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## SIR RICHARD'S CHEERY NOTE

British Columbia's Premier Gives New Year Greeting and Sees Prosperous Present and Future

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31.—In wishing the people of this province a happy New Year, Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, struck the chord of optimism and dominant faith in the future greatness of the province, both as a unit and as an integral part of the Dominion of Canada, and, therefore, of the great British empire, which has been the theme of his statesmanship since he first entered the political arena.

"We have put our hands to the plow and will not look back," said Sir Richard McBride, "and the year that has just passed should be a milestone of splendid encouragement in our forward march. The need of the day in this province is not for more optimism, for I do not believe that there is a man who has a stake in this province who does not in the depths of his heart firmly believe in its future greatness, but the need today is rather for an outward expression of our faith."

"The policy of railway development inaugurated two years ago on which the work of our constructive departments is founded, has been pushed forward vigorously during the year. It is quite safe to say that the railway programme now being carried out in British Columbia is not only the largest but is also attracting more widespread attention than any similar program under construction."

"The Pacific Great Eastern has 5,000 men now engaged on the work, distributed over 170 miles, and I believe that next year will see a train running from Howe Sound to Lillooet. Nearly 15 miles of steel have already been laid north of Newport and a large amount of grading has been done between that point and Lillooet."

"With regard to the Canadian Northern there has been a record made in railroad building in this province which I believe is hardly paralleled in any other part of this country. There are today 220 miles of steel laid on the mainland. Grading and tracking is practically continued throughout the uncompleted sections and I am confident that by the first day of July, 1914, a great section of the work will be completed. On Vancouver Island there are 167 miles of Canadian Northern line and it is hoped that by the first day of July there will be trains in operation on practically the whole of the system."

"The Kettle Valley railway, through Nicola, Boundary and Okanagan districts is being vigorously prosecuted, and according to a statement issued a few weeks ago by the president of the line the road will be in operation within eighteen months."

"At the present rate of progress the two ends of steel of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be connected by May 15th next. The present year has witnessed a greater amount of progress in the National Transcontinental line than any previous year."

"Mr. J. J. Hill has completed his arrangements for the conquering of the Coquihalla summit and the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern, by its connections with the American branches of the system, will make direct communication with Hope and Vancouver and in this way with Victoria."

"With regard to the Canadian Pacific railway, large terminal improvements have been undertaken at Vancouver at an approximate cost of \$2,500,000. These comprise new passenger stations and general office, a dock for the British Columbia coast service, with proper freight and passenger facilities and two overhead bridges at Burrard and Granville streets."

"Never in the history of British Columbia has this province stood so high in the financial markets of the world as it does today. Our policy of conservative development has been carefully studied and no stronger endorsement of the financial standing of British Columbia could have been received than the way which our temporary loan of \$1,500,000 was subscribed recently in London and the terms on which we were able to place this issue excited favorable comment in the great hub of the financial world."

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## PARCELS POST THIS MONTH

Postoffice Department and Railway Reaching Understanding—Want Allowance Trebled

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Officials of the postoffice department are hard at work arranging the details of the parcel post system provided for in the bill passed by parliament last session. Although there still remains a good deal to be done, they are confident that the system will be inaugurated before the end of January. Some important matters have still to be dealt with, but they will be taken up as soon as Hon. L. P. Pelletier returns to the capital. That will be early next week.

The arrangement with the railways has not yet been made, but it is said that the department and the railways are getting closer together every day. The railways want their allowance of approximately \$2,000,000 for the carrying of the mails increased to \$3,000,000. Their demand amounts to compensation for the loss of the express business. It is probable that the railways will have to accept a considerably smaller amount.

## DAILY TRAIN SERVICE RESUMES

Great Northern Restores the Service Without Waiting to Represent Case Before Railway Commission

Quicker even than it was taken away the daily train service on this run was restored by the G. N. R.

That this was caused by the prompt, decisive action of the Canadian Railway Commission there is no reason to doubt, and the people of the Similkameen have good reason to appreciate the prompt and effective attention given to the matter by their representatives at Ottawa and Victoria.

The daily papers showed that the Railway Commission had cited the Great Northern to appear before them at Ottawa on January 7th, but the fact that the railway company restored the service on the first of the month bears out the opinion generally held that the move for curtailment had not come from St. Paul but from a minor official, and that as soon as St. Paul was apprised of the situation by the Canadian Railway Commission they did a little bit of family disciplining on their own account and the speedy restoration was part of it.

