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And Keep the Public Busy
Guessing—Are They
Bluffing or In
Earnest?

TO JOIN MIDWAY & NICOLA

What Route Will Be Taken Between
Penticton and Nicola? That Is a
Question All Voters Along Similkameen
River Between Keremeos Creek
and Princeton Will Ask Duncan
Ross, As He Supported Subsidy.

(Penticton Press.)

A party of surveyors, reputed to be
C. P. R., are at present located about
twelve miles east of Penticton on the
Carmi trail, not far from the head of
Ellis creek. On Monday a number of
the gang with a pack train were in
Penticton for supplies, but could give
no information as to the object the
party has in view. The most profound
secrecy is maintained, and the men
themselves merely know that they are
working for the chief engineer.

A party of C. P. R. engineers have
been working all summer between
Nicola and Penticton and it is con-
jectured that those up Ellis creek have
worked in from Midway and are con-
nected with the same proposition, that
of running a line from Midway, the
terminus of the C. P. R. at the east, to
the terminus of the Company's branch
to Nicola. This much is known for a
certainty, that the Ellis creek party
are locating a railway survey line that
was made twelve years ago from Mid-
way to Penticton. Some grading was
at that time done at this point but was
discontinued. At the last session of
the Dominion parliament, a subsidy of
\$3,500 per mile was granted for the
building of a railroad from Carmi to
Penticton and the same for one from
Penticton to Nicola. The proposed
railway from Midway to Vernon carries
a subsidy, and it is believed that the
C. P. R. will utilize a portion of this
route, that from Midway to Beaver-
dell and Carmi, and then make con-
nections with Nicola via Penticton,
thus opening up an excellent mining
section, and giving the company a
much shorter route to the coast.

A large scow has been in course of
construction at Okanagan Landing all
summer and another has been roofed
in. It was first thought that the com-
pany purposed putting in slips at the
various places of call for their steam-
ers along the lake and convey cars by
scow to those points and thus simplify
shipping, but as no slips are yet in
sight and the shipment of fruit is well
under way, one is forced to believe
that there is some other object in view.
Such scows would come in very handy
in conveying construction material
down the lake to this point. When
actual construction does begin, it will
doubtless start from the three points,
Midway, Penticton and Nicola, and
will be rushed to completion in short
order.

The object in working so quietly is
doubtless to avoid attracting the at-
tention of the Great Northern which
is slowly extending its line up the Sim-
ilkameen to Princeton, an object point
for a branch of the C. P. R. from Aspen
Grove, south of Nicola.

WILL CONNECT AT MIDWAY.

A. B. Walkem, of Vancouver, with
C. S. Moss, the resident engineer of
the C. P. R., at Nelson, were in the dis-
trict this week inspecting the contem-
plated connection with the Great
Northern at Midway, and looking into
the progress of various other improve-
ments for which appropriations were
made this year. They were accom-
panied by W. P. Tierney, contractor,
of Nelson.

This much needed extension at Mid-
way will soon be commenced and will
do away with the unloading and
transfer of freight from one line to
the other.—Greenwood Times.

LOOK LIKE TWO WINNERS.

Vancouver and Victoria Conservatives
Choose G. H. Cowan and G. H. Bar-
nard as Standard-bearers for
Dominion Election—G. H.
Means "Go Head"

The Conservative nominating con-
ventions for Vancouver and Victoria
were both held on the same day. Both
conventions were largely attended and
enthusiastic throughout, and in both
the candidate was chosen on the first
ballot.

In Vancouver there were three nomi-
nations, G. H. Cowan, C. E. Tisdall
and C. M. Woodworth. There were
147 ballots, of which Cowan got 79,
Tisdall 58 and Woodworth 9, thus
electing Cowan on the first ballot.
Mr. Tisdall moved for making nomi-
nations unanimous, which was carried
by a standing vote.

Cowan is an able, popular candidate
and is one of the ablest and best cham-
pions of Better Terms in the province.
Vancouver therefore owes it to the
rest of the province to place him at
the head of the poll.

