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THE LARDEAU.

A rich find has been made on the Lucky Boy at Trout Lake, the ore shoot being 12 inches wide and carrying values of 225 oxs. silver per ton.

Eight inch and four inch ore shoots have been struck at the Triune, running $135 per ton.

The Ferguson Mines Co's mill at Five Mile is turning out 2,000 ozs. a day of bullion, besides the clean ore from the mine and concentrates from the mill. It is understood to be doing well. A shoot of rich ore, nine to eleven feet wide, has been struck in the lower levels of the Silver Cup.

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Work has been stopped on the Lucky Jack owing to litigations.

On the Mother Lode a lead has been struck which is 7 to 12 feet wide and assays $50 to $85 a ton.

KAMLOOPS.

Iron Mask is producing 40 tons a day. A concentrator has been built. The mine has large orebodies in sight.

The coal deposits on Coal Hill are being developed with encouraging prospects.

SIMILKAMEEN.

The Nickel Plate mine at Hedley is the making of one of the big mines of America. It has a forty stamp mill running, and a smelter will also be installed. It is intended to increase the mill to 100 stamps. The mine has been well developed, having 3000ft of underground workings, but much ore is being obtained by quarrying from a large glory hole as at Granby. Two machine drills in the glory hole take out enough ore to keep the mill running. The mine is equipped in the most up-to-date manner. Electric cars convey the ore for four miles to a bin at the head of the gravity tram. This bin is capable of holding 1,000 tons. The ore is reported running $60 to $100 a ton in gold.

THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

Though lumbering is at present dull capitalists have every confidence in the enterprise and think it is only a little time till it again revives. During the year the Arrowhead Lumber Company opened their fine new mill at Arrowhead and the Big Bend Lumber Company have been running their new mill there right along.

The Empire Lumber Company propose putting in a large mill at Comaplix.

The Mundy Lumber Company have arranged to build a mill at Three Valley Lake with a capacity of 60,000 a day.

The Kamloops Lumber Company opened their new mill at Enderby and had the misfortune to lose their Kamloops mill by fire. They are replacing their plant there with an up-to-date plant.

A new mill is being put in at Darke's settlement, Summerland Messrs. McGoldrick and Lammers have taken up extensive limits on the Duncan and Adams Rivers and will probably put in mills to work these at an early date.

The Elk River Lumber Co. intend putting in a large mill at Fernie.

The Summerland Supply Company put in a mill at Prairie Valley.

The Rothesay Lumber Company put in a mill at Mara.

THE WAR.

Japs Will Risk all in One Last Great Battle—Making Great Preparations for Last Blow—Move to Cut off Kuropatkin's Retreat—Vladivostock to be Attacked.

Another Japanese Victory—Two Russian Generals Killed.

Tokyo, Dec. 24—Admiral Togo announced the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur, its presence being no longer necessary, as the Japanese big guns command the harbour. During the siege the Japs lost six ships sunk by Russian mines.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur yesterday stormed and now hold the heights east of Houyanshukou. Prisoners captured by the Japanese report that the Russian General, Kondratneko, and another general officer whose name is not known, have been killed, and that General Fock is among the wounded.

New York, Dec. 28.—A Tokio despatch says: Even greater than the preparations of last spring are the military movements throughout Japan at the present time. Not a day goes by that transports do not leave ports, laden with fresh troops to reinforce the great army in Manchuria.

Plans under way will add 300,000 troops to Oyama's army, splendidly drilled and equipped for work when winter breaks and the armies are ready for the spring campaign.

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Oyama is not underestimating the strength of the Russian army. He calculates that by April Kuropatkin will have an army of more than 400,000 men, but not nearly so well equipped as the Japanese.

It can be stated on highest authority that the greater portion of the army now operating against Port Arthur will turn its attention to Vladivostok, once the citadel has fallen. This is looked for within two weeks at the farthest.

Large quantities of supplies are now being shipped to Kuropatkin from Vladivostok and the Japanese will endeavor to cut off this source at once.

Japs Make Important Capture.

Port Arthur, Dec. 29.—Rihlung fort was captured at three o'clock this morning with a thousand Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines exploded at 10 o'clock yesterday made breaches in the front wall through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

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THE SCOTCH GAME OF CURLING.

By "Maida."

Now that the curling season is again opening it is appropriate to publish one of the best articles ever written on this popular winter game. The article is by the late David Brown, who was considered one of the most prominent contributors to Bell's Life, the world's leading sporting authority, in which he wrote under the nome de plume of "Maida." The article was so highly thought of when it appeared that it was copied into leading British American and Canadian papers. A son of "Maida" is H. A. Brown, mayor of Revelstoke.

It is rarely that we enjoy an old-fashioned winter like the present. For many years past slush, rain and storm have been the accompaniments of Christmas, and the ardent skater and the enthusiastic curler have alike been denied the opportunity of indulging their favorite pastimes. This season, however, King Frost appears to be making amends for the past, and now for three weeks the amusements of the ice have been in full swing. What cares the curler, or what cares the skater that the huntsman has been compelled to hang up his horn, that the courser must keep his dogs in the kennel, or the votary of football find all his winter arrangements jumbled up? They, in ordinary circumstances, have their full share of open weather for the prosecution of their various sports, and disagreeable though it be to break in upon the well planned arrangements for continuing them, he would be a churl that would find fault with the lover of the "roaring game," or with the enthusiastic skater rejoicing that at last his turn has come, and he can, to his heart's content, indulge in the exhilirating exercise he loves so well. There are few who cannot appreciate the delightful sensation that is produced by a glorious spin on the well polished steel, with the accompaniment of friends whirling and gliding about in the full enjoyment of a happiness that is apparent in each beaming countenance. The great charm of skating, apart from its healthful influence, is its sociality, its freedom from conventional restraint, and the delightful facilities it affords the brave and the fair for flirtation and genuine love making. In this respect it will take the higliest honors, and deserves the first place among the many recreations.

However keenly the skilful skater may enjoy his sport, I doubt if anyone who has participated in

A Curling Bonspiel

between two neighboring parishes, where skill and enthusiasm were nearly matched, could be found to admit that there is anything in sport that can compare with the earnest enthusiasm, the skilful manipulation, the combination of strength and science, with just sufficient of chance to lend a charm to the uncertainty that is experienced in a well-fought game of curling. The loch on such a day presents a scene that is difficult to describe. The rinks are ranged in order; the directors or skips are at the tee-heads; the players not throwing the stone are standing ready with broom in hand, and the moment it is delivered they watch it with intense eagerness; and if it is likely to fall short of the mark the warning voice of the skip is heard. Instantly they tackle it, and thrashing the ice with their brooms in front of it, they clean away every speck or spot that could possibly impede its progress, the skip all the time urging them in almost frantic terms to "soop her up," until he has succeeded in getting the stone as near as possible to the spot wanted. So intent is every one upon his own game that he knows nothing of how his neighbor's progresses, but works with an earnestness that is worthy of all praise to put the highest possible score to his own side. As the game goes on and the excitement rises, coats are cast aside, and in shirt sleeves many of the more zealous players, sweating with their exertions, bid defiance to the nipping cold in their eager anxiety to secure a victory. Nor can skaters and onlookers resist the influence of the enthusiasm of which they are witnesses, and generally towards the close of the game, if the contest has been at all close, you will find the scattered company gradually draw together to witness the concluding efforts that are to decide the hard fought field. Such being the character of the game, it is somewhat surprising that it remained so long confined to Scotland. It is certainly a game that Englishmen would enjoy were it better known amongst them; but it is only in recent years that it has been seen south of the Tweed. If I am correctly informed, almost the first man to introduce it to England was Mr. I'Anson (of Bling Bonny and Blair Athol fame), who, when he settled at Malton, took a few pairs of stones with him, and, as occasion offered, indulged in the practice of the game with some of his stud grooms who had seen it in Scotland. Since then a regular club has been started there, and I was glad to notice from last week's "Bell" that the veteran, Mr. I'Anson, was still able to take his part, and carry out his broom as a victorious skip. From Malton the game has radiated, and there are now clubs in many of the leading Yorkshire and Lancashire towns. Still, it is comparatively unknown to the vast majority of Englishmen, and as there will be abundance of room in "Bell" this week, I purpose giving a very short sketch of its history and characteristics. I do not pretend to be able to throw any light upon the disputed point as to what country can claim its origin. I will merely remark that the Dutch, Germans, and the Scotch have all in turn been credited with a knowledge of it. It is certain, however, that in Scotland it has been practised for nearly 300 years, and it is equally certain that wherever the game is now engaged in it has been imported by Scotchmen. It is supposed first to have been played with small stones, driven along the ice with finger and thumb, in the manner the game of "summer ice" is now played. Subsequently an improvement was effected by enlarging the stone and fixing a wooden handle to it, but it was not until the beginning of the present century that attention was given to the preparation of stones specially for the sport. Formerly these were taken from the bed of the river, and with but little manipulation but what was required to fix the handle, adapted to the rude notions entertained by our forefathers. About this time, however a great improvement was effected; the boulders found were hammered round, and a polished bottom put to them, which facilitated their progress; and the advantage of such dressing having been felt, continued improvements took place, until now the manufacture of stones has become a handicraft, which is carried to a high degree of perfection in many places in Scotland.

