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## Meeting of City Council

### General Wind-Up of Business for the Year

The council assembled for its regular meeting Monday morning with a full attendance.

A letter was read from Dr. Mathison asking for reapproval of plans of a subdivision certificate of title for which had been delayed.

From the Imperial Oil Co. re payment of cash for oil purchased by the city.

From the secretary of the local S. P. C. A. enclosing the following resolution: "That the Society requests the city council to make very careful enquiry into the way in which dogs are killed in the city pound, and to see that the killing was done by a perfectly competent person in the most painless manner possible."

Mayor Jones announced that the city had again submitted its unsold debentures to brokers in Montreal but had not received any satisfactory offers, and it was not deemed advisable to place any of them on sale yet.

Ald. Sutherland hinted that it would be wise for the new council to get its assessment out early so as not to have to borrow money for current expenses, using all borrowing powers to carry the debentures.

Chief Sutherland submitted his monthly report showing 38 cases and a total of $280 in fines. The annual report submitted at the same time gave a total of 216 cases for the year.

The lease of the site in the park to the Aquatic Association came up again and this time was finally passed by the council.

The Branch Sewer By-law 125 was finally passed.

There was considerable discussion on the new Building By-law 126, which was finally passed.

Mayor Jones said that as the auditor's report for the year had not yet been submitted it would be necessary to meet again Saturday morning.

Before adjourning the Mayor said that as that was probably the last meeting in which the whole of the present council would be assembled together, he would like to thank the members for their attention and attendance at the meetings during the past year. There had been a good many knotty problems to deal with, and it had meant very often a great sacrifice of their own business affairs to attend to the work of the committees. Ald. Raymer and Ald. Blackwood were not seeking honors this year. He appreciated the valuable assistance they had given the council. Ald. Raymer's advice and experience had been most useful. His health had not been good and he hoped he would be better for the rest. Ald. Blackwood's health too had given anxiety to his friends several times and he hoped he would improve.

Ald. Blackwood and Ald. Raymer responded suitably.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Press for the fair and unprejudiced way in which the meetings of the council had been reported during the year to which Mr. John Leathley replied.

The city clerk and office staff and staff of the power house were also made the subject of commendatory resolutions.

The meeting then adjourned until Saturday morning.

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Next Sunday afternoon at the Kelowna Brotherhood meeting in the Baptist church. Mr. Fulton of the public school will give a paper on "Greater Britain" to be followed by a discussion. These meetings are being well attended this season and great interest is being shown in the discussions.

The annual general meeting of the Kelowna Board of Trade will take place in Raymer's Small Hall on Tuesday, January 21, at 8 p.m. Reports on the year's work will be presented and officers elected for 1913. Members are requested to attend and come in good time so that the business of the evening may not be unduly protracted.

## Municipal Election Results

### Plebiscite Decides Against a Hotel in Park

There seems to have been a great reluctance to take up the duties of the council this year, and Nomination Day produced no fresh candidates other than those who had been announced at the public meeting. Mayor Jones was unopposed for another year of that office, and there was no election in the North Ward; Ald. D. W. Sutherland and S. C. Cosens being returned unopposed.

The following is a summary of the polling which took place today:

For Mayor:

JONES, J. W. ..... by acclam.

North Ward:

SUTHERLAND, D. W., by acclam.
COSENS, S. C. ..... by acclam.

South Ward:

COPELAND, R. A. ..... 126—elect.
THOMPSON, J. N. ..... 120—elect.
CALDER, W. B. M. ..... 114—elect.
TAYLOR, F. A. ..... 110—elect.
Millie, H. H. ..... 63

### The Hotel Question

The voting on the question of the hotel on the lake shore was decisive enough to leave no doubt as to the opinion of the electors on the three questions propounded. The voting, although it had been referred to as a "plebiscite" was not such in a legal sense, but only an effort on the part of the council, in response to a request from the Board of Trade, to find out the feeling of the people on the scheme, before taking more definite steps, which would have meant a special bill before the legislature to acquire power to dispose of public property for such a purpose.

The result of the vote was as follows:

QUESTION No. 1.—Are you in favor of a hotel being erected on the property of the People's Trust Company at the entrance to the park?

YES 56. NO 122.

QUESTION No. 2.—Are you in favor of the city exchanging the triangular parcel of land now held by the People's Trust Company for an equal amount of land in a rectangular form?

YES 61. NO 115.

QUESTION No. 3.—Are you in favor of the city selling a portion of the City Park for hotel purposes?

YES 46. NO 129.

The total poll recorded on the matter from both wards was 191. An unusual feature of the election was that there were no spoilt ballots.

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The Kelowna Merchants Aociation held its adjourned annual meeting on Tuesday when officers were elected as follows:

Pres.—Geo. A. Meikle.
Vice-Pres.—K. F. Oxley.
Sec.-Treas.—G. A. Washburn.
Directors.—F. S. Coates, D. W. Sutherland, D. Leckie, Geo. McKenzie, R. F. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parker had the great misfortune to lose their little five-week-old baby boy last Thursday from complications following a cold.