In Victoria the nominations were G.
H. Barnard and J. L. Beckwith. The
convention was a most representative
one, and the Institute Hall was packed
to the doors with an enthusiastic
crowd. Without any preliminaries Mr.
G. H. Barnard and Mr. J. L. Beckwith,
who opposed Hon. W. Templeman at
the last election, were placed in nomi-
nation. While speeches were deliv-
ered by Mr. Martin Burrell, Premier
McBride and others, the ballots were
counted and resulted as follows:
Barnard, 423; Beckwith, 127.

On motion of Mr. Beckwith, the
nomination was made unanimous.

WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS.

A Trying Situation Described in
Metaphor.

A wicked wag thus writes of the gun
play affair at Keremeos two weeks
ago. It was a trifle too late for the issue
of that week, and the strenuousness
of Labor Day week crowded it out of
last week's issue; but as a joke never
grows old for lack of telling, and this
is apparently only a joke, no harm will
be done by holding it back this long:
"Down in the valley bottom they are
in the habit of claiming that Keremeos
Station is the HUB. When wild-
man Ryan loaded up on Monday with
Keremeos Station booze and armed
himself with a shot-gun, the various
directions in which inhabitants made
for the hills and the tall timber, illus-
trated the 'spokes.' Everybody said
that Royer did a little piece of fancy
sprinting that discounted any trotter
in his stable, and the route he took
coming back home was meant to illus-
trate the 'fellows'; they were all
'tires,' but not till they got beyond
shot-gun range."

THE HYDROGENOUS SCOUT.

The Similkameen Star Hands Out a
Short but Able-bodied Roast.

Mr. G. A. Harris, of the Vernon
"Okanagan," mention of whom was
made in last week's Gazette, doesn't
appear to have been able to convert
newspaper men in the Similkameen to
his way of thinking, for last week we
reproduced a paragraph from the
Trumpet, and this week the views of
the Princeton Star are given. In Hed-
ley Mr. Harris did not accord to the
Gazette the usual courtesy of a frat-
ernal call and consequently we must get
our impressions of him at second hand.
The Star says:

"G. A. Harris, of the Vernon Okana-
gan, with his wife, was in town two
days last week, laying on Sunday for
Nicola. He is a political scout and
forerunner of the great Duncan of
woodgreen. Mr. Harris is a gentleman
of suave manner, at one time traveller
for a balloon factory in Detroit, Mich.,
which accounts for the gas quite no-
ticeable in his conversation, then he
descended to newspaper work and now
he is on the road again soliciting for
the firm of Laurier & Co., who are
selling off stock as they expect to go
out of business about Nov. 3rd. Mr.
Harris talked volubly but asked not
to be quoted in the Star."

INTERESTING MEMORIAL

To Be Contributed to Simon
Fraser Celebration by
Oregon Historical
Society.

A GAVEL WITH A HISTORY

The Old Ship Beaver Commemorated
Along With Incidents of the Dawn
of the Great Industries of Lumbering
and Horticulture on the Pacific
Coast—A Pleasing International
Courtesy.

At the celebration at New West-
minster in commemoration of Simon
Fraser, the chairman will use a gavel
which will be made of five different
pieces of wood and will be presented by
the Oregon Historical Society. The
parts of the gavel are from the fol-
lowing:

1. Piece of oak from the mizzen
mast of the Hudson Bay Co.'s steamer
Beaver, the first steam vessel to enter
the Pacific ocean, the first to enter the
Columbia river (1830), and the first to
enter the Fraser river.

2. A piece of apple tree (seedling)
from a tree at Port Vancouver, which
grew from a seed planted by James
Bruce, Dr. McLoughlin's old Scotch
gardener, in 1825—the first seedling
apples west of the Rocky mountains in
British or American territory.

3. A piece of Royal Anne Cherry
wood from a tree which, as a scion,
was brought to Oregon across the
plains from Henry county, Iowa, by
Henderson Luelling in 1847 and plant-
ed at Milwaukie, Ore., six miles south
of the city of Portland—the first grafted
fruit of the Pacific coast north of the
42nd degree.