Until the formation of the

Royal Caledonian Curling Club

in 1838, there was no general code of laws regulating the game, nor was there any limit as to size and shape of stones used in it. Indeed, in many districts the game for some time after this continued to be played with seven players a side in each rink, the players having only one stone each, the size of which was regulated by the strength of the player. This manifestly gave the stronger man an immense advantage, for while skill will always beat strength (except when the ice becomes so soft as to prevent fine play), the skill may be as much on the side of the strong player as on that of the weak. To equalize the chances in some degree, the Royal Curling Club have fixed the maximum weight of the stone at 50 pounds, and the minimum at 30 pounds, while the diameter must not exceed 12 inches. Instead of seven players a side, each playing one stone, a far greater interest was given to the game by limiting the players to four on one side, and giving each a pair of stones to play. There is a great variety of

Stones in Use,

those most esteemed being, as near as possible, non-porous, and little subject to be affected by dampness. Those most extensively used in the West of Scotland are called Burnocks, and consist of three qualities, the medium-sized spotted kind being the best. A beautiful stone comes from Ailsa Craig, and, although it lacks density, it wears well, and is much esteemed by many players. In Lanarkshire the Crawfordjohn stone is deservedly popular, and when they can be got free from drys there is none better. I have played with a pair of these for sixteen years, and they are now as good as ever. The beautiful Aberdeen granite has been called into use, and in the manufacture of these a special polish has been used that, combined with the character of the stone itself, renders them invaluable for wet ice; indeed they appear to swim through it, but they are not so well adapted for hard, tinkling ice, being too easily moved, and requiring an extra fine twist to play them. A green marble comes from Crief, which is very dense, but, like the Aberdeen stone, it is not so good for a fine day. In addition to these, every district produces a whim or granite that has been tried, but none of them have the widespread popularity of these I have mentioned. Stones are usually now made with a double bottom, having a steel pin through the centre, on which, by the aid of a screw the handle is fixed. The use of the double bottom is to give the player the choice of a broad or narrow surface, the broad being taken on a day when the ice is keen, and the narrow when there is danger of snow, water or any other impediment. My experience, however, is decidedly averse to changing bottoms, a 4 1-2 inch, with the centre just the very least concave, so as to prevent it running on the whole surface, being a bottom useful in all states of the ice, and not so apt to cause the player to lose confidence if, having started with his broad bottom, he finds a change in the weather taxes his strength in putting the stones up. If the broad bottom be taken, and the player is in the habit of twisting (of which more hereafter), the stone makes far too great a curve in its progress to the tee, and is, moveover, very liable to catch any dirt, hairs, or broom that may be lying unseen on the ice. A few years ago, in the club to which I belong, most extensive experiments were carried on with a view not only to find the best kind of stone, but also the style and size of bottom for it, the result being in favor of the Burnocks, with a bottom such as I have described.

Having noticed the stones, I will next proceed to describe

The Rink,

which, according to Royal Caledonian Rules, is 42 yards long, 38 from tee to tee, and the board, trigger or hack from which the stone is delivered, four yards behind. The hacks are formed by a series of concentric circles, drawn around a point called the tee, the outermost ring having a radius of 14 feet, and every stone to count must touch or be within this circle. Seven yards from the tee at each end a line is drawn across the rink, which is called the Hog Score, and all stones played must clear this mark under penalty of being removed from the ice. The player, in addition to a pair of stones, is provided with a broom or long brush, with which to polish the ice should any stone played by his side require it. The broom besom, a few years ago was universal, and still it may be said to be the genuine implement of a curler; but over a wide district it has given way to the brush, which is both cleaner, handier, and more effective. To enable the player to follow the stone with perfect freedom on the ice, a pair of ice boots made from any woollen stuff—the stronger the better—is a great improvement on a custom still very prevalent, of playing with ordinary boots, the steel sparrowbills or tackets in these scratching the ice and keeping it much dirtier than when the feet are covered. Thus equipped, the player is ready to take his part in the game, and when I have explained the mode of delivery, we will proceed to play an end.

It is manifest that to propel the stone with the necessary velocity,

Some Firmer Footing

must be obtained than ever woollen boots can give, and this is secured in a variety of ways. In Lanarkshire and many other places the fashion still prevails of cutting a notch or hack in the ice, in which the player places the toe of his right foot, and with the other planted firmly in front of him, obtains the necessary power of propulsion. The system is open to the suggestion that on weak ice you almost inevitably bring up the water. Another way is to have a triangular piece of iron, called a trigger, which is fixed in the ice, and affords a good footing for the right foot, on which the strain mainly comes. In Dumfrieshire many of the players use what is called crampets, being a shod of leather and iron, with spikes which they draw on to either foot, but this cuts up the ice very much, and looks a barbarous invention. To my mind the best footing is obtained by a using a strip of iron, about three feet and a half in length and eight inches broad, with two small prongs before and behind, and with a clump of wood at the back, against which the ball of the right foot rests. The board is roughened by perforating it with small holes, which prevents ice forming on it, and gives a firm and sure footing. Being made of sheet iron it rests close to the ice, and so removes the objection that many players felt to wooden boards when they were first introduced.

The game usually consists of a fixed number of

Ends or Shots,

twenty-one ends being the ordinary length of private games and parish bonspiels in the West of Scotland. This length of game occupies on a fine day a little over four hours, but if the ice is not keen less time will be required, as the stone delivered with greater force comes more quickly to a stop than when it goes creeping along cautiously on hard ice. We shall suppose that the frost has prevailed for a week, and that the home games, in which all clubs engage as a preliminary for their foreign contests, have been gone through, the challenge has been sent forth to a neighboring parish, accepted, and the players, numbering, say, eighty on a side, are marshalled at the loch, ready for the struggle. If we examine their ranks, we shall at a glance see what a thoroughly social game curling is. Our opponents are headed by the Earl, whose acres stretch over several counties, and whose name has long been a power in the counsels of his country. He is supported by the parish minister, the doctor, and the lawyer, while farmers, merchants, tradesmen and laborers make up the manly following. There is no distinction recognized in the game, and the opponents are drawn by ballot; the Earl may find a foeman worthy of his steel in some "Wabster Chiel," whose spare form and pinched appearance indicate his ardent love of the sport has to be indulged at the expense of a comparatively empty larder.

The game having fairly started, a stranger approaching the brow of the hill that overlooks the loch would pause in

In Wonder and Amazement

at the scene which greets his eye and ear. Strong excitement is observable on every side. At one spot he sees brooms and besoms flourished aloft, while mingled shouts of victory and defiance might well make him fancy a band of lunatics have escaped from the neighboring asylum. Approaching nearer, he threads his way among the rinks, and if he is wise he will be careful that no stone that may have missed its mark sweeps down upon him and brings him to grief. Safely settled at the rink side, where a friend, mayhap, is playing, and where he will be welcomed with a thimbleful of real mountain dew that will warm the cackles of his heart, and enable him to withstand the cold, which, however severe, is never felt by the curler, he will be in a position

Marna's Mistake

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

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"You old poke! Take that for being so horribly late!" a girl's voice said as Trevor went along an overgrown patch to reach his uncle's house. With the words came a handful of rose petals, crumpled, damp and deliciously fragrant. It had rained all day, clearing just before sundown. The rain had kept him prisoner at the inn, three miles away. He had meant to reach Briarlaw early in the morning instead of thus upon the edge of dusk. The rain had sent the creek all out of its banks. Thus he was coming to his journey's end afoot rather than behind his prancing blacks. The footbridge defied the flood. That for carriages was swinging perilously in the rushing water. He could not rest until he had seen his uncle. Something had to be settled out of hand—something vital to his whole future.