Gus. Boline, a blacksmith at Geo. Chew's camp on the Kettle Valley railroad was blown to pieces last Thursday by an unexpected explosion of dynamite. His remains will be sent by to-morrow's boat to his home at Fresno, Cal.

The death took place last Thursday of James Thos. Graham, a well-known figure in town. He was 65 years of age and was born at Halifax, N.S. He came to Kelowna four years ago and invested in acreage on the north side which he eventually subdivided. The funeral took place on Wednesday, service being held in the Baptist church. He leaves a wife and family.

## Annual Meeting of Council and Citizens

### City's Last Year's Record Was One of Marked Progress and Development

There was a fairly large attendence at the annual meeting of ratepayers last Friday evening when the mayor and aldermen met the the citizens in the customary way to give an account of the year's work. Mr. D. Leckie took the chair.

Ald. Blackwood chairman of the Parks committee should have been the first to address the meeting, but from ill-health he was unable to be present.

Ald. Raymer said it was not his intention to make a speech. He would like however to thank the electors for the magnificent vote they gave him at the last election. Although he had been unable to canvas in any way he had had the highest vote of all. He was not running for office this year as he found it took more time than he could spare, and he wished to keep himself free for other duties.

There was an expectant hush as Ald. Millie advanced to the platfor all felt that the temperature of the meeting would go up at once. He disclaimed, however, any intention to make a speech, and regretted that the mayor had not seen fit to speak first as he would have liked to hear him explain the financial statement, which, he understood, had only been out a few minutes.

Referring to the Fire Protection and Building's Committee of which he had been chairman, he said he was pleased to note that there had been one-third less fires during the year, and the council had also spent less on fire protection, the actual amount being $682.36. He referred to the neglect of the fire engine, which had been left out unprotected from the weather during his visit to the Old Country, thereby causing a depreciation which he estimated to be not less than $500 or $600. He had seen that the engine was placed under cover when he got back, but the Light and Water committee had thrown it out again.

Coming to his work on the Light and Water committee, he said that one of his statements as a candidate last year was that he would reduce the cost of electric light. Ald. Sutherland and he had given that reduction, and still had a large surplus. If he was elected this year he would give a still further reduction, as he did not believe in the council getting too much profit from the undertaking.

This year's council, continued Ald. Millie, were taking a plebiscite on the question of a hotel in the Park. There was no doubt that a hotel was badly needed, but as to where it was to be located was another proposition. Some thought it should be in the park, some otherwise. If the plebiscite decided for the park he would vote for the park, but if went against it, he would vote against it. He would be guided entirely by the wish of the people.

Some of his suggestions of last year had not been carried out, instancing his proposal to regulate by by-law the sale of wood and food. If elected he would be strongly in favor of a plumbing by-law, as were in danger of having an insanitary town in spite of the sewerage if the plumbing was not done right.

The city was going pretty strong in its expenditure on sewerage, which was costing a great deal more than the original estimates. Still, they couldn't help it. The city must have a sewerage system anyway.

Some people had called him a kicker in the council. He certainly had kicked when he had seen a reason. He had been independent, and no matter how big a corporation had come to him he had opposed it if it was in the wrong.

He made reference to his large interests in the town and expressed his faith in Kelowna's future, looking forward to a great time for 1913. He was going to be a candidate again this year and asked for support at the election. He was sorry to see Ald. Raymer dropping out this year as he had been an invaluable member.

The chairman then called upon Ald. Copeland. Mr. Leckie referred to the action of the Business Men's Association who had interviewed a number of men with a view to inducing them to become candidates for the city council. Ald. Copeland, he understood, had been so asked and had consented to stand for a further term.

Ald. Copeland admitted that he had been induced by several of the business men to stand again for the south ward. He had been alderman for two years and had the honor of working on several important committees. Last year he had been chairman of the Parks committee and been on the Fire and Buildings Committee. This year he had had charge of the Board of Works and also been connected with the Building committee.

The Board of Works was one of the most important and exacting committees in the council, and its duties were increasing rapidly every year. There had been scarcely a meeting of the council when there had not been one or two subdivision plans to consider. Nine miles of new streets had been added this year, making over forty miles.

He recalled the deplorably muddy state of the streets last spring due to the heavy snowfall and rain. The first thing the committee had done was to search for some better material than the shale rock which had been used, but though they had travelled up and down the lake they had been unable to find rock in sufficient quantity to make it worth while taking hold of it.

In Mr. Ashbridge's report on the sewerage scheme, the presence of beds of gravel at the sewage farm had been mentioned. Test pits had been sunk and gravel beds found which the city was very fortunate in possessing.

The committee had often met, continued Ald. Copeland, to discuss the proper method of handling street work and as chairman he had stood out for the plan of not spending one dollar on a street until it had been properly graded. On almost every street on which anything had been done a profile had been obtained and a proper grade established.

