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## GRIP AND PASSWORD.

### The Week's Happenings in the Local Lodges.

The past week was a busy one in secret society circles. All the local lodges had more or less degree work, and some of them were compelled to hold special meetings at which the goat was overworked.

FORESTERS.

B. R. Campbell, deputy high chief ranger, left Tuesday morning for the Boundary country on an organizing tour. He expects to be absent about six weeks. Just before leaving for the south country Mr. Campbell received a copy of the following resolution from Court Kicking Horse, Golden:

GOLDEN, B. C., Dec. 7, '99.

Moved by G. B. McDermot, seconded by J. A. Bates and resolved that Court Kicking Horse, 3713, of Golden, desires to express to B. R. Campbell its keen appreciation of the successful manner in which he has completed his organization in this vicinity and the untiring zeal which he has shown in the interest not only of this court but of the entire order.

It is further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Campbell.

J. A. BATES, Sec.

Last Monday night the bear was let loose in Court Mt. Begbie promptly at o'clock, and from that time on there was little rest for the members of that court that night. Several candidates were initiated and then came the election of officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected are:

C. D. H. C. R.—J. L. Smith.
Court Physician—W. B. McKechnie, M. D.
Chief Ranger—K. D. J. C. Johnson.
Vice Chief Ranger—J. A. Ringer.
Recording Secretary—C. W. Mitchell.
Financial Secretary—J. L. Smith.
Treasurer—E. MacGowan.
Orator—H. C. Dier.
Supt. of Juvenile Courts—T. Bain.
Organist—J. F. Ahlin.
Senior Woodward—R. E. Hodgons.
Junior Woodward—Ernest Adair.
Senior Beadle—C. Moore.
Juniar Beadle—F. Fritz.

After the election the Foresters regaled themselves on the many good things provided by the newly-made members, and it is said that the way the pie disappeared before the 30 hungry Foresters present would have gladdened the heart of a baker. The enjoyment was further heightened by the presence of Past Chief Ranger Scott, who came in from Armstrong for the purpose of attending this meeting.

ODDFELLOWS.

Revelstoke lodge held a special meeting last Saturday night for the purpose of putting on floor work. Three degrees were conferred on a couple of initiates.

Selkirk lodge conferred the first degree on an initiate last Tuesday night. There was very little business and the meeting was turned into a smoker, and the evening was very pleasantly spent by the brothers with song, story and cigars.

The lodge at Trout Lake, though only one year old, compares very favorably with many older lodges in point of numbers as well as in other respects. It is said that that lodge now has the degree work down fine. At the election held recently the following staff of officers was elected to the next term:

N. G.—D. P. McLennan.
V. G.—J. H. Currie.
Secretary—J. J. Langstaff.
Treasurer—N. Abrahamsen.

The installation will take place at the first meeting in January, and on that occasion the brothers of that lodge expect to enjoy a spread and have a general good time. Visiting brothers will be made welcome.

The two Revelstoke lodges will probably have a joint installation on the evening of January 4, and a jolly time they will have.

Miriam Rebekah lodge, Nanaimo, has donated $175 to the Orphanage, Victoria. A similar gift was received a year ago from the same lodge.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

The members of Lodge Wilberforce, No. 77, Sons of England Benevolent Society, met around the festive board last night in their annual banquet at the Glasgow Hotel. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present and altogether the affair was voted to be an exceedingly successful one.

ORANGEMEN.

The local lodge of Orangemen held their annual election last night, and officers were elected as follows:

W. M.—T. Steed.
D. M.—A. Johnson.
Chaplain—Rev. T. Menzies.
Rec. Sec.—J. Kernaghan.
Fin. Sec.—J. Savage.
Treasurer—W. G. Birney.
D. of C.—D. Allen.
Lecturer—R. C. Pollock.
Committee—S. Lawrence, E. A. Kettleson.

## Those Mining Division Lines.

The Trout Lake Topic has another bad case of the rabies this week over placing a part of the Slocan electoral district, which has heretofore been a part of Trout Lake mining division, where it belongs, in the Kaslo mining division. The change will undoubtedly work hardship to a good many prospectors if they are compelled to go to Kaslo to do their recording, but it is never expected that they will be compelled to do so. A proposition was submitted to the Trout Lake delegation which came up to interview the local member, which it is believed will work satisfactorily: To have the recording for that part of the Slocan division nearer to Trout Lake than Kaslo done at the Lake, and the recorder there make returns to the Kaslo recorder. This should be satisfactory both to the prospector as well as to the Kaslo people, as their objection to the old arrangement was that the revenue from part of that electoral district was placed to the credit of the Revelstoke district. This is a very simple solution of the difficulty, and there is no necessity for anyone to have an attack of heart disease over the matter. Mr. Kellie can be trusted to look after the interests of Trout Lake City as well as the interests of the prospector who has made the Lake his headquarters, though he may be a resident and his properties located in another electoral district. The member for Slocan riding took the same position in this matter as did Mr. Kellie when Nakusp was attached to the Nelson office and the revenue from that office was sent to and credited to Nelson when it properly belonged to Revelstoke. Mr. Green now takes the same attitude in regard to the Duncan river country, and he is right as a matter of fact, but arrangements will be made so that the change will work a hardship to no one.

## For the "Absent-Minded Beggar."

Quickly adopting the suggestion of the MAIL on the last drill night the local company of the Kootenay rifles elected a committee to have charge of a patriotic concert to be given about the first of January, the proceeds to be donated to the Mansion House fund. The concert will be given by the members of the company with, probably, the assistance of local musical talent. Revelstoke should turn out en masse to this concert and make amends for the delay in taking action in this matter by making the biggest contribution of any town of its size in Canada.

At a meeting of the executive committee in charge of the concert Wednesday evening it was decided to hold the concert on the evening of January 9, and the military part of the programme was arranged for as follows:

Camp scene, with song and chorus.

Tableau—The Night Attack, three scenes. Bayonet exercise. Military maze. Musical drill. Tableau—Britannia. Tableau—Prepare to receive cavalry. These numbers will be interspersed with others of a different character. The following committees were elected: Printing and decorating—Privates E. K. M. Steele, W. G. Birney, E. Marshallsay and Sergt. Ringer. Reception committee—Pts. R. Smythe, W. G. Birney, A. R. Fraser, E. K. M. Steele, H. W. Edwards, J. McLeod and E. Marshallsay. Admission will be reserved seats 75c and general admission 50c.

