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## A MINE FATALITY

Munson Hanson and John  
Koskie Meet Death in  
Nickel Plate.

### DRILLED INTO MISSED HOLE

Both Men Are Killed Instantly — Fatal  
Mistake Appears Unaccountable  
—Coroner's Inquest Held.

On Wednesday, 11th inst., one of the worst casualties that have occurred in the Nickel Plate took place, and two men met instant death. The victims were Munson Hanson, who is interested with John Peterson in a ranch on Five Mile creek, and John Koskie who is said to have hailed from Loomis. Hanson was a Norwegian and has worked off and on for a considerable time in the Nickel Plate, and Koskie is said to be a Russian. He had only been working on the Nickel Plate for about three weeks.

As both men were killed on right, nothing will ever be known as to what really happened or who is accountable for the fatal mistake.

The cause of death is of course apparent, and circumstances are sufficiently plain to permit reasonably safe conjecture as to how it occurred, although it can never go beyond conjecture. The men were side-stopping, and were about to break through into another chamber. The stope in which they were working was a large one, possibly 60 feet or more in diameter in the direction of the fatal shot. At the farther side of this chamber is a deep depression which is really the commencement of an incline winze, and in this, two men, Oley Bergason and J. Breden, were laying track; but fortunately for them they were a little to one side of the line of the shot and were also low enough down for it to pass over their heads. Nevertheless, the concussion must have been a severe shock to them, and the wonder is that their hearing was not destroyed. Their lights were put out and Breden's candle-stick was knocked out of his hand. Breden started to find his way out in the darkness as best he could to get a light, but Bergason managed to retain his candle and relight it, when he saw what he took to be one man lying in the bottom of the depression, but was in reality two, for both were blown this distance and were lying one on top of the other. He shut off the air which was escaping and immediately went out to notify Mr. Jones, the superintendent, who was on the scene in a very few minutes and began gathering up the remains; for Hanson had been badly mangled.

The first to come to his aid were G. McEachern, electrician, and W. Henderson, both of whom thought when they raised Koskie that there were some signs of life remaining in him, but when they got him out of the mine he was dead. Dr. Whillans had been phoned for as soon as the accident took place and got there shortly after.

The accident took place about three o'clock and the hole that the men were drilling was possibly the last of the round. It was at the bottom of the stope face, or about 8 inches above the floor and was almost horizontal, having only enough incline to carry water. It had been started about 10 inches or so to the left of the missed hole and pointing towards it at an angle of 30 degrees. The steel was still sticking in the hole that they were drilling and as the missed hole was too strong to break, it acted like a cannon and blew out leaving only a deep boot-leg. The machine was lying about in several pieces; the bar was standing firm in front, but the arm had moved, and the clamp on the bar was broken. In the face were seen several deep boot-legs left from the previous round, although some of the boot-legs had been drilled into and used on this round—a most dangerous thing to do. This was what the scene of the accident presented when viewed by the jury at the inquest, and was as it appeared when the smoke and dust had cleared away, for it had not been touched.

A strange feature about it is that one of the victims, Hanson, had drilled

on the previous round which had been put in about ten days before, but as it is said that shortly before the accident he had gone out looking for a pick, it would look as if he was not satisfied with the placing of the hole they were drilling and possibly remembering where the old hole was located, wanted to make further examination, and it may be that before he got back with the pick Koskie arbitrarily pointed the hole and started the machine. The situation, certainly, looks conclusive that when the shot went off Koskie was cranking the machine, protected to a certain extent behind the upright bar, and if Hanson was "tending chock" on the right hand side of the drill, which would be the natural place for him; he would be directly in front of the missed hole and would get the full force of the shot which would account for his mangled condition, in comparison with Koskie whose injuries were less terrible.

### THE INQUEST.

Shortly after the accident, Mr. Jones had the coroner notified, and demanded an inquest. Dr. McEwen, coroner, came up the same evening from Keremeos and on Thursday morning a jury was chosen as follows: J. J. McDonald, Steve Mangott, Dan McEachern, Geo. Walker, J. W. Murphy and R. Godfrey. On being duly sworn in, they chose R. Godfrey for foreman, and were taken by the coroner to view the remains and also the scene of the accident. As two material witnesses had gone down to Hedley, it was decided to hold the inquest down there.

