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ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 26th

Dominion Parliament Dissolved and Writs Issued.

YALE-CARIBOO IS DEFERRED

Likewise Kootenay, in Spite of Curtis' Former Assurances To Contrary — K. C. MacDonald, of Vernon, Is Returning Officer for Yale-Cariboo.

Monday, October 26, has been definitely decided upon as the date for the general elections, with nominations a week earlier, on October 19.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the cabinet council at which the ministers in attendance were: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. R. W. Scott, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Hon. George P. Graham. Curiously enough it was probably the last meeting which will be attended by Hon. R. W. Scott, who will ere the ministers gather together again be succeeded as secretary of state by Charles Murphy, K. C.

The proclamation dissolving the present parliament was signed by his excellency Earl Grey on the eve of his departure for the west.

In all predictions made as to the date of the elections the date chosen has not been mentioned for the reason probably that no one supposed that a Monday would be chosen.

The ministers before adjourning passed orders in council filling the vacancies on the board of railway commissioners as already announced.

There are six elections which will be held later than the general elections. These are Chicoutimi, Saguenay and Gaspe, in Quebec; Comox-Atlin, Kootenay and Yale-Cariboo in British Columbia and the Yukon. In the last mentioned territory the election will not take place probably before December, much time being required to post the different notices and forward the papers. In the other counties the date is left with the returning officers.

MIDWAY & VERNON AGAIN.

Many and Kaleidoscope Are the Changes This Project Has Gone Through.

Just when the public had been schooled to believe that everything was settled pat between the holders of the Midway & Vernon charter and the C. P. R., and that the latter were proceeding to take over and build the portion between Midway and the mouth of Wilkinson creek, news comes that new life has been galvanized into the M. & V. as a separate entity, and that Ralph Smailes has returned from the old country after completing arrangements with English capitalists to build the whole Midway and Vernon line.

If it should be so that some bona fide attempt will be made by English capitalists to build the M. & V. line, then the activity recently displayed by the C. P. R. in that vicinity will only prove to be after all the old game —that of bluff to scare the other fellow off.

Apparently the C. P. R.'s system of espionage in the money marts of all countries is so complete that no move may be made in London, Paris or elsewhere, so far as railway building in this country is concerned, without their knowing about it. Thus it would appear that while Ralph Smailes was at work in the old country negotiating for the building of the M. & V., the C. P. R. was listening behind the screen and its engineering corps was directed to make a feint in the direction of this particular outpost which was threatened.

It is not known what breed of capitalistic terrier Smailes has got fastened to his chain this time, but it is to be hoped he has been pursuing his investigations among the bull-dog species —the kind that has little short pointed ears, eats nothing but raw beef, and has a tail too short to ever get between its legs. With such motive power beside him he might hope to have the railway built at last.

GUFFING THE PEA-SOUPS.

The Goal of Sir Wilfrid's Political Career Accomplished—Has Made Quebec Pivotal Point of Dominion —A Most Notable Confession.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier opened his campaign at Sorel in the province of Quebec, by delivering a most significant speech to his French compatriots. The true inwardness of that enormous increase in territory for the province of Quebec begins to show up, but the wonder is that Sir Wilfrid should grow bold enough to thus let the cat out of the bag. The Toronto Globe, in referring to Sir Wilfrid's Sorel speech, said that "he was buoyant if not boyish." Boys often blurt out things that are not meant to be said, and here is what Sir Wilfrid in his "boyishness" said at Sorel. Speaking of the increased territory he had given to Quebec, he confessed: "This change will MAKE QUEBEC THE GREATEST PROVINCE OF THE DOMINION, and will enable it to hold its position as the PIVOTAL PROVINCE OF THE DOMINION. I am a citizen of Quebec, but I can assure all the other provinces that they will have nothing to fear from the justice done to Quebec. Further, I tell you, citizens of Quebec, I do not want you to dominate, nor do I wish that the other provinces should dominate over you. WE MUST HAVE OUR RIGHTS HERE, and they must have their rights, and the work of our government will be given to the protection of all these rights." And this from the man who can give hundreds of thousands of miles of territory to his compatriots in Quebec, and would try to filch from this province its legal right and title to the reversionary interest in a few acres of Indian land at Prince Rupert.