Minor officials often get pitch-forked into positions where it becomes a case of the job being too big for the man and he becomes lost in the interior vastness of his environment. A little learning is a dangerous thing and too close study of the particular department of railway economics which has to do with the interest on the cost of construction may prove too strong meat and lead the victim to do queer things.

## MILLIONS ON EDUCATION

British Columbia Expended \$4,658,894 During 1913

The school year ending June 30, 1913, was probably the most successful year in the history of education in this province. The total enrolment in all the colleges and schools was 57,608, an increase of 7488 over that of the previous year.

"It is the largest yearly increase since the establishment of the public school system in 1872," says Dr. Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education.

The percentage of regular attendance is almost gratifying, being 75.12, the highest in the history of our public schools.

The cost to the Provincial Government of education proper for the year was \$1,032,038.00. During the same period the department of works expended on new buildings and on repairs to old schools the sum of \$300,004.74, making a total cost to the Provincial Government for education of the sum of \$1,032,038.00. In addition to this amount the incorporated cities, rural municipalities and other school districts spent the sum of \$-605,891.03, making the grand total cost of education the very large sum of \$4,658,894.87.

## CANADIAN COWHIDE DID IT

The Strenuous Kick Put Up by the Canadian Similkameen Made the G. N. R. Coon Come Down

It looked for a while as if the dwellers in the Similkameen on this side of the line would have to share with Loomis in Washington the honors of wrestling from the G. N. R. a recognition of our rights to daily train service. Data for that belief would be found in this paragraph from the Oroville Gazette of December 29th.

"It hardly seems possible under the pressure that is being brought to bear that the railroad can continue the present schedule any length of time. The wires have fairly exuded protests for a week addressed to the highest authorities of the United States and Canadian governments. Loomis citizens sent out a voluminous telegram to the postmaster general and senators protesting against the hardship, and begging for relief. The change is a grievous misfortune to the people of Loomis and that part of the country. For over 20 years, even through the medium of the primitive stage coach, that section has been supplied with a daily mail service. With the present running of trains this service is cut down to three times a week. The postoffice department will hardly stand for such a radical change."

The next week, however, showed that the redress for the Loomis kick did not come from the Great Northern but from the U. S. postal department, for the Oroville Gazette has this in its last week's issue:

"As a result of the strenuous appeal for help sent out by residents of the Loomis country, when deprived of a daily mail service by the change of schedule in the running of trains to Princeton, Postmaster Mills received the following laconic but straight-to-the-point telegram from the fourth assistant postmaster general Saturday evening:

"Effective January 1st. Concomitantly Nighthawk route will end at Oroville, supplying Wanicut. Have Wanicut contractor cease service after 31st."

"Interpreted this means that on and after Thursday, January 1st, a daily mail service will be inaugurated between Oroville and Concomitantly, taking in Wanicut and Loomis. Mails for those postoffices will arrive at and leave this place every day, except Sunday. The stageline from Loomis to Nighthawk will be abandoned, and the Nighthawk-Concomitantly contract transferred to the Oroville run. So long as a stage must be used for the greater part of the distance between Concomitantly and Loomis and the railroad Oroville might as well be the terminal of the service as Nighthawk, and by establishing such a route the jerk-water service between Wanicut and Oroville is eliminated. With stages coming into Oroville it will make no difference to the people of Loomis and Concomitantly whether trains run further west than this point one day or seven days a week, they are assured of a regular mail delivery."

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S LEVEE

Duke of Connaught Holds New Year Reception.—Ottawa's Notabilities Attend

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—An exceptionally large attendance was present today at the New Year's levee of the governor-general held in his office in the parliament buildings. Wearing the brilliant uniform of a field marshal, in the British army, the duke received his callers in his private suite and shook hands with over 800 men of all walks of life during the hour of the reception.

Among those who paid their respects to his royal highness were the Right Hon. Robert Borden, premier; Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. T. White, Hon. T. W. Crothers, Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. Martin Burrell, his excellency, Mgr. Stagni, papal delegate; Archbishop Hamilton, Archbishop Gauthier, Vicar-Gen. Routhier. His royal highness was attended by his staff, consisting of Col. Farquhar, military secretary; Capt. H. C. Buller, A.D.S.C.; Capt. A. Graham, A.D.C., and Sir Edward Worthington, M.D., A.D.C.

## WORK ON THE DAM

Ideal Weather Helps Out the Situation—Water Troubles Hamper at Times—Cement Laying Begins

While the weather for working on the dam has been ideal everything has not been clear sailing and the gang at work on the dam have had their own troubles to contend with. One of the worst drawbacks met with has been underground water that apparently is not coming from the river but is some of the water from Twenty mile which had sunk higher up the stream, and is pouring into the excavations from gravel beds encountered as they go down.

