

Town and District.

Swimming in the Similkameen has been a favorite diversion during the hot spell.

Judge Spinks has returned to Vernon after a year's treatment in hospital in Montreal.

A new instalment of books from the provincial travelling library reached Hedley last week.

Martin Burrill, of Grand Forks, has been gazetted a member of the Provincial Board of Horticulture.

Lang Bros., of Peachland, are putting in a new saw mill to replace the one destroyed by fire a few days ago.

Mr. John Dean, a former mayor of Rossland, came in on Tuesday's stage and went on to Princeton yesterday.

J. D. Brass is putting up a double house on the corner of Webster and Ellis streets. Each will have three rooms.

D. G. Hackney was in town last week. Mr. Hackney has been down in the lower part of the valley for a few weeks.

The log drive is coming on in good shape and will be down to Stirling Creek in a few days, quite a few of the logs having reached there already.

Mr. and Mrs. Cootes, M. and Mrs. Bragg and Mrs. Brule spent three days camping out at Wolf Creek. They took advantage of the lay-off at the mill for this outing.

C. S. Stevens, superintendent of Dominion telephone and telegraph lines, says that a contract will be let for supplying poles for 80 miles between Penticton and Nicola.

A meeting to make arrangements for Labor Day celebration in Hedley, will be held in Fraternity Hall, tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, p. m. All citizens are requested to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shelder returned on Tuesday from Ontario where they had gone to visit Mr. Shelder's relatives. Mrs. Shelder went east in the early spring and Mr. Shelder about a month ago.

C. A. Brown went out on Friday's stage. So carefully had he followed the injunction to let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth, that there is a leather medal for any one who can tell whither he was bound.

The Gazette was pleased to receive a call on Monday from an old friend, Mr. C. B. Bash of Greenwood, who was making a flying trip to Bear Creek. Old times and friends at McKinney and the Boundary was the theme, and all know how pleasantly an hour or two can pass under such conditions.

Harry Walton who has been educating the tastes of bon vivants in Hedley for the more aristocratic brands of budge, and maintaining the fame of his illustrious ancestor, "Ike," as boss angler, left on Wednesday morning for the coast, going out by way of Nicola. Harry's Hedley friends wish him success.

Dr. Mathison, dentist, of Greenwood, is at present at Summerland and Peachland. His original programme was to be in Hedley before this time, but for obvious reasons he is leaving this part of his itinerary off a few days longer. He may, however, find it advisable yet to come in before the end of the month.

The post office on Rock Mountain, known as Maud post office, of which H. S. Edwards was postmaster, is being moved to McBride's, with D. McBride as postmaster. It is not known yet whether the name of the new post office will be McBride or Bridesville. In view of the fact that the new postmaster has recently been married to a charming young widow, the latter would be the more suitable name and doubtless will be adopted.

Mr. H. B. Brown informs the Gazette that the account of the bear and bulldog fight appearing in the issue of two weeks ago, while correct in most essential points scarcely did justice to the old dog, which, although muzzled, tackled the bear repeatedly and was badly wounded in the fray. The item might be construed as casting a reflection on the courage of the old dog, although no such meaning was intended to be conveyed, and the dog's behavior did not deserve any slight of that kind. The Gazette unqualifiedly begs pardon of this valiant bull-bitch, which, although surviving a murderous fray in which her two plucky sons were laid low, acquitted herself most creditably. And why shouldn't one apologize as readily for injustice done to the genus canum as to the genus homo?

Mr. Wright, of the Spokane Diamond Drilling Co., went out on Friday morning's stage for Spokane. Drilling on the Hummingbird is meanwhile going on as before in charge of Mr. Connors. Mr. Wright has had trouble with one of his eyes, and the hard strain put upon it in his work of diamond setting has made matters all the worse, by preventing any improvement, and so a little treatment and rest became imperative.

Mr. A. C. Stoess, P. L. S., who has been doing engineering work for the Messrs. Armstrong at Keremeos, was in Hedley on Tuesday night. Mr. Stoess is an old C. P. R. engineer, having been in the employ of that company during the construction of the main line in the early eighties, and he watches with keen interest the present movement on the part of the C. P. R. to build through the Yellowhead Pass, which he always believed to be the best route.

Mr. John Highman, of Vernon, District Deputy Grand Master of No. 9 District, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, arrived in Hedley on Tuesday night under special authority from the Grand Master to constitute and dedicate Hedley Lodge, which was recently granted a warrant by the Grand Lodge. Other brethren of the mystic tie are expected in this evening from Vernon and other points in the district.

The head gear of the gravity tram at the central station gave out again last week, and there not being one enough ahead at the mill to keep going, a shut down has resulted until repairs can be effected. A new shaft for the head gear which had been telegraphed for, arrived on Sunday, and a cement foundation has been put in with the hope of making it hold. Scarcity of men is the reason given for having insufficient ore ahead to provide for contingencies of this kind.

There was news from Keremeos on Saturday evening to the effect that there had been a cloudburst down at the railway construction camp the day before. The camp was reported to have been nearly washed away. Fuller particulars are not to hand. The Great Northern has been having considerable experience with this phenomena, a rather serious cloudburst occurring last week near Gilpin's ranch below Grand Forks, which washed out some of their roadbed and temporarily demoralizing telegraph connection as well.