He looked about him. The dusking greenery betrayed no human presence, but the mocking voice went on: "You're a fine fellow! Upon my word if you had kept me waiting five minutes longer I should have marched straight back and said to my pastors and masters, 'Please, sirs, I'm good now; quite ready to marry Mr. John Trevor'—

"Oh, I say! Hold on. You—you must be Miss Lee—Marna—of whom I've heard, and I'm John Trevor," that gentleman interrupted, his face scarlet. The shrubbery at the right trembled violently, then out of it burst the very prettiest girl he had ever seen, who said, her eyes blazing: "And you have come here to marry me! Well, I can tell you now I had rather die than be your wife!"

"Let's shake hands," John said jovially. "It appears we're in exactly the same boat. I have got to see my Uncle John and be off, because the dearest girl in the world will be whisked away to Europe, clean out of reach, unless I can manage to marry her all in a wink."

"Oh, how jolly!" Marna cried, giving him both her hands. "If you'll only run away I can wait and have a church wedding, with bridesmaids and flower girls and everything. It would be horrible to miss them, but there seemed nothing else to do, so Billy Martin and I have everything all ready. Come! We won't wait for him any longer. I dare say he is water bound, but he ought to have swum the creek, considering. Don't you think so?"

"Undoubtedly. I am sure he don't deserve you, letting such a little thing hinder him," Trevor said, still holding her hands. "You mistook me for him, so we must look a little bit alike. But I disown the likeness. You would not have had to wait for me, not if the stars had fallen."

"Ahem! Suppose that other girl heard you now?" Marna said wickedly, her lids lowered, a naive smile lurking about her lips. John pressed her hand and drew it upon his arm, saying only: "Keep close to me. The path is narrow, and I mustn't let you get wet." But Marna appeared to feel sufficiently answered. She smiled more winsomely than ever at him and said as they came out in the clear lawn, "Cousin John—we are cousins, you know; your uncle is my stepfather as well as guardian—will you do something for my asking and not misunderstand?"

"Certainly," Trevor said, smiling himself. Marna was silent for three breaths, then said hurriedly: "Don't say anything about anything until morning. Poor Papa Trevor doesn't sleep well at the best of times. He has been worrying all day about your delayed arrival, and if you let him know the upsetting of his most cherished plans he won't get a wink tonight and will be crosser than two bears tomorrow."

"Does he know about Billy Martin?" Trevor demanded. Marna looked at him, amazed.

"Oh, dear, no!" she said. "If he had known, why, I shouldn't have been out there waiting. Papa Trevor has a habit of having his own way"—

"It's a family trait," Trevor interrupted, stealing an arm about Marna and kissing her cheek. She brushed away the caress as though it were some slight annoying insect and went on: "He couldn't have known, because, you see, I did not really know myself until yesterday, after your telegram came. Then—well, it was any port in a storm with me. I don't really, truly care about Billy, but I do love my own way as well as though my name were Trevor"—

"I see. But was Billy Hobson's choice?" Trevor interrupted wickedly. Marna frowned at him, saying: "The idea! Now you are horrid. I have a dozen beaux, but it happened Billy was the only one right on the spot. And you'll admit there wasn't much time for planning when Papa Trevor shouted out to me: 'Marna, telephone for the rector and the wedding cake day after tomorrow. Is there anything else needed? John gets here in the morning, and you had better go to packing your trunks. I mean he shall take you abroad. There you'll have a chance of getting fairly acquainted with each other.'"

"H'm! That was a close call. Did you pack?" Trevor asked, his eyes twinkling. Marna tossed her head the least bit as she answered: "Of course. Packed everything, just as if I knew I was going to die. Mamma would have trouble enough over my going without having that on her hands. Besides there are such loads of pretty things. Papa Trevor has been a real fairy godfather ever since he took a notion to marry us off this way. I knew if he didn't see them he wouldn't remember them. Mamma was safe to send the trunks after me. But if he did see them he'd most likely make a bonfire of them, and that would be too bad for anything."

"Quite too bad. You make me feel utterly conscience stricken. I didn't dream his heart was so set on this plan," Trevor said. After a minute he burst out hotly: "But he has only himself to blame. He wouldn't let us meet. This used to be my home, and he has kept me in exile all the seven years since he married your mother. He has brought me up to regard myself as his son and heir, and now unless I marry whom he chooses I am to lose everything."

"You seem to think it would have been a case of 'I came, saw, conquered,'" Marna said, her eyes dancing. Trevor turned suddenly upon her. "If you could put up with a Billy Martin for the sake of your own way, I don't think you would be quite flint to me," he said, almost angrily. He truly loved his uncle. He was, moreover, proud of his name and the consequence attaching to the big Trevor fortune. It hurt to have this adorable Marna flout him when he was thus at grips with hard fate. She was adorable, so adorable, in spite of fealty to the other girl, it gave a sharper edge to his perception of loss.

"Indeed, you are right. I might have chosen you if it had been made a matter of choice," Marna said pensively, her head a little aside. They were nearing the open hall door, through which there shot suddenly a broad stream of white light. It fell full upon them, throwing them up strongly against the background of leafy darkness. Somebody upon the piazza shouted with joy at sight of them. Under cover of the shouting Marna said, by this time plaintive, "If only it was not for that other girl, but I always play fair."

"So you've outwitted me, you young villain!" John Trevor, Sr., said, wringing his nephew's hand. "I never meant you to see that pretty baggage there until I was ready to give her to you for good and all. You know your way about. Trot along. You'll find your room exactly as you left it when you went away a boy."

"Let me be still a boy for this one night, Uncle Jack," Trevor pleaded, keeping hold of a tremendous elderly hand. Papa Trevor wagged his head, saying: "Aye, aye, lad! But remember you must wake up, ready to play a man's part."

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Trevor slept badly and woke late to find the world full of sunshine and singing birds, to hear his uncle shouting impatiently at the men mowing the lawn and across the blurred noises, high and clear, the silver tinkle of Marna's laughter. He went downstairs like one in a dream. There was a hideous black cloud over all the morning brightness. As he came out on the steps a messenger on a bicycle halted there and handed him a yellow envelope, saying apologetically: "Shure, sor-r, we thried to git ye this bit the night, but the divil was in the wather; besides, the b'ye that writ it out sid the news would kape."

Mechanically Trevor opened it and read:

I sail today. Marry Paul in London. He did not deceive me. His fortune does not depend on anybody's whim. No longer yours, MARY.

Just then Marna danced up to him, her hands full of dewy roses. He caught both her wrists and said huskily: "Marna, you mistook me for Billy Martin. Can't you do it again long enough to marry me?"

For a minute Marna did not answer. She looked down, her breast heaving, her cheeks rivaling the richest among her roses, and said at last, shyly lifting her eyes: "You are not quite accurate, Cousin John. The fact is, Billy was my mistake."

Of course they were married, as Papa Trevor had ordained. They lived happy ever after, but they did not go abroad until they themselves chose.

Why the Captain Wore Whiskers.

Captain Gibbons had a habit of wearing clan whiskers. I had always thought this was due to the fact that they were more becoming, but I learned the reason to be otherwise. It seems that his chin and throat were scarred, and these scars are thus explained:

On one of the ships which he commanded there was a mutiny of the crew one morning on the high seas, which he promptly started to quell. The sailors were too many for him, however, as he was unarmed, and they soon had him down on the deck, bound and gagged with a long knife across his mouth. It was this knife that produced the wounds whose scars the captain carried the remainder of his life concealed beneath his beard. While thus bound and gagged a lady passenger came to him and, cutting the bonds, handed him a loaded revolver. With this weapon he soon had his crew at his feet, and the ringleaders were placed in irons.—Lewiston Journal.

A Use For Her Money.

Felicia—Do you buy many books, Patricia? Patricia—Dear me, no. It takes every cent of my pin money for cab hire and beauty culture.

Refuse not to be informed, for that shows pride or stupidity.—William Penn.

OUR SENSITIVE EARS

THE PECULIAR MECHANISM OF THESE WONDERFUL ORGANS.

How They Are Affected by the Shock of the Discharge of Big Guns—The Odd Way In Which Some Ears Are Played Upon by Various Sounds.

Whenever a big gun is fired at Fort Hancock, the government's proving grounds on Sandy Hook, the officers in charge advise all spectators to stand on their tiptoes, stick their fingers in their ears and open their mouths. On board ship, where conditions are such that one cannot get far away from a thirteen inch rifle, the more sensitive among the officers and sailors place a cork or chunk of rubber between their teeth when there is about to be a discharge. Men have been known to bleed in the ear from the effects of the concussion caused by a much smaller gun than a thirteen inch bore. One of the officers at Fort Hancock was asked to explain the philosophy of elevating oneself on the toes, placing fingers in ears and opening the mouth.