4. A piece of fir (Douglas spruce by
David Douglas, 1825-26) from a plank
that was sawed at the old saw mill
erected by Dr. John McLoughlin in
1828, six miles east of the old Hudson
Bay Company's Fort Vancouver. (This
was excavated at the site of this mill
several years ago.)

5. A piece of ash from a fence rail
split in 1847 by Ralph C. Greer, a
pioneer of that year, and placed in a
fence a few miles east of Salem, Mar-
ion county, where it remained in active
use until May, 1907. (The handle will
be made of this piece.)

It has been suggested that the in-
scription plate on the gavel should be
made of Fraser river gold, and it is
favorable that this will be done.

BAGGED A BIG 'UN.

George Cahill Kills Big Black Bear
Near Nickel Plate.

George Cahill's prowess as a mighty
hunter was not lessened any by his
latest kill. On Friday last he brought
into town the hide of an enormous
black bear, which he killed the day be-
fore on the trail between his ranch at
Camp Rest and the Nickel Plate, which
points are about a mile and a half
apart. He had been up to the Nickel
Plate with some vegetables, when he
ran across the bear on the trail. His
dog took after the bear, nipping
Bruin's heels, jumping clear whenever
the bear turned around to show fight
and renewing the attack as soon as he
attempted to make off again. A little
of this performance made the bear
take to a tree to get rid of this kind of
persecution. One of Squakin's boys
came along looking for horses and
Cahill dispatched him to the cabin to
bring his rifle, while he and the dog
stayed to keep the bear up the tree.
The Indian boy returned shortly after-
wards with the rifle, and then every-
thing was soon all over with the bear.
The skin, when viewed here after it
had been brought down, showed that
it had shortly before been the nice
black Sunday suit of a tye among the
bear tribe, for it was pronounced by
experienced big game hunters to have
been the biggest they had seen.

BORDEN BEGINS CAMPAIGN.

Tells Electors of Lunenburg, N. S., That
He Prefers Honest Defeat to Vic-
tory Dishonestly Won.

Bridgewater, Sept. 8.—Electors of
Lunenburg county, to the number of
1300, gathered here yesterday to hear
R. L. Borden deliver his first speech
on his tour of the maritime provinces.
He was given a good reception. Only
a brief reference was made to the
Colchester election case, Mr. Borden
declaring with an emphasis which left
no doubt, that he denounced political
corruption, no matter by whom prac-
ticed. "I prefer defeat in an honest
election rather than victory dishonestly
gained," he concluded amid cheers.
Mr. Borden occupied himself chiefly
with a discussion of the Liberal admin-
istration of the past year, accusing the
ministers of falsehood towards the peo-
ple who had elected them; of extrava-
gance and wasteful expenditure in all
branches of the government; and of
shameful trucking to party feelers.
He appealed strongly for purity in elec-
tions and for honesty in administration.

WANT OLD TIMERS' PICTURES.

The following communication will
explain itself. Anyone having any ob-
jects of historical interest will confer
a favor by communicating with Mr.
Gosnell.

Victoria, August 25th, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We are anxious to get
photographs of the pioneers of your
District for an historical exhibition to
be held at New Westminster during
the Fall Fair there (Sept. 29th to Oct.
3rd, inclusive), for the purpose of cele-
brating the one hundredth anniversary
of the coming of Simon Fraser down
the river bearing his name; and after-
wards to be placed in the government
building as a permanent record.

I was sometime ago appointed Com-
missioner by the Government to orga-
nize the celebration, and have already
received between five hundred and one
thousand pictures in all, including
many old views in various parts of the
province.

Old pictures and photographs of
pioneers or other objects of historical
interest will, if desired, be returned
immediately after the exhibition is over.

To be available for the purpose they
must be sent without delay, as it takes
considerable time to arrange, mount,
name and catalogue all the exhibits.