This year more money had been spent on streets that in any previous year, and there would be more from now on. The work had been confined chiefly to a few streets, in the belief that it was better to put the main thoroughfares into shape so that farmers could get their produce into town. Water street, Ellis street Gaston and Smith avenues had received most attention. Ellis street had taken a large amount of material owing to its being very uneven. The greater part of the gravelling this year had been done on the north side of town. With the assistance of Ald. Taylor, the council had managed to get Pendozi street widened, and to-day it was a very creditable street. Harvey avenue had been graded and fixed as an alternative route into town to Bernard avenue. He regretted that funds had not permitted the finishing of Glenn avenue, which, however, had been left partly to allow the sewer to go in first.

During the spring a great deal of work had been done on the north side in draining the streets. It had been necessary to dig several ditches and put in a lot of tile drains and culverts which would not be necessaay another year.

At the last municipal meeting he had expressed himself as in favor of a paid commissioner to look after public works and he had not changed his views since then. The city had got to the size when it should have a paid man responsible for the work, and he felt sure that a man with experience would more than save his wages. Such a commissioner would carry out the orders of the council. The work was altogether more than aldermen could be expected to do. The day had gone by when men went into the council for the honor of the thing, and the city could not expect to get the best men on that body unless they had someone to take some of the burden of detail work from their shoulders.

He referred in appreciative terms to the work of the Fire Brigade boys and the efficient service they rendered to the city.

If elected for another year he pledged himself to do his very best for the town. Kelowna would go ahead during the next year or two, and they must get busy and work together in the right spirit, taking advantage of what nature had done to make this one of the best cities in B.C.

He was in favor of having a city hall. The time had come when the city should have a building of its own with a vault in which could be stored the many valuable papers which had accumulated, the loss of which by fire would be a serious inconvenience to the city. They were not paying much rent for offices but it would pay interest and sinking fund on a considerable sum of money.

The work of the council this year had been rendered pleasant by the agreeable co-operation of the members. Mayor Jones had been ready to help at all times, and Ald. Sutherland's knowledge of municipal matters had been invaluable. He was sorry that Ald. Raymer, who had been a most useful member, had found it necessary to withdraw. He thanked the public for their support in the past and left the result of the coming election in their hands.

Following some remarks of the chairman, Ald. Copeland rose to his feet again to give the following figures. During the year $11,718 had been spent on street work, $1,782 on new streets. Some 12,000 yards of gravel had been put on at less cost than previous years—less than 75c. per yard.

Ald. Taylor, chairman of the finance committee, was next in order, but declined to make any formal speech, his few remarks being more or less in a jocular vein. He said the council had been hampered at one time by shortness of money, but the banks had come forward all right now. Some of the aldermen had been worried over the state of affairs, but he believed the banks had worried more. (laughter)

He believed he was going to stand again for alderman, but he was not particularly anxious for the job. There was a good deal of honor and glory to be got, of course, but a great deal of work besides.

Ald. D. W. Sutherland said that last year when he addressed the annual meeting on a matter relating to the adminstration of justice he had been very much misunderstood. He was now going to speak on the subject of water, but he did not want any gentlemen addicted to drink to think he was making pointed reference to him. Such a misunderstanding he said would be just as unreasonable as the construction which was placed upon his words last year.

Dealing first with the electric light department, Ald. Sutherland said they started the year with 303 connections. During the twelve months 110 were added, an increase of 35 per cent. making a total of 413 connections. To make these additional connections over 66,000 or 11½ miles of wire had been strung.

The water connections at the beginning of the year were 217. New connections numbered 167, an increase of about 80 per cent. 20,487 feet of wood pipe were used in these extensions, 5300 six inch and 15,187 four-inch. Two-thirds of this four miles of pipe was laid in the north ward. The water department had 31,000 feet of pipe at the beginning of the year and the addition of 20,487 feet brought the total pipe laid to roughly ten miles.

Following the practice of the last two or three years the rates had been reduced, and this policy was likely to be continued as every extension to the systems meant increased revenue. The total revenue for the year from electric light and power had been $18,219.84; from water, $6,288.30. Even after reducing the rate a surplus of $2,768 was shown from the combined plants (applause). Last year's surplus was $2,100. The surplus was not over running expenses only, but after all interest and sinking fund on debentures and all capital expenditures and a reasonable amount for depreciation had been deducted. The total value of the water and light plant was $97,000, and the interest and sinking fund amounted to $6,862 annually and this amount had to be paid before profit was figured.

As to the future, said Ald. Sutherland, some notes might be interesting. The only addition which would be necessary next year at the power hand would be a new boiler which would cost about $2,000. The plant would then be large enough to supply the city with water, light and power for eighteen months or two years. By that time a number of Diesel engines would probably be in operation in the district and the committee would be able to judge as to their efficiency. A likely addition to the water system would be a reservoir into which a supply could be pumped during the light load at night.

It was probable that the committee would recommend a further reduction in the light rate at the beginning of the year, possibly reducing it to 12 cents.

