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Beautiful Calendar Free

Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal have been advised that they will receive free of charge a beautiful calendar for 1925 with a most attractive picture in colors entitled, "The Sale of Old Dobbin." When one considers that the subscription price of this big 72 page family and farm journal is only $2.00 per year, one is amazed by the value received, but with a beautiful picture calendar thrown in, the value is indeed superlative.

AROUND HOME

Jack Morrison has returned to town from Powell River.

John Thornton, of Ferry, was a visitor in town on Wednesday.

H. Royce, of Hedley, is spending the holidays with his mother in town.

A. R. Royce, of Trail, spent a few days in town last week with his family.

Mrs. Geo. Inglis and daughter Irene, spent a few days in Grand Forks last week.

G. H. Hull, postmaster of Grand Forks, and daughter, were in Greenwood on Tuesday.

Lester MacKenzie returned on Sunday from a few days visit with G. J. Wright in Nelson.

A marriage license was issued on Monday to Linus Johnson and Nettie Hogberg, both of Greenwood.

Vera Walmsley returned on Tuesday from Trail where she spent a few days with her grandmother.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fleming, of Cawston, on Sunday, Dec. 14th, at the Penticton Hospital.

Thos. Jenkin and W. Francis returned to Trail on Saturday after spending Christmas at the former's home here.

Commencing this month the Greenwood Theatre will be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays until further notice.

Lewis Bryant returned on Sunday morning from spending Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. H. Twells, in Trail.

Miss Ethel Lane, eldest daughter of Bert Lane, formerly of Greenwood, and Percy Groves were married in Vancouver on Dec. 6. Rev. Hillis Wright performed the ceremony.

Great work is being done at skating and curling rinks this week and they are expected to be open this week. Rink tickets are on sale at Taylor & Son's store and at J. H. Goodeve's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lund spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. Hartland at Grand Forks. Mr. Lund returned on Saturday morning while Mrs. Lund will remain until after the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee were called to Trail on Tuesday to attend the sick bedside of their niece, Miss Gretrude Bryan. Miss Bryan died on Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. She was in her 20th year.

Henry Bauer accompanied by O. U. Niles and John Wetherby motored in by way of Eholt from Spokane arriving here on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Bauer is making preparations to commence the erection of a building for a compressor at the Spotted Horse mine.

Norwegian Creek School Report for December

B. Thorsteinsson, Teacher

Number on Register	15
Total actual attendance	213
Percentage of attendance	94.66
Lates	1

Perfect Attendance—10 as follows: Jules Caron, Louis Caron, May Clark, Jack Clark, Madeline Gidon, Alexina Gidon, Mary Gidon, Alice Watson, Daisy Watson and James Watson.

List of Hospital Subscribers

The Board of Managers very thankfully acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions. Anyone wishing to subscribe, kindly call at the office, or mail, of Chas. King, Sec.-Treas., when receipts will be given and amounts acknowledged in the current issue of The Ledge.

Previously acknowledged	$821.80
Canadian Bank of Commerce	20.00
Total	$841.80
Furniture and Supplies previously acknowledged	$461.75

The Annual Meeting of the Kettle Valley Womens Auxiliary will be held at Mrs. Shillcock's on Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 2 p.m.

The Ledge wishes all its readers A Happy and Prosperous New Year

"Bully For Sally"

On passing a small group of men lately we heard one, who was well known to us, make use of the above words, and we stopped and enquired what his Best Girl had done which met with such distinct approval, and was sorrowfully told by him that he had no girl, and on our repeating the expression were told that the reference was to the Sally Group of Mineral Claims, on Wallace Mountain near Beaverdell, owned by the Wallace Mountain Mines, Ltd., and managed by Edward Nordman, and which mine is generally called "The Sally."

On further enquiry we learned that the cause of such approbation was the voluntary giving of a bonus to all workmen, that at the end of last June a bonus of 5 per cent. on the wages paid to the workmen during such period, was given them, and that when the Mine closed down for 12 days for the Christmas and New Year holidays, a bonus of 7½ per cent. on the wages during the latter part of the year was given; and that such bonus ran from $40 to over $75 according to the wages paid. On hearing this we readily understood the tone of approval.