The river has been turned against the far bank and the present workings are considerably below the bed of the stream but very little water seems to leak in from the direction of the river. The water itself would not be so bad if the equipment for handling it was only in satisfactory working condition. The pumps are all old ones that have served their time in various duties about the mine and the mill for years past and some of them have been lying by for years with the suction hose and other perishable parts all the while deteriorating, and when the severest work is required of them at the present time, that is when some put is most likely to give out. The big rotary pump formerly in use at the lake has been found of far greater capacity than anything yet required of it, while it is in working order, but when any part of it gives out and the pump is out of commission it does not take long to drown out the others. On Tuesday morning the suction hose on the rotary gave out and a few hours was sufficient to fill up the excavation with water. Before noon the repairs had been made and the rotary put to work.

The ditch for the toe hold of the upstream apron of the dam has been sunk to the necessary depth and the intention was to begin putting in the cement in it on Tuesday if the water could have been kept out. When this is in there is good reason to expect that much of the present flow of water will be stopped. It is understood that a boiler may be installed in a few days to furnish steam for the pumps and hoist instead of having to depend on the limited air supply that has all along been delaying the operations. Considerable pile driving will be necessary in places and this will be a still further tax on the now limited power obtainable from the compressed air which is giving trouble from freezing and requires nearly as much cost in fuel and attention to keep it thawed out as would be required to generate efficient power in steam. When the boiler is put in commission the work will go faster and more economical, for due economy is always hard to secure without efficient power. Besides, time in this instance is a valuable consideration and time saved is money saved.

## HIS LEGACY TO ENGLISH LIBS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Attitude on Naval Question in Canada May Wreck Party in England

Had Sir Wilfrid Laurier been a patriot last session instead of a petty politician looking for fancied political advantage he would have allowed Canada to do justice to herself and to Britain in supplying the three warships. When Canada was prevented from thus doing justice to herself it became necessary for the First Lord of the Admiralty in the British Liberal cabinet to take steps to supply the deficiency caused by Canada's failure.

Three more ships in one year added to the British regular plan is a hard task for the British tax-payer to tackle, and the little-navy element in the British Liberal party are in rebellion. That rebellion promises disastrous effects to the Liberal party in Britain.

A few years ago the British Liberals politically canonized Sir Wilfrid by presenting him with the Cobden medal. This is the legacy he has given them in return for it.

The Ben Hur in Republic has smelter figures to show that its output for the past six months was \$50,000.

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				31	

### TAXES

When the Tax Commission appointed by the Government of British Columbia nearly two years ago made their rounds through the province and examined witnesses on the working out of the Assessment Act it was an opportunity for faddists to air their crochets, and a favorite hobby of many of them was to advocate the abolition of the provincial revenue tax, better known as the \$3.00 poll-tax. Unfortunately, although it may be paradoxical to put it that way, the province was then riding on the very top crest of a wave of prosperity and the government and everybody else had money to burn. There was revenue from land sales, revenue from timber lands and revenue in plenty from nearly every other source, so with the lavishness of the gems parvenu the faddists were dying to make ducks and drakes of the sources of revenue—the little geese that had been laying some of the golden eggs. In Vancouver long sessions of the Commission were held and much evidence was taken. Lofty ideas of the academic order floated through the ozone at the atmospheric pressure of sea level, and the revenue tax was dubbed "an unscientific tax" by no less authority than the brand new chancellor of the brand new university. Well, the outcome of it all was that the next session of the legislature saw the removal of the revenue tax which was the only contribution that thousands of aliens in the province who did own no land here and were earning from \$500 to \$2000 per year ever had been required to pay for the upkeep of government, police protection etc., but now they were not to be asked for a sou. The revenue tax did seem an imposition on those who were already paying tax on freehold and leasehold premises but for aliens who paid no other tax it was the proper thing, and its removal should only have been attempted in the case of those paying other taxes. As for the gentlemen with academic ideas who balked at things "unscientific" it may be a comfort to them to know that the way their reform has been working out is that by a wholesale sweeping abolition of the revenue tax they have contrived to vote indirectly and therefore "scientifically" tens of thousands every year in this province to the red-light districts, the card-sharps and the saloons which formerly went into the provincial treasury from an honest, sensible tax that very few were heard to complain of.