The following statistics showing the city's financial progress since incorporation were then thrown upon the screen:

*Growth of Assessment:*

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| 1906– | $ 353,710 | 1910– | $1,376,963 |
| 1907– | 528,965 | 1911– | 1,413,580 |
| 1908– | 905,015 | 1912– | 3,320,425 |
| 1909– | 1,048,610 | | |

*Rate of Taxation:*

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| 1906— | 16⅕ mills | 1910— | 19½ mills |
| 1907— | 15 " | 1911— | 19½ " |
| 1908— | 16¼ " | 1912— | 18½ " |
| 1909— | 27½ " | | |

Before 1912 the value had been levied on land and half the value of improvements, but during the past year improvements had not been taxed at all. Had the council followed the method of former years the rate might have been placed at two mills less.

*Growth of Revenue from Taxes:*

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| 1905 (part of year) | $1,000 |
| 1906 ..... | $ 4,871 |
| 1907 ..... | 6,884 |
| 1908 ..... | 12,560 |
| 1909 ..... | 22,807 |
| 1910 ..... | 22,281 |
| 1911 ..... | 22,936 |
| 1912 ..... | 45,920 |

*The Municipal Debt:*

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| 1906– | $ 9,500 | 1910– | $146,500 |
| 1907– | 48,000 | 1911– | 182,500 |
| 1908– | 68,000 | 1912– | 314,500 |
| 1909– | 125,000 | | |

In 1907 the increase was due to borrowings for installing electric light and water systems; 1908 for school lands and school buildings;

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The annual general meeting of the Kelowna Hospital Society will be held on Friday, January 24th, in Raymer's Hall, 3 p.m.

The Kelowna Musical & Dramatic Society are arranging another entertainment for Tuesday, Feb. 4.

The executive of the Kelowna Poultry Association are desirous of thanking all who contributed to make the recent poultry show the success it was financially and otherwise. The merchants responded generously to the appeal for special prizes, and great encouragement was received from all quarters. The result of the show will no doubt be seen in the greater interest taken in the poultry industry and the general improvement of the stock kept.

On Monday evening next at the Methodist church the fourth annual missionary banguet will be held. Dinner is to be served at 6.30, the programme of toasts and music to commence at 8 o'clock. Amongst the speakers will be the Rev. F. W. Hardy, M.A., B.D., and the Rev. J. G. Brown, M.A. The latter will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday both morning and evening.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL AND CITIZENS

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in 1909, for park and power house. Last year the principal borrowings had been for sewerage, school site and new building, and extension of water and light. The amount given did not include money borrowed for sidewalks under the Local Improvement By-law, which came under a special fund.

The following comparative statement of school expenditures was omitted from the slides shown but may be given here. It includes maintenance expense and interest, and sinking fund on debentures:

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| 1905 | $ 732 | 1909 | $ 7,220 |
| 1906 | 2,895 | 1910 | 8,827 |
| 1907 | 4,097 | 1911 | 11,012 |
| 1908 | 7,035 | 1912 | 16,769 |

Mayor Jones was the next speaker. He was pleased to see the evidences of interest in the council's work in the large crowd of citizens who had turned out to the meeting. The past year had been a busy one, busier than any previous year in the history of the city. In addition to frequent meetings of the council the committees had often met two or three times a day. If the general public had any idea of the immense amount of work involved in the duties of aldermen there would be far less criticism, and as the city grew more and more time would have to be devoted to the work. Kelowna was just at the difficult stage of emerging from the state of a little village and endeavoring to put on city clothes. Practically half the time of the aldermen and more than half the time of the mayor was given up to city work.

He briefly reviewed the events of the year, mentioning the Irrigation convention and the visit of the Duke of Connaught. in connection with the former the Mayor especially commended the valuable publicity work carried out by Dr. Dickson.

Referring to the work of the Parks committee he regretted the continued illness of Ald. Blackwood and hoped his health would soon show improvement. There had been $2,038 spent on the park during the past year. Amongst other work a space of four acres had been cleared and levelled and when seeded down would from its beautiful view of the lake be one of the finest playgrounds in the province. The committee had kept a man employed during the year attending to the walks and flower beds Next year he would like to see a much larger amount spent in clearing up some of the sloughs so that the public could get full benefit from the park. If the council could get the power he would like to see a substantial sum of money borrowed for the purpose. It was the purpose of the council to enlarge the cemetery without delay as land adjoining was being subdivided and sold at high prices. He was pleased also to announce that the Kelowna Irrigation Co. had offered to furnish free of charge water for the cemetery so that people could plant flowers and beautify the graves.

He paid a high compliment to the efficiency of the Fire Brigade under the splendid managership of Chief Jenkins. He did not know where a better body could be found than we had in Kelowna. The city had spent comparatively small amount this year on fire protection, but he hinted that it might soon be necessary to provide an auto truck for the use of the brigade.

The fire and building by-law was being revised, and a number of improvements made and little inconveniences removed. When completed contractors would be supplied with copies.