## Sir Charles Tupper

Passed through Revelstoke Wednesday night on his way to the coast, where he will make a few speeches and fix some fences. He will speak in Victoria, Vancouver and probably the other coast cities, and forward the work of organizing for the next battle of ballots in this province. On his return he will stop off at Revelstoke and give us a sample of the oratory that helped change the face of things politically in Manitoba.

## License Commissioners.

The board of license commissioners for the city of Revelstoke met Wednesday afternoon, the statutory meeting. The proprietors of the Hotel Edwards applied for an extension of their license to January 1. The board found that this could not be done legally, and so the application was refused. Other applications for license were not considered, and the board adjourned to meet January 3.

## Will Prosecute.

The city officials are determined that the road taxes shall be paid, and the city solicitor informed the MAIL last night that it was their intention to prosecute, if necessary. Those who have not paid may expect to receive a summons Monday, and in that case they will also have the costs to settle as well as the tax.

# The Boundary Excursion

Leaving Revelstoke Wednesday morning, we joined the coast contingent of the merchants' excursion, meeting with warm welcomes on every hand, and all seemingly oblivious of the worries of the shop or counting house and eagerly looking forward to having a good time. Arrowhead being reached, transfer was made to the C. P. R. S. S. Kootenay, when an excellent lunch was provided, and the sail down the lake was one of enjoyment. At Robson we lay for the night but not before a most enjoyable evening's programme had been gone through, with speeches, songs, readings and recitations. Kipling's "Absent-Minded Beggar" received great applause, and many were the minds that turned their thoughts to where our own boys were that night and of the many heroes lying in their narrow graves all for their country's sake.

Early Thursday morning the Rossland and Nelson trains pulled in with their addition to the party which was numbered one hundred and eighty and right royally were they received, and many were the glances cast on the contents of the baggage car, as case after case of medicine was handed out, with such labels as "Dewar's Best," "Best Scotch," "Glenlivit," "Old Rye" and similar names, unintelligible to many who were in the coast party, but quite familiar to nearly all of our southern friends. We were soon all settled in the coaches and the start was made for Greenwood. As we approached the summit and saw the arduous task that the engineers and contractors had in surmounting what would look to one not conversant with engineering as an impossible task to ever get a train over the summit in safety, but not only was the grade seemingly easy, but one that there was not a jar on.

The company must be congratulated on having turned over to them a road that it would not be too much to say is the smoothest running piece of road in the province, and when the tunnel now in course of construction is completed, it will do away with the now very troublesome switch-backs. The run from Cascade City to Greenwood was through a very fine piece of country, and a sight of the ploughed fields and hay stacks was a welcome one to us who have been shut in, as it were, by the mountains surrounding Revelstoke.

The Kettle river valley is one that does not take more than an ordinary prophet to foretell that it will in a few years be a very valuable adjunct to the surrounding mines. Fruit is said to grow very well in this valley and the fine looking cattle speak well for the good pasturage. Reaching Greenwood in the evening, we were greeted by the city officials and a very good band whose stirring tones gave us a glimpse of the whole souled manner that the Greenwood people intended to treat us; for as the Mayor said—"Gentlemen, the town is wide open to you to-night," and it was. About $1200 had been collected to entertain their guests, and in a royal way it was lavished. A banquet had been provided and about two hundred guests sat down to partake of Greenwood's hospitality, and it was such as many an eastern city would have been proud to call their own. Toasts were drunk and responded to, and the greatest of good nature and kind words, and all were loud in their praises of the treatment accorded us. After the breaking up of the banquet, most of the party adjourned to the club, where an impromptu concert was soon in full swing, and long and loud was the applause that greeted every piece. A good opportunity was given the party the following day to see the town, as the train would not pull out until 5:30, and those who desired to visit Phoenix and the mines had the privilege of doing so and were entertained there to lunch. Merchants who had been doing business with Greenwood merchants through their travelers had the opportunity of shaking hands and greeting their customers, and in this way one of the principal ideas of the excursion was of great benefit in the getting of the wholesale man or manufacturer face to face with their customers.

Greenwood is a marvel. To see the fine buildings already erected and just as good or better in course of erection, and to think that nearly all of the material in the buildings and nearly all the goods were freighted in on wagons; large plate glass store fronts, magnificent stocks of the best the world produces (especially the best brands of liquors and cigars), the interior finish of stores and hotels, the excellent accommodation, the well-set tables—all gave us the impression of being in an up-to-date city. Inquiries of most of the merchants showed that they were all busy but could not get goods fast enough.

Leaving Greenwood on time, amid the hurrahs of hundreds, we soon reached Grand Forks, where plenty of carriages were waiting to take us to the town, about one mile distant, and where the Grand Forks people had made preparations to give us a banquet that would put Greenwood in the shade. Fifteen hundred dollars had been subscribed to show what Grand Forks people could do, and here again we were more than surprised to see the magnificent scale this banquet was furnished on, over one hundred and fifty guests sitting down in one dining room, handsomely finished and brilliantly lighted. It was something one would never expect to find in a comparatively new mining town, and as toast after toast was called the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

Comparing Grand Forks and Columbia is like comparing Revelstoke and Arrowhead. Grand Forks is a well-built, compact city, well up in all modern improvements, in close vicinity to good mines, with some of as smart men as the dominion holds. But Grand Forks has a fight on its hands, a fight to make herself the town in spite of all opposition. We feel like applauding them in this fight, but how will it end? Columbia is a village with a most favorable situation for a large city, but we are not sanguine enough about this place to prognosticate any phenomenal prosperity in the future.

While slowly pulling out of Grand Forks at 10:30 Saturday morning, a belated, over-banqueted heavyweight from Nelson was seen driving at a furious rate toward the train, waving a valise in one hand and a night shirt in the other. The train was stopped to allow him to get on and finish his toilet. After a short run we stopped at Cascade City, and the whole party was arranged into a group and photographed by two artists.

The run over the summit was again taken up, and the four cars sang with laughter and song. Luncheon was passed through the cars by the porters. All the newspapers of the coast were on hand at the different stations, and all the comforts that could be thought of were showered upon us.