And now what is to be the remedy and where is the deficiency to come from? This is already answered to many householders who find that in

addition to their property and school tax they have to put up an income tax that often trebles the old revenue tax. Nevertheless we have little sympathy with those who kick most strenuously against income tax, when income of \$1,000 and less is exempt from it. The man whose income amounts to \$1,000 per annum can well afford to pay 1% on the excess over the thousand. If they object too strongly they can find lots of other men whose incomes are less than \$1,000 who will gladly take the excess and pay the tax on it. But the wage scale for this province in many lines gives an income of from \$800 to \$1100 per annum with by far the greater number dropping in between \$300 and \$1,000 and these render no revenue whatever to the province on income tax. Many of these are aliens and these again may be divided into two classes: those who save their money and send it all out of the country and those who spend it in folly and vice. Taxation is a big subject and has always been so, and where is there another about which the human animal feels he has more right to kick against?

### WATCH A TRAITOR

A feature that adds zest to the political situation in Britain is the apparent rift in the late so far as the political accord of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the First Lord of the Admiralty is concerned. The latter has never given any uncertain sound as to his determination to keep the naval strength of Britain up to a point which will leave no doubts as to her ability to maintain her position as mistress of the seas. To accomplish this purpose it is necessary for him to keep a watchful eye upon the ship-building programme of the other powers and regulate the British program accordingly. For Lloyd George to promulgate the view under such circumstances that the present is in his opinion an opportune time to restrict armaments and that Britain should set an example by retrenchment in her building programme regardless of what other powers may do, looks very much as if he was desirous of a break with Churchill and to do so is ready to seek any pretext for precipitating the quarrel. So far as the people of Great Britain are concerned it should not be difficult for them to appraise the contention of Lloyd George for Britain to go in for retrenchment independently, at its true value. They should in the first place remember that this is the same man who lauded the Boers when Britain was taxing her resources of men and treasure in that trying and thankless struggle. His sympathies then were with Britain's enemies. Is he a safe man to trust now?

### METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Jan. 3, 1913:

AT THE MINE.			
	Maximum	Minimum	
Dec 28	23	14	
29	23	15	
30	25	15	
31	25	12	
Jan 1	25	12	
2	27	19	
3	25	12	
Average maximum temperature 24.28			
Average minimum do 14.12			
Mean temperature 18.55			
Rainfall for the week .00 inches.			
Snowfall " " 3.5 "			

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR			
	Maximum	Minimum	
Dec 28	30	23	
29	34	16	
30	37	30	
31	37	17	
Jan 1	38	21	
2	30	30	
3	41	36	
Average maximum temperature 37.			
Average minimum do 23.28			
Mean do 30.11			
Rainfall for the week .00 inches			
Snowfall " " 15 "			

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR			
	Maximum	Minimum	
Dec 28	36	23	
29	34	16	
30	37	30	
31	37	17	
Jan 1	38	21	
2	30	30	
3	41	36	
Average maximum temperature 37.			
Average minimum do 23.28			
Mean do 30.11			
Rainfall for the week .00 inches			
Snowfall " " 15 "			

### SIR RICARD'S CHEERY NOTE

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"Every department has shown signs of increased activity during the year and the details of their progress on which I have asked the responsible ministers to speak show something of the marvellous development going on today in British Columbia.

"The enormous appropriation of over \$9,000,000 made for public works in the province at the last session has been carefully husbanded and of the amount appropriated there is still a balance of approximately \$2,000,000 as a counter entry to the expenditure of a capital sum of \$7,000,000. We are able to credit the books of the province with the assets of hundreds of miles of splendidly laid roads, magnificent buildings and bridges, the erection of hospitals, homes and schools, which in design and structure are at least the peer of any in the Dominion.

"The constructive statesmanship of Mr. Borden and the ministers at Ottawa, which is laying the foundation for an era of trade expansion and internal prosperity within the Dominion will be reflected in this western province. British Columbia has been well treated during the past year by the Dominion authorities and the large appropriations that have been made for the harbor improvements at Ogden Point and the announcement that work is shortly to be begun on the dry dock at Esquimalt are a happy augury for our prosperity in the coming year.

"British Columbia gives every promise of an era of progress and prosperity fostered under the care and control of our great Dominion and the ties that binds us to the motherland will be cemented by the bands of friendship and loyalty to the empire of which we are an integral unit, under whose fostering care we owe our existence."