On re-assembling at the company's mess the coroner proceeded with the inquiry. The first witness called on was Oley Bergason, who, on being sworn, said that he was working on track, 30 to 50 feet away, when he heard the explosion but didn't know where it was. The lights went out. On re-lighting candle he saw remains of the men and went out and reported.

Dr. Whillans, sworn, said that he had been called for an accident and found two men dead from effects of a dynamite explosion. Koskie had a fracture of the skull; one arm was broken, and right side of chest was riddled with small rock. Hanson was almost completely mangled. He believed both to have been killed instantly.

J. Breden, sworn, said he was working in the Nickel Plate when the accident took place about 3 p. m. on the 11th. The explosion had knocked candlestick out of his hand and he went for a light. On returning he met Bergason who said that the men were killed. He went and told the superintendent. He saw the men afterwards and recognized them to be Koskie and Hanson.

G. McEachern, sworn, said he was working in the motor house near the tunnel when the blacksmith helper came in and said there had been an explosion in the mine. He thought it was about 3:30. He started in and met Mr. Jones and went to where the bodies were lying at the bottom of muck pile. Hanson was so badly torn that there was no possibility of life in him. Koskie seemed to show signs of life when they started to carry him out, but when out all signs of life seemed to disappear. He went with Mr. Jones to where they had been drilling, and saw that they had drilled into a missed hole.

B. Guest, shift boss, sworn, said he was down at the Sunnysides when the accident happened. Hanson and Johnson had put in the former round of holes about ten days before. It was customary when a shift was following to report all missed holes to him. In this case no missed hole had been reported to him by former shift. He had been in to see them at ten o'clock and asked them if they would blast at noon. He had seen the place where the accident had taken place and believed it was caused by drilling into a missed hole. When a missed hole is discovered the rule is to blast it at once. Sometimes miner take a chance and do not. It is the duty of every miner to examine face carefully for himself before beginning to drill. He believed that deceased had intended to blast that night. He did not notice that they were hurried and thought they had ample time to get ready for blasting without undue hurry.

### MANAGER ROSS AT PHOENIX.

Nickel Plate Staff Visit Granby Mines  
—The Pioneer Interviews  
Mr. Ross.

(Phoenix Pioneer.)

Frank A. Ross, general manager of the Daly Reduction Co., Ltd., owners of the Nickel Plate, the most prominent mine in the Similkameen district, at Hedley, was a visitor in Phoenix last Monday and Tuesday, accompanied by G. P. Jones, the company's superintendent. They were on a little trip to some of the other mining properties in southeastern British Columbia, inspecting the systems of mining in vogue in other camps, having arrived here from Rossland.

Through the courtesy of O. B. Smith Jr., Mr. Ross and Mr. Jones were shown through the Granby mines, which both had heard much of, but which neither had previously visited. Mr. Ross afterwards stated that the system employed at the Nickel Plate mine was much the same as that in use at the Granby mines—only at the Granby the plans were on about 30 times as great a scale as at the Nickel Plate.

Mr. Ross has been manager at the Nickel Plate mine and mill for about a year and a half, and has hardly been away from there in that time. He says that things are moving along smoothly there, but the Nickel Plate is the only shipping mine in that district, and is, as well, about the only one at present in operation in the Similkameen. The mine is about two miles from the mill, the latter being located at the town of Hedley, at the mouth of Twenty-mile creek. The nearly 100 men employed live mostly at the mine, up the steep mountain side, and the millmen live in Hedley.

The concentrates from the 40-stamp mill are hauled by teams to Keremeos, some 20 miles distant, whence they are shipped by rail to the smelter at the coast. As the Great Northern now has construction gangs stretched all the way from Keremeos to Hedley, it is but a matter of a few months till all wagon hauling is done away with for Hedley.

One thing occasions delay in operations at the Hedley mill sometimes, and that is lack of power, which is generated by water. In dry times there is no option but to cease work entirely. Mr. Ross was a little afraid that he might have to close down any time now on this account till the spring thaw sets in, but hoped it would not be necessary.

Mr. Ross is a mining engineer of many years' experience, extending from Alaska to Mexico, and made the interesting statement that the Nickel Plate has the only gold stamp mill of importance now in operation for 1,500 miles in every direction—Homestake in the east, Utah, Colorado and California on the south, and Treadwell on the north. There are scores of idle mills nearer than the places mentioned, but difficulty of recovery and increasing cost of operation had closed them all in the last few years, some of them being magnificently equipped, too.