The building permits for the year made a very good showing being equal to those of Nelson, a city three times the size of Kelowna. They would reach over $300,000, or with Woodlawn and Bankhead about $350,000.

He reviewed the work of the Board of Trade to whom great credit was due for the splendid manner in which they had handled the streets during the year. The head of that department had a hard task owing to the large amount of streets and the rate at which new ones were being added. During 1912 350 acres of the townsite had been subdivided into some 2,000 lots, most of which were sold.

Owing to the state of the money market the permanent work on the main streets had not been done, and would have to be taken up again in the future. The speaker referred to the difficulties in financing this year, comparing the prices at which bonds sold at the beginning of the year with the offers made now.

Mention was made of the change in the system of taxation, and the loaning of the city's sinking fund. $12,500 had been loaned at 8 per cent. instead of the 4 per cent. which the banks gave.

The mayor then dealt at some length with the sewerage undertaking and the various causes which had contributed to the heavy expenditure. $75.000 in all had been voted to the council for sewerage purposes.

To the first of the year $49,000 had been spent and since then about $2,000 more. This included pumping station $13,248, force main, 8,800 feet, $4,621, 1,925 feet main sewer, $30,985; on the disposal plant to date, $207, and tents, $34.

Since then $2,000 more had been spent. $15,000 would be necessary for the disposal works.

The total cost of the works to be paid for by ths city would be about $68,000. Of this half had been spent in purchase of materal and plant, of which there was on hand plant to the value of $11,214. The rest, $32,420, had gone in wages of which the greater part had been circulated in the city.

The branch sewers in course of construction were to be paid for by the owners themselves as local improvements.

A great deal depended upon the financial situation during the next year, but the council would have a very progressive programme to carry out. The city should have, if possible, a publicity commissioner to keep the outside world posted as to what was going on here. It was also absolutely necessary that some kind of decent municipal offices should be erected.

His Worship concluded by stating that he had consented to run once more for mayor an announcement which was received with loud applause.

On the conclusion of the mayor's remarks the audience began to drift away, but still a good number remained to hear the candidates for the new council and the report on school matters from the Chairman of Trustees, Mr. T. Lawson.

Messrs. W. B. M. Calder and J. N. Thompson announced that they had consented to the request of the Business Men's Association to allow their names to stand as candidates. Mr. S. C. Cosens, another candidate. was found to have beaten a hasty retreat to avoid speech making.

Mr. Neil Gregory also announced his intention to stand.

Some criticism was levelled by Mr. G. C. Rose against what he described as the hole and corner methods of the Business Men's Association in getting out men to run without giving sufficient publicity to the matter. He complained that the Association was not a representative body.

The chairman, Mr. Leckie, said there had been no secrecy about the matter and he considered the Association had done a public service in getting together a good list of men when it seemed likely that there would be some difficulty in getting a council together.

Mr. Thos. Lawson, chairman of the school trustees, addressed the meeting in his usual breezy manner on school matters. The education of the children, he said, was the most important thing in the city, and sketched the development of the school from the time he came here and found Ald. Sutherland the only school teacher with 15 or 20 scholars. Now they had 250 scholars on the roll. Two years ago a new brick school had been built and they were overcrowded again. The government had made a grant a year ago of $35,000 and the city had purchased a site at a cost of $9,000 and raised $25,000 on debentures for a new school. Tenders had been let once but were not satisfactory and were on the point of being let again, and it would not be long before they would commence the erection of a new 12-roomed school, to cost $70,000 or $80,000.

They had now a staff of eight teachers in the Public School and two in the High School, and were amongst the most efficient in B. C.

Recently Kelowna had been raised from a third class to a second class school district. This was an honor which did more harm than good however, as they got less grant from the government towards the teachers salaries.

It meant also amongst other things that they must have five trustees instead of three as before. Mr. Trench was retiring this year, but had consented to stand again and the new candidates Mr. Bigger and Mr. J. B. Knowles had promised to come forward.

This concluded the business of the meeting and a voteof thanks was proposed to the chairman. Mr. F. R. E. DeHart interposed to voice an objection to the action the Park committee in cutting down trees in the park to make a recreation ground and in leaving the logs lying to obstruct the roadway which had been made around the Park.

Mr. P. DuMoulin afterwards proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring council and the meeting dispersed.

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## Amusements

Mr. Harry Hoyland, the leading comedian with F. Stuart-White's all star English company, "The Versatiles," who appear at the Kelowna Opera House on Tuesday day and Wednesday, January 21st and 22nd, is a comedian of the new school. Unlike many so-called comedians, who depend largely upon eccentric make-up to get their laughs, Mr. Hoyland scorns such artifices and in his Pierrot costume of the first act, or his character of the club leader in the musical comedy scene, "The Eye-Glass Club," which forms the last half of the evening's entertainment he manages to extricate more clean comedy and hearty laughs than could be garnered by a whole stage full of burlesque comedians. The company will give a change of play on Wednesday evening.