Robson was soon reached. The Rossland party left for home to make ready to entertain the party when they reached there the following day, and the rest boarded the train for Nelson, where in a very short time we were making for the various hotels and homes. A very enjoyable smoking concert was provided by a local minstrel troup, and before Sunday morning the party had sought repose after a few days of travel and excitement.

On Sunday evening the party left for Rossland and visited some of the mines the following day, and were entertained by the Rossland council and board of trade. Monday evening saw us all again at Robson, and divided up in the two C. P. R. steamers, the Minto and Rossland. The Minto pulled out in a very short time and was not seen again until the following morning at Halcyon, where a stop of an hour gave the party a chance to see this popular place, partake of its waters and enjoy its famous bath. A burst of excitement appeared on both steamers when ready to pull out, as it was evident there would be a race from Halcyon to Arrowhead. With five minutes' start and 180 pounds of steam, and clouds of black smoke pouring from her stack, the Minto soon placed three-quarters of a mile between her and the Rossland, but it was not long until the Rossland had shown her superior powers, and when she pulled up even with the Minto the greatest enthusiasm prevailed on both steamers, and when nearing Arrowhead the Rossland's engineer opened up the engine and the steamer glided gracefully away from her consort and into Arrowhead wharf. A rush for cars, a shriek from the engine, and in a short time home again.

A few noticeable features about the excursion that might benefit us in Revelstoke: In nearly every town we passed through plenty of literature was distributed through the cars, telling all about the town, its mines, its prospects, its development and its hopes for the future. We had grand opportunities last summer while press associations from all over the United States and Canada passed through our

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## CITY COUNCIL.

### Little Business of Importance Transacted Last Night.

Very little business of importance was transacted by the city council at last night's session.

The time for receiving tenders for the fire hall was extended one week, and the time limit for completing the hall was extended to 60 days.

By-law dividing the city into wards was read a third time and passed.

Election by-law, 1900, passed its three readings and became law. Under this by-law there will be but one polling place in the city, with a ballot box for each ward and one for the mayor by vote. The nominations will be made on Jan. 8 and the polling take place on Jan. 11, in Tapping's opera house.

The collection of the road tax was a subject of considerable discussion and it was decided that no further notice should be given, and the clerk was instructed to proceed and collect the tax.

## The Smiley Concert Co.,

Gave a concert in the I. O. O. F. lodge room Thursday night, which was enjoyed hugely by a small audience, the severe winter storm, the first of the season, keeping many away. The entertainment was if anyting better than that on their first appearance, and they should have been greeted by a large audience.

Mr. Smiley was in fine form, and his humorous monologues and musical sketches kept the audience in good nature. His "Fifteen Minutes Fun with a Piano," was well received, and the story of G. Washington and the cherry tree was greeted with roars of laughter. "Gentleman Dick of the Grays" was recited in a most dramatic and affecting manner. The duet by Miss Walker and Miss Bridgeland "I Feel Thine Angel Spirit" was unusually good; "Robin Adair" by Miss Bridgeland was well received, and Miss Walker won several bachelor's hearts by her singing of "Once Again," and it is hoped that they will be privileged to hear Miss Walker "once again." Miss Bridgeland's improvisation of an accompaniment to "The Lost Chord" was equally as good as her singing and evoked hearty rounds of applause. "The Fair Maid of Dundee" completed Miss Walker's conquest of several hearts and had she remained over another day she would undoubtedly have received several "electric proposals." The company goes direct to Winnipeg from here.

## The Hindoo Prince.

"Prince Advani," the Hindoo who has had such a hard time keeping out of jail in several coast cities for bilking hotels and obtaining goods and money by false pretences, came in from the west Thursday morning. It is not believed that he victimized anyone here, as he was kept under close surveillance by the police from the time he arrived until the south train left next morning. The police here notified him that he had better move as soon as possible, so he left for Rossland Friday morning. He called on several business men and asked for a loan, but they were all "next" and he got nothing. He tried to borrow ten dollars from Mrs. J. D. Graham, telling her that he knew her husband in Atlin. She very sensibly refused, and then the police interfered and notified him to leave.

## Map of Revelstoke.

City Engineer Beck is now engaged in drawing a map of the city of Revelstoke, on a scale of a hundred feet to the inch. The map will be a large one, 4½x9 feet in size. In one corner of the map will be placed a map of several sections of land to north of the city showing the location of the cemetery and recreation grounds.

## The Strength of the Miners' Union.

The following are the officials figures of the membership of the Miners' Unions in the camps in Kootenay and Yale: Sandon 520, Whitewater 110, Silverton 130, New Denver 50, Slocan City 48, Nelson 210, Ymir 125, Rossland 1400, Phoenix 160, Greenwood 70, Camp McKinney 30. Sixty-five per cent of the Sandon members are British subjects and 75 per cent of the Whitewater members. The proportion in other camps is not at hand. There are 285 members of the Sandon union employed in that camp at present.

J. D. Graham is in Seattle and will reach Revelstoke in a few days.

W. Snider, who was severely injured at No. 1 shed about a month ago, is improving under the care of Dr. Carruthers, and is now able to leave his room at the City hotel for a short time each day.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

A. McRae was in Trout Lake this week.

E. J. Kerr was up from Arrowhead Friday.

J. Edwards, is in the Boundary country.

J. J. Foley was up from Arrowhead this week.

Dr. Carruthers was in Illecillewaet this week.

E. A. Bradley left for the east Sunday morning.

Ed. Harrington came in from Illecillewaet yesterday.

W. B. Pool and H. H. Holdich went to Ferguson Tuesday.

Swan Anderson came in from Illecillewaet Thursday evening.

T. Abriel, of Nakusp, was up yesterday, returning home this morning.

J. J. Langstaff, the Trout Lake Topic man, was a Revelstoke visitor this week.

Geo. T. Newman came up from Arrowhead to attend the funeral of Mrs. Woodhouse's baby Monday.

J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., left for Victoria Thursday evening. He will not return before the legislature meets.

The board of license commissioners adjourned last night's meeting to Trout Lake, where a meeting will be held on Dec. 30.

Howard Moore, of the Queen's hotel, Compalix, came up to attend the meeting of the board of license commissioners last night.