Your interest and co-operation are
invited so far as your district is con-
cerned. Photographs should be sent
to me by registered mail or express.
Yours faithfully,

R. E. GOSNELL,
Archivist, and Commissioner
Simon Fraser Exhibit.

HEDLEY GUN CLUB

The Hedley gun club met on Friday
evening and in addition to the ordi-
nary club business, passed the following
resolution which marks their appreci-
ation of the beautiful trophy now in
their possession:

Moved by D. Currie, seconded by L.
C. W. Rolfs and resolved that the Hed-
ley Gun Club express their hearty
thanks to L. W. Shafford M. P. P. and
their appreciation of the handsome
valuable trophy sent by him to this
club as winners of the trap shooting
competition at Keremeos on Victoria
Day; and they wish to assure him
that so handsome a trophy will spur
them on to fresh effort in order to de-
fend it against all teams eligible to
compete for same.

THE HERALD'S OVERSIGHT.

(Greenwood Ledge.)

Once when Rudyard Kipling was a
boy he ran out on the yard arm of a
ship. "Mr. Kipling," yelled a seared
sailor, "your boy is on the yard arm,
and if he lets go he'll drown." "Ah,"
responded Mr. Kipling, with a yawn,
"but he won't let go." This incident
also happened to Jim Fiske, Horace
Walpole, Napoleon Bonaparte, Dick
Turpin, Julius Caesar and the poet
Byron, says the Washington Herald.
And it might just as well have been
an incident in the life of Smith Curtis
had the Cranbrook Herald thought
of it in time.

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of time.

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month if advertiser desires, without any extra
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the price of composition will be charged at
regular rates.

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be in the office by noon on Tuesday to secure
attention for that week's issue.

A. MEGRAW, Managing Editor.

Full Moon 16th	New Moon 25					
Last quarter 17	First quarter 3					
1908	SEPT.	1908				
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR

Now that the Dominion elections are practically on, even if the writs have not yet been issued, it is well for all electors to consider carefully how their own interests may be best advanced. Some may look at the situation wholly through party spectacles and with them there is little hope of doing anything to induce sounder judgment and more patriotic action. Others again go wholly for the man, and often they are as imperious to reason as those who follow blindly the dictates of party, but those who vote the man are much more likely to be right than the party voters. The highest type of citizenship will follow neither the one nor the other beyond a certain point, but will weigh both and act for the best interests of the province in which their lot may be cast. Measures should often be given preference over the man, but the voter who has the privilege of getting a suitable man in accord with the right measures is in a fortunate position and should have little difficulty in deciding.

Now that the fiscal policies of both parties in Canada are practically the same, both protectionist Conservatives and erstwhile free trade Liberals maintaining equally high tariffs, the most important question before the electors of British Columbia is that of Better Terms for this province; and before this question partyism should go down. Every British Columbian who has the best interests of the province at heart should make up his mind that the man for whom he casts his vote is sound on the question of Better Terms for British Columbia.

The Dominion government holds nineteen million dollars that rightly belong to the people of this province for it was collected from us by the dominion exchequer in excess of that collected from the other provinces. Instead of being discriminated against by the Dominion government this province deserves specially favorable treatment at the hands of the federal administration, for the cost of

local administration and local utilities is so much greater here than in the other provinces, and especially so when comparison is made of the cost per capita. In our roads, for instance, where the population is scattered along valleys in the mountains a greater mileage must be constructed and maintained, and the difficult barriers that at times have to be overcome in the construction of roads, adds additional cost. The same physical disabilities also tend to increase the cost of other departments of the public service in British Columbia, and although these things have been pointed out to the Laurier government at repeated intervals for the last eight or ten years, little else than rebuff and ridicule has been received at the hands of the federal premier. On one occasion, in a flippant jeering manner, he told one delegation that a province which claimed so much wealth could not be badly off; another, he told that they had no mandate from the people. The subservient seven no doubt encouraged him in such an attitude, and not until premier McBride brought him to book at the conference of provincial premiers, would he pay any attention to British Columbia's claims, and then it was only to offer this province a mess of pottage in the form of \$100,000 a year for ten years as payment in full of her claim of \$19,000,000, and tried his best to get the Imperial government to pass a bill ratifying this arrangement as "final and unalterable," which compelled premier McBride to make a special trip to England to combat the iniquity.

It is now up to British Columbians to poll no vote for any candidate who will not pledge himself to stand up for the province in this matter, even to the extent of resigning his seat, in protest, no matter whether the next premier of Canada be Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Hon. R. L. Borden. Let British Columbia have first place and party second.