In commenting upon the performance of the "Versatiles" who appeared in Calgary the last week in October, the Calgary Daily Herald, of October 29th, paid them the following compliment: "The duet from 'Il Trovatore,' 'Miserere' by Miss Berryman and Mr. Conley was immense. We have had grand opera in Calgary quite recently, but last night's artists put the grand opera stars in the shade as far as the 'Miserere' duet is concerned. The 'Versatiles' are a clever company and their singing will carry them through any entertainment. In 'The Eye Glass Club' the second part of the entertainment, there was a greater apparent sequence to the occasion, and for this reason it was more heartily applauded. Certainly the audience took every advantage of its prerogatives and was very insistent in its demand for encores. Not a single number was allowed to finish without a repetition. Miss Zara Clinton's 'Call Me Mary' was a very captivating piece of work. It was full of essential charm that a song like 'Mary' demands. The pecularities of the different nations were prettily hit off, and the picture was strengthened with appropriate gesture."

The "Versatiles" are billed to appear at the Opera House on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 21 and 22 in "The Eye Glass Club." There will be an entire change of programme on Wednesday evening.

## Rutland News

### Black Mountain School Honor Roll

The following are the names of pupils who have gained percentages worthy of mention during the month of December 1912 for Conduct, Regularity and Punctuality and Studies in the order named:

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| **Division I.** | | | |
| Dora Pease | 92 | 100 | 74 |
| Loraine Woolsey | 84 | 100 | 79 |
| Consuelo Woolsey | 92 | 100 | 71 |
| Merriam Woolsey | 89 | 97 | 76 |
| Blanche Ford | 92 | 100 | 76 |
| Earla McDonald | 89 | 100 | 72 |
| Minnie Campbell | 89 | 95 | 77 |
| Winifred Leathley | 90 | 94 | 76 |
| Verna Dalgleish | 92 | 94 | 73 |
| Amy Fleming | 84 | 100 | 75 |
| Margery Lansdowne | 90 | 94 | 72 |
| Millie Ford | 89 | 100 | 67 |
| **Division II.** | | | |
| Mary Woolsey | 90 | 100 | 75 |
| Jeanie Warden | 88 | 100 | 85 |
| Ruth Woolsey | 87 | 100 | 84 |
| Leslie Richards | 87 | 90 | 90 |
| Verna Ford | 86 | 100 | 84 |
| Elva Fleming | 84 | 100 | 85 |
| Martha Woolsey | 86 | 98 | 84 |
| Marjorie Johnston | 83 | 98 | 85 |
| Bert Dalgleish | 80 | 100 | 85 |
| Hazel Bessett | 82 | 100 | 80 |
| Carson Dalgleish | 82 | 100 | 87 |
| John Campbell | 83 | 90 | 85 |
| Netta Monford | 80 | 92 | 80 |

## Packing Schools

Mr. J. Gibbs has been appointed Packing School instructor for this district, and provided sufficient applications are made a school will be started at the Farmers' Exchange building on Monday, February 3rd. The instruction in this necessary art is given as usual under the auspices of the Horticultural Branch of the Department of Agriculture, and the fee of $3.00 for twelve lessons is placed much less than the actual cost of the course. Applications should be sent to the secretary of the Farmers' Institute, Kelowna, or to Mr. J. Gibbs himself, who will supply all information.

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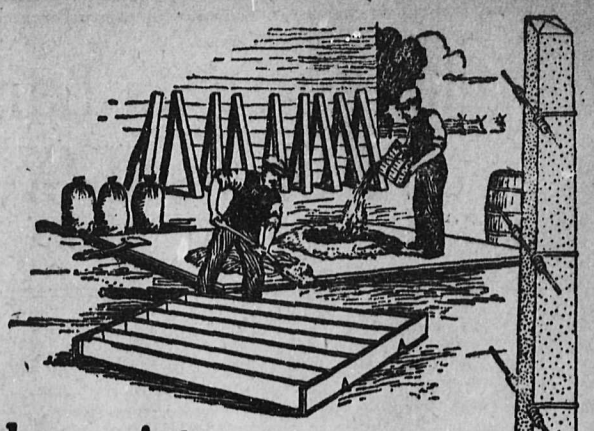

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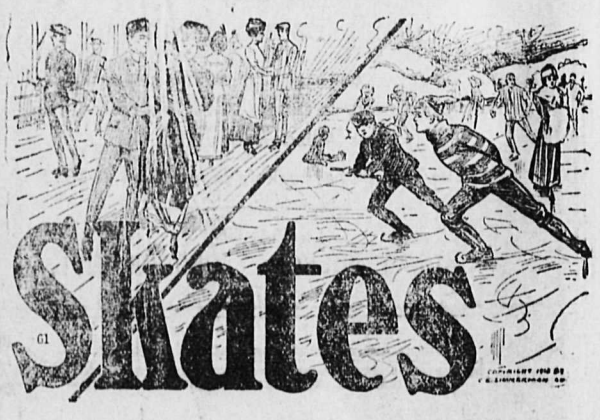


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## *Town and Country*

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Mrs. J. B. Brown left this week on a month's visit to the coast.