W. J. Magee, bridge foreman for the C. P. R., left for his old home in Ontario Sunday, where he expects to spend the winter.

J. D. Boyd came down from the bend Tuesday. He and his brother have been trapping and now have a fine pack of marten.

W. M. Lawrence returned from the Boundary excursion on Tuesday. He has an interesting letter on that country in another column.

This is your opportunity for good photographs, from 16th to 29th of December. Positively termination of present visit. B. H. Trueman.

R. Tapping has kindly given the opera house to the Church of England Sunday school for their Christmas tree on the evening of December 26.

J. B. Kelly has secured a room in the City hotel and has opened a first-class barber shop therein which is receiving a very liberal patronage.

See the new line of Christmas goods at W. M. Lawrence's. Plated goods, Roger's 1847, fruit knives in cases, carvers in sets and cases, plated tea sets.

The MAIL desires to apologise for omitting all mention of the green table at the rainbow tea, as well as a couple of ladies who assisted at the tables. It occurred through an oversight.

Collars and cuff boxes, glove and handkerchief boxes and necktie cases. Some handsome ones are on view this year at the Canada Drug and Book Co.

The MAIL job room has been busy turning out calendars this week. This year most of our business men patronized the home print shop in the matter of calendars and advertising novelties.

Don't you think a kodak or camera would make a nice present for that friend? If you do, call at the Canada Drug and Book Co. They have all kinds, together with outfits and chemicals.

Harry Edwards, our local taxidermist, is now engaged in mounting two magnificent cariboo heads, one for St. George Hammersley, Vancouver, and the other for Dave Wolseley, Illecillewaet. Mr. Edwards finished a large order for J. Cuthbert Welsh, of Trail, last week. It consisted of several bear robes and a mountain lion rug.

## The B. C. Mining Record.

The B. C. Mining Record suprised its readers this month by coming out in magazine form and with a fine writeup of Vancouver Island in the old days when the white men were just begining to make their appearance. The number is profusely illustrated with fine half tones, and contains several good Canadian stories. But the best feature of the magazine is Clive Phillips-Wooley's new poem, "Fooled."

## Death of Thomas Richardson.

Thos. Richardson, the well known Illecillewaet hotel keeper, died at Illecillewaet Tuesday of heart failure. Mr. Richardson was one of the old residents of this part of Kootenay, coming here from Dorchester, Ont., in 1887, shortly after locating at Illecillewaet. The deceased leaves two children, Mrs. Nellis, of Illecillewaet, and a son, John Richardson, of Dorchester, Ont. The remains were sent east for burial this morning, and were accompanied by Mrs. Nellis. Mr. Richardson was in his 68th year at the time of his death.

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REVELSTOKE, DEC. 13, 1899.

THE Nelson Tribune is booming Hewitt Bostock for a cabinet position. This is right. British Columbia is certainly entitled to a representative in the Dominion cabinet, and Mr. Bostock should be that representative. Now, let our friends who are such strong believers in government ownership of railways and in placing in the cabinet a man who is a strong champion of that principle, and thus show that they are consistent and not advocating government ownership simply because the movement is popular. The Tribune says:

"British Columbia, with six members in the house of commons, is fairly entitled to cabinet representation, and no member of the British Columbia delegation comes nearer voicing the opinion of his constituents than the member from Yale-Cariboo, Hewitt Bostock. The district which he represents is a large and an important one. It has sufficient population for two members; but, apparently, the representation cannot be increased until after the next census is taken. Then why not even up matters by giving the present member a chance to get to the ear of the government? Bostock for a cabinet position! should be the rallying cry of every resident of British Columbia."

No doubt the chief cause of the liberal defeat in Manitoba was the failure of the liberal party to maintain their organization, while on the other hand the tories had a well-nigh perfect organization. There is a lesson of deep significance in this fact for the liberals of British Columbia. We see everywhere in the province the conservatives perfecting their machine. Their watchword is organize, and they are tireless in their efforts. The liberals if they expect to hold what they now have in this province must adopt the tactics of their opponents. It is not now too soon to begin the work.

THE municipal election is not a month off and there appears to be a great dearth of candidates for municipal honors.

## Canadian Imports and Exports.

Official returns completed this week by the officers of the customs department show that the aggregate trade of Canada increased from $301,475,796 in the year 1897-98 to $321,061,213 in 1898-99. The imports increased from $163,323,053 to $162,764,508, and the exports amounted to $152,896,705 as compared with $161,157,788 in 1898-99. The total revenue increased from $22,157,788 in 1897-98 to $25,731,229 in 1898-99. The total imports of dutiable goods from Great Britain increased from $22,[illegible]721 in 1897-98 to $27,150,327 in 1898-99. The amount entered from Great Britain for consumption during the year 1898-99 was $27,521,50[illegible], of which $22,[illegible] came under the preferential tariff and $1,007,428 came under the general tariff. The amount imported from Great Britain under the preferential tariff in the previous year was only $19,551,[illegible]. Thus, though the amount imported increased largely, the amount of duty collected upon British goods under the preferential tariff was $5,030,795 as compared with $5,102,269. This fact is accounted for by the increase in the preference from one-eighth to one-fourth of the duty, and disposes once and for all of the "sham preference" talk of some of the Conservative workers. The imports of dutiable goods from the United States increased from $16,096,905 in 1897-98 to $17,[illegible] in 1898. The amount entered for consumption amounted to $11,171,824 as compared with $[illegible] in the previous year. From these figures it will be seen how favorable was the experience of last year as compared with the previous year. As has been shown, increases in trade and in revenue during the present fiscal year are even greater than those in the above statement.

## OFFICIAL FIGURES.

### Silver Production of the World—Mexico Leads all Countries.

The official figures of the United States mint, recently issued, make the aggregate silver production of the world in 1893 about $114,000,000, measured in coining value. This is only slightly more than the production of the previous year, but is enormously greater than the production of comparatively recent times. Ten years ago, for example, the product was valued at $121,000,000, and 25 years ago at only $82,000,000.

Mexico is still first among silver-producing countries, with a product of $73,000,000, while the United States follows closely with a yield of $70,000,000. Australasia stands third, with $15,333,000, while Bolivia is fourth with $10,500,000. Spain, Germany and the United States of Colombia come next, each producing between seven and eight millions.