Rumors are becoming more persistent day by day that the general election will be held on Tuesday November 3rd. Should this prove to be correct it is most remarkable that Canada and the United States should both be voting on the same day to determine which political party should rule each country during the next parliamentary term, for that is the date fixed by the constitution of the United States for their general election. Should this be merely a coincidence it is a very remarkable one, and if it is not coincidence but design on the part of the Canadian premier, it is difficult to see what object he had in view. So far as Canada is concerned we have no fault to find with Mr. Laurier for choosing that date. In fact we like it that way and hope that it is to be taken as evidence that he is coming around to see the advisability of having as many elections on the same day as possible. And if he believes the principle to be good, why not extend it to Yale-Cariboo?

Ottawa news items to coast dailies put down the appointment of R. G. Macpherson to the postmastership of Vancouver as an accomplished fact. This billet will be a much more comfortable lay-out for Mr. Macpherson than to have to go

out on the hustings for re-election and have to defend both his own course in the many subservient votes he had given the Ottawa government against the interests of this province, and the many instances of graft and maladministration charged against the government. But when he comes to reflect on the way that he along with many others during the campaign of 1896, road to the electors Mulock's famous speech in the House of Commons while introducing his bill to make it impossible for a member of parliament to be appointed to a position of emolument under the government within two years after holding a seat in parliament, and that gentleman's animadversion upon the debasing influences of such appointments, it should make him feel a trifle uncomfortable even in the occupancy of so comfortable a billet as the Vancouver postmastership.

Okanagan College

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Everett W. Sawyer
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7 Tons Potatoes 1200 lbs. Carrots
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Delivery may be made on or before October 10th, at Pentiction, Keremeos or Hedley.

F. A. ROSS,
General Manager Daily Reduction Co., Ltd.,
Hedley, B. C.

NOTICE.

Certificate of Improvements.

"P. S." Mineral Claim, situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: Camp Hedley.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. deBlois Green, Free Miner's Certificate No. B11222, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 6th day of July, A. D. 1908.

26-10 C. DEB. GREEN.

NOTICE.

SIMILKAMEEN LAND DISTRICT.
DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that J. P. BURNYEAT, of Vernon, 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 1018; thence south 40 chains; west 20 chains; north 40 chains, and east 20 chains to initial post, containing 80 acres.

JOHN P. BURNYEAT.
28-10
June 20th, 1908.

Shropshire Sheep For Sale

RAMS (registered and eligible for registration). Also a few pure bred young ewes. For further particulars apply to.

35-3 JNO. M. THOMAS, O. K. Falls.

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HEDLEY THE YOUNG
PAY-ROLL TOWN

Has Been for Ten Years and Will Continue To Be the Industrial Centre of Similkameen.

SOME PLAIN REASONS WHY

Nature Destined Hedley For Centre of Industry, by Preparing Ideal Conditions for Deposition of Mineral Wealth—and by Depositing Same—Splendid Record of Production Is Only Earnest of Better Things To Follow.

When cattle ranching, which employed but a few hands, was the only paying industry in the Similkameen, and the worked-out placer diggings had been abandoned, it was a very sparse population which this district could maintain, because of the lack of transportation and the isolated position of the valley. It is true it had a perfect climate and fertile lands upon which grew the native grasses that fattened the herds which were driven out over the mountain passes to market; but agriculture on a paying basis under such conditions was wholly out of the question, and for decade after decade little was grown, whether in grain, vegetables or fruits, beyond what was required to supply the local wants of those engaged in cattle-ranching.

Mineral Wealth Proved Salvation.

Now we have a railway grade at our door, and the mineral wealth in the hills surrounding Hedley was the one thing which above all others demonstrated to railway capital that there was here something for which to build, for had it not been for the work done on the Nickel Plate and the inducements held out to railway companies, they would never have thought of building in here. Indeed the president of the Great Northern has said so.

What Was There To Show?