Last Fall the bunk-house and other buildings at the Mine were enlarged, and thoroughly fitted up, and an electric light system installed, and a radio purchased and fitted up.

There is one department at a Mine in which every person, regardless of his occupation or interest, takes the deepest interest, and this is the culinary department, and our townsman Fred Johnson, presides there, and no better meals are given in any camp, than those prepared by him.

We can readily understand why the workmen are all contented and happy, and loyal to the Company.

The fact that the Company distributed over 100 per cent. in dividends this year, has enabled them to be generous with their employees.

We want more Sallys.

B. C. Mineral Production Shows Record in 1924

British Columbia's mines have during 1924 broken all records for mineral production in the history of the province. With an output valued at more than $45,000,00, they show an increase of nearly 10 per cent. over the 1923 figures.

This announcement is made by Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines.

The monetary value of the mineral output of British Columbia for the year 1924 is officially estimated to be $45,116,285. This is an increase over 1923 figures of $3,811,965.

The increase in the production of the metalliferous mines of the province is one of the most striking features of mining activity during the past year. The metal mines have given a production valued at $32,310,600, as compared with $25,767,062 in the previous year.

Goitre

As quite a number of children in this District are troubled with Goitre of a more or less troublesome nature, we urge parents to read the valuable article in the Saturday Evening Post, of January 3rd, 1925, by Dr. Woods Hutchinson, entitled "Please pass the Iodine," since by reading it they will understand the nature of goitre, and the method of treatment.

The Ledge for Job Printing

Kettle Valley Notes

Alphonse Beraro returned to Kelowna on Monday morning.

Miss Debney left on Sunday for a visit to Mrs. E. P. Rock at Trail.

A Service will be held in the Anglican Church on Sunday, Jan. 4th at 11 a.m.

Miss Isabelle Haynes has been staying for a few days the guest of Mrs. Whiting.

George Whiting returned to Trail on Monday having spent Xmas at his home.

King Kennedy with his box of tricks will be at the Riverside Hall on Saturday, Jan. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family have been spending Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Weed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roylance spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Maletta at Greenwood.

Harold Martin, who has been the guest of Mrs. Shillcock for Xmas, returned to Trail on Monday.

Miss Mary Caldwell, who has been spending Christmas at her home, returned to Nelson on Monday.

The Banff orchestra will be at the Riverside Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 13th. Dancing to commence at 9 p.m.

The Womens Institute will give a Party to the children of the neighborhood on Saturday, Jan. 3rd at 2 p.m.

A fresh library of books is in from the Gov't. Department at the Kettle Valley P. O. The Library Department look to see if the books are appreciated by the public and examine the records to see if the books are circulated. Failing a required standard the library will be discontinued. Two cents a volume, wont break you even if you get a dud.

A very successful Christmas Tree was held for the children of the neighborhood on Friday, Dec. 19th at the School House. Owing to the cold weather the attendance was not as large as usual. Tea was served at 4 o'clock after which a programme was given by the school children and two short plays. One represented Father Time's office and the good resolutions of the neighborhood arriving by telephone and wireless which caused much amusement. The able way these were carried out and also the other parts of the programme reflect great credit on the children, and Miss Debney, who took great pains coaching them. Father Christmas then arrived and distributed the presents, which thanks to the generosity of the public were much appreciated by the children. Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Douglas Hamilton and Mrs. Beaven Gane were responsible for the Christmas Tree, tea and decorations and a vote of thanks was given to them for their work.

Westbridge News

Joe Christian has gone to spend the winter with his family in Greenwood.

Mr. Gordon bought out Hugh McGillvray's share of the Worthington & Watson mine at Rhone. Operations have been resumed at the mine.

Arthur Mellor has started operations on the Main River with a crew of seven men. He is cooking at the camp himself till such times as he can find a good cook.

The old-timers of Westbridge are sore because the new beer-regulations will deprive them of their beer by the glass in spite of the fact that they voted solidly for it.

The cougars are beginning to get hungry. One of them visited the back yard of Arthur Mellor at Rhone and chewed up a deer hide which was hanging on the fence.

Miss Richards the teacher of Christian Valley School was the hostess to a fine gathering of the Valley people at the Lindgren home, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

August Lindgren visited Westbridge this week. His son, Guner, who is at present in Detroit is making progress with his music in addition to his learning the automobile business.