## Canada at the Fair.

From present appearances the number of exhibits from Canada at the Paris exposition will, exclusive of live stock, greatly exceed those sent to any previous exhibit, the Chicago world's fair not excepted. Up to the present time the total number of entries is over 800, and by the time the books are closed they are expected to exceed a thousand. It is not yet settled whether there is to be a live stock exhibit. Commissioner Perreault is to obtain information on this point and advise Professor Robertson, agricultural commissioner, as soon as possible, and then it will be decided whether or not Canada is to exhibit in the live stock classes.

## DIGGING FOR FISH.

**After Reading This Amateur Liars Will Doubtless Quit.**

"I have had some remarkable adventures with big game in Africa," said a traveler, "but the experience which impressed me most was a fishing trip. I was sporting with an old friend who held a post up in Nigeria. One day he said: "'John, the larder is getting low. Would you like a day's fishing?'

"'Nothing better,' I replied. 'It's a long time since I've whipped a stream.'

"'Oh, we don't use rods here. These are the tools.' And he pointed to a number of natives armed with picks and shovels.

"I supposed it was a joke and joined the procession that wound away through the woods. Finally we came to a piece of open country and the men halted on the edge of a regular sauceriike depression about a hundred yards across. It looked like the dry bed of a lake, and such it was. Presently the men were hard at work with pick and shovel. The earth was baked very dry, and the dust flew in clouds.

"Finally one of the men gave a shout and threw something out. It looked like a brick with the edges worn off. I broke it into pieces, when out rolled a fish almost a foot long, alive and opening its gills as though it had been awakened from a ten years' sleep. The inside of this clay case was as smooth as glass and the color of mahogany and as tight. In this way the fish had been hermetically sealed. The men were now tossing out fish every few minutes. They lay at a depth of from one to two and a half feet, and it was not accidental. The fish at the approach of the dry season leaves the surface and wriggles its way down through the mud then by the aid of the mucus on its scales forms a smooth, hard case, in which it lies until the rain comes."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**In Heroic Attitude.**

When Sir [illegible] Wellington [illegible] Waterloo [illegible] Blücher [illegible] Battle of Waterloo [illegible] At last Sir [illegible] this [illegible]

"We [illegible] of [illegible] were [illegible] Sahara [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] was [illegible] stomach, with a [illegible] hand."

**A Sad Sufferer.**

Mrs. Parker I [illegible] sir, that you have been [illegible] medicine have to [illegible] it, in [illegible] You should have seen me first.

Young Man [illegible] I [illegible] especially in [illegible] Also be [illegible] with the family [illegible]

**His Epitaph.**

New England church yards are a fertile field for those in search of curious epitaphs. A tombstone in Stowe bears this line, indicative of a religious period beyond the grave:

"I was somebody—who, is no business of yours."

**A Double Under.**

Carl Hauser, the German humorist, says that he met a friend one day who looked very pale despite although a few weeks before he had been quite ruddy.

"You are doing well now?" asked Hauser.

"Making money," was the response, "selling the only genuine indelible ink in the market."

"How's your brother?"

"Doing finely with an ink eradicator which fails out my ink instead."—Kansas City Independent.

## CLAY'S MOTHER'S TAVERN.

**Something About the Mother of the Great Orator and Statesman.**

Comparatively few people are now living who know that the mother of Henry Clay once "kept tavern" in Versailles, Ky., and fewer still have ever had it occur to them that had this not been the case Clay would most probably not have come to Kentucky at all.

The Watkins family arrived in Versailles about the close of the eighteenth century, bringing with them quite a retinue of slaves. I may say right here that there is little foundation for the popular idea that Henry Clay's boyhood was spent in the atmosphere of poverty, obscurity and absolute want. The mother of the "Mill Boy of the Slashes," Elizabeth Hudson, was a member of a wealthy Virginia family, and in wedding the Rev. John Clay (after whose death she married Henry Watkins) she married into a family of equal prominence with her own. The Clays and Hudsons probably lived in the rather gorgeous style of the Virginia gentry, and if the Rev. John Clay was poor it was no doubt due to the devastation wrought by the Revolutionary war. It is extremely unlikely that his poverty could have been so great as the story books would have us believe.

Henry Clay did not accompany his mother and stepfather to Kentucky, but remained in Richmond as deputy in the clerk's office and engaged in prosecuting his legal studies. The Watkinses shortly took charge of the only hostelry in Versailles, and "Watkins' tavern" became famous in the surrounding country. They had a two story stone house built at the corner of Main street and Court square by Henry Metcalfe, at that time a stonemason and afterward governor of Kentucky. Such places were a sort of political headquarters and a rendezvous for the discussion of the news of the day at a time when news traveled only by stage coach. The Marshalls, the Crittendens, the Blacknurns, the Clays, the Watkinses and other prominent men no doubt planned campaigns at "Watkins' tavern," and here General Lafayette was entertained in 1825.

Mrs. Clay-Watkins was very attractive. While not a beauty, she was comely, with dark hair and eyes and rosy cheeks. Her manners were very engaging, and she was a most entertaining conversationalist. She had a well rounded and shapely figure, and possessed great vigor of mind and body. Her first husband, the Rev. John Clay, evidently realized fully his wife's charms, for, in making his will, he more than once gives directions "in case my beloved wife should intermarry betwixt this and then." And sure enough, at 23, the mother of nine children, she married Henry Watkins, "an elegant and accomplished gentleman" of 23, for whom she afterward bore seven children.

Mrs. Watkins was full of spirit, as a story told by one of her grandsons, T. B. Watkins of Lexington, proves. He says that the day after the burial of Rev. John Clay the British Colonel Tarleton made a raid into Virginia, and his men devastated her place. Mrs. Clay reprimanded Tarleton so severely that he emptied a sack of coin on a table and told her to take that for her losses. As soon as Tarleton left, Mrs. Clay scraped the money off into her apron and threw it into the fire, saying that her hand "should not be palmed with British gold." She seems to have been a noble woman, much reverenced by those who knew her well, and with striking individuality and an imperious will.