TWENTY-MILE ROAD FINISHED

Connection Was Made with Nickel Plate-Penticton Road on Thursday Last.

W. A. Maclean, in charge of Twenty Mile road, succeeded last week in letting daylight through by joining up with the Nickel Plate-Penticton road, in the vicinity of Riordan mountain, and kept the expenditure within the appropriation.

This road will now enable anyone to drive through to Penticton with a cut-off of several miles, but its main advantage is that it affords an easy and direct outlet to the railway at Hedley for a large section of fine mineral country in the basin of Twenty-mile creek and eastward to Riordan, Lost Horse and Independence mountains.

The road starts up Twenty-mile canyon from Hedley, and it can claim perhaps the best grade of any mountain road in the country. Although a high altitude had to be overcome to penetrate the great mineral belt lying in to the north and northeast of the Nickel Plate, there is scarcely a place where there would be any necessity of doubling up, even with the heaviest loads. Care was taken in choosing the route, the supervisor insisting that when it was necessary to go up hill there should be no going down hill until the elevation had been overcome. In not observing this rule many mountain roads have been spoiled, the net result being that no time can be made on them either in going down hill or up hill, for on steep hills vehicles have to be driven slowly to prevent losing control; but on this Twenty-mile road a spanking rate may be maintained all the way down. Over such a road heavy mining plants may be transported with the minimum of cost, and in teaming out either ores or concentrates for shipping by rail, a very low rate for transportation to the railway at Hedley should be secured.

The completion of this road will remove all excuse for failure to operate the properties in that section of the camp, and it is hoped that no time will be lost in taking full advantage of it.

The flag pole at the school, which was put in place by T. Brown, is a beauty, and each morning the flag is hoisted thereon in conformity with the recent regulation. One morning it wasnt quite in conformity, but as the departure was from mistake and not by design there was no shooting over it.

OLD-TIMERS MEET.

Twelfth Annual Gathering of the Kettle River and South Okanagan Pioneers' Association.

The Kettle River and South Okanagan pioneers held their twelfth meeting at the Central hotel, Keremeos, on Thursday, Sept. 17th.

This society was organized on March 1st, 1900, at Boundary Falls, and the meetings at first were held semi-annually, but have later been changed to the annual gathering which is held every year on or about the middle of September. At first the membership was limited to all residents who had come to the Boundary not later than 1894, but as many of the original members have since removed from the district or crossed the great divide, the dividing year has since been placed at 1896, that being the year when the Boundary really opened up and settlement became more general.

Those who attended the first meeting were: W. J. Nelson, R. Dunnigan, A. Curry, J. Winters, T. Welsh, C. Dietz, T. Graham, G. Leyson, R. Sanderson, M. Stanson, J. H. East, J. Kerr, J. Thornton. W. T. Smith, A. K. Stuart, Dr. Jakes, T. Hardy, L. McCarren, T. Wake, J. R. Jackson. R. Clark, R. C. Sadler, J. W. Reed, W. J. Castleman, A. Conners, P. W. Murray, R. D. McLeod, J. C. Dale, S. T. Larsen, G. Wells, H. Cameron, R. Stuart, J. P. Harlan, H. Shallenberger, R. Kerr, T. McAuley, L. Bosshart, C. S. McRae, G. Guess, W. B. Richards, R. C. Johnson, F. Coryell and J. Meyers. Of these, eleven dated back to the eighties, and Charlie Dietz, who died last year, back to 1857. At subsequent meetings many other old-timers were brought in, among whom may be mentioned, R. L. Cawston, R. A. Brown, Wm. Powers, J. McNichol, C. J. Lundy, Jas. Lynch, Wm. Edwards, J. C. Haas, Steve Mangott, D. A. McBride, W. H. Covert, R. R. Gilpin, Bubar Bros., C. A. R. Lambly, H. S. Pittendrigh, H. Nicholson, S. R. Almond, D. A. Carmichael, Ed. James, A. H. Wade, F. Richter, W. G. McMynn, R. G. Sidley, L. A. Manley, L. W. Shatford, Jas. Sutherland, Duncan McIntosh, Tom McDonnell, S. Bannerman, C. de B. Green, Geo. Rumberger, W. H. Norris, C. B. Bash, J. W. Blough, Wm. Younkin, Harry Rose, G. A. Rendell, E. Spraggett and others.