"Standing on the toes is like standing on a spring," he replied, "while standing on the heel or full sole of the foot is like standing on a solid. By placing a spring between your person and a violent force the impact is so weakened that you are unlikely to suffer injury. In the firing of heavy ordnance a severe shock may be received from the ground.

"As for the fingers in the ears, that's plain enough. It is simply closing the auditory canal to prevent the ingress of the air which is set in intense vibration by the discharge. Many a careless soldier has had his tympanic membrane destroyed by neglecting to close up his ears, either with his fingers or some foreign substance.

"It is wise to open the mouth, for the reason that to do so tends to equalize the pressure caused by the detonation. With the mouth closed the pressure is on the external side of the tympanic membrane, forcing it inward and splitting it. When the mouth is open this is offset by the same pressure from within, by means of the eustachian tube.

"Many men in the artillery are minus tympanic membranes, but that wonderful design of nature is not absolutely necessary to hearing. When it is torn the hearing is impaired, certainly, but not destroyed, since the surrounding air then acts directly upon the membranes of the two orifices. Nothing in anatomy is more beautiful than the arrangement of the ear. I have made a study of it since coming here, as I had the misfortune to lose one of my tympanic membranes.

"The inner membrane of the cochlea is lined with elastic fibers, discovered by Corti and bearing his name. They apparently form the terminations of the filaments of the auditory nerve. Helmholtz, the greatest authority on acoustics the world has produced, declared that each one of these fibers is attuned to a special note, and as they are above 3,000 in number there must be over 400 for each octave. The interval from one to another is one-sixty-sixth of a tone. They form a wondrous instrument for reproducing every note that the ear can distinguish. The cochlea may be called an æolian harp of 3,000 strings that move in sympathy to all the sounds of creation.

"Many ears are incapable of hearing very high sounds. Many persons are deaf to the chirping of crickets, and some cannot hear the twittering of sparrows. There was said to be a boy in Texas whose ears were deformed to a remarkable degree, the auricle of one being nearly as large as the side of his head, while that of the other was no bigger than your thumb nail. By closing the small ear he could hear the approach of a rainstorm a hundred miles off. By closing the big one he could hear a fly walking on the ceiling. Isn't that romantic enough for you? It takes a vivid imagination to believe the story, but when you consider the miracles of the ear and hearing you may believe almost anything.

"I do not doubt that there are many sounds so faint that our ears are deaf to them, but they make sweet music for others. You know what paracousis is, I suppose. No? Well, you have it when you cannot hear faint sounds at all when things are still, but hear them at once when they are accompanied by a great noise. I once read of a woman (an authentic case) who made her servant beat a drum whenever she wanted to listen to anything, for then she could hear very well. There was a man who could not hear except when the bells were ringing. It is an old story that deaf persons hear well when traveling on a railroad, or when rattling over a rough highway in a carriage.

"There was a shoemaker's apprentice who heard only when his master was beating out a sole on his iron. The left ear generally hears better than the right. Some say this is owing to the common habit of sleeping on the right side. I have my doubts. There is a record of a man whose two ears heard different tones at the same time when a single one was given.

"The ears of the lower animals are incomplete. Do fishes hear? Certainly, although the cavity of the tympanum is entirely wanting, the round and oval orifices being at the top of the head. Look out! Get up on your toes and open your mouth. The mortar on the left is about to be discharged. The wind is with the shell, so you needn't close your ear. There she goes!"

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C. A. PROCUNIER, SECRETARY.

Synopsis of Regulations for Disposal of Minerals on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1500x1500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end, on the line of the lode or vein. The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining, Manitoba and the N.W.T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan river claims for either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged beds or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan river, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate lease.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation the lease, and one dredge for each section within two years from the date five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for the first year, and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, river, gulch and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 100 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims to be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the North-west Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of $1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, February, 1904.

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Number One.

Commencing at a post marked "M. Hyatt's S. E. corner post No. 1," and planted at a point on the south bank of Columbia, about nine miles below Surprise Rapids, thence west 160 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 160 chains, thence south 40 chains to the place of commencement.

Number Two.

Commencing at post marked "M. Hyatt's N. E. corner post No. 2," and planted beside No. 1 as above described, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains to the place of commencement.

Number Three.

Commencing at a post marked "M. Hyatt's N. E. corner post No. 3," and planted half mile west from No. 2, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement.

Number Four.

Commencing at a post marked "M. Hyatt's N. E. corner post No. 4," and planted half mile east from No. 2, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement.

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Commencing at a post marked "M. Hyatt's N. E. corner post No. 5," and planted half mile east from No. 1, thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 160 chains thence east 40 chains to place of commencement.

Dated Dec. 6th, 1904.

50ja11. M. HYATT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land described as follows:—

Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Upper Arrow Lake about a quarter of mile north of Half Way Creek near St. Leon, marked "W. Gowan's south-west corner post," thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west about 60 chains to the east shore of said lake, thence in a south easterly direction following the meanderings of said shore to the point of commencement.

Dated the 7th day of November, A. D. 1904.

13ja12 WM. GOWAN.

NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 20 chains from the west shore of Upper Arrow Lake, about three miles south of Nakusp, running thence east 40 chains, south 80 chains, west 40 chains, north 160 chains, east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

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We tender our readers our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

The timber of Ontario yields the government a revenue of from $1,250,000 to $1,500,000 a year. With its grander forests British Columbia should have an equal if not greater revenue. But the McBride government has not the remotest idea of the importance of the lumber industry, or the legitimate promotion of its interests, or of the protection of the valuable forests of the province.

The government have appointed Hons. F.C. Cotton and Tatlow, and D. R. Ker, of Victoria, and J. Buntzen, of Vancouver, a commission to enquire into the working of the assessment act. That is to say they have appointed two of their own ministers to sit in judgment on their own legislation. They should next legislate to do away with judges and magistrates and permit offenders who come before the courts to try themselves. It is the same kind of farce.

Our Conservative friends have a queer idea of public morality. The Montreal Gazette says it is nobody else's business if Hon. A. G. Blair and D. Russell did join with the Conservatives in an unscrupulous plot to wreck the Liberal government. We venture to say the people will demand that Mr. Blair clear himself of these insinuations while holding a high public position, and that the Laurier government will demand the fullest investigation into what looks like the greatest political conspiracy ever attempted in Canada.

A DESPERATE PREMIER.

Premier McBride is in such desperate straits to get a bare majority to enable him to hang on to office that he has been to Nanaimo to square Hawthornthwaite, and said he is satisfied with the result. Has he agreed to Hawthornthwaite's price, the dismissal of Magistrate Williams at Vancouver, or has Hawthornthwaite been compensated in some other way to withdraw that demand? Then the Premier went to Vernon to reclaim Price Ellison, whose constituency he had insulted by sending men from the coast to do work that could have been done quite as well by residents of the valley. Now he has gone to Nelson to eat humble pie before John Houston, as hanging on to office, even by his eyebrows, cuts more figure with McBride than any question of principle. Such is the contempt into which the McBride outfit has brought government in this province.

BUSINESS AMALGAMATION

Three Revelstoke Firms Consolidate.

This is the day of consolidation of business interests with the economy of management resulting from large consolidations. The old established grocery and hardware firm of Bourne Bros. has made an amalgamation with J. G. Macdonald's dry goods business and Messrs. Moscrop Bros. plumbing and electric lighting supply business, and handsome new department stores will be built on First Street adjoining J. G. Macdonald's store which will also be utilised in connection with the new premises.

THE HOSPITAL

Investigation Shows Necessity of Isolation Ward.

In consequence of complaints made regarding the death of a child of Mr. Blysaght, of Beavermouth, who had been refused admittance to the hospital, the board requested Dr. Fagan to hold an investigation, and he did so on Tuesday. The case was diphtheria, and being one of the most dangerous of contagious diseases the hospital authorities could not admit it. The child was taken to the hotel but when the nature of the illness was known it could not be permitted to remain there and was placed in a tent. As a result of this neglected condition the child died.

The result of the investigation was that Dr. Fagan admitted an isolation hospital, which the hospital authorities have been agitating for Revelstoke for some time, was an absolute necessity and he would recommend the government to cooperate with the city in providing it without delay.