About the year 1815 the Watkinses gave up their tavern in Versailles and settled upon a farm which they owned, three miles south of town. Here Mrs. Watkins died in 1829, at the age of 80 years. Her remains were buried in a country graveyard close by and rested there until 1851, when they were removed to Lexington by her son Henry.

## A LA MODE.

Red will be even more popular for the autumn and winter than it has been the past summer.

Some of the new fur capes for the cold days of late autumn are fashioned to fit the shoulders closely and reach below the waist. They have high, stylish collars.

Excepting in yellow and black, satin this season is not considered as fashionable as peau de soie satin matelasse, victoria silk, faille, bengaline, and other qualities of repped silk.

For practical autumn uses there is now a great demand for fabric gloves of suede finished cashmere in black, dark gray and all the varying shades of tan and russet. The stitching is in tiny silk points.

Among new fashions comes that of making out of door coats and likewise jacket bodices for indoor wear quite long in front but short at the back, or short in front with greatly elongated backs.

There are few enthusiastic admirers of the shapeless box coat, where there are hundreds who prefer the new carefully fitted tailor jackets of cloth with stitched revers, kaiser collar and plain, close sleeves.

Black and white effects both in dress and millinery are still in the height of favor. Many designs in silk and wool fabrics appear in these quiet combinations, and some are more expensive by the yard than silk.

The newest black and white gowns worn at day weddings and receptions are those in brocaded patterns over checked taffeta of very rich quality; also in matelasse silks and satins and in plain or flowered stripes, both wide and narrow, in silk and satin alternately.

Although not always strikingly becoming, handsome black toilets never lack charm of distinction if well made. A combined trimming of jet ornaments and black velvet ribbon will often transform the uncomplimentary effect of a dull black cashmere or drap d'ete gown, especially if a bit of rich lace or a touch of color be added near the face.—New York Post.


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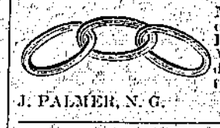

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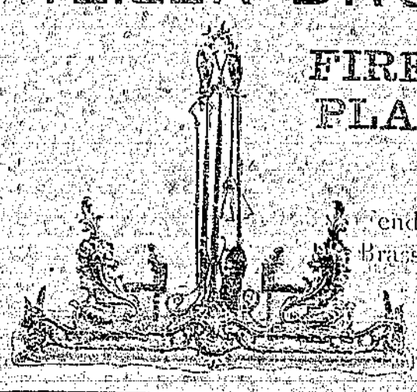

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## HOW PAPER IS RULED

### METHODS FOLLOWED IN PREPARING MODERN STATIONERY.

**The Ruling Machine Is an Interesting Piece of Mechanism, In Which Ink Is Fed to the Pens by Strips of Flannel on Strings of Yarn.**

How many people who pick up a small memorandum book full of tiny blue squares know of the manner or process by which the lines are traced? The majority of people, if asked this question, will immediately answer that the work is done after the manner of all ordinary printing—on a fast press making so many thousand revolutions per minute. Hundreds of business men, perhaps, who order their ledgers, day books, journals, billheads, etc., from the printer know little different than that the men who set the type and operate the presses are also responsible for the red, blue, purple and other colored lines that run perpendicularly and horizontally over the pages in their business books.

All the larger printing establishments have book binderies attached, and here the lines and special columns with which a man may want his stationery marked are put on, and not in the pressroom proper, as might be supposed. There are two places in Pittsburg where this work is done exclusively, and all except the few larger printing houses send their work to be lined, or, professionally speaking, ruled, in these establishments.

At a paper ruling house on Second avenue, where a reporter watched the methods of forming colored lines, the operator in charge of the machines that do the work explained many of the difficulties encountered in accomplishing the delicate tracings. The paper ruling machine resembles an old Washington hand press, with which our forefathers disseminated the news. It consists of six uprights, between four of which are set two systems of rollers. From a feed stand a boy or girl adjusts the paper that is carried forward, traced, sent underneath through a series of blotter covered rollers and eventually discharged between the last two uprights in much the same manner as the completed newspaper is vomited from the printing press.

The pen with which the ruling is done is by far the most interesting part of the mechanism. This is a grooved brass affair about an inch and a half long, containing at the top what is called a bowl, into which the ink is passed to the groove and thence transferred to the paper. If a dozen lines, for instance, are to be ruled, a dozen pens, set at any required distance apart, are employed. These are adjusted to a beam over the wide blanket on which the paper is carried, and the bowls of the pens are kept constantly supplied with fluid from a strip of fine flannel saturated with the color of ink desired.

When more than one color of line is to be traced, strings of fine yarn are soaked with ink, placed at the top of the wooden beam and the ends made to lie right in the bowls of the pens. Over the strings of yarn is placed the saturated flannel, and on top of that is put a thin sheet of tin or copper. From this sheet are run more strings of yarn containing another color of ink, and these yarn ends drop into the bowls of other pens at the side of those giving the first color. When the pens are properly adjusted, the colors will not mix, even though at times the lines are no farther apart than the five hundredth part of an inch. Those who will take the trouble to look at the horizontal lines at the top of their billheads and notice the purple line between the two parallel red ones, leaving a scarcely perceptible margin of white, may appreciate the extremely intricate nature of the adjustments required to produce such an effect.

As many colors as may be desired are possible of being ruled at one impression or passages of the paper over the blanket. It is also possible by the use of more than one beam on the ruling machine to trace varying lengths at the same time. For instance, all the horizontal lines, say, are ruled, and it is intended to rule a certain number of the perpendiculars from the uppermost horizontal below the margin and another series from a horizontal a quarter or a half inch farther down the paper. By the use of cams the paper is made to meet the pens attached to the first beam at the right time to catch the uppermost horizontal. Those lines are traced, and the paper passes on under the pens in the second beam, and the tracing begins exactly at the next horizontal line described. By the use of the same cams the tracing can be stopped and resumed at any part of the paper.

Extraordinary care must always be exercised by the operator lest the moving strings, which steady the paper on the blanket, come in contact with the pens and thus destroy the work by causing the ink to run all over the paper. He must also, with the aid of a brush, feed ink to the flannel that in turn passes to the yarn strings hanging in the bowls of the pens. There is little danger of the flow becoming at any time too heavy, but if the fluid is not properly fed the lines will vary in distinctness.