Would Cause Endless Quarrels

Geneva Protocol Might Engender Freedom Within the Empire

In connection with the reported imminent issue of invitations to the British Dominions to send representatives to London for a conference on the Geneva protocol the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent throws an interesting light on the origin of the Japanese amendment whereby intervention by the League of Nations in international disputes arising from domestic legislation, would be permissible. The correspondent says that the idea of such intervention was first conceived in the demand for the pooling of natural resources by those countries possessing them for the benefit of others less favored, which would mean that certain countries would have to sell a portion of their production to certain others.

It was during the proceedings of the arbitration committee of the Geneva Assembly that the matter was raised by the question of whether if Canada, for instance, refused to sell her nickel to other powers, the latter would be entitled to demand arbitration by or on behalf of the League. Several members of the committee supported that standpoint.

The correspondent adds that the incident affords an index to the ceaseless quarrels and troubles in which the British Empire would become involved if these portions of the protocol were allowed to stand.

Gypsy Language Printed

Produced in Slavic Character But Is Still Romany Speech

The Gypsy language, which is not regarded as a written tongue, has been put into print for the first time for political campaign purposes.

It is printed in Slavic characters, but most of the words are unintelligible to a Bulgarian or any other Slavic-speaking person. The political terms, however, are Slavic words.

An agrarian campaign document, printed in the Romany language, points out that the late dictator, Stamboulisky, was anxious to enfranchise the entire Gypsy race, but the Democratic Union prevented the enfranchisement by putting an end to the Stamboulisky regime.

Under the Bulgarian constitution the Gypsies enjoy the same rights of equality that are enjoyed by every other race.

Tokio Again Becomes World's Fifth City

City Dropped Behind After Earthquake In September, 1921

Tokio has resumed her place as the fifth city of the world, according to a police census taken recently. After the earthquake of September, 1921, Tokio lost a quarter of her population and dropped behind Berlin. The police enumeration shows that the city now has 1,917,000 inhabitants, a gain of 390,000 from the figures just after the earthquake, but 260,000 less than before the disaster.

Economics and Marriage

Married Men Save More Than Do Single Men

Two cannot live as cheaply as one. But marriage is a good investment. It furnishes the incentive that makes most people earn more and save more.

An analysis of incomes confirms this.

Married men, between ages of 28 and 48, are found to have from 17 to 33 per cent. more taxable wealth than bachelors of the same age.

This is the average.—Vancouver Sun.

Parasol ants derive their name from a habit of biting off pieces of leaves much larger than themselves and carrying them over their heads.

With her first proposal a girl is convinced that she will need a large blank book in which to keep the record of her offers.

A movement to establish an international standard of liquid measure has been started by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

In light colored cages animals grow rapidly, while dark paint retards them.

Lumbermen!

Take a bottle of Minard's with you to the woods. A splendid remedy for bruises, sprains, frostbites, colds, etc.

MINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT

Canada On Top

Tribute is Paid to the Spirit of the Business Men of the Dominion

Enthusiasm and optimism marked the fifth annual gathering of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada held in Toronto.

A message from Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice in the Federal Cabinet, declared that the fine spirit of the business men of the Dominion had helped to make Canada important among the nations of the world.

"While other nations are still suffering from a financial depression, our Canadian dollar has come out with flying colors," he added. Unfortunately, in the present age of self depreciation, there was too much pessimism.

E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, touched upon the railway situation in Canada and pointed out that, owing to the scattered population, the country suffered many handicaps; but he believed that many grievances were alleged against policies and institutions, when they should be laid against geography.

Canadian Seed Exhibit At Wembley

Exhibit Assembled by the Dominion Department of Agriculture

Of especial value and interest was the Canadian seed exhibit at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. Thirty boxes of seed, of approximately six hundred pounds each, were assembled in Ottawa and shipped to London in care of the Canadian exhibition commissioner by the Dominion department of Agriculture. Suitable pictures to illustrate seed production and marketing, and sheaves of grain, grasses and cloves for decorative purposes, formed a part of the exhibit. This material, says the Dominion minister of agriculture in his report for 1923-24, was collected from various Dominion and provincial plant breeding stations, individual growers, and the wholesale seed trade, and included the first prize Canadian championship exhibits at the larger Canadian shows and at the International Hay and Grain Show, Chicago.