J. C. Dale, of Carmi, as president, occupied the chair at Thursday's meeting, and in the absence of the secretary, J. R. Jackson, J. H. East acted as secretary.

A feature of this meeting was the gathering into the association of old-timers in the Similkameen, among whom may be mentioned, F. Richter, Manuel Barcello, Frank Surprise, J.H. Bromley, W. J. Manery and D. McCurdy, although the latter was unable to be present.

New names proposed for membership in the Similkameen were, R. Stevenson, Hughie Campbell, Angus Lamont, J. G. Thynne, I. L. Deardorff and E. D. Boeing, none of whom could be present at the meeting.

The president explained that a movement had been made a year ago to preserve historical records relating to the settlement of the district, but the committee appointed for that purpose asked longer time to submit their report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers provided for the association by the constitution are:

1 Honorary President (Hyas Kloshe Tyee).
1 President (Tyee).
4 or more Vice-Presidents (Sitcum Tyees).
1 Treasurer (Chicamin Tyee).
1 Secretary (Tzum Tyee).
1 Hon. Physician (Hyas Docklin).
Executive Com. (Mamook Tyees).

Those elected for the ensuing year were:

President — F. Richter.

Vice-Presidents—R. A. Brown, A. S. Black, S. T. Larsen, Henry Nicholson and R. G. Sidley.

Secretary — A. Megraw.

Treasurer — J. R. Jackson.

Fairview was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The following resolution of condolence to the widow of Chas. L. Thomet was drafted by committee and passed:

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THOMET MURDERERS CAUGHT

Two Suspects That Police Have Been After for Over Three Weeks Gathered In at Nicola—Strong Evidence Against Them.

On Monday and Tuesday word was hourly expected of the capture of two men believed to be the murderers of Charlie Thomet at Midway. On Tuesday afternoon the news came that the capture had been made that morning Merritt where they were working in a coal mine.

The men passed through Hedley on the Monday before Labor Day but no one here who saw them suspected that they were the guilty parties.

The men suspected, Green and Rice, had been making a bluff at placer mining on Boundary Creek, apparently as a blind. They were missing two days at each time hold-ups occurred in the vicinity, and disappeared altogether when Thomet was killed. An examination of their quarters after they were gone disclosed some suspicious features that are best let lie at the present juncture. This much was learned by the Gazette three weeks ago but held back from publication for reasons which need not be stated but now that they are in custody it does not matter.

Various traces of them indicated that they were heading this way, so on Thursday last constable Ashton of Midway came in accompanied by A. Gillies who knew them sufficiently well to identify them. In Hedley they learned that the men they were after had been in Critchley's shoe shop and had displayed some nuggets which it appears they stole from Chinamen's sluice-boxes.

The bandits who killed Thomet were known to be well armed, one having a Luger pisstol and the other a Mauser. A hardware store in Greenwood had been robbed and among the articles taken were a Luger and a Mauser. In two of the holdups consitlerable shooting was done, both Luger and Mauser bullets being found.

One of them had formerly roomed with Gillies and it is understood that when Ashton and Gillies got to Merrit where Green and Rice were working in a coal mine the identification was followed by arrest of the men.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Of the Fruit and Produce Exchange of B. C., Limited.

(Revelstoke Mail-Herald.)

A meeting of the executive board of this organization was held in the City Hall, Revelstoke, on Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 11 a. m.