Speaking of the Nickel Plate, Mr. Ross greatly deprecated the exaggerated stories recently sent out broadcast from Grand Forks, in which, among other things, the ore was given a value of \$80 per ton. Such was not the case, nor anything like it.

This concluded the inquiry, and after some deliberation the jury returned the following verdict:

"We the following jury empaneled to enquire into the death of John Koskie and Munson Hanson return the following verdict:— 'That deceased came to their death by accidentally drilling into a missed hole containing dynamite at the Nickel Plate mine on March 11th, 1908.' R. Godfrey (foreman), J. W. Murphy, D. McEachern, Geo. Walker, S. Mangott, J. J. McDonald."

Muns. Hanson was well liked by his fellow miners, many of whom had known him for years. There were reports concerning Koskie's residence at Loomis that were unfavorable to him, but the old maxim which forbids "speaking ill of the dead" makes it desirable to withhold mention of what

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## THE NORTHEY MANIFESTO

In another column will be found a lengthy communication from R. W. Northey which he has been pleased to give the heading "A Refutation," but when the thing is sifted down it will be seen that "perturbation" or any other "ation" of similar length would have suited equally as well; for he had nothing but the product of his own imagination to refute and he has refuted nothing.

Mr. Northey has indicted the Gazette in the following words:

"You peremptorily place the blame for the murder of the Roman Catholic priest at Denver, Colorado, on the socialist papers, more especially the Appeal to Reason."

Now what the Gazette said was

"The fiendish cold-blooded murder of the Roman Catholic priest in Denver who was killed at the altar by a man to whom he was administering the communion, is an evidence of the length to which anarchism will go. The man who did that devilish deed was probably at one time no worse than many other young men who are to-day drifting into the same groove by listening to the insane rant of the average modern day socialist and who confines his reading to such publications as the Appeal to Reason and others of that class."

The man who will formulate definitely such a charge as Mr. Northey has done, out of the two sentences above quoted, is badly in need of a little drilling in the elementary principles of logic, as well as sadly lacking in the spirit of fairness which would scorn to distort or misrepresent others. From the ground taken in those two sentences the Gazette went on to say that a positive danger existed in men confining their reading to one particular line, and especially so where the purpose was to foster hatred of one's fellow-man. If Mr. Northey means to deny that the Appeal to Reason does so, week in and week out, he will show how little attention need be paid to any particular views he may wish to advance.

Mr. Northey has taken up a lot of space (more perhaps than in justice to our readers should have been allowed him) in marshalling an array of definitions of socialism. These definitions do not concern the public a whit. Among his definers is mentioned the name of John Ruskin. That worthy teacher

is also made to figure in books on socialism as advocating the tenets of that cult, but nothing could be wider from the truth. The type of socialism propagated to-day by agitators in B. C. has its very antithesis in the teachings of John Ruskin, and to invoke his name, and in the same breath uphold the so-called Appeal to Reason and its teachings, is to treat the public to a piece of veriest humbug. Authors on socialism who cull from his 'Crown of Wild Olives' that illustration of the "crag-barons" and "bag-barons" and claim him as one of themselves, show how little they can appreciate or understand him. Modern day authors on socialism get sale for their books through the hatred and discontent fostered for them and by them. The doctrines they seek to advance are alleged to be for the good of humanity, but turn over the fly-leaf and you will invariably find that the capitalistic wrong of copy-righting has been religiously attended to, and by virtue of this attention on their part, they are on a fair way to entry into that capitalistic class against whom all their invective is being poured out.

No, the public do not want definitions of socialism. They prefer to learn of it by watching the advocates of socialism and instituting comparisons between precept and example. Ye are "epistles known and read of all men" was a condition of service long ago enjoined by a great teacher upon the followers of the faith he taught, and so inexorable a law was it that no cult can escape it. When we look about, therefore, and see those who call themselves socialists and who have the boldness to try to thrust their views upon others, out-Heroding Herod in their assumption of roles that they are loudest in denouncing, we are not exactly in the mood to attach much importance to high-sounding definitions of socialism. This is a practical age with no time for the nebulous or ethereal. The everyday problems that have to do with bread and butter and the means for procuring the same are more to the point, and to solve these on lines that will respect the rights of our fellow-man and secure the maximum of good without injustice to others, will be sufficient for us. These are the standards upon which we must judge the doctrines taught and the deeds done or sought to be done by our socialist neighbors.