Mr. A. O. Burnette returned Sunday from a visit east on behalf of the new Garage Co. of which he he is to be works manager.

Mr. J. H. Middleton and family is leaving this week for Victoria where they will stay for the next few months. Mr. Middleton has rented out his house here for the present.

The first of a series of partly illustrated lectures on "Church History" was given by the Rev. D. J. Welsh in the Baptist church Monday evening last. They are to be given each month, in connection with the Y.P.S.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Michael's Church are arranging for a sale of work to be held shortly after Easter. The purpose of the sale is to raise the sum of $400 necessary to pay for the windows in the new church, the expense of which the Auxiliary promised to bear.

The Rev. D. J. Welsh leaves tomorrow for Summerland where he is to speak before the students of the college Sunday evening. Afterwards he will attend a Baptist Union Convention in Calgary. The Baptist pulpit will be supplied for the next two Sundays by students from Okanagan College.

Kelowna, as well as other cities of the province has sent in a petition to the B. C. Legislature praying for the extension of the parliamentary franchise to women. The ladies who had charge of it were much pleased to receive the support of 249 women and 127 male voters, the total number of signatures being 376, obtained in a short tme, within the city limits of Kelowna.

Dr. Thayer has purchased through Messrs. Rattenbury & Williams, the residence of Mr. D. D. Campbell on Glenn Ave., and is moving in at once. The house on Lawrence avenue at present occupied by Dr. Thayer and formerly owned by Mrs. Morrison has also changed hands through the same agency, having been bought by Mrs. Walters of Hazelton, who is opening an up-to-date ladies' furnishing store there.

Notwithstanding that we are at present in what is supposed to be the dull season for real estate, a good many important transactions are being made every day. Messrs. Rattenbury & Williams report business very brisk. They have just completed a sale of twelve lots on Abbott street forming part of the K. L. O. subdivision near the park to local business men and others who intend to build some nice homes in the spring. They have also sold considerable property along St. Paul street.

### W. C. T. U. Annual Social

On Thursday evening last the members of the local W. C. T. U. and their friends held their annual social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson, just outside the city limits.

An unexpected snowfall came just in time to make sleighrides in order, and Mr. Thompson's large hayseated van was kept busy for an hour or two gathering up the guests and carrying them to their destination, and after the evening was over, carrying them back again. These sleighrides were a delightful feature of the event.

After all had arrived an hour was spent by the young people in games, etc., then Mr. J. Bigger was asked to take the chair, and in his usual happy manner, superintended the carrying out of a very excellent programme. Among the specially fine numbers were a solo "Love's Echoes," by Miss Mawhinney, a trio, "De Massa ob de Sheepfol," by Mr. and Mrs. Riggs and Mr. Hodkinson, a solo by Mrs. Hodkinson, a solo, "The Bell of the Sea" by Mr. G. Fuller, a solo, "Morning Land" by Mrs. Riggs, a recitation, "Barbara Freitchie," by Mrs. Welsh, several comic recitations by Mr. Hodkinson and a pithy little speech by Mr. Brown. Mrs. Dilworth also contributed a piano solo.

Refreshments followed after which the evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and the singing of the National Anthem.

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## Items from Ellison

(From our own correspondent)

We are pleased to see Miss K. Carney home again after after having an operation performed on her throat in the Kelowna hospital.

Mr. Martin Conroy has gone to Des Moines, Iowa, to take a year's course at an engineering college in that city. We wish him success.

A meeting of the Literary Society was held in the schoolroom on Friday last, when papers on "woman suffrage" were read by Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Whitaker, Miss Taylor and Miss M. Hay. Although the room was rather cooler than usual a hot discussion resulted, in which Mr. J. Carney, Mrs. Lang and Mr. Whitaker took part. Next Friday the Society are invited to the East Kelowna literary society, and a good turnout is hoped for.

A debate on Country versus City life was held in the schoolroom on Friday last, and an animated discussion resulted, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of members present. Jim Carney and Miss N. Hereron spoke ably for the city side, whilst Mr. Tom Morrison, Mrs. J. M. Lang and Mr. G. Grant argued well for the country.

At the close of the debate a meeting was held for the purpose of electing a delegate to represent this district at the Irrigation meeting in Victoria, Mr. M. Hereron being appointed with the proviso that a second delegate be chosen should there be sufficient funds available.