The consistency of the ink used in ruling is much thinner than water, rendered so by the application of oxgall. Almost any quality of paper is capable of being ruled, even to the flimsy material used in manifolding. The work of ruling is slow compared with the modern methods of turning out printed material, but this is made necessary by the extremely delicate nature of the work and the exceeding care that must always be observed.—Pittsburg News.

**He Protected the Clerk.**

A typical story of Lord Curzon is the following: A government clerk in India on a visit to his home overstaid his leave a day or two and was dismissed by the head of his department. As the man had over 20 years' service he appealed to the viceroy, and in due course the head was asked to explain. He gave the reason for the dismissal as general incompetence. The viceroy ordered the clerk to be reinstated and wrote across the report that in his opinion the incompetence lay with the man who took 20 years to discover such a shortcoming in his clerk.

**Didn't Care For It.**

Wabash—Are you fond of repartee, Miss Olive?

Miss Olive (of St. Louis)—No; I would not give one cup of coffee for all the tea I ever saw.—Chicago News.

"Lots o' men," said Uncle Eben, "who has great forethought an' brilliant afterthoughts falls to git along, 'cause dey ain' got no time lef' for de right now thoughts."—Washington Star.

## HAD FUN WITH THE PORTER.

**A Joke That Somewhat Resembled a Two Edged Sword.**

"The traveling men employed by a certain cracker factory of this city," said a New Orleans drummer, "have all their grips labeled in big black letters, 'Dynamite—Handle With Care.' Wherever they go the inscription makes more or less talk, and it is a pretty good 'ad' for the house. One day a large sample case arrived by express at a hotel in a little town not far up the country, and on one side was the familiar dynamite lettering. The luggage had been sent ahead of a traveler who was expected next day, and, being on to the cracker factory gag, the clerk thought he would have some fun with a green porter who had just been engaged. Calling the man into the office, he pointed out the case and told him to carry it up stairs. The porter read the inscription and turned pale as death.

"'Scuse me, sir, but I'd rather not touch that thing,' he said.

"'Oh, bosh!' replied the clerk. 'What are you afraid of?' and walking over to the grip he gave it a kick that sent it half across the office. The porter let out a yell like a Comanche and started for the door. 'There's no danger in dynamite,' said the clerk, giving the thing a few more jolts, 'and if you don't take it up stairs right away I'll certainly have you fired.'

"The poor porter picked up the case very gingerly and, holding it at arm's length, began to mount the stairs. Several employees made a point of bumping into him on the way, and when he returned he was bathed in cold sweat. Of course everybody had a big laugh, and the matter was forgotten until next morning, when a black whiskered gentleman walked in and wrote his name on the register.

"'I had my grip sent on ahead,' he remarked as he laid down the pen. 'Has it arrived yet?'

"'Yes, sir,' said the clerk. 'It's here all right. How is the cracker business?'

"'Cracker business!' exclaimed the stranger, looking surprised. 'I'm not in the cracker business.'

"'What do you do then?' asked the clerk, getting white about the gills.

"'I'm on my way to the salt mines,' said the black bearded man, 'to sell 'em some explosives.'

"The clerk held on to the counter with both hands. 'Here, boy!' he yelled, 'bring me some water quick! I'm afraid I'm going to faint.'"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## THE VAMPIRE VINE.

**A Plant That Drains the Blood of Living Animals.**

The octopus has hitherto been regarded as the most hateful and horrible of all created things. There has, however, been discovered in Nicaragua a plant which is as fearsome as the devilfish. It is a vine called by the natives "the devil's snare," and it seems literally to drain the blood of any living thing which comes within its death dealing touch. A naturalist who has recently returned from Central America relates the finding of this singular growth in one of the swamps which surround the great lakes of Nicaragua.

He was engaged in hunting for botanical and entomological specimens when he heard his dog cry out as if in agony from a distance. Running to the spot, he found the dog enveloped in a network of what seemed to be a fine ropelike tissue of roots and fibers. The vine seemed to be composed of bare interlacing stems, resembling the branches of the weeping willow, denuded of leaves, of a dark hue and covered with a thick viscid gum that exuded from the pores. Drawing his knife, he endeavored to cut the animal free, but it was only with the greatest difficulty he succeeded in severing the fleshy, muscular fibers. To his horror and amazement the naturalist then saw that the dog's body was bloodstained, while the skin appeared to have been actually sucked or puckered in spots, and the animal staggered as if from exhaustion.

In cutting the vine the twigs turned like living, sinuous fingers, and it required no slight force to free the hand from its clinging grasp, which left the flesh red and blistered. The gum exuding from the vine was of a grayish dark tinge, remarkably adhesive and of a disagreeable animal odor, powerful and nauseating to inhale. The native servants manifested the greatest horror of the vine, which they called "the devil's snare," and were full of stories of its death dealing powers. Its voracity is almost beyond belief, its power of suction being contained in a number of infinitesimal mouths. If the substance it seizes is animal, the blood is drawn off and the carcass dropped. On a lump of raw meat being thrown to it, in the space of five minutes the blood is drunk off and the mass thrown aside.—Scottish Nights.

**Wine That Is Never Sold.**

The most costly and precious wine in the world is that contained in a cask named the Rose, in the Bremen town hall cellars. This Rudesheim, of the vintage of the year 1653, is of the color of old ale and has a wonderful aroma. It is never sold, but is used exclusively for the sick of Bremen, the only exceptions having been when a small bottle was presented to Emperor William I, another to Frederick III and one to Prince Bismarck. The supposed money value of this wine is something beyond credence, but, as it is never sold, this detail is of slight importance. Old as it is, it is improbable that any but connoisseurs could get it down, as the taste is something terrific.

**On Mount Washington.**

The first house built on Mount Washington for the shelter of travelers was a little stone structure called the Summit House, erected in 1852. The Tip Top House was built in 1853 and is still standing, but not now used. Next in order of improvement came the stage road from the Glen House to the top of the mountain, built in 1855-61, soon followed by the railway in 1866-69 and the present Summit House in 1872 and opened to the public in 1873.

**Giraffe an Actor.**

The giraffe has such powers of mimicry that, although its size might be supposed to make it a conspicuous object to its enemies, the most practiced eye has been deceived by the animal's resemblance to one of the dead and blasted tree trunks which abound in its haunts.