It was also pointed out that owing to the way in which the government had shirked its duty in the treatment of isolation cases from outside points hitherto and attempted to put the cost on the city, it had become necessary for the civic authorities to refuse to have anything to do with outside cases. Dr. Fagan also promised this condition of things should be remedied in future.

CITY COUNCIL.

Regular meeting last night. Present the Mayor, Ald. Lewis, Field, Foote, McLeod and Abrahamson.

Letter from H. J. Hanbury asking permit to use Revelstoke Brewery building as laundry.—Laid over.

A bylaw wss passed for payment of salary of $500 to Mayor for the year's services.

An application from R. Samson for part of snow-plough work was referred to works commitee, with instructions to grant request.

A long discussion took place on question of submitting bylaw to people as to whether fees should be charged for high school.

Ald. Abrahamson introduced a motion to submit the bylaw, and urged the matter be settled now as if laid over there might be an influx of pupils and the school might become a heavy burden on the city.

The Mayor supported the bylaw as he had promised the matter should be referred to the people. No one who sent his children to a high school could grudge paying $1 or $1.50 a month fees.

C. F. Lindmark, chairman school board, and H. Floyd, secretary, expressed the views of the board to the effect that if fees were charged it might kill the school in its inception and the amount realised in any case would not be more than $200, whereas the cost of the school was $1,700 a year of which the government contributed $700. By charging fees and losing part of the government grant the city would be behind instead of ahead.

Ald. Lewis strongly supported the position of the trustees in whose hands he considered the matter might safely be left.

Ald. McLeod paid a high compliment to the work of the trustees and said all ratepayers who had mentioned the matter to him were in favor of the school being conducted as at present.

Ald. Foote favored letting the matter stand over another year.

It was resolved the bylaw be laid over for the present.

It was decided to call a public meeting for Friday to consider civic matters.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Methodist Sunday School.

The children of the Methodist church were entertained at a Christmas tree on Monday at the opera house and it was a most successful affair. The pillow fight in a Christmas scene by Miss Cathels and Master Sutherland was most amusing and the flag drill, in which the children were trained by Mrs. Bews, were the features of the entertainment. Mr. Hastings, leader of the choir, was presented with a fine baton by Rev. Mr. Sutherland on behalf of the congregation. The following was the programme, in which Miss Norma Smith played the accompaniments:

Chorus—"Christmas Bells" . . Sunday School
Prayer . . Rev. C. H. M Sutherland
Responsive Reading
Chorus—"Glory to God" . . Sunday School
Reading . . Miss A. Smith
Chorus—"Silvery Bells" . . Sunday School
Recitation . . Muriel Little
Recitation . . Six Girls from Infant Class
Quartette—"Star of the Orient" . . Pearl Robinson, Myrtle Cathels, Gertie Dent, Maud Hyatt.
Recitation . . John Lightburne
Recitation . . Seven Boys from Mrs. Howson's class
Duet—"Silent Night" . . Blanch Davis and Tannis Patrick
Dialogue—Katie Sutherland and Len Howson
Chorus—"Blessed Is the Story" . . Sunday School
Recitation . . Albert Manning
Chorus—"Hail Happy Christmas" . . S. School
Recitation . . John Lightburne
Instrumental Duet . . Oscar and Albert Abrahamson
Dialogue Myrtle Cathels and Jamie Sutherland
Piccolo Solo . . Paul Samson
Flag Drill . . By Sixteen Girls
Chorus—"Praise the Lord" . . Sunday School

Great credit is due to Mr. Howson, the superintendent, and the teachers for the excellent arrangements.

Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army gave a Christmas tree to their Band of Love, the gifts on the pretty Christmas tree being distributed by Capt. Lloyd and Mr. McPhadden and the programme, which was as follows, proved a most entertaining one:

Recitation—"Welcome" . . Edna Corson
" —"Santa and Reindeer" . . Mary Parsons
" —"A Little Girl" . . Alma Corson
" —"Flo's Letter" . . Alice Ashley
" —"When I'm a Man" . . Lloyd Williamson
Song . . Emily Brown
Recitation—"I Wanta Dolly" . . Alice Johnson
" —"Cut a Figure" . . Maud Lewis
Flag Drill . . By Girls
Recitation—"All for Jesus" . . Maggie Matz
" —"Wants and Wishes" . . Laura Johnson
" —"Papa's Money" . . Maggie Galligan
Dialogue—"The Weather" . . By Four Girls
Recitation—"The Happy Family" . . Marjorie Bourne
Song—"Old, Old Story" . . Cadet Riley
Recitation—"Baby's Logic" . . Lillian Pettipiece
" —"Dreaming of Santa" . . Edna Corson
" —"Writing to Granny" . . Carman Smith
Song . . By Four Girls
Recitation—"Playing School" . . Myrtle Lindmark
" —"The Kittens" . . Mable Henderson
Hoop Drill . . By Girls
Recitation—"A Boy's Opinion" . . W. Galligan
" —"A Note to Santa" . . Olive Bray
Song . . Reta McAdam
Dialogue . . By Six Girls
Recitation—"Advance of Education" . . Edith Anthony
" —"The Reason Why" . . Lena Matz
Dumb Bell Drill . . By Girls
Recitation—"Dainty Stocking" . . May Anthony
" —"Santa's Mistake" . . Dave McGuire
" —"Santa" . . Carman Smith
"Santa and Wife" . . Olive Bray
Barrel Organ Solo . . D. McGuire

Presbyterian Sunday School.

The entertainment and Xmas tree of St. Andrew's Sabbath school passed off in a pleasant and successful manner on Thursday evening in the church. The children were out in force and a large number of parents and friends enjoyed the evening with the children. A good programme made up by the children of the school was the source of fun and amusement. Santa Claus was in evidence to the delight of the children, and distributed the presents and candy from the well filled tree. The proceedings closed about 10.30, everybody going to their homes well pleased with the Christmas tree of 1904. The following programme was gone through:

Hymn—"Brightly Beams Our Banner" . . School
Recitation—"Beatitudes" . . School
Prayer
Pastor's Address
Recitation—"Lucknow" . . Edna Bruce
Duet—"Follow M e" . . Bessie Lawson and Hilda Hobbs
Recitation—"A Trip to Bunland" . . Ruby Burges
Song . . Thomas Armstrong
Recitation . . Bella Laughton
Song and Chorus . . Lida Stead and School
Recitation . . Charlie McRae
Hymn . . School
Recitation . . Edith Anthony
Instrumental Duet . . Robbie and Almeda Armstrong
Recitation . . Lida Stead
Recitation . . Olive McLean
Reading . . Margaret Brown
Recitation . . Maurice Anderson
Dialogue . . Annie Palmer, Hilda Hobbs and Ruby Burget
Hymn . . School

LIVING CANADA.

Opera House Tonight.

With an entirely new programme the Living Canada Bioscope Company opened a two nights engagement at the Opera House last evening to a fair sized audience. The pictures were entirely interesting and of the same high order as those which earned such a splendid reputation here last season. A number of new scenes, including the thrilling and realistic production of the great train robbery, will be introduced into tonight's performance as well as "Man the Life Boat", and a reproduction of the famous Drury Lane Pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" in its original colours. Price 35c. and 50c.

On account of the cancellation of the matinee the management have decided to admit children accompanied by their parents tonight for 15c.

Nobody should miss the entertainment.

Visitors to Revelstoke will find it to their advantage to stop at the Central Hotel. Free bus to and from railway stations to meet all trains.

Business Locals.

Drop in at Brown's Cigar Store.

Send your orders for signs to J. R. Thornton.

The Eagles' Ball will be the best this season.

Liberal discounts for large cash purchases at Howson's furniture store.

A beautiful lot of pictures at the Red Cross Drug Store.

Wall paper, wall paper, at Howson's Furniture Store. New stock just arrived.

All school supplies for after the holidays can be got at the Canada Drug Store on the corner.

Don't forget the Eagles' Ball on January 2nd, 1905.

It will interest and pay you to look over Howson's furniture stock.

Brown has the cigar and tobacco trade of the town. There's a Reason.

A fine line of Books, Bibles, Prayer Books, Poems &c., at the Red Cross Drug Store.

Revelstoke and Trout Lake City lots for sale—Apply to H. N. Coursier.

You can get office and pocket Diaries for 1905 at the Canada Drug and Book Co.'s. They keep all kinds.

Every size, quality and shape of cigars at Brown's.

Fancy Tissue Papers for lamp shades, also the Wire Frames. The Canada Drug and Book Co. keep them.

Perfumes in every style and at all prices from 25c. to $12 a bottle at the Red Cross Drug Store.