As early as 1877 the late Dr. Dawson, in his general report on the geology of the Similkameen, referred in most favorable terms to the geological conditions prevailing here, long before any prospector had set a stake. Subsequent events demonstrate the correctness of his views, and closer geological study than Dr. Dawson was able to give in his hurried trip through new territory has since shown that in ages gone by nature prepared here the ideal conditions for deposition of mineral wealth, and also did some fine topographical engineering to afford means for winning the ores.

Conditions spoken of by Dr. Dawson were readily recognized ten years ago by M. K. Rodgers when he arrived on the ground and bonded the Nickel Plate group. This marked the beginning of a new era for the Similkameen, and with the work of development and the subsequent extraction of values, Hedley became the main centre of population for the district—the pay office, the entrepot, the town of the full dinner-pail.

Extent and Value of Hedley's Mineral Field.

While preliminary reports published in government blue books by Mr. Charles Camsell, who was in charge of the party from the geological survey which spent two years studying the geology and ore deposits of the camp, has made some reference to the extent of mineralization, it is well known that Mr. Camsell has modified his first impressions on that subject and concurs in the view of a much wider area of pay values than that which his work at first covered.

The area can be roundly stated to extend at least eight miles north of Hedley, 7 miles south, 7 or 8 miles east and 5 miles west.

Mr. Camsell refers to the camp as the greatest producer of gold alone of any camp in British Columbia.

Mr. M. K. Rodgers has spent many years and travelled many thousand miles up and down the continent looking for mines, examining and sampling everything offered him, and has frankly volunteered the statement that "nowhere between Alaska and Mexico does he know of any fifteen miles of undeveloped territory that will sample equal to the fifteen miles of which the Nickel Plate is the centre." This is indeed a very strong testimonial from Mr. Rodgers and carries a wealth of meaning to those who have money to invest, whether in mineral lands, real estate or business ventures. Assuming this to be true (and of its truth there

is no reasonable ground for doubt) the possibilities for Hedley are enormous; for with so wide extent of pay ground with vast ore bodies, the values of which range from low grade to medium and (in some few spots where special agencies for concentration of values have been at work) to high grade, there is only one outcome to be expected and that is the existence here at an early date of a busy, prosperous mining town of several thousand inhabitants.

What Hedley Has To Offer.

Not always has nature been so kind as to locate her treasure vaults where the conditions for living are so pleasant. Often rich mining regions have brought together large population where the climate is unbearable and natural conditions for sanitation such that the town has scarcely started until the inevitable harvest of a perilous death rate is being reaped. But in Hedley it is a well-known fact that even in the absence of the commonest precautions in the way of sanitation there is no town in the district has so clean a health bill; for while every other place shows the existence more or less of typhoid, Hedley has been absolutely free from this scourge. The reason for this is obvious. The town is built on an immense gravel bed believed by geologists to be of many hundred feet in thickness with a large swift-flowing river at her door and a steady easy slope of the townsite towards the river of about 5%, making the future question of sewage disposal the simplest possible, by means of sewer and septic tanks. In the water supply there are no death-breeding wells but a system of waterworks providing pure running water from mountain streams.

While these conditions mean so much for the health of the town they also may mean much for its industrial advancement. The task of winning values from the immense ore deposits in the vicinity precludes the idea of depending upon the present tramway system of ore haulage, and the near future will in all probability see the inauguration of a comprehensive plan for tunnelling the mountain, and thus permit of handling large quantities of ore at minimum cost. To this end the Similkameen river will be harnessed so as to provide ample power for operating the various properties in the camp, and when this is accomplished, Hedley will have come to her own.

What Has Already Been Accomplished.

When Mr. Rodgers took hold of the Nickel Plate, less than ten years ago, not \$50 worth of work had been done on it. There were no roads for the transportation of supplies to the mine, and these had to be built. The colossal task of overcoming these difficulties had to be tackled by the one concern which had undertaken to make this a producing camp, but the sequel has shown that the mineral wealth existent here, justified it all. When people who are disposed to be exacting ask why the opening up of the camp has not been more general, and why other properties are not developed to the same extent as the Nickel Plate, they should also in fairness admit that it is a wonder that so much has been done in the face of such disadvantage as the remoteness from railways.