**The Meanest Man.**

The meanest man in the world is the husband who placed his purse in a mouse trap so that his wife could not get it in the early morning without liberating a mouse.

## THE THORN'S DAY.

So green the hedges show, and delicate
With fairy leafage! Nothing can abate
The creeping, vernal tide of happy spring,
Which, as we gaze, submerges everything.
From rain wash'd orchards, o'er the grasses wet,
Shaken with gusts the cherry blossoms fall,
And apple boughs are budding on the wall—
Only the thorn is flowerless yet.

But soon the may will bloom and fail and pass,
Brief as the dawn dew shimmering on the grass!
And then what shyer speedwells will look up,
While pools are crap'd with water buttercup!
And overhead the young oak boughs shall sway
Crushing their golden leaves in tender strife
And murmur through our talk of love and life—
"Only the thorn has had its day."

—Pall Mall Gazette.

## THE NURSERY.

Scalds and burns are more fatal in children than in adults. The blisters arising from them should never be cut.

Do not startle a child. Many nervous diseases can be traced to a sudden noise or alarming object frightening and startling the infant.

Every part of a child's body should be warmly clad except the head. To keep the head too warm increases the tendency to brain disease, so very common among children nowadays.

Next after warmth children need freedom—freedom for movement in all limbs. They want to exercise their muscles even more than their brains, and they never will be quiet or staid unless they are ill.

## THE GIRLS.

When a woman asks you to be candid, she expects you to be complimentary just the same.—Chicago News.

Don't be in a hurry, girls! The twentieth century is a-going to have 24 leap years.—St. Louis Republic.

A woman believes a man when he says she is sensible, even though she has but a moment since believed him when he said she was pretty.—Detroit Journal.

There are lots of women who think they are putting on style, but who only create the impression that they must have escaped the censor.—Atchison Globe.


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**International Navigation and Trading Company**

Operating on Kootenay Lake and River.

S.S. INTERNATIONAL leaves Kaslo for Nelson at 6 a.m. daily except Sunday; returning, leaves Nelson at 4.30 p.m., calling at Balfour, Pilot Bay, Ainsworth, and all way points; connects with steamer Alberta to and from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho; also with S. P. & N. train to and from Spokane, at Five Mile Point.

S. S. ALBERTA leaves Nelson for Bonner's Ferry, Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7 a.m., meeting steamer International from Kaslo at Pilot Bay; returning, leaves Bonner's Ferry at 8 a.m. Wednesdays and Sundays.

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**Adorn the happy homes of this city**

with a home production. And the "Mail" feels confident that next season will see many more orders placed in its hands for this class of work. Size them up when you see them. Then for any class of business stationery, consult

The Kootenay Mail



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F. WOLFERSTAN THOMAS, General Manager

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RESERVE - - - - 1,500,000

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TO ALL.

A visit to our place of business will make you happy, because we have just what you want for the holiday season.

**Our China Glassware Department**
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Wishing you a'l a Merry Xmas,

**MORRIS & STEED**
Front Street, Revelstoke.


## DIED.

RICHARDSON—On Dec. 12, 1899, at Illecillewaet, B. C., Thomas Richardson, of heart failure, aged 67.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

John Skogstrom, of the Springs Hotel, Albert Canyon, was in town this week.

Bird cages, brass and Japanned glasses and springs. W. M. Lawrence, hardware.

J. A. Magee, of the Lardeau hotel, Comaplix, was in Revelstoke the middle of the week.

If you want a pretty doll, see those at the Canada Drug and Book Co. They have them from 5c to $7 each, and a great variety of them. Don't forget the place.

The contractor for the rink has been a busy man this week. Mr. Kernaghan has a large force of carpenters and laborers at work, and, as the days are not long enough, he has had an arc light placed on the ground and is working night as well as day.

The public schools in the province will close for the holidays next Friday, to reopen on January 8. In the Revelstoke schools examinations will be held in the forenoon and in the afternoon there will be a programme of closing exercises given by the pupils, to which all are invited.

## THE BOUNDARY EXCURSION.

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town and could have carried with them to every corner in America some little memento of Revelstoke setting forth the great possibilities we have in our district. And speaking of these possibilities, in conversation with mining men who have visited Big Bend and Lardeau districts, they say we have better surface showings than anything they have seen in the south country. And yet mention Big Bend (which we are looking forward to making our town one of the best cities in British Columbia) and they give us the laugh, saying, "Oh, we have heard of Big Bend for 20 years and it has never amounted to anything." Although this has been only too true in one sense yet we have a goodly heritage in Big Bend, but we want to pull together in the advancement of getting good transportation into there and take a leaf out of the book of our brothers to the south and say we have the best part of the country in British Columbia. On this subject we would close by saying that we can boastfully say we have the most respectable city in the Kootenays, and it reflects great credit on our mayor, council and chief of police when we say that our city's morals are of a much higher standard than any town we vigited in the south country.

W. M. LAWRENCE.


**Corporation of the City of Revelstoke.**

COURT OF REVISION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a court of revision for the City of Revelstoke will be held at the office of the city clerk, Revelstoke, B. C., on the 19th day of December at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessment as made for the year 1899 by the assessor and for revising and correcting the assessment roll for that year.

Dated this 5th November, 1899.

C. E. SHAW,
City Clerk.



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SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES:

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Costume Cloths, a splendid assortment.
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**To the Electors**
OF THE CITY OF REVELSTOKE.

To whom it may concern:
Owing to unforeseen circumstances I cannot stand for the mayoralty of Revelstoke, with thanks to my supporters I remain, yours sincerely,

R. TAPLIN.



WANTED—A blacksmith for the Poorman and Iron Hill Mines, near Golden. Must be steady, good man at sharpening and tempering steel. Handy man with timber preferred. Apply to E. A. HAGGEN, Engineer to the Cariboo Gold and Mining Co., Ltd.


**Board of License Commissioners.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting of the board of rural license commissioners, held in Revelstoke, Friday, December 15, has been adjourned to meet at Trout Lake City on Saturday, December 23.

And further take notice that all hotel keepers who failed to appear at the last meeting of the board must appear at the adjourned meeting to secure licenses.

A. McRAE,
Chief License Inspector.

Revelstoke, B. C., Dec. 16.


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