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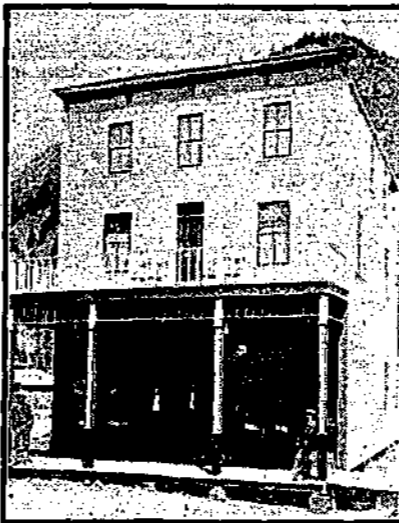
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ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

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pect by December 31st, to be in good shape for the first year not over \$250 against the property. Upon the erection of a school building by the Government, the trustees will be in a position to rent the building for a residence and the revenue will very materially help out the expenses. The Government have passed an appropriation for a two-room school-house, and they have given us three lots 25 x 100 feet each. The trustees have applied for an acre adjoining from the reservation for play-ground purposes, and expect to get it. A piece of ground 75 x 100 feet is far too small to put up a two room building to care for 100 to 120 children, and the board would be in a position to sell this property and buy adjoining the school, and fence and fix up a respectable looking place, and not in danger of the children being too close to near-by residents, and thereby becoming a nuisance to such. The amount voted in January was for the year 1906 only, and although it seems large it only figures up \$1.33 per \$1000.00 of valuation on the property in the district, which I am sure no one will feel very seriously over-burdened in view of the advantages gained. The Board will require funds to pay expenses from January 1st to July 1st '07 and for this half year the meeting to-day are requested to vote sufficient money to carry on the school until June 30th '07, one hundred dollars being the least, and more would be heartily appreciated by the Board, as it would enable them to apply something on property account. Attached hereto is a balance sheet of the books kept by the Board which have been examined by the auditor, who has placed over his signature the following:

"Hedley, June 30th '06. I have examined the balance sheets with the books and vouchers, and find that it is a true statement of the Hedley School Board affairs—Signed J. Irwin, Auditor"

The School Board beg to leave the report to the kind consideration and criticism of the meeting, and if in order, pass for adoption.

Yours truly,

Hedley Board of School Trustees
per S. L. Smith, Sec'y

The above report was adopted on motion, and inquiries were made of the secretary regarding the total amount of assessed valuation in the school district upon which school rates had been levied, and also as to whether anything would be gained by keeping the amount of appropriation necessary to supplement, at the minimum figure of \$100 mentioned in the report. The amount of appropriation made of \$500 was made to carry on the school for twelve months, but a change made in the law in reference to termination of school year lengthened the time out to 18 months, and hence the necessity of supplementing. It was decided by the meeting that \$200 additional should be appropriated.

An item in the receipts showed that the Board had this year collected some \$45.00 in non resident fees. This amount came principally from the Indian children who have been attending school.

It is expected that the new school will soon be in course of construction, but in view of the fact that the action of the Board in providing the present quarters has obviated the difficulty formerly experienced by them in this matter, and they would prefer getting the additional ground mentioned in the report before building.

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HERE IS THE RESULT.

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furnished reports of the result of their most extraordinary survey; but the Star, evidently inspired by Mr. Ross, tries to throw the blame on Mr. Kennedy who we all know first sent Mr. Baldwin here to make arrangements with the C. P. R. surveyors and afterwards came himself, but was given to understand by Mr. McMillan, in charge of the C. P. R. party, that he had no authority from his employers to enter into any negotiations for settlement of the right of way difficulty at Hedley.

And what has been the result? Mr. Henson's force of graders who were brought in from the Northwest last fall and who during the winter and spring completed several miles of grading below Keremeos, instead of coming on to work in this portion of the valley, transports his entire outfit back to Midway to be hauled back by rail to the Northwest. Will the Star have the hardihood to say that the base of supplies being back at Midway was the cause of the removal of Henson's force back to the Northwest instead of coming further up the valley when his contract was finished below Keremeos? It is undoubtedly the delay caused by the action of the Minister of Railways in the matter of right of way at Hedley which is responsible for it, and the people of the Similkameen will neither forget it to the political tricksters who have sold them or to the Star, who would insult their intelligence by publishing such stuff as characterized its utterances of last week. The Gazette, too, outlined months ago the probability that the delay here might be the means of compelling the Great Northern to build the Midway-Greenwood branch in order to hold their men. The starting of the work up the North Fork from Grand Forks, now shows how nearly the Gazette was to the mark. What will the Star say if the building of the branch southward from Republic to connect with the Great Northern at Wenatchee should result in preventing completion of the V. V. & E. further up the Similkameen than Hedley, or perhaps even Keremeos? Would it continue to hug the Minister of Railways, whose order of April 27th has already wrought so much harm to this valley, and still protest that therein he did no wrong?

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