meant what they said in the memorandum which Mr. Borden read to the House.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Dec. 28, 1912:

AT THE MINE.			
	Maximum	Minimum	
Dec 22	32	18	
23	38	16	
24	32	14	
25	39	15	
26	40	17	
27	28	14	
28	22	10	

Average maximum temperature 32.57
 Average minimum do 14.35
 Mean temperature 23.71
 Rainfall for the week .00 inches.
 Snowfall " " 1.0 "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR
 Highest maximum temperature 21.
 Average maximum do 14.57
 Lowest minimum do -10.
 Average minimum do .71
 Mean do 7.61

AT THE MILL.			
	Maximum	Minimum	
Dec 22	33	23	
23	32	12	
24	30	15	
25	28	24	
26	27	27	
27	18	18	
28	34	24	

Average maximum temperature 32.42
 Average minimum do 21.18
 Mean do 26.80
 Rainfall for the week .00 inches.
 Snowfall " " 1.05 "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR
 Highest maximum temperature 32.
 Average do do 23.28
 Lowest minimum do 4.
 Average do do 12.28
 Mean do 17.78

Making The Most Of It

Money Thrown Away Under Terms of Laurier Agreement Becomes Productive Under New Arrangement by Borden Government.

An important move has been taken by Hon. W. T. White designed to save Canada some eight millions of dollars. He proposes to devote part of the fifteen or twenty million dollars surplus which he will be able to announce in his budget speech this year to the purchase of Grand Trunk Pacific three per cent. bonds guaranteed by the government.

And thereby hangs a story. When the agreement was drawn up between the Laurier government and the Grand Trunk Pacific a clause known as the "implementing" clause was inserted. This clause provided that the difference between the selling price of the company's bonds and the par value, provided that the selling price was below par, should be paid by the Dominion government. This little Laurier joker has already cost the country some five million dollars, and but for the action of Mr. White would cost Canada eight million dollars more.

How It Works Out
 The Grand Trunk Pacific bonds have not brought very high prices on the money market. At present they stand at 78. Bonds have been issued for £7,200,000. The government has had to pay the difference between the selling price and par to the company, and last year a check for a cool five millions was paid over to the G.T.P. It was a direct gift to the company and an absolute loss to the country.

Expensive "Joker"
 There still remains to be issued within the next two or three years £3,800,000 of these bonds. After allowing for commission, etc., these bonds would on the basis of the present market price realize not about 74, thus leaving 26 points, the difference between par, to be made up by the government, amounting to \$8,000,000. Under the joker "implementing" clause in the agreement the government would have no alternative but to pay over this amount to the company, What Mr. White proposes to do is to

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For a Licence to Take and Use Water
 Notice is hereby given that the Similkameen Power Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, B.C. will apply for a licence to take and use 50 cubic feet per second of water out of Ashnola River which flows in a north-easterly direction and empties into the Similkameen river near Keremes. The water will be diverted at the second canyon and will be used for power purposes on the land described as Oliver's pre-emption and within a radius of 40 miles.
 This notice was posted on the ground on the 11th day of October, 1912. The application will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Fairview, B. C.
 Objections may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.
 Similkameen Power Co. Ltd.
 H. G. Sprague

WATER NOTICE

For a Licence to Take and Use Water
 Notice is hereby given that The Daily Reduction Co., of Hedley, B.C., will apply for a licence to take and use 300 cubic feet per second of water out of the Similkameen river, which flows in a southerly direction through Hedley, B. C. and empties in the Okanagan river near Oroville. The water will be diverted at a point on or between lot 331 and lot 200 and will be used for power purposes on the land described as Lot 200.
 This notice was posted on the ground on the 16th day of November, 1912. The application will be filed in the office of the Water Commissioner at Fairview, B. C.
 Objections may be filed with the said Water Commissioner or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.
 The Daily Reduction Co., Ltd.
 G. P. Jones, Agent

WATER NOTICE

For a License to Take and Use Water.
 NOTICE is hereby given that Percy Ed. Howell of Green Mountain, rancher, will apply for a license to take and use 100 inches of water out of Sheep Creek, which flows in an easterly direction through Lot 536 and empties into Okanagan Lake, near Penticton. The water will be diverted at 100 feet from the S.E. corner of lot 107, and will be used for irrigation and domestic purposes on the land described as Percy E. Howell's pre-emption.
 This notice was posted on the ground on the 20th day of December, 1912. The application will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Fairview.
 Objections may be filed with the said water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.
 P. E. Howell, applicant.