We have engaged the services of a tinsmith and are prepared to do all kinds of tinning work. Orders left with us will have prompt attention. Moscrop Bros., Second Street, Revelstoke.

R. H. Trueman's studio is now open in personal charge of himself to the end of December. Now that you are having the family reunion is the time to have a group taken.

Flowers and vegetables all winter carnations, chrysanthemums, lettuce and watercress. Floral designs a specialty.—J. MALEY, Florist.

Be sure and get a chance on Brown's Holiday Drawing—the first ever held in the city.

The Eagles' Ball on January 2nd, '05 will be the event of the season.

"If there is one enterprise on earth that a 'quitter' should leave severely alone, it is advertising," says John Wanamaker. "To make a success of advertising, one must be prepared to stick to it like a barnacle on a boat's bottom. There are three ways to make advertising pay, and these are the only ways. There are no others. First, is to keep at it; second, is to keep at it; third, is to keep at it." And he might have added that the fourth is to advertise in the KOOTENAY MAIL.

Confectionery, Cadbury's, Webb's and Lowney's in fancy boxes and baskets at the Red Cross Drug Store.

Ye olde firm Heintzman & Co. Pianos. R. Howson has them in stock.

Get your prescriptions filled at the Canada Drug Store. They will fill them accurately with the best of drugs.

Holiday Drawing at "BROWN'S." Prizes from 5c to $4.50. No blanks.

Card of Thanks.

J. G. McDonald the Gents' Furnisher and Clothier begs to tender his best thanks to the public of Revelstoke and district for their kind patronage during the past year and hopes to merit a continuance of the same.

The Best Dollar Christmas Gift.

One of the very best Christmas gifts and one that will be appreciated by all during 1905 is a year's subscription to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. It costs but a dollar a year and includes the lovely premium picture entitled "The Princess at Work." The publishers of that great Weekly are planning to give its readers bigger value than ever during 1905. A dollar cannot be better spent. It is said the staff of clerks employed in the Family Herald office entering up names alone of new subscribers is greater in number than the whole staff of any five papers in Canada.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substances, is sometimes more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for coughs, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by all druggists.

Discriminating business men look upon cheap printing as a criterion of the articles advertised, and invariably throw it aside. It is but natural that they should. A manufacturer who is careless with his printing is more than likely to be careless in his methods of conducting his business. The place to get particular printing is at the KOOTENAY MAIL Printing Office.

The right kind of advertising and management are quite certain to convert any small dry goods store into a large one. That is the way all the large ones have been brought into existence. It is in the columns of the KOOTENAY MAIL that you get the right kind of advertising.

The Revelstoke Restaurant
MRS. H. J. HANBURY, Manageress,
is now open for business.
First-Class Table Private Dining Boxes
Large Diningroom for Banquets, Suppers, etc.
Furnished Rooms To Let
FIRST STREET, REVELSTOKE.

F. G. BROWN
Wishes his many patrons
A Happy New Year
The only first class cigar store in town.
Cigars, Tobaccos, Pipes and Confectionery.
"BROWN" has the only PATENT MOISTENING CIGAR CASE in the city.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by all druggists.

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

The public schools will re-open after the midwinter vacation on Tuesday, January 3. It is the wish of the trustees and teachers that, as far as possible all pupils should be present at the opening session, and that special efforts be made during the whole of the coming term to keep up the percentage of attendance. It is specially urged that pupils who intend entering the Beginner's Class (Miss Grant's room) before Easter should be present from the first of the term, as those who come in after the work has once got under way cannot receive proper attention.

HAMILTON'S NEW CONSERVATORY

That Splendid Institution will have New Scale Williams Pianos

Musical people throughout the country have heard with interest of the fine new building that is being erected, at a cost of $35,000, by the Hamilton Conservatory of Music, Limited. It will be equally welcome news that the management of the institution have determined to have the building equipped in the most modern manner. Everything they have purchased has been after the most careful consideration, and especially was this care exercised in the selection of musical instruments.

It is announced that the Williams Piano Co., Limited, of Oshawa, have been requested to furnish the Conservatory with a number of New Scale Williams Pianos. This is not only highly complimentary to the manufacturers, but very creditable to the management of the Conservatory to have secured these justly celebrated instruments.

Sole Local Agents: Lewis Bros., Revelstoke, B. C.

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We are receiving Weekly Shipments of
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Just the thing for Family Use.
GROCERIES
Our Stock of Fresh Fruits is complete in every line. Call and examine. Prices and quality to suit all.
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Corporation of City of Revelstoke.

Municipal Elections, 1905.

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Revelstoke, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, Revelstoke, B. C., on the NINTH day of JANUARY, 1905, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen, and also for the purpose of electing one School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the TWELFTH day of JANUARY 1905, at the City Hall, McKenzie Avenue, Revelstoke, B. C., and kept open between the hour of NINE in the forenoon and half past SEVEN in the afternoon, for taking and recording the votes of the Electors of the said City, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Mayor shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twentyone years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of the assessed value, on the last municipal assessment roll, of one thousand dollars or more, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twentyone years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination, the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property in the City of the assessed value, on the last municipal assessment roll, of five hundred dollars or more, and who are otherwise qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as School Trustee shall be such persons as are householders in the City and being British subjects of the full age of twentyone years, and otherwise qualified to vote at an election of school trustees.

Every candidate nominated shall signify by a writing accompanying the nomination paper, his consent to such nomination, except in case such person be absent from the municipality, when such absence shall be stated in the nomination paper.

Every candidate nominated for mayor or alderman shall, on or before the hour of two p. m. on the day of nomination furnish the Returning Officer with a statement, in writing, specifying the land or real property upon which he qualifies.

Given under my hand at Revelstoke this 31st day of December, 1904.

CHAS. J. AMAN,
Returning Officer.

F. McCARTY
Having been appointed agent for Revelstoke for THE
Pacific Coal Company, of Banff
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At the following prices:
Coal delivered out of shed $11 per ton

Lump Coal	$10.50	per	otn
Egg	$10.50	"	"
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As this coal is smokeless and particularly clean, and is more efficient than any of the soft coals on the market, it will be found favorable fuel for all domestic purposes, including furnaces, stoves and kitchen ranges.

For those requiring steam coal the pea and buckwheat sizes will be found satisfactory and economical. Prices will be quoted on these small sizes on application.

Orders left at the office of the Revelstoke Insurance Co. Ltd. will receive prompt attention.

F. McCARTY, Coal Merchant,
Revelstoke, B. C.

Subscribe to the MAIL and get all the news.

NEW BUIDINGS—HOW WE GROW

The Lawrence-Hume Block, being completed on McKenzie Avenue for the Lawrence Hardware Company, is having the finishing touches put on to it, and when completed will make one of the most handsome hardware stores in the interior. It has a frontage to McKenzie of 50 ft. and a depth of 100 ft. It is built on substantial stone foundation with brickwork superstructure, and is two-storeys high. The cellar is full size of building. The whole of the ground floor will be used in connection with the company's business, and the upper floor (with the exception of the tinning room, which will be 25ft by 50ft, and the wareroom of similar size) is being subdivided into suites of offices and rooms, most of which have been let. The building will be heated by hot water. The company, which takes over the hardware stocks of W. M. Lawrence and C. B. Hume and Co. Limited, will occupy its new premises next month. The building is of handsome design, the architect being W. T. Dalton, of Vancouver, and the contract was let to W. A. Foote, who has carried it out splendidly. The masonry and stonework was sublet to C. E. Fromey, who made a first class job of it, and it is to the credit of the city that it has contractors who can carry out a building of this kind with such excellence of workmanship.

LAWRENCE-HUME BLOCK.

W. M. LAWRENCE,
President, Lawrence Hardware Company.

W. T. DALTON,
Architect, Lawrence-Hume Block and G. S. Flindt's Residence.

H. J. HANBURY'S RESTAURANT.

The new restaurant opened by H. J. Hanbury on First street is a fine building, with a frontage of 30ft and a depth of 100ft. It is two storeys in height, with cellar full size of building. On the ground floor are offices and lunch counter and dining room occupying a floor space 30ft by 40ft, and there is an excellent washing room supplied with hot and cold water. Four private boxes lead off the dining room. Behind is the kitchen 20ft by 40ft, and behind that again the laundry 30ft by 20ft. The family rooms are on the west side. Upstairs are nine bedrooms, large dining room 30ft by 40ft, hall with alcove. One row of bedrooms is lighted by cupola lights from the roof. The upper floor dining room is connected with a dumb waiter from the kitchen. The bedrooms are well and comfortably furnished, and there is bathroom fitted up in the best manner. The kitchen is supplied with a range 16ft long, with three ovens, a broiler, and a 92-gallon water heater; improved dishwashing arrangements are also fitted up. The building is heated by a furnace located in the cellar. The sewage of the building is conveyed to a septic tank. Messrs. McRae and Barber, of Vancouver, were the contractors for the building.