Now we are not without data as to how socialists would govern if they had the chance. The outcome of socialist domination of the London county council which the people turned down was one example; the civic government of San Francisco with its saturnalia of fraud and graft, the exposure of which landed the socialist ex-mayor in jail, was another that Mr. Northey evidently forgot about when he issued his bold challenge. But to come nearer home, what kind of legislation do we find our socialist friends in the legislature at Victoria trying to foist upon us and what did they foist upon us? It is true they have been powerless for harm since the general election of a year ago, but in the parliament before that they were able to show enough of their hand to condemn them in the eyes of all fair-minded men who want to see a square deal between men and no class legislation favoring one part of the community at the expense of others.

Look at the Assessment Act of the session of 1904. Concerning that measure we quote the following from an editorial discussion of it in the Gazette of March 2, 1905.

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"Nor is this the most objectionable feature of the working of this part of the Act. Look at the inequality. Take the case of two pre-emptors who in 1898 took up their holdings side by side. One carried out the letter and spirit of the Land Act and in five years had done improvements on his land at the rate of \$2.50 per acre and paid the purchase price of \$1.00 per acre and in 1903 obtained his crown grant. The other did nothing, and paid nothing on his land except the \$3.00 taxes each year to hold it down. In 1904 he is rewarded for the course he has pursued by having his taxes reduced to 60 cents per year, and his thrifty neighbor gets no exemption; but on the other hand has his taxes raised because of the increased value he has given to his land. The one is punished for being progressive, the other rewarded for being a drone. Such anomalies make one long for Henry George's single tax. And if these clauses were forced into the new assessment act by the socialists, as it has been charged they were, then the industrious progressive tax-payer in British Columbia will not long for a socialist government in this province."

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[L.S.]

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[L.S.]

JAMES DUNSMUIR,

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## A PROCLAMATION.

W. J. BOWSER, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, by Section 6, of the "Game Protection Act, 1898," as re-enacted by Section 19 of the "Game Protection Act, Amendment Act, 1905," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by Proclamation to be published in two successive issues of the British Columbia Gazette, to declare a close season for geese in any part of the Province for any period of time; and

Whereas Our said Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of his Executive Council, has been pleased to direct, by an Order in Council in that behalf, a close season for geese within the County of Kootenay, until and including the 31st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Now KNOW YE therefore, that in pursuance thereof, we do hereby proclaim a close season for Geese within the County of Kootenay, until and including the 31st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed:

WITNESS, His Honor JAMES DUNSMUIR, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 19th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

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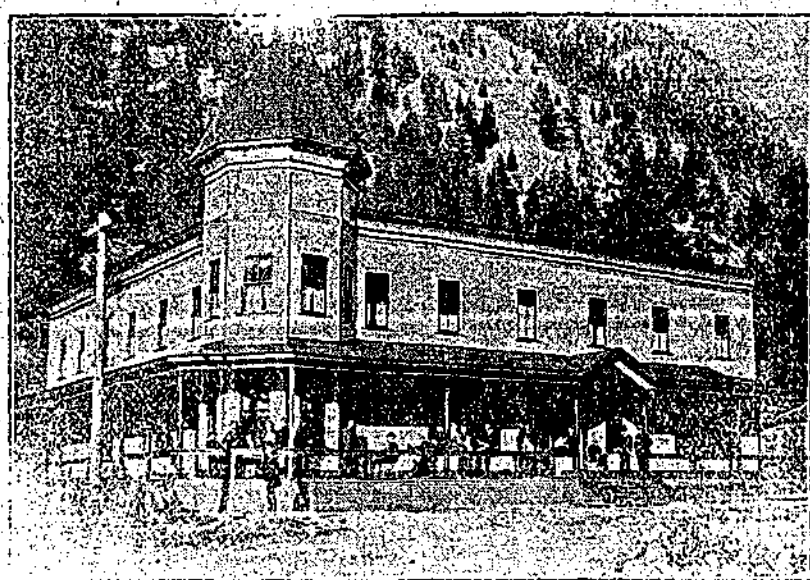
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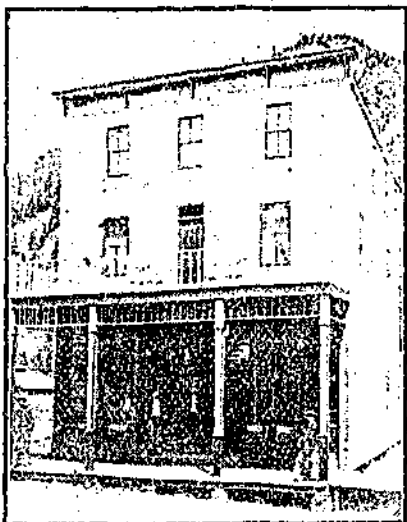
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## Town and District.