MINERAL ACT

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS
LAST Chance Fraction, Last Chance, Avoca, Summit Fraction, Goodview Fraction, Jack Mine, Primrose Fraction, Deadwood and Cyclone Fraction Mineral Claims situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District, Where located—In Camp Hedley.
 Take notice that J. Duncan Woods, Free Miner's Certificate No. 40443, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.
 And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
 Dated this 28th day of December, 1912.
 52-10 DUNCAN WOODS

devote part of the surplus to purchasing these bonds, and in the ensuing two or three years the remainder will be taken up. Thus the Grand Trunk Pacific will get its money and the country, instead of making a free gift of \$8,000,000 in addition to the \$5,000,000 already paid over, will invest its surplus and receive 3 per cent. on its money. The result should also be to strengthen all Dominion guaranteed securities on the London market.

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New Federal Law Compels Vessels to Have More Wireless Operators
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The finest November and December which the country has seen for many a year has been our lot during the two months that are past. Were it not for the sprinkling of snow which would make it hard to find the balls, the whole time would have been and would still be reasonably good golfing weather.

Jim Innis was in town on Friday last and made the Gazette a friendly call. He has been in the teaming business at Lytton, where he has four 4-horse teams at work on a hauling contract which has given employment for his teams for several months past and will be good for some time to come. He reports quite a little colony of ex-Hedleyites in Lytton and among them our old friend Dave James who was about the squarrest colored man who has struck the country.

Rev. Mark Jukes of Princeton held Anglican service here on Sunday last.

All holidays (Christmas included) bring the usual crop of drunks and other misbehavior. Some of these will take up some precious time of others who have no time to bother with them.

B. A. Hargreaves of Keremeos was in town on Friday last. He is now running the business formerly conducted by F. Sauve.

The Penticton Herald and Grand Forks Gazette each issued interesting and very highly creditable holiday specials in the interests of their respective towns. Both these towns are on the up-grade and making rapid progress and the healthy appearance of the papers reflect the general progress and advance. Sometimes the paper goes ahead of the town and sometimes the town ahead of the paper, but in both of these cases it is an instance of both town and paper keeping step. The advertising patronage accorded to both of them shows that the business men appreciate the influence of a local paper and thereby they show themselves deserving of the efforts which the papers put forth.

Mrs. Thain, formerly teacher in the Hedley school, has been engaged to teach next year in Penticton.

B. W. Knowles returned from his visit to Colorado in time to put in his Christmas in Vernon.

G. W. Cooper of Keremeos attended the Masonic installation on Friday evening last.

H. A. Turner district road supervisor, was in town Friday. He came over to meet the surveyors on the Government auto road who are at work in this vicinity and also to confer with Messrs. Boeing & Brass who have the contract for putting in a large bridge over the Great Northern track at or near Granite Creek. The government want the bridge built if possible before high water. Mr. Turner came over from Penticton that morning on Tweddle's auto and said they had no difficulty getting through.

The Vernon News special holiday number exceeds by far anything that they had formerly issued and that is saying a great deal. It covers not only the city of Vernon but the whole Okanagan in a most complete way and is turned out with the excellence in point of execution for which that paper is noted. Besides the usual 16 pages of the regular issue the special made it up to 96 pages more, and all of it handsomely illustrated with views of the district. The issue was ten thousand copies which are being disposed of at 25 cents each. Vernon is indeed fortunate in possessing a paper which can keep abreast of the times in the manner the News does.