T. E. L. TAYLOR,
Secretary, Lawrence Hardware Co.

MR. FLINDT'S HOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Flindt moved this week into their handsome new house on McKenzie Avenue. This is probably the best finished house in the city. It covers a ground space of 24 by 36ft. The drawing room is 12ft by 13ft, dining room 13 by 14ft, and kitchen 12 by 14ft, hall 8 by 12ft. Upstairs one bedroom is 12 by 14ft, another 14ft square, dressing room 10 by 12ft, and bathroom 8 by 10ft. The drawing room is unique, beautifully finished and lighted by concealed electric lamps behind a curved cornice. It has a bay window, alcove, and open fireplace with beautiful registered grate. A fine piece of work is a sideboard built in the wall of the dining room. The kitchen is finished with dado of burlap and has ventilator. The hall looks well with the heavy newels on the staircase. The bedrooms are all fitted with cupboards and clothes presses. The work on the doors is very superior being made with hidden tenons. The floors are finished in wax. The cellar is 12ft by 14ft. The building reflects the greatest credit on the contractor, W. A. Foote. The plumbing work was splendidly done by Moscrop Bros. The house is steam heated throughout, and is in every way an ideal home. W. T. Dalton, of Vancouver, was the architect.

W. A. FOOTE,
Contractor for Lawrence-Hume Block, G. S. Flindt's and A. Anderson's Residences.

MR. ANDERSON'S HOUSE.

Mr. Foote has also finished a fine house for Mr. Anderson of the Empire Lumber Company. The building is located on the new subdivision of the smelter townsite, and is 28ft square, two storeys in height. A verandah runs round two sides and the kitchen and is 8ft wide, supported by heavy posts. The rooms include reception hall 10 by 14ft, parlor 13 by 14ft, dining room 14 by 16ft, kitchen 14 by 18ft, pantry 8 by 10ft. On the upper floor are four bedrooms of an overage size of 10 by 12ft and a bathroom 10 by 8ft. The attic will provide another three rooms if required.

E. C. FROMEY,
Contractor for Masonry and Brickwork of Lawrence-Hume Block.

QUEEN'S HOTEL.

This hotel has been considerably enlarged by J. H. Robinson, the proprietor. It now has 46 bedrooms a well-fitted up bar, ladies' and gentlemen's parlors, billiard room, sitting room, lavatories, and all conveniences. The new building presents a fine frontage to Second street and Orton avenue. The alterations and additions were made by E. E. Adair.

ALD. FOOTE'S HOUSE.

Ald. Foote has started a handsome two storey house which he will build on the lots he purchased from the Smelter Townsite Company on Sixth street. The building will be 24 ftby 30ft, two storeys, and handsomely finished, the architecture being quite different from anything yet built in the city.

THE SCHOOLS

Results of Entrance Examinations.

VERNON CENTRE.

Total number candidates, 10; passed 4.

Vernon—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 2; Gerald R. Latimer, 603; Ida M. Pound, 504.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

Commonage—Number of candidates 1; passed, 0.

Mara—Number of candidates 1; passed 1; Mildred E. Ruttan, 571.

Okanagan Landing—Number of candidates 4; passed 1; Daisy Finlayson, 646.

Private Study—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

KAMLOOPS CENTER.

Total number candidates, 7; passed 2.

Kamloops—Number candidates, 5; passed 1; William F. Shaw, 608.

RURAL SCHOOL.

Salmon Arm, west—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; Vietta Kew, 554.

Private study—Number candidates, 2; passed, 0.

REVELSTOKE CENTER.

Total number of candidates, 3; passed, 1.

Revelstoke—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1; Winnie McRury, 638.

Salmon Arm—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.

RAIL AND STEAMER.

The C. P. R. intend putting in their own electric light plant and an 80 light machine has been ordered for the Revelstoke shops.

It is understood the trouble between the C. P. R. railway operators and the company was settled by the men's demand of an increase to a minimum of $75 per month being conceded.

The C. P. R. will spend an immense sum in improvements at Fort William.

E. C. Loss, of New York, has purchased the interest of the promoters of the Nicola railway and will take in hand the construction of the work provided he gets what concessions he requires from the province.

The C. P. R. has called for tenders for the rock work incident to the creation of a second track between Fort William and Winnipeg.

MINING NOTES.

Several men have recently resumed working in the Stemwinder, at Fairview, and indications are of such a nature that a large force will be put on as soon as Mr. Russell returns.

The Morning Star development is so encouraging that a full force will be kept on during the winter.

C. J. Wilkes
MACHINIST & BLACKSMITH
LATHE WORK A SPECIALTY
Licensed Auctioneer for City of Revelstoke.

W. A. McDonald
PLASTERER & BRICKLAYER
REVELSTOKE
The only first-class plasterer in town. Let me know your requirements. A Carload of Lime just imported. A Carload of Brick under order.

Corporation of the City of Revelstoke

VOTERS' LIST, 1905

The following are qualified to be entered on the Voters' List for the election of Mayor and Aldermen:

Any male or female, being a British subject, of the full age of 21 years and who is:

1.—The owners of real estate in the City of the assessed value of not less than one hundred dollars.

2.—The resident authorized representative of an incorporated Company, which is the assessed owner of lands or improvements in the municipality.

3.—The holder of a trade license, the annual fee of which is not less than $5.00.

4.—A householder (paying a yearly rental of not less than $60.00) who has paid all municipal rates, taxes, etc., (which are not chargeable on lands).

Householders and trade licence holders, before being placed on the Voters' List, must, during the month of December, make and deliver to the City Clerk the necessary statutory declarations, forms of which can be obtained at the City Hall.

Resident property owners having property in more than one Ward must be placed on the list in the Ward in which they reside.

Non-resident property owners having property in more than one Ward must be placed on the list in the Ward in which they have the highest assessment.

The list will close January 5th, 1905.

H. FLOYD,
City Clerk.

December 8th, 1904.
60d31.

Bishop Bethune College
Adopts the New Scale Williams Piano.

The most severe test to which any piano can be subjected, is in the educational institutions. Brought under the direct notice of eminent musicians, in daily use for hours, practised upon by the novice as well as the finished performer, a piano must be flawless and faultless to stand the hard service.

The following letter proves in what esteem the New Scale Williams is held in one of Canada's leading colleges:

BISHOP BETHUNE COLLEGE,
Conducted under the supervision and direction of Sisters of St. John the Divine, Oshawa, Ont.
Oshawa, June 9, 1904.

The Williams Piano Co., Limited,

Gentlemen,—We may say that we are more than pleased every day with your New Scale Williams Piano. We find the sympathetic singing tone and excellent wearing qualities make them especially desirable for our institution. We have six in use here now, and we are so well pleased with them that we would like you to send us an additional one for use at our closing on June 21st. Yours very truly,

SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.

The Bishop Bethune College is but one of many which has adopted the New Scale Williams in preference to all other pianos. The fact that professors of music, concert artists and singers praise and recommend the New Scale Williams, shows the foremost position which this piano holds in the musical world.

For artistic elegance, scientific precision, perfection of construction, durability, and rich, sweet, singing tone, the New Scale Williams is unequalled in Canada to-day.

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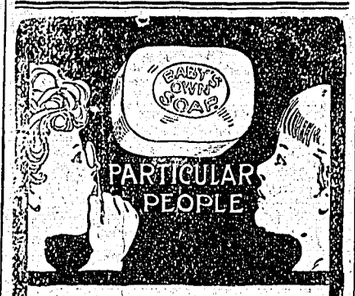

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are instances of Canadians returning home. They were formerly farming in Saskatchewan, and left there for Montana, where they went in for breeding sheep. But the smaller men are becoming crowded out there as every where else in the States, and Messrs. Applegarth, feeling dissatisfied with the outlook and dry season experienced, decided on returning to Canada. They realised their interests in Montana and found a home in British Columbia, purchasing last summer the Macalla ranch at junction of White Valley and Mill roads. The property consists of 640 acres, of which 170 acres were in wheat and oats last season, and between five and six tons of potatoes raised. A good portion of the property is bunch-grass range. Messrs. Applegarth brought their horses from Montana with them. They intend raising cattle and hogs, having thirty of the latter to start with. The principal building on the farm is the stable, which is 30x48 ft.