The members present were: Jas. Johnstone, president, Nelson; P. H. Wilson, vice-president, Chilliwack; C. E. Handcock, Enderby; H. E. R. Smythe, L. M. Hagar, secretary-manager, and W. B. Robertson, treasurer, Revelstoke; H. Puckle, Victoria; W. I. Garraway, Peachland; and R. C. Brock, secretary Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association, Nelson.

The work for the season was reviewed and a general vote of satisfaction passed. It was very generally conceded that but for the Central distributing point the strawberry and small fruit districts would have been in a demoralized state. The Central Exchange was able to cope with the prevailing conditions. Berries from all points were on the market at one time but were evenly distributed. Prices were found to be lower than in past seasons but the prevailing conditions, monetary stringency and perhaps what might be termed over-production in as much as all sections were shipping at the same time when heretofore a rotation of shipping has prevailed, was taken as satisfactory evidence that the organization had well proved its worth demonstrating very conclusively the necessity of such an association of fruit growers to combat the competition of other markets. The lack of proper facilities in the different sections were discussed, proper accommodation for handling and shipping fruit and produce in certain districts will have to be improved upon.

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A. McGRAW, Managing Editor.

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

SANITATION NEEDED

It would seem that a little sanitary inspection about the railway construction camps in the vicinity of Hedley would not come amiss. In fact the health authorities are remiss in their duty when they fail to give due attention to matters of this kind. Hedley, owing to favorable situation rather than to any care in the matter of sanitation has always enjoyed a clean bill of health in contrast with other places that are every summer fever-stricken, but this is no guarantee that this state of comparative immunity will continue if we run in the face of what prudence would dictate. There is medical testimony to the fact that much of the trouble now being experienced at Keremeos station is not altogether chargeable to the water but to other causes, and one of these was that of insufficient attention being paid to closet pits, some of the camps being wholly unsupplied. It should be seen to by the health authorities that no construction camp be permitted to run without a closet of some kind even if there are no more than 3 or 4 men employed. As a rule these railway construction employees wander about the country and are likely to contract typhoid. They may come to a perfectly healthy camp where they develop the disease, and a few men in this condition about a camp where no provision for sanitation has been made, will soon pollute the vicinity.

Another matter is the condition of closets in town. If the Public Health Act does not provide a scavenger it should do so. Property owners in new places are often up against a difficult problem when they are perfectly willing to pay for the services of a scavenger to keep outhouses in order but cannot get anyone to do the work. In such cases it should be up to the public health department to provide the man and affix the charge which he is to be paid and then there will be no excuse left to any property holder for not keeping his premises in reasonably fair condition. This provision is needed in Hedley right now and it should be up to the health officer to see that the need is supplied. A little expense incurred in this way now will save far greater expense later on, to say nothing of the risk of human lives involved through neglect of a little precaution.

ET TU CURTE!

After all his grandstand play of magnanimity in preferring to have the Kootenay election on the same day as that of other elections, Smith Curtis has shown the white feather and claims his handicap in the race with Goodeve; for the announcement is made from Ottawa that Yale-Cariboo, Kootenay and Comox-Atlin in this province are to be deferred elections. Sweet to his heart as the plaudits from the grandstand must have been during these four months of back-clapping and head-patting, the desire to be elected by any means however questionable, was sweeter still, and the brave determination expressed at the nominating convention in Nelson declaring for an even race has gone by the board—swept away by the overwhelming force of the blue funk within. He may try to wiggle out of it and disclaim responsibility or concurrence all he likes, but the evidence will convict him every time. That fumy arraignment of the McBride government for delay in printing the lists, in which Mr. Curtis fore-shadowed the postponement, is too thin. In fact it is a give-away for it betrays his guilty knowledge of the fraud and his complicity therein. Delay in getting the lists eh! Now how much sooner did he get Similkameen lists before the election of Feb. 2nd 1907? Not sooner at all but later by about two weeks, and then he had them before his opponent L. W. Shatford had.

The Nelson News in discussing it gives Smith Curtis his choice of either horn of a dilemma: If he did want the Kootenay election on the same day as the others, then his wishes go for nothing at Ottawa; and if he didnt, then he stands convicted of false pretence in saying that he did.