A dainty cute little envelope may be the proper paper socially but it is a splendid way to lose mail matter that

may be enclosed in them. The other day the editor found in his mail a common circular letter with open back and the flap turned in to allow it to travel through the mails half fare. Inside of it was a dainty little brown envelope that had been posted in Wichita, Kansas, and addressed to a lady at an obscure post office in Canada that we had not heard of before. This diminutive missive had evidently slipped into the opening in the bigger letter and escaped the notice of the mail clerks. Doubtless many another letter of the same kind has been lost in much the same way, for there are very few business men who pay any attention to those open-backed "one centers."

Calendars for 1913 are a bit later in arriving this year. The first to be brought to this office was that of F. H. French which is a handsome art calendar. The Hedley Meat Market has a neat long wall hanger which is an apt artistic interpretation of "Bred in Old Kentucky." Of outside calendars two useful and handsome ones are those issued by the Mutual Life of Canada and the Great West Permanent Loan. The latter company are noted for their very handsome calendars and this year's is no exception. The subject is Tonnyson's artistic suggestion "When splendour falls on castle walls," which is enough to set any landscape artist at work.

With the beginning of the year the work begins in earnest to prepare for the Masquerade Ball given in behalf of the hospital. Not only are the directors of the hospital doing their best to make it a success, but the townspeople—men and women, lads and lasses are designing their costumes Friday, January 24th—that is the date.

Messrs. J. A. Holden, W. D. Gordon and Rev. T. A. Osborne of Princeton took in the Masonic installation on Friday evening last.

When the new boiler at the power house was installed and steamed up and one of the other boilers was allowed to die out for inspection it was found that the supports had been pretty badly burned out. As soon as repaired the others were given like inspection and are undergoing overhauling in turn. There has been no severe weather yet but when a cold snap comes the whole battery will be ready to cope with it.

HOSPITAL DONATIONS

Miss Allen, matron of the hospital, acknowledges receipt of a dozen silver teaspoons and sugar spoon for the use of the Hedley Hospital. The gift was from the pupils and teachers of the Union Sunday School.

J. H. RODGERS REVISITS THE CAMP

J. H. Rodgers arrived in town on Saturday and spent a few days. Needless to say he spent all the time he could spare on the Nickel Plate. To him more than to almost any other visitor to the camp the Nickel Plate has an intense interest, from a scientific point of view. In the early days of the camp when he was a geological student spending his holidays in Hedley, the Nickel Plate offered him a grand problem and with each recurring visit he has an opportunity to see how the solution is working out and know how many of his early conclusions are proving correct. Since he was last here he has spent a good deal of time in Mexico, where his brother M. K. is now residing and is likely to take up his permanent abode as the doctors have forbidden northern latitudes, and in all probability much of Harry's time will also be taken up there for he regards Mexico as a most interesting and profitable field. The real situation in Mexico hesays is very much misunderstood and misrepresented through the United States and Canada and the rebellion very much exaggerated. As an evidence of this he says that out of 7000 miles of railway in Mexico only 200 miles are out of commission or unsafe for travel.

AN EXTENDED TOUR

W. T. Shatford of Penticton has gone on an extended tour to South America, accompanied by Mrs. Shatford. The route he will take is not to be travelled in quite the same order as that so graphically described by Ambassador Bryce in his latest book but it will cover pretty nearly the same ground. After going back east to visit Mr. Shatford's old home in Nova Scotia they will go southward from New York to Brazil and Argentine and around the Horn to Peru and

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Chile, and back across the South American continent by the Trans-Andean railway. In this way he will miss the Panama Canal, with a description of which Bryce's book begins. The tour will take about four months and being made at this season of the year he will miss the North American winter and avoid, besides, much of the Antarctic cold complained of by Bryce, who had evidently made his trip at a different season of the year. Thus W. T., like Fessler's bees in Florida, will come in for three summers in succession with no winter intervening, but, unlike the bees, he will take the trip for pleasure and not be worked to death gathering any more honey than he has.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

Officers of Hedley Lodge A. F. & A. M. Chosen and Placed in their Chairs for the Ensuing Year.