E. H. WOOD

is one of the pioneer settlers of the valley. He sold to Mr. Gillespie the ranch which he took up two years ago and has still 1000 acres of land left and it is one of the best sections to be found anywhere. 400 acres is rich bottom land, 150 acres are cleared and cropped with wheat and oats, the Red Fife variety of wheat being grown. Mr. Wood does not find wheat to pay however. Ten horses, and some pigs and poultry are kept on the farm, which would make one of the best dairy ranches in the province. Mr. Wood was one of the pioneers of old Cariboo.

JOHN PHILLIPS

has a farm of 680 acres fronting the Coldstream road. Of this area 480 acres consists of excellent bottom land and the rest is range. Last season 150 acres was cropped with wheat and 50 acres oats. Only sufficient potatoes are grown for use of ranch, this crop being largely used for feeding hogs, about 40 of which are kept. The breed kept is Poland China. Draught horses are raised for market, Clydesdales being the breed adopted.

UPLAND RANCH,

the property of R. Gillespie, is the scene of an extensive young orchard. The situation, a sloping hillside facing the sun, and backed by a high mountain, would appear to be an ideal site for an orchard and the result of Mr. Gillespie's work in this direction will be watched with interest. The property consists of 320 acres. 80 acres have been planted with fruit trees and 120 acres are used for cropping. The crop has averaged 100 tons of wheat and the balance oats and barley, but Mr. Gillespie intends going more into barley and oats, and expects to use himself most of the grain produced on the farm, as he intends going extensively in for hogs and poultry. At present 50 hogs and about 20 cows are kept.

Mr. Gillespie takes a great interest in dairying and is president of the White Valley Creamery Association, organised with a capital of $4000 to establish a creamery at Lumby. The machinery for this creamery was ordered last fall. Mr. Gillespie has also two other ranches at Lumby, one of 110 acres, and the other of 118 acres, nearly all rich meadow land which will make ideal dairy farms.

The fruit trees planted out include apples, plums, pears and a few cherries. The varieties of apples selected are Northern Spy, Ben Davis, Baldwin, McIntosh Red, Wagner, York Imperial and Wealthy. The plums planted out are the Sugar Prune, Pond's Seedling and English Damson. There are 100 pears of Bartlett and Flemish Beauty varieties.

For his dairy herd Mr. Gillespie has selected Jerseys, and has imported a pure Jersey bull bred by J. S. Smith, of Chilliwack, and four half-bred Jersey cows, getting rid of his range cattle. Mr. Gillespie believes in high grade stock and took first award in every entry in which he competed at the fair. Fifty sheep are kept and run on the mountain side in full view of the homestead, thus lessening the danger of loss from cayotes.

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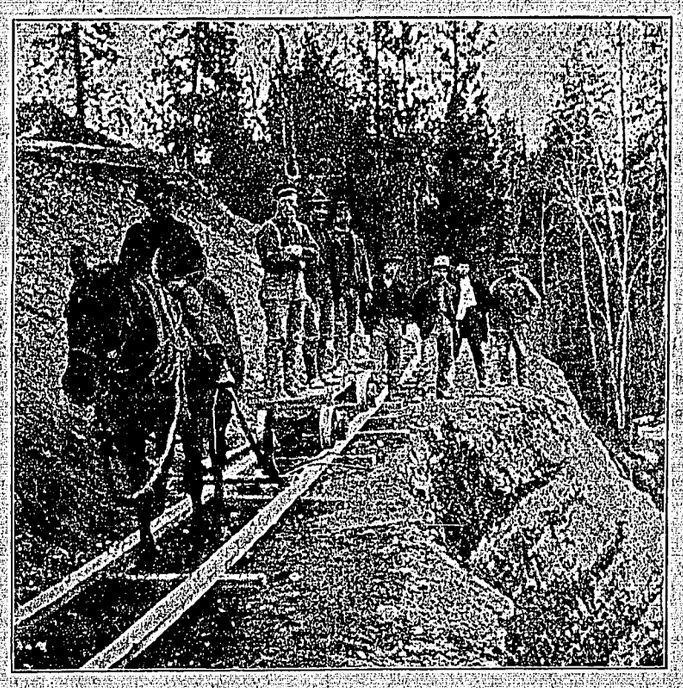
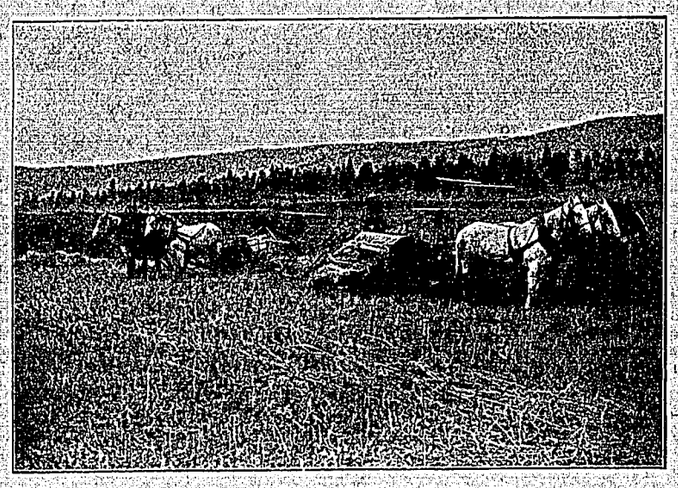
LAND DEAL.

Kelowna Parties Buy J. M. Rutland's Ranch

An important transaction was effected last week at Kelowna by which Messrs. S. L. Long, S. T. Elliott, H. C. Stillingfleet, R. Morrison and D. W. Sutherland bought 640 acres of J. M. Rutland's ranch with a view to subdividing it for settlement. Mr. Rutland came over from Australia to select a suitable location to go in for fruit-growing, to which he had been accustomed, and after travelling over California, eastern States and eastern Canada, and all over B. C. decided on the purchase of this property as the best he could find. The property is about seven miles from Kelowna. He had intended subdividing it and reserving a portion of about 200 acres for fruit-growing for himself. He put in a first-class irrigation ditch at large expense and has effected great improvements on the property since taking it up.

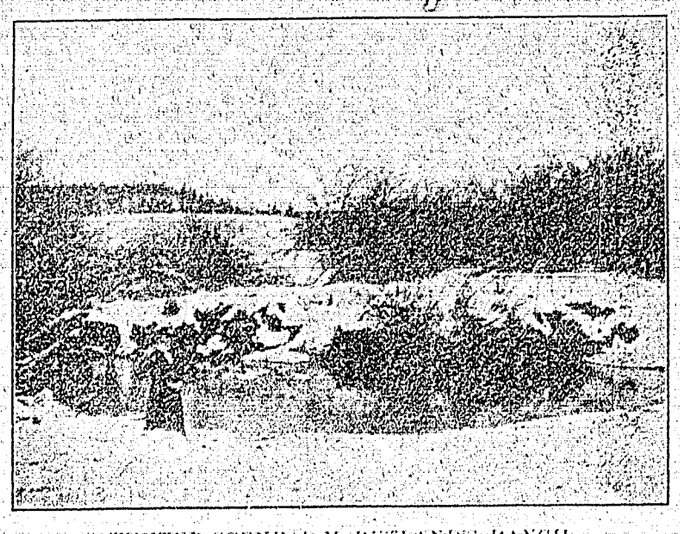


J. M. RUTLAND'S IRRIGATION FLUME, DEVIL'S PASS, Mission Creek.



CUTTING RYE ON J. M. RUTLAND'S RANCH.

RYE CROP J. M. RUTLAND'S RANCH.



WINTER SCENE, J. M. RUTLAND'S RANCH.

GENERAL NEWS.

Joshua Bell, sentenced for the murder of a colored woman at Phoenix, will be executed at Kamloops on Jan. 13th.

7600 people are threatened with famine in Ireland.

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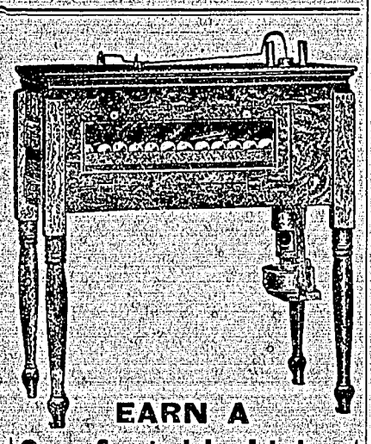

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