Society papers tell of a new disease of the neck contracted by ladies in trying to balance the "merry widow" hat. That is nothing to the risk which Smith Curtis takes in trying to run a political campaign and watch the grandstand at the same time, but Smith Curtis would risk neck and all for a little response to his grandstand wa-wa.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The date of the election in Yale-Cariboo will be appointed by the returning officer, K. C. McDonald, of Vernon. What limit has been placed on his discretionary power is of course known only to that gentleman. It is pretty safe to conclude that even if it were shown him in plain figures that the ballot boxes could not only be possibly but conveniently distributed to the various polling places between October 19th and 26th, he dare not appoint October 26 as polling day.

When Sir Wilfrid in his Sorel speech indulged in gibes at Sir Charles Tupper he forgot that the old dog had never had his fighting teeth pulled, and the manner in which Sir Charles comes back at him in that Winnipeg manifesto will make Sir Wilfrid sorry that he spoke. Step by step Sir Charles reviews the political situation; and the cutting part of it is the absolute truth of every statement of fact and every conclusion drawn from those facts. No Canadian who wants to thoroughly understand Canadian affairs and conditions and the events which led up to these, can afford to miss reading Sir Charles reply.

In Quebec at last election there were in round numbers 110,000 Conservative votes polled and 130,000 Liberal votes. By a fair and just distribution this should have have given the government 36 seats in Quebec to 29 for the opposition; but instead of this they held 54 seats to 11 of the opposition.

John Keen, of Kaslo, has become so much "one of the family" that he comes in now for a helping of the good things—returning officer and all that sort of thing. However, as long as so capable a man as John Keen is appointed the work will be thoroughly done.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Sept. 19:

AT THE MINE.

	Maximum	Minimum
Sept 13	70	42
14	56	42
15	61	38
16	58	34
17	60	36
18	54	33
19	50	35
Average maximum temperature		58.42
Average minimum do		37.14
Mean temperature		47.57
Rainfall for the week	.0	inches.
Snowfall " "		"

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR

Highest maximum temperature	—
Average maximum do	—.
Lowest minimum do	—
Average minimum do	—.
Mean do	—.

AT THE MILL.

	Maximum	Minimum
Sept 13	78	54
14	74	50
15	58	48
16	69	38
17	74	42
18	73	41
19	68	48
Average maximum temperature		70.57
Average minimum do		45.85
Mean do		58.21
Rainfall for the week	.01	inches

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR

Highest maximum temperature	81.
Average do do	64.42
Lowest minimum do	39.
Average do do	42.57
Mean do	53.49

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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 existant 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.

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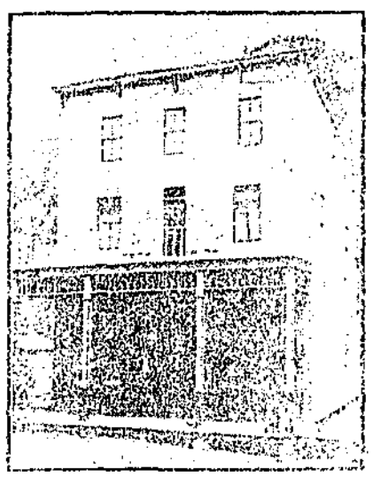

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Town and District.

T. D. Pickard left for the coast on Friday last.

Mrs. F. P. Cook, of Granite Creek, paid a visit last week to her brother, E. Woodward.

Mrs. T. H. Rotherham went out on Monday morning's stage for a 6 weeks' visit to her home in Nelson.

Miss Davies, the new teacher, arrived on Thursday last from Victoria and school re-opened on Monday.

Fred Revely left on Friday last for Vancouver where he was subpœnaed as witness in a lawsuit.

J. L. Caldwell was removed this week to the hospital in Vernon. His brother was present to look after him by the way.

I. L. Deardorff, district road supervisor, met F. C. Gamble, the chief engineer of the public works department, at Keremeos on Friday last.