On Friday night last, the festival of St. John the Evangelist, the brethren of Hedley Lodge No. 43 A. F. & A. M. and sojourning brethren assembled for this annual function. The officers installed for the ensuing year were:
 W.M., W. Bro. S. E. Hamilton
 S.W., Bro. G. H. Sproule
 J.W., Bro. F. H. French
 Secy., Bro. H. D. Barnes
 Treas., Bro. E. D. Boeing
 Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Cameron
 S.D., Bro. G. P. Jones
 J.D., Bro. E. H. Simpson
 D. of C., W. Bro. A. Creelman
 S.S., Bro. G. W. Cooper
 J.S., Bro. E. H. Williams
 I.G., W. Bro. J. D. Brass

At the close of the ceremony of installation the annual banquet which always accompanies the event was held, when an excellent spread was done full justice to, and at the close of the supper a number of Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to by brethren present.

The brethren of the lodge were pleased to entertain some visiting brethren who came out to meet with them on the occasion and a notable feature in connection therewith was the great number of Grand Lodge jurisdictions represented in the company present which shows the wide-spread character of Free Masonry.

From Kootenay To The Coast

Conference Between Railways as to Running Rights over Kettle Valley Line Across Hope Mountain Concluded.

Conferences between the Kettle Valley Railway Company and the Great Northern, or the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern, as the subsidiary organization of the latter is called on this side of the boundary line, which had been in progress for ten days concluded on December 20th, when President J. J. Warren of the K.V.R. and Vice-President Gilman of the G.N.R. with their engineers and head officials met at the Provincial Buildings. The negotiations covered construction and operation of the lines from Kootenay to the Coast, known as the Hope Mountain division. It is proposed that all formalities shall be completed by January 15, and it is expected that an agreement will be reached for the joint use of a single track through this mountain region for 50 miles.

Sir Richard McBride also had a short conference with Mr. Gilman today in respect to the adjustment of Victoria and Sidney Railway affairs, Mr. Gilman reiterating that it is the determination of the Great Northern to pay much more attention to British Columbia and its necessity for transportation facilities, both on the mainland and on Vancouver Island.

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F. H. French

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The Prime Minister, HON. R. L. BORDEN, occupies a central position, and is shown standing at the head of the Council Table. Seated about him are his colleagues.

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THE KEREMEOS PAGE

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Town and Lower Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody, who have been spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Frith, left by auto stage for their home in Pentiction, on Friday afternoon.

J. J. Armstrong leaves on January the first for Vancouver and Victoria, to spend a couple of weeks combining business with pleasure. During his absence the lumber yard will be looked after by Harry Etches.

The turkey shoots during the Christmas festivities, at both the upper and lower town, were a decided success. About five hundred birds including turkeys, geese and chickens were shot for.

Both hotels put up the finest kind of Christmas dinners, and many a lach had the pleasure of accepting their kind invitations on Christmas day. At the Restaurant on Thursday evening Mrs. Keeler gave a splendid dinner at which about fifty guests sat down. After dinner she invited all to spend an hour or two at games, which was taken advantage of and greatly enjoyed.

James M. Innis of Lytton (better known as Jimmie) came in just in time to spend Christmas day at home. He returned Monday after having had a nice time.

Rev. J. A. Clelland held Church of England services in the School House last Sunday, both services being well attended.

Mr. Fred Stevens of Hedley and Mr. B. W. Knowles of Hedley spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. J. A. Brown.

Joe Verrity of McLeod, Alta., came in last week to work on the Robertson ranch.

We are sorry to hear that the sickness of Miss Bessie Richter at the convent in Victoria, was of such seriousness that her mother Mrs. Tweddle, was called away last week. We are pleased to say that at the present time Miss Bessie has taken a turn for the better, and she has been taken by her mother to California with the hopes that the change in climate will do her good.

H. A. Turner, road supervisor, was in town Friday, and on Saturday took a trip up the Ashnola River accompanied by road foreman Jack Young.