Two Millions in Bullion Taken Out.

While no definite figures have been given out as to the total bullion production from this camp, sufficient data, directly and indirectly, is obtainable to warrant the statement that by the end of 1908 two million dollars in gold will be the output, and there is greater probability of the real amount exceeding that sum than in falling short of it. What the district has been living on may be learned from the fact that the outlay in wages and other things necessary to produce this amount of bullion has provided sustenance not only to the people of Hedley but the whole valley.

This being the record of one mine, a faint idea is obtained of what the town is to be when there are half a dozen or more.

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Town and District.

John Love left on Monday morning for Phoenix on a short business trip.

Dr. C. A. Jackson, dentist, was up at the Nickel Plate on Saturday, and left on Tuesday morning for Princeton.

Anton Winkler, of the Grand Union, is putting up a private residence for himself on the corner of Irene and Daily avenues.

J. L. Caldwell is rapidly losing strength and no hope is entertained for his recovery. Cancer of the liver is the ailment.

Geo. Y. Bowerman left for his ranch below Osageos last week, and Mrs. Bowerman and family are preparing to pack up preparatory to removing there.

The pumps were started at Twenty-mile Lake on Monday, but Tuesday's rain came in timely and helped to make up some of the deficiency in moisture in that section.

Hilliard Innis who was taken back to Keremeos with a case of typhoid in course of development, is reported to be doing as well as could be expected at this stage of the illness.

The school trustees have secured the services of Miss Thelma Davies as teacher. Miss Davies is a graduate of McGill university and comes highly recommended. School will re-open on Monday.

R. H. Carmichael, of the E. T. Bank at Keremeos, was taken to the Grand Forks hospital to wrestle out a case of typhoid fever. His place in Keremeos is taken by S. J. Loughurst, of the Phoenix branch.

The last shipment of 21 tons of ore from the Sally mine near Beaverdell netted the company, after paying for freight and treatment, \$3,175.00. The freight alone from the mine to Midway amounts to \$80 a ton.—Ledge.

There is no word yet of the track-layers. Of course the winter season is all right for track-laying in the Similkameen valley, but nevertheless it would look much better to see the track down before the snow flies.

The present requirement of the game laws which makes a close season for willow grouse until the end of September is difficult to observe. Both willow grouse and blue grouse are now down in the bottoms and it is difficult to tell them apart until they are shot. A better plan would be to take a certain distance up the mountain side, above which the willow grouse are seldom seen to go, or else delay all grouse shooting to the end of September.

The automobile which has resided with us for the past month, in rain and shine, in sickness and in health, with semi-occasional infantile ailments and sometimes with those pertaining to more advanced years, pulled out on Thursday evening last bound for the Vernon fair. It is said that it was to be disposed of by raffle or drawing. The machine is a big concern that carries a good-sized load, and may come handy for some rancher in the upper Okanagan who may want to travel a bit faster than his neighbors and is unlucky enough to have the luck to win it.

An order was granted in the supreme court at Vancouver for examination of M. K. Rodgers either in Seattle or Vancouver in connection with the suit now pending. The Province, in referring to the order, gets mixed concerning the points at issue in the case. Mr. Rodgers' interest in the property, so far as we understand it, is undisputed. The questions at issue involve issuance to Mr. Rodgers of the stock representing his interest, transfer by him to the company of certain properties in his name, and it is said also valuation of Mr. Rodgers' interest in apportionment of profits and expense connected with operations to date.

Robt. Stevenson, who got the worst of the accident on the crooked hill last week, is getting along nicely. For a few days he was finding new sore spots, but the lame shoulder is doing nicely, and while the cut in the forehead showed signs for a few days of developing into "two lovely black eyes," the face has regained its natural expression and he can spin a yarn on old times with all his old-time vivacity. Reports from Princeton are to the effect that all the others are going about chaffing each other on the mishap. Angus Lamont got a cut on the top of the head, but is little the worse. The invulnerable Hughie Campbell, who was with Lamont in the cart and took the same flight into the air before lighting on top of the running horses, came off without cut or scratch, and after spending a couple of days with "Bob," started for home on Friday morning.