Robt. Stevenson was able to get up last week, and is making fine progress to complete recovery under the attendance of Dr. Whillans and nurse Boucher.

W. A. Maclean has been getting his plant on the ground for operations on his three-mile railway contract. It is understood that he has already sub-let a considerable portion of it at a profitable rate.

J. A. Allen, of the Geological Survey returned last week from Otter Flat, and started east going out over the Crow. He will report in a few days at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

John Love has purchased a drug business in Phoenix which he will take over about the beginning of October. He has not yet disposed of his Hedley business but intends to do so at the earliest opportunity.

J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V. V. & E., has been in rather indifferent health for the past month or more. Last week he was laid up for a day or two, but is going about again, his duties preventing him from getting much rest at a time.

Mr. Baker, of Portland, Ore., was in town last week on his way to Copper Mountain where he and some associates have a group of claims in close proximity to the Sunset. Mr. Baker called to see Robt. Stevenson, whom he met on some former trips to the district.

Harry Swan started in last week on his Oroville bridge contract, and Mr. Gamble on his visit to the Similkameen on Friday last, also gave him the re-building of the Ingram bridge over the Kettle river between Rock Creek and Midway. This is to be a Howe truss, owing to the fact that the amount of log driving on the Kettle river of late years has proved destructive to bridges with piers placed in mid-stream.

F. C. Gamble, chief engineer of the public works department, is doing his tour of inspection this year in an automobile runabout. He left Penticton on Friday morning, ran over to Keremeos, went up to the new bridge almost completed over the Similkameen between Webster's ferry and Keremeos Station, then up to Ashnola creek and back to Keremeos Station about 12 o'clock, going back to Penticton the same afternoon.

John Love returned on Sunday from the Boundary, where he was visiting his brother at Phoenix. The rumor that Pinkerton detectives were shadowing him on the way back in the hope of coming acsoss both Bill Miner and the Midway hold-up men, is unconfirmed. Bill Miner was always credited with following public affairs very closely in all matters that had to do with the movement of treasure, and the issue of the election writs coupled with John's trip to the Boundary would no doubt set the old scamp thinking.

Mr. C. deB. Green, P. L. S., came to Hedley last week to do some work in this vicinity. Mr. Green is an ardent naturalist and is devoting considerable attention to the birds and insects of this section. He has already reported to the Society for Natural History, four distinct species of birds not found elsewhere in Canada, and is now hot foot after a middle-sized black woodpecker with white head. An unfortunate rule of this blood-thirsty society of bird admirers is that they will pay no attention to any report of a rare species unless the carcass is produced to prove it, regardless of the fact that this specimen which they require for proof might be the last survivor of its race. Now if it were a matter of snakes, this tendency to doubt oral testimony unaccompanied by the goods would be excusable.

F. A. Ross, general manager of the Daly Reduction Co. left for the coast on Wednesday of last week on a business trip.

TIT-BITS FROM PENTICTON.

The first accident on our rifle range happened on Saturday, the victim being Mr. Geo. E. Kent who was marking at the butts. The bullet that did the damage hit a loose piece of timber and inclining downward took a piece out of George's face, making rather a nasty flesh wound. After getting over the shock Mr. Kent stood the bandaging process manfully after which he was rushed off to the doctor to get a few stitches put in. I understand that he is going to have a watch charm made of the bullet which did the trick.

I hear that the Turf Club (the formation of which I noticed last week) intend giving a concert shortly in order to raise the wind, there being no funds in the treasury. I understand that the opening piece on the programme is a duett by Messrs Wade and Huycke entitled "A Racing we will go" and later on in the evening they will render that well-known ditty "We've got the track and we'll have the horses too." If the remainder of the programme is equally amusing the concert should prove a huge success.