Alberta's King's Proctor

Appointment Has Been Made of a New Official

A new official has made his appearance in Alberta, the king's proctor. The title is a familiar one to old countrymen and readers of newspapers there. His duty is to intervene in divorce cases when this appears to be necesary in the public interests. In England, from all accounts, he is kept fairly busy, but for the time being the functions of the post will be performed here by the deputy attorney-general in conjunction with his other work. The department has all along had the power to intervene, though to what extent it has exercised it does not appear. In any case, it has now been deemed wise to have a specific appointment.—Edmonton Journal.

Canada's Honey Industry

Beekeeper From France Says Dominion Leads Europe in Production

Thomas J. Bladensferger, of Nice, Southern France, is a visitor in Canada. He was born in Palestine, kept bees in that country, also in Syria, Algeria and now in France. Mr. Baldensferger visited R. F. Holtermann and a bee supply plant at Brantford. He stated that Canada was much ahead of France and European countries in the production of honey, and he expressed himself as well pleased with what he had seen and heard during his stay in Canada.

Woman Catches Horned Owl

Marauder Measured Four Feet Five Inches Across Wings

A great owl that had long been killing poultry and wild game near South Bend, Wash., recently was caught and slain as a result of the pluck of Mrs. W. A. Wilson.

The woman, who lives on a ranch, heard a hen making a commotion and she saw a great horned owl attacking it. She ran out, grasped the owl and held on to it despite wounds from its talons and beak. She called her husband who killed the marauder. It measured four feet five inches across the wings.

Second Largest U.S. Port

New Orleans, rated the second largest port in the United States, is 110 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. The port facilities are valued at more than $100,000,000 and are publicly owned. The public wharves parallel the Missippi River for more than five miles.

Fish Sleep Like Humans

Fishes sleep as regularly as human beings, but since they have no eyelids they do not appear to sleep. Most species sleep at night and rest upon the bottom; some kinds even lie upon their sides.

Phrenologist Says Heads Swell

Size Will Increase If Men Keep Mentally Active

Once a man attains prominence in the business world or is elected to public position his friends often jokingly tell him he will need a larger hat. Now along comes John Millot, a Brighton phrenologist, and tells the annual meeting of the Phrenological Society of Great Britain that it is not all a joke.

Provided a man does not slow down his mental activity, he says, the size of his head will keep on increasing even after the age of 50.

In support of his assertion the scientist gave two examples: "For instance," said he, "the circumference of Lloyd George's head has increased 6½ millimeters in eight years, and the head of the novelist, Bath Kennedy, shows an enlargement of 18¾ millimeters in the last ten years, in the course of which he has written eleven books."—Galt Reporter.

A Lesson For Orators

Wisdom Characterized First Speech of 84-Year-Old Man

Although George F. Baker, of New York, is 84 years old, he made his first speech recently. Those who heard him at the luncheon of the Bond Club or read his speech in the newspapers could not but admire the amount of wisdom which this "first citizen of New York," as Judge Gary called him, packed into a couple of hundred words.

The incident should be a lesson to the large and growing army of after-dinner speakers. Too many of them make eighty-four speeches a year and say nothing that ever carries beyond the dining-room doors. Mr. Baker, waiting eighty-four years to make one speech, says something which none who heard him will forget.—New York Sun.

A Strange Man

Life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Full Of Surprises

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has just written his autobiography. It increases the impression he has made upon the world as one of the strangest men of the age. He states that he was born a Roman Catholic and for eight years was in closest contact with the Jesuit Order as a student. But his life is full of surprises. He has been a medical man, scientist, and novelist, has served in two wars, was a candidate for Parliament, and a student of psychic phenomena; had a turn as a whaler in the Arctic, and was seriously proposed as the referee in the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight.

Imperialistic Hypocrisy

Italian and French Sympathy For Egypt Not Real

Imperialistic hypocrisy can be "hard-boiled" enough, but seldom in recent years has it excelled itself as flagrantly as in the faked Italian and French sympathy for Egyptian nationalism. Outcries against a British blood-and-iron policy on the Nile might be understandable were not Italy's policy in Tripoli one of grab and bayonets, and had not France so successfully established peace, order and the foundations of material prosperity in her Tunisian, Algerian and Moroccan possessions only after a regime of ruthless repression.—Detroit Free Press.