The concert given by the Pan-American Octette on the 24th was of a very fine character. The solos, duets, and quartettes were wonderfully rendered. As usual Keremeos turned out in force, which resulted in a success both financial and otherwise. They left a slogan with us that will not drop for some while "Somebody lied."

A. C. Kennedy of Springbrook ranch on the Pentiction road, came in Monday to report that he had lost a number of young horses; and also to do the only thing under the circumstances, viz., to put an advertisement in the Gazette.

Ross Fleming, of the G.N. Survey, near Tulameen, is spending a few days with his uncle, W. M. Frith.

The Christmas Tree of the Sunday School given in the Town Hall on the 23rd was a decided success. The hall was filled to capacity. Too much credit cannot be given Mrs. McKenzie, who unselfishly gave most of her time having the children trained for their various performances. Miss Ethel Bromley was Mrs. McKenzies right hand lady, and it was with her kind help with the music that much of the success was obtained. The programme was as follows:--1. Opening by the School. 2. Santa in a flat, by Lawrence Vader. 3. Exercise by the Kindergarten children. 4. Chorus, Christmas Bells, by the school. 5. Recitation by Jimmie Emory. 6. Going Fishing by Alfred Mills. 7. Song by Four little girls. 8. Recitation by Leonard Innis. 9. Recitation by Frankie Innis. 10. Christmas Eve by Robert Frith. 11. Twinkle, song by Ruth Vader and Francis Gibson. 12. Ars you God's wife, by Bennie Clark. 13. Recitation, by Freddie Manery. 14. Song by Annie Manery. 15. The doll's mission, by Ruth Vader. 16. Chorus by the Sunday School. 17. Dialogue, Living the Christmas spirit, by school girls. 18. Recitation by Joe Bromley. 19. Garlands, by the big girls. 20. Recitation, by Mrs. D. J. Innis. 21.

Keremeos-Pentiction Mail Stage.

The auto stage leaves Keremeos for Pentiction, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday at 5 p.m.

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Indian Drill, by boys and girls of school. 22. Recitation by Buster Thomas. 23. Recitation by Violet Honeywell. 24. Squaw Song, by part of the School. 25. The Day after Christmas, by Ina Harrison. 26. Christmas Day, by Lillian Gibson. 27. Recitation by Genevieve Boyd. 28. Recitation by Hugh McKenzie. 29. Recitation by Birdie Manery. 30. Pantomime, My face looks up to thee, by four girls. 31. Recitation by Clifford Clark. 32. Santa Claus Song, by the S.S. At this point Santa enters and after due capering around delivers the presents off the Christmas Tree. 33. Closing song. We might add that although the programme was of the best, it was far too long for the little kiddies. The poor little fellows were tired out looking and waiting for Santa who did not put in an appearance until a few minutes before eleven. As we think we all love the kiddies let us ask old Santa to get a move on next Christmas time for the sake of the children.

Harry B. Armstrong, who was quietly married in Seattle about ten days ago, arrived in Keremeos with his bride in time to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. Dufresne, C.E., passed through on his way to Princeton last Monday.

The mail at the P.O. this Christmas was about fifty per cent. greater than that of last year.

Miss Gray of Toronto is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ezra Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Sproule of Hedley spent a delightful Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Eight bachelor friends enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Brown at a dinner party on Monday evening last. After dinner the evening was spent playing some of the favorite games.

The complimentary supper given at the Central Hotel on New Year's Eve was a grand success and the hungry from far and near flocked to the feast. An excellent supper was set up by the host and a good time spent.

Rev. A. H. Cameron returned home New Year's morning and was welcomed back by his Keremeos friends.

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DISTRICT OF VALE

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Olga Danoff
S. Danoff, Agent.
Dec. 12th, 1912 51-10

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Sam Danoff
Dec. 12th, 1912 51-10

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HILTON EATON
M. J. McKeown, agent.
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1 Dark Iron Grey Filly, coming 3.
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1 Chestnut or Light Sorrel, coming 2 horse colt.
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