I am not alarmed but I think it high time that a warning note was sounded to save our beautiful lake front for the people. Looking over the columns of last week's Press I find there are no less than four different people making application to have parts of the foreshore. I dont know whether the Board of Trade are taking any action in the matter. If not, something should be done and that quickly, otherwise it is probable that Penticton will lose one of its greatest assets and we shall be in the same boat as the people of Kelowna who have practically lost all their lake front owing to the grabbing propensities of a few private individuals. However, I hope the people here will awake to the menace, and unless they want to see the whole beach fenced off with only the street ends left, it is nearly time a petition was sent in to the government praying that they will not grant the leases.

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The Canadian public needs to wake up to the necessity of saving the valuable forests at a comparatively small expenditure, instead of losing millions by the burning of their timber and having to go to comparatively large expense to plant up areas thus denuded.

The need for forest planting is often, and rightly urged. But there is another aspect of forestry that claims a place even in advance of this, viz., that of protecting the forest from fire.

Planting an acre of ground with forest trees costs, according to figures given by Mr. E. J. Zavitz, Forester to the Ontario Department of Agriculture, $5.00 to $10.00 per acre. The former was the figure when labor could be had at a low cost, trees could be provided at a low price, and other circumstances were favorable. Taking even this figure it can easily be calculated that the cost of planting up one square mile is $3,200.00, for planting 10 square miles the cost will be $32,000, and to plant a single township 6 miles square would require an expenditure of $115,200.00.

Instead of waiting for, and allowing, forests to burn down (and the tremendous risk to the forest from fire is little appreciated by any who have not studied the subject), it is far cheaper and easier to guard existing forests from fire. The ranging of the railway belt in British Columbia, an area of a little over 10 million acres, during the last fiscal year, (April 1, 1907, to March 31, 1908,) cost the Dominion Government $14,111.64—something less than 1 1-2 mills per acre, or about 90 cents per square mile. No serious fires were reported during the year. The railway belt is exceptionally well patrolled, but even with the cost several times what it is, the expense is well worth while, considering the value of the mature timber and young growth thus saved.

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County Court of Yale.

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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County Court of Yale.

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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NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to F. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, to transfer the licence of the Osoyoos Hotel to Alexander A. McDonald.

W. J. GUINEY.
September 18th, 1908. 37-5

Tenders Wanted.

TENDERS are invited for supplying for the Daly Reduction Company:—

7 Tons	Potatoes	1200 lbs.	Carrots
1500 lbs.	Onions	2000 "	Cabbage
1500 "	Turnips	200 "	Red Cabbage
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These may be tendered for in whole or in part; but all must be clean, sound stock.

Delivery may be made on or before October 10th, at Penticton, Keremeos or Hedley.

F. A. ROSS,
General Manager Daly Reduction Co., Ltd.,
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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 104 S; thence south 40 chains; west 20 chains; north 40 chains, and east 20 chains to initial post, containing 80 acres.

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OLD-TIMERS MEET.

Continued from First Page.

"Moved by J. H. East, seconded by Geo. Cawston, and resolved: That the Kettle River and South Okanagan Pioneers' Association take this opportunity of expressing their deep regret at the foul tragedy which cost the life of one of its most esteemed members. Mr. Thonet was a man in whom the Association reposed every confidence, and had frequent cause to admire his devotion to law and order, as well as his fearlessness in maintaining the same. In expressing our regret, we also express the hope that the parties who caused his untimely death may be speedily brought to justice."

The president gave notice of motion to amend constitution so as to admit ladies as members.

THE BANQUET.

A necessary accompaniment of the gathering is the banquet, and in preparation for this the ladies of Keremeos out-did all former efforts in this direction, for Mrs. F. Richter, with Mrs. Kellar, (old-timers), assisted by Miss Phelps, transformed the dining room of the Central into a bower of loveliness. On the wall opposite the president's chair were, in beautiful letters of green, "Welcome Pioneers 1896-1908." The tables were a mass of beautiful cut flowers, and the Central hotel fairly excelled itself in the excellence of the menu.

The toast list opened, the "King" and the "Dominion of Canada" were responded to in song, the company singing "God Save the King" for the first, and J. Campbell of Grand Forks singing the "Red, White and Blue" for the second.