Mr. A. Basset of Okanagan Falls, paid Hedley a visit this week.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Revely went up to the mine on Saturday last and stayed over Sunday.

Mr. A. F. Loomer is putting up a snug residence on a lot which he recently purchased on Daly Avenue.

Ed. Whendon bought a couple of lots on Daly Avenue last week. Real estate has begun to move.

Mr. Kit Summers and Miss French were among the Princeton guests who passed through to attend the dance at Keremeos.

Mr. H. C. Pollock went over to Nelson last week to meet relatives from the East whom he had not seen for many years.

It was certainly a nerve-trying task which fell to the lot of superintendent G. P. Jones in the Nickel Plate mine after the accident.

H. Zibler, boot and shoemaker, has opened a shop in rear of R. G. Shier's store, and is prepared to do all work in that line, including repairing.

Mr. E. A. Keeley, of Vancouver, came in on Tuesday's stage to take a position with Shatfords, Limited. He will likely be in charge of the Fairview branch.

The Bachelors' Ball at Keremeos on Tuesday evening last was well patronized from Hedley, there being about twenty who went. They report a big crowd and a good time.

Mr. D. J. Innis drove up from Keremeos on Monday. He had just completed the hauling in of the Golden Zone stamp mill, and wound up the contract in an elegant snow storm up on the hill.

J. Critchley has opened out a shoe shop and harness shop in the building formerly occupied by Harry Wright, and will attend to repairs in men and women's foot-wear as well as harness and saddlery. See adv.

Road supervisor Deardorff started a small gang on repairs at Brushy Bottom on Monday. The railway construction work in progress on Brushy Bottom has forced traffic by the new route and this was getting cut up.

An impromptu dance was held in the old school house on Tuesday night by way of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. It was a home affair for those who did not wish to take in the trip to Keremeos and not meant to interfere with it.

Jas. McGregor, inspector of mines, paid Hedley a visit. He came in on Sunday and went up to the mine on Monday to make his official inspection and report to the mines department concerning the lamentable accident of last week.

Hans Simonson, nephew of the late Munson Hanson, arrived on Saturday night from Black Bear, Idaho, and will take charge of the estate of the deceased in behalf of Hanson's mother who is living in Norway. He went back again on Monday.

Messrs. Dave Day and Billy Summers, of Princeton, paid the Gazette a pleasant call on Tuesday on their way to the dance in Keremeos. Both wore the shamrock like true sons of the sod. Messrs. Neil Huston and J. Sparks were also of their party.

Mr. T. A. Love, editor and proprietor of the Morden Chronicle, has been spending a few days in Hedley with his brother, Mr. John Love, and like all other Manitobans is enamoured of the Similkameen climate. Mr. Love paid the Gazette a fraternal call.

Mr. S. L. Smith was relieved last week to receive more favorable word from members of his family in Calgary. His daughter, Marjory, who has been dangerously ill following an operation she had undergone, had taken a turn for the better and was making good progress towards recovery.

Mr. F. A. Ross, general manager of the Daly Reduction Co., returned on Monday after an absence of about three weeks. With the hurly-burly of travel and multifarious diets in going about from one hotel to another, Mr. Ross is now ready to welcome a little of the simpler life at his ain fire-side.

Rev. J. Thurburn Conn returned on Saturday night last from Vancouver, where he filled the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, preaching morning and evening to large congregations on two successive Sundays, March 1st and 8th. The Vancouver Province had an extended and very complimentary reference to his preaching; but oh, that awful pen picture of him which had him dancing around in the pulpit, grey-haired and twenty more years on his shoulders.

## PLUGGING ALONG STEADILY.

V. V. & E. Construction Advancing Day By Day.

The steam shovel across the river below Ashnola creek, which is now the extreme south end, is keeping steadily at work and moving ground rapidly. While they fully expect that it will have completed its work over there before high water, no chances will be taken on that, and it will be brought over before the water gets too high. Should there be any work unfinished when the shovel is moved it will be done by ear and scraper.