### A RESOLUTION

A naive suggestion in the way of a New Year resolution is made by the editor of the Slokan Record who thinks it would be a good idea for every paper in British Columbia to take one issue in the year to tell the truth concerning the particular district in which it is published. It is presumed that the somewhat unwelcome tidings on some matters which the Record has set forth, may be the plain unvarnished truth concerning the Slokan district, but would not apply at all to some other portions of the province. The Record's references to fruit-growing, for instance, are doubtless apropos for that district where it is reported the luckless grower in addition to the danger of starving to death on his fruit lot, runs the risk of falling off his ranch into some lake or river and either getting drowned or breaking his neck, but would be libel or calumny if applied to the future vineyards of the Similkameen.

By way of a starter in this truth-telling one issue campaign the Record says:

"The newspapers might in one issue each year tell the truth about mining promotions; how money that should be used for development purposes is squandered on supernumeraries; how crooked tunnels had been run at greater expense than would have resulted in following the ore body; that a mining proposition cannot support any more loafers than any other legitimate business; that only a retired army officer, with a pension, can live comfortably on a small fruit-land holding; that it costs from \$100 to \$200 an acre to clear and prepare land for fruit raising."

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

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

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

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

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

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

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**Town and District.**

Daily train service resumes on the V. V. & E. from Oroville to Princeton beginning January 1st, 1914. H. E. Hansen, agent.

Dr. Lawrence went to Princeton on New Year's Day. The amount of work in the dentistry line which came his way while in Hedley kept him about ten days longer than he was counting on.

Mr. Blanchard of Okelan, Wash., arrived in Hedley the beginning of last week bringing with him his daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. H. E. Hansen and child, who had been visiting them for a couple of months.

Miss Avonia Jones left again on Monday for Victoria to resume her studies in St. Margaret's school. Her father took her out to Penticton by auto and she would just have time to reach Victoria for the re-opening day.

The exceedingly mild weather which set in at the end of last week caused consternation among the members of the Hedley Hockey and Skating Club as there was every reason to fear that the limited covering of ice on the rink would not stand it very long.

Rev. A. H. Cameron united in marriage a couple from Princeton who came down here for that purpose on Saturday last. The groom's name was Graham and the bride Mrs. Mitchell. They spent Sunday in Hedley and returned on Monday's train.

Apparently one of the effects of the G. N. R.'s attempt at abbreviation of the Oroville-Princeton train service is that they have lost thereby the contract of carrying the U. S. mail for Loomis, Conconully, and other points in that portion of the state.

Hedley was well represented at the New Year's eve dance in Princeton. The event took place in the new Odd-fellows' hall which is said to be a very fine hall for public assemblies of all kinds where a large attendance is to be accommodated. Those who went report a good time.

The Dominion quarantine officer was about to raise the quarantine on trains from the south when he had reliable data that there were some half dozen or more cases of small pox in Molson of recent brew. It seems to take them a long time to clean up in that part of the country.

Archie McEachern the boss driller came to town last week. Several weeks ago he was in a runaway accident over at Okhla, which shook him up considerably but he is now all right again, and will be ready for another whirl at the rock-drilling when the time comes around again.

A number of handsome calendars were received during the past few days from a number of outside firms. Those from the Great West Permanent Loan Company, Smith, Davidson & Wright, the Golden Gate Hotel in Fairview, and from Jas. McCreath of Greenwood were among the finest.

Always deal with those who think enough of your trade to ask for it, and the surest way to get the worth of your money is to read carefully the announcement of those who invite your trade in their advertisements. The day is past when merchants advertise what they are not prepared to carry out.

M. C. Hill left on New Year's Day but we have not heard his destination. His friends donated him a remembrance in the shape of a substantial testimonial in coin of the realm in token of their appreciation of him and of willingness to aid in every project to further the interests of manly sport.

Mrs. Dalton had a children's party on the afternoon of December 31st when a lot of the town kiddies mostly under three years of age were present and besides having a good time were given substantial souvenirs in the form of toys that will keep them amused during 1914, and help them to remember the occasion and likewise the donor. A supper was spread for the children themselves and they stood not on ceremony but waded in.

Hedley Union Sunday School held its annual election of officers and teachers Jan. 5th, 1914. The following were elected for the coming year. Supt. Mrs. Forbes, Assistant Supt. Mrs. Creelman, Sec-Treas. Mrs. Clare, Assistant Sec.-Librarian Miss Patton, Teachers: Mrs. Creelman, Miss Walker Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Mitchell. Primary Dept. Mrs. Boeing, Primary Assistant Miss Rutherford. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Forbes for her services as organist for the past year, and also for the generous supply of wood which she has supplied the Sunday School.