The toast to the Pioneers was taken care of by Messrs. Richter, Dale, East, Manery and Carmichael, and Mr. Kirby enlivened the proceedings with choice songs.

"Agricultural Interests" were discussed by Messrs. Richter, East, Bromley and Manery.

"Mercantile Interests" found champions in Messrs. London and Kirby.

"The Mining Industry" fell to the lot of Messrs. East, Megraw, Campbell and Carmichael, and "The Press" was taken care of by Messrs. J. A. Brown, of the Trumpet, and A. Megraw, of the Gazette.

"The Ladies" were championed by Messrs. C. A. McDonald, Geo. Cawston and Geo. London, and "Our Guests" brought addresses from Messrs. Merrill, McLaren and McDonald.

The banquet broke up at a seasonable hour by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

NOTES.

The paucity of representation from the Boundary was a frigid disappointment. Neither did the Upper Similkameen turn out as it should. Nevertheless the gathering was a success.

Messrs. C. J. Merrill and R. McLaren, sojourners, from Calgary, gave a big help-out with the banquet, and entered into the spirit of the affair; but why didn't the former say sooner that he could sing?

The pioneers were pleased with the readiness with which Keremeos ineligibles, like Messrs. Brown and Kirby and some others, joined in the occasion and helped to make it a success. The ready spontaniety which can take a rough and ready invitation is what the pioneer likes. Those who are sticklers for the time, place and manner of the invitation may mean all right too, but the pioneer will apparently have to become more conversant with the use of rose-scented deckle-edge before they can be reached.

A Kettle River pioneers' gathering would be lonesome without John East.

F. Richter's reminiscences of early farming and fruit-growing operations were thoroughly enjoyed.

NOTICE.

Certificate of Improvements.

The DYNAMITE Mineral Claim, situate in the Greenwood Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: Near Camp McKinney.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Henry Nicholson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 11123, acting as agent for R. G. Sidley, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 1117, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 15th day of September, A.D. 1908.

37-10 HENRY NICHOLSON.

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HAVING decided to close out the Estate of the Hedley Lumber Company as soon as possible, the undersigned will be pleased to consider bids for the stock, plant, tools &c. Outstanding accounts not promptly settled will be placed in the hands of a collector.

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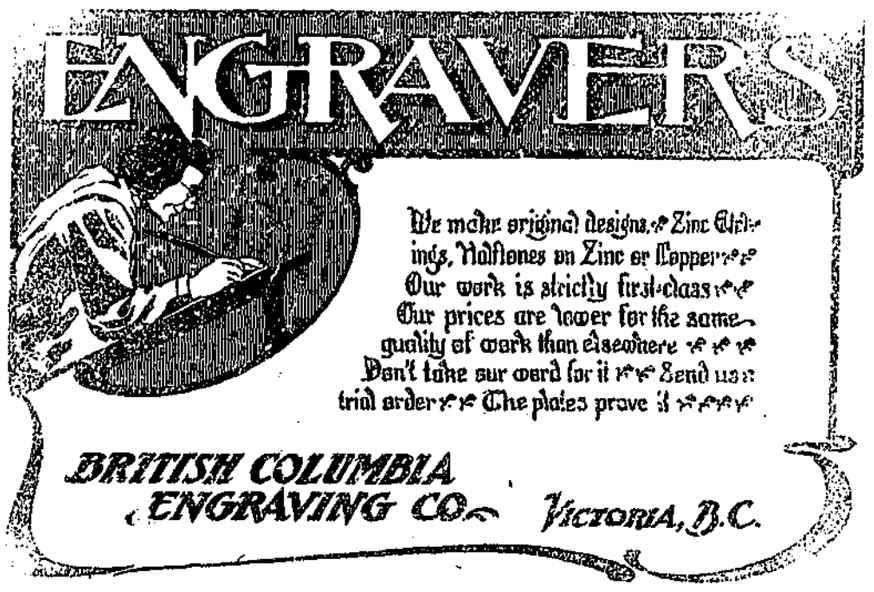

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