During the past two weeks the working force has been increased considerably. At the end of last week 125 men were reported to have been added to the force and these have been distributed over the various camps. Two weeks ago the longest stretch remaining uncovered was that between the cut where the steam shovel is working and the mouth of Ashnola creek, but now several gangs are in there and some long fills have been made. Bit by bit the graded portions are being connected up, and it will only be a matter of a fortnight or so more until the steam shovel may be moved on grade all the way to the next crossing of the river a little below the lower end of brushy bottom.

Of course it will take longer than that for the shovel to finish up the cut in which it is now working, but as it must be moved along the grade they are rushing the work on that part so as to have the grade all ready to make the move in case the water commences to rise sooner than usual.

At the north end of brushy bottom a big cutting has already been made, and for over two weeks traffic on the wagon road has had to go by the new road.

Between Bradshaw's and camp No. 2, at the mission, several of the sub-contractors have finished their sections and long stretches of grade are ready for the rails. The first big gravel cut below the rock cut is now more than three-fourths done. By far the deepest portion of the cut has been made and the big fill beyond is completed. They have now moved the cars to this end where the cut is shallower and the car run much shorter.

On the rock cut good progress is being made, and F. P. Howard is getting out on shallower ground and has abandoned the dump carts for a pair of dirt cars.

Right-of-way work is also in progress to the west. A Pleasance has the contract for clearing it as far as Stirling creek.

## CARD OF THANKS.

The Miners' and Millmen's Union of Hedley desire to render thanks to the ladies who sang at the funeral service on Friday last.

T. H. ROTHERHAM  
Sec'y  
On behalf of the Union

## Dominion Elections

### YALE-CARIBOO ELECTORAL DISTRICT

A Convention of the Liberal-Conservatives of Yale-Cariboo will be held at

Ellison Hall, VERNON

on

Thursday, April 23rd, 1908.

for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the forthcoming Dominion Elections in the interests of the Liberal-Conservative Party. Local Associations are requested to meet and appoint delegates at once. Representation at the Convention will be by delegations from the Provincial Electoral Districts of Grand Forks, Greenwood, Similkameen, Okanagan, Kamloops, Yale, Lillooet and Cariboo. One delegate will be appointed for each twenty or fraction of twenty votes cast at each poll. Accredited delegates may vote either in person or by proxy, but not more than five proxies shall be held by any one delegate.

Chair will be taken at 2 p. m. All Conservatives are invited to attend the Convention, but only accredited delegates will be allowed to vote.

PRICE ELLISON,  
Pres. Yale-Cariboo Conservative Assn.  
J. A. McKELVIE,  
Sec. Yale-Cariboo Conservative Assn.

Anyone having books in their possession belonging to the provincial lending library are requested to return them to Mr. Jas. Clarke, acting librarian, on or before Saturday, March 21st.—C. E. OLIVET, Trustee.

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## NOTICE.

### Certificate of Improvements.

LONG SHOT, MAPLE LEAF and SELKIRK Mineral Claims, situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: On Dividend Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. A. Stoess, of Keremeos, acting as agent for W. J. Garbutt, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 7600; N. J. Cavanaugh, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 7499; R. D. Mitchell, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 1062, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements. Dated this 15th day of January, A. D. 1908.

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## A REFUTATION.

Editor Gazette,  
Hedley, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly allow me to rectify a grave error that appeared in your editorial columns last week. You peremptorily place the blame for the murder of the Roman Catholic priest at Denver, Colorado, on the Socialist papers, more particularly the Appeal to Reason. Probably you are quite honest in making such a statement, but a false statement made in ignorance by an honest man is just as pernicious as a false statement made with intent.

Now, I challenge you to mention one instance where the Appeal to Reason has ever incited to murder, or even to injury to person or property. Socialism is precisely what the Encyclopedia Britannica says it is: "The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity." And before proceeding further let me cite you a few other world known authorities:

"A theory of society that advocates a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed."—Webster

"Socialism is the ideal and hope of a new society founded on industrial peace and forethought, aiming at a new and higher life for all men."—W. Morris.

Socialism is simply applied Christianity, the Golden Rule applied to every day life."—Prof. Ely.

"Socialism" being the product of social evolution the only danger lies in obstructing it."—Rev. F. M. Sprague.

"Government and co-operation are in all things and eternally the laws of life; anarchy and competition, eternally and in all things, the laws of death."—John Ruskin. (I refrain from further quotations fearing to absorb too much of your space.)