Newspaper Use Of Copper

Electrotyping and Photo-Engraving Consumes Millions of Pounds Yearly

More than 4,000,000 pounds of copper are annually consumed in the photo-engraving and electrotyping industries, according to a survey just completed by the Copper and Brass Research Association. Between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 pounds of copper are used each year in the manufacture of photo-engravings while more than 1,300,000 pounds is the annual consumption for electrotypes.—New York Telegram and Mail.

Egg-Laying Contest

The pen of Barred Rocks, belonging to J. R. Beer, of Brandon, is making an unusually creditable record in the Manitoba egg-laying contest being conducted at the experimental farm. In the last few weeks the ten birds have produced 271 eggs. This is far and away ahead of all other competitors, as well as the government pens entered for registration only.

Writing and Spelling

A prognosticator tells us that, if the use of typewriters spreads at the present rate, the noble art of penmanship will disappear in some 50 years. Many of us won't grieve over the lost art if the cult of spelling comes into its own once again.—Detroit Free Press.

Australia's last bush-rangers, the notorious Kelly gang, were broken up in 1880.

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MACDONALD'S MONTREAL

Says Egypt Must Show Its Ability

Necessary to Demonstrate Management of Affairs Says New Minister Of Interior

Sidky Pasha, the new minister of the interior, declared in an interview that the British ultimatum had impaired the independence and sovereignty of Egypt and made it necessary that certain questions be reserved for future negotiation.

"Our aim," he said, "is to restore the previous condition of affairs, arrest the murderers of the Sirdar and restore calm and tranquility. I do not mean that the country is agitated, but recently the authority of the country's rulers has become weak. It is necessary now to demonstrate how the Egyptians can manage their own affairs."

He asserted he had accepted the office conditionally and that he alone was responsible for the administration of the interior.

To Combat Trashy Literature

German Schools Offered Prize For Undesirable Reading Matter

Twelve and a half cents a pound for dime novels is offered Berlin school children by the City Commission for Combating Trashy Literature and Moving Pictures, with a prize of $75 to the school delivering the greatest quantity of undesirable reading matter. This is the latest effort by German educators to improve the taste of the young.

Love for sensational detective stories and morbid romance is intense in the land of Kultur, and cheap fiction has an enormous circulation among boys and girls of school age. Since most of it is sold at the rate of a nickel a volume, the price offered is expected to bring in tons.—New York Evening Post.

Canker Of Local Apathy

People Must Take An Interest In Public Affairs to Secure Good Government

Any system of government, or of balloting, or of citizenship must fail unless there is local patriotism and a healthy public opinion behind it. The system may be wholly good, but the apathy of the citizens may destroy the best effect which should be there. Local apathy is a canker to good government and it starts upon its wrecking career before the elections. If the people do not express themselves clearly in favor of better candidates and progressive government, they cannot expect good candidates in perfect sets, or a large choice of acceptable names on the ballot.—Brandon Sun.

Prince Had Key To Boston

Mayor Does Not Know Who Extended the Welcome

The Prince of Wales, on his recent visit to New England, received an official key to the city of Boston and an invitation to call on Mayor James M. Curley, either at the city hall or at the mayor's home.

But, although the Prince has formally thanked the mayor for the attention and took the key back to England with him, Mayor Curley declares that he never sent the Prince a key and that during his brief stay on the Massachusetts north shore, no welcome to the city was extended him.

A Remarkable Layer

A White Wyandotte hen that an English writer describes is a remarkable layer. She began to lay as a pullet and between August 2, 1923, and August 1, 1924, laid 322 eggs, the last of which weighed two ounces. That, the writer asserts, is an achievement never excelled by a hen of any kind in the British Isles.

To Probe Parole System

A general investigation of the entire federal prison parole system in the United States is about to be undertaken by Attorney-General Stone as result of revelation of conditions at Atlanta prison which led to removal of three officials there.

Percy (studying liquid measure tables).—"Father sez you're to learn me only dry measure, seein' 'ow 'e's signed the pledge."

When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.

Advocates Mixed Farming

Grew World's Champion Wheat

J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Sask., declared world's champion