L. C. W. Rolls left on Tuesday morning for Detroit. Mr. A. A. Davidson is in charge of the store in his absence.

Jack Mackenzie, formerly driver on Welby's stage, arrived in camp last week after a trip to his old home in Nova Scotia.

It is surely pretty tough on the ill-smelling water at Keremeos station when a grateful respite was experienced in a visitation, last week, of Mephitis Mephitica (that's his Sunday name) which came as a sweet relief. Two years ago, about this time, when the Gazette editor was on the stage en route for Keremeos, the genial host at Fifteen Mile on learning where we were bound for, exclaimed "For God sake dont drink any water, drink Scotch." The advice looked good and we now pass it on.

In the baseball report of last issue we should have pointed out, in giving the number which each pitcher struck out, that Killelay who pitched for Hedley had one more inning to pitch than Charleton had. If Hedley had batted the whole nine innings it is quite possible that Charleton would have succeeded in getting as many strike-outs to his credit as his opponent. Charleton is certainly an artist in dishing up both twisters and hot 'uns, and moreover makes friends by his courteous manner in the box and on the field. By the by, it would appear from the Spokesman-Review that a record in pitching was established here by Killelay, viz: 42 strike-outs in 18 innings. The tally which the Gazette has seen makes it 6 less than that.

TIT-BITS FROM PENTICTON.

The mill and business of the Pentiction Lumber Syndicate have changed hands, the buyers being Messrs. Campbell and Kay. Mr. Campbell has been foreman at the mill for the past eighteen months.

We were agreeably surprised at the appearance of an automobile on our streets one day last week. It seemed to create a vast amount of interest among the Indians on the reserve, and the dogs in town.

The Fire Brigade realized seventy-five dollars from the concert and various booths and stalls. This amount will more than pay for a fire bell. Much credit is due the ladies and the fire committee for the successful manner in which this entertainment was got up.

The chief topic of conversation here at present is "railway." The fever seems to have caught hold of our Main street barber, Ben Baker, pretty badly. Mr. Baker, besides being a tonsorial artist, is quite an exponent of the various sorts of wharves which are to be built in and around Pentiction in the future. He has been studying the railway question lately, and is now giving free lectures daily. Of course rumor is responsible for much of the talk, but this time there are facts as well as at the time of writing there is a survey party numbering fifteen locating and staking the line run by Mr. Odell nine years ago. The party is in charge of Mr. Henderson, and although they outfitted at Grand Forks I think most probably they are working in the interests of the C.P.R. Very recently another engineer connected with a prominent firm of railroad contractors made a cursory survey of the same line. Mr. Henderson's party should be in town before the end of the week if the weather keeps fine.

A new secret society was formed in town hall Friday; at least I imagine it must be secret, as the proposed members were all notified personally of the meeting place and time of meeting, no public notices making the announcement being displayed anywhere. Thinking I might possibly get some information I called at the Press office to-day and found that they were as much in the dark regarding the matter as myself. Now this only whetted my curiosity so I persevered or I might even say pestered two or three people until I had got the following information: Mr. Huycke appears to be the chief conspirator, he for some reasons unknown having conceived the brilliant idea of calling a private meeting to form a public association, viz: "The Pentiction Turf Club."

Up to the present I have been unable to find out the cause for all the secrecy—whether Mr. Huycke has any scheme on foot to surprise the racing world with a string of dark horses or whether he only wanted his own picked officials of the club, it is hard to say. At any rate as the people of Pentiction have subscribed the amount with which the ground was purchased. I think it a very poor policy not to give them the chance of selecting their own turf club officials.

Pentiction, Sept. 14th, 1908.

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A SITTING of the County Court of Yale will be held at the Court House, Fairview, B. C., on Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. By command,

J. R. BROWN,
Registrar County Court.

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SITTINGS of the County Court of Yale will be held as follows, viz: At Fraternity hall, Hedley, on Wednesday, 7th October, 1908; and at the Court House, Princeton, on Friday, 9th October, 1908, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of each day. By command,

HUGH HUNTER,
Registrar County Court.

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