A letter received from Mrs. E. H. Williams in Rossland by Mrs. G. P. Jones conveys the assuring news that the specialist in England to whom Mr. Williams went for treatment is confident that sight will be fully restored. After Mr. Williams left Hedley and when in route to the old country his vision was very much impaired and he was nearly blind before reaching his journey's end.

School re-opened on Monday morning with Miss L. Tompkins, M. A., as principal of the superior school and Miss Walker again in charge of the junior classes. Miss Tompkins comes from Vancouver but before coming to British Columbia, had been for four years principal of the high school at Port Hood in Inverness county, Cape Breton, where she taught with success.

The suddenness with which the Great Northern restored the daily train service after the Railway Commission got after them appears to have made the Canadian postal officials over in the Nelson direction dizzy. At all events they have not been able to get their mail ready for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday runs, and no copies of the Nelson News have yet managed to get through for those days. The post office inspector for that division should wake up.

The weather report for last week is quite interesting when comparison is made between the mine and Hedley. There was steady winter weather up there all week and a snowfall of 3.5 inches. The highest maximum registration of temperature showed three degrees of frost and there was on one morning twenty degrees. At Hedley which is about two miles distant horizontally and about a mile lower vertically the maximum went above freezing every day of the seven and on one day the mercury stayed above freezing for the whole 24 hours.

Since about the middle of March 1913 there has not been a week that there was not good golfing on the Hedley course. There have been occasional days since the middle of December that there was a little too much snow to be able to find the balls, but the chinook which came along when 1914 was only a day old soon took the snow all away and several players made the round of the links and declare that they never found the course in better shape or the weather more agreeable for the game than it was on these opening days of 1914.

F. H. French has received returns from the Government assay office at Victoria on the ore of the new find on the Oregon. Two samples were sent of the ore and the returns showed 16.3 and 16.0 ounces of gold respectively, showing that it is pretty even in values. These weights represent values of \$326 and \$332 per ton. Of course it is not claimed that the ore assayed represented a commercial sampling across any definite ledge or body, but the ore specimens of which it was a fair sample were no vest pocket picked specimens but were chunks of nearly a cubic foot each. The Oregon is certainly a property that will bear watching and there is every encouragement to give it a proper chance to make good.

A Hedleyite who spent the night at Mayor Grubb's hotel in Oroville tells of the discussion he heard over the order to resume the daily train service on this portion of the V. V. & E. The order for restoration was strongly disapproved of in the hotel where it was proclaimed that three trains per week was quite ample. It may be convenient for the people in the Similkameen to know that this sentiment exists there. We here think also that the few minutes necessary to change passengers and mail would be quite ample for the trains to remain in Oroville. That layover is a graft that has done the G. N. R. out of a lot of passenger traffic they might otherwise have had but they are very slow to learn.

**BORN**  
CORRIGAN—In Hedley on January 2nd, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Corrigan, a son.  
MARTIN—In Hedley on January 3rd, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin, a daughter.

The Greenwood smelter had a narrow escape from being burned down last week. Only prompt measures by the company's own fire fighting force and the help of the Greenwood fire brigade saved the industry. The trouble was caused by the blowing out of the bricks around the jacket at the end of one of the furnaces and this allowed the molten slag to pour out and set fire to everything combustible with which it came in contact. Only twelve hours were lost before things were again in operation.

# Seasonable Suggestions

Now is the time to procure your Christmas Fruits while the selection is complete and the goods fresh. Below are a few of the lines we have just received:

Seeded Raisins	Peels	Shelled Nuts
Sultanas	Dates	Molasses
Currants	Figs	Fresh Fruit
Biscuits and Confectionery		

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### NOTICE

SIMILKAMEEN LAND DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OF YALE

TAKE Notice that Alfred Rowberry, of Fairview, occupation Rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of C. D. Carr's application to purchase thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement containing 80 acres more or less, for pasturage.

ALFRED ROWBERRY  
per Val. C. Haynes, agent.

Nov. 22nd, 1913 43-10

### NOTICE

SIMILKAMEEN LAND DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OF YALE

TAKE Notice that Christopher Donoghue Carr, occupation Rancher intends to apply for permission to purchase eighty acres of land in the Similkameen Land Division as follows:—

Commencing at a post planted forty chains west of the north-west corner of Lot 155, thence west forty chains, thence south twenty chains, thence east forty chains, thence north twenty chains to the point of commencement containing eighty acres more or less.

CHRISTOPHER D. CARR  
per Val. C. Haynes, agent.

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