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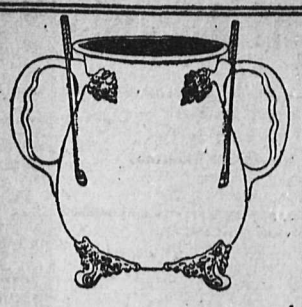

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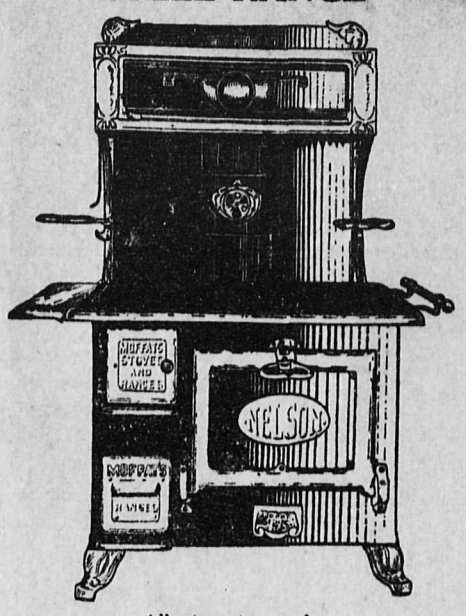


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The conclusion she came to was this—that the general resem[illegible]ance between cousins is about half that between brother and sister, and practically the same as that shown by statistics of uncles and nieces and of aunts and nephews.

"If the undesirability [illegible] within certain degrees is founded on the closeness o[illegible] Miss Elderton, "the law which forbids the marriage of unc[illegible] with niece and nephew should also restrict the marriage of first cousins."

The offspring of cousin marriages appear to be particularly liable to be deaf mutes. "There seems little doubt," continues Miss Elderton, "that if there is any deaf-mutism in a stock, a cousin marriage, even when both parties are free from the disease, is most dangerous to the offspring."

### SHOES OF SNAKE SKINS

From all reptiles the ordinary woman shrinks in disgust. Yet fashionable women are now being tempted to conquer their aversion to the extent of wearing snake-skin shoes. One of the smartest boot shops in the West-end of London is "featuring" these shoes; but up to the present it seems to be uncertain if the fashion will really establish itself on widespread lines.

Choice of quite a variety of skins is offered. There is the dark and heavily-marked skin of the deadly cobra, or the lighter skin, with its more delicate pigment markings, of the rapacious python. The skins of the wiper and the boa-constrictor have also been made up.

Snake skin is very soft, pliable, and durable. The shoes are expensive, of course, for the skins are not too plentiful, but this factor should rather commend itself to smart people, as it renders it much more difficult to copy the fashion on cheap lines.

## *Wilson Landing and West Side Notes*

(From our own correspondent)

Mrs. Seeley and her infant daughter are visitors at Okanagan Centre.

Mr. J. Vacher was a visitor at Orchard Bay on Tuesday last. He is trapping this winter.

Messrs. McNair and Brixton are putting up a log house and building a wharf for Mr. G. A. Batchelor at the camp.

Mr. A. J. Rawkins has rejoined a C.N.R. survey party at present working in the Shuswap district.

We are glad to learn that Mr. H. Chaplin has recovered from the serious consequences of the accident to his knee of some weeks ago.

## *Mission Creek and Benvolin Notes*

(From our own correspondent)

Mr. J. Reeves returned this week from a visit to his relatives in Nova Scotia.

The regular weekly meeting of the Benvoulin Literary Society was held last Friday evening at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. O'Brien. The subject of discussion was "Votes for Women," which proved very interesting. The majority of the speakers were in favor of granting women the franchise.

## Communications

Under this heading communications will be received upon any subject of interest. Letters must be signed, be brief, avoid personalities. The Editor does not necessarily endorse opinions given below.

### The St. John's Ambulance Society

To the Editor of
The "Kelowna Record."

Dear Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you would kindly allow me to use the medium of your paper to bring before those interested the idea of forming a centre of the B.C. St. John's Ambulance Society in the city. It is scarcely necessary for me to dilate on the great advantage of possessing the accurate information conveyed by the doctors who act as instructors for the first aid certificates. In a country like this where accidents are constantly happening it is specially useful.

Classes for both sexes will be formed, limited in number, from the cadet corps, boy scouts, and from other organisations in town.

Any further information will be gladly given to those who would like to join the classes.

Yours truly,
J. B. WHITEHEAD.

### St. Michael's Church Annual Vestry Meeting

The above meeting was held on January 13th, in the Churchmen's Club room, the rector occupying the chair. After the rector's report, which was very satisfactory, had been read the churchwarden's financial statement was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Lay delegates to Synod—F. A. Taylor, L. Taylor and P. DuMoulin. Substitutes—J. B. Whitehead, P. E. Corby and A. H. Crichton.

Church Wardens — Rector's Warden, Lionel Taylor; People's Warden, R. E. Denison.

Sidesmen—Messrs. Boyce, Wilkinson, Royle, Crichton, Fisher, Rogerson, Shepherd, Cameron, Corby.

Additional services were granted St. Andrew's, Okanagan Mission.

Very satisfactory reports were received from the Churchmen's and Churchwomen's Clubs, especially the latter, and they appear to be fulfilling the requirements expected of them when formed.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the church officers and various socteties connected with the church.

The meeting was one of the best attended ever held in connection with the church and augurs well for the future of the congregation.

Mr. M. Bird and family, of Rutland, desire to express their appreciation and gratitude to all the many friends who manifested such kindness and sympathy in the time of their recent sorrow.


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