The Appeal to Reason is a propaganda paper, and its chief function consists in showing up the abuses, inconsistencies, unfairness, hypocrisies, robberies, fraud, cheating, callousness and all the various evils of the capitalist system. Its robust invective is and always has been against the system, and to do this effectively the public life of certain prominent individuals have to be shown up. But such is the inconsistency of the capitalist mind that when a prominent public man is denounced and sacrificed in a capitalist newspaper it is merely politics, but when the same public man is shown up in a Socialist paper it is treason, and ought to be suppressed.

Now, my dear sir, it is amply demonstrated that the poor foreigner who shot the priest was starving. Starvation often produces insanity. Therefore it seems reasonable to believe that it was homicidal insanity. It may turn out that the priest was a victim of anarchy, as widely separated from Socialism as the North pole is from the South. But you, like the capitalistic agency which telegraphed the first account of the murder, seized the wish which was father to the thought and at once announced it as a Socialist crime!

Let me, in conclusion ask you one question. Did you ever know or read of a Socialist being convicted or even indicted in any criminal court? Of course I do not include being arrested for street speaking, which is certainly not a crime. If it were the members of the Salvation Army would spend most of their time in jail.

Sir, be a little more charitable in your thoughts towards those of your brothers who in their efforts to benefit the whole of humanity are subjected to the obloquy and contumely of the capitalist-minded press.

Trusting that you will some day see clearly what Socialism will mean for the race, believe me,

Yours Sincerely,

R. W. NORTHEY.

Olalla, B. C. Mar. 9th 1908.

## A MINE FATALITY.

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they are until such has been well authenticated.

The Company's rules dealing with the duty of miners in looking after their own safety are as follows:

"Miners who have blasted on coming off shift must notify their shift boss and the on-coming shift if there have been any missed holes, and how many, so that they may have full knowledge of the matter. In such cases the shift boss coming off shift must write plainly on the bulletin board provided for that purpose, the place where the missed holes have been left and the number of missed holes. It is the duty of the on-coming shift to find out if there are any missed holes or other danger where they are going to work.

"When returning to any place after a blast or blasts have been fired, each employe upon entering such place must make a careful examination for any loose rock or other elements of danger by which he could be injured, and if any such be found, he shall immediately make it safe, or if unable to do so himself, report the same to the shift boss or foreman before proceeding to work. Employes must carefully examine the workings before setting up machines, for loose or scaling rock

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HEDLEY, B. C.

or other elements of danger, and all missed holes must be fired before drilling is commenced."

The funeral was taken charge of by the Miners' Union, who arranged to have the remains buried in Hedley on Friday. The service was held in the old school house, Rev. J. J. Jones officiating. The Miners' Union attended in a body and the attendance of townspeople was also very large. At the grave, in addition to the burial service of the Methodist Church, Mr. Larkin read a short impressive service from the ritual of the W. F. of M.

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### METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Mar. 14:

AT THE MINE.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Mar 8	50	20
9	52	22
10	44	25
11	40	18
12	38	20
13	40	18
14	30	21

Average maximum temperature 43.28

Average minimum do 20.57

Mean temperature 31.92

Rainfall for the week . inches.

Snowfall " " 1. "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR

Highest maximum temperature 38

Average maximum do 30.28

Lowest minimum do -3

Average minimum do 8.42

Mean do 19.35

AT THE MILL.

	Maximum	Minimum
Mar 8	47	22
9	47	20
10	45	22
11	46	30
12	55	33
13	56	34
14	48	33

Average maximum temperature 49.14

Average minimum do 27.71

Mean do 38.42

Rainfall for the week . inches

Snowfall for the week 1. "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR

Highest maximum temperature 49.

Average do 43.42

Lowest minimum do 11.

Average do 20.57

Mean do 32.09

### NOTICE.

SIMILKAMEEN LAND DISTRICT.  
DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that J. P. Burnyeat, of Vernon, B. C., occupation—engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:—

Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. corner of Lot 103 S, thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to initial post, containing 80 acres.

JOHN PURVIS BURNYEAT.  
Dated January 25th, 1908. 3-10

### NOTICE.

SIMILKAMEEN LAND DISTRICT.  
DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Christopher A. McDonald, of Keremeos, occupation—real estate dealer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about 25 chains west of the southeast corner of Lot 57, Group 1, Osoyoos District, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement.

CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER McDONALD  
Dated January 15th, 1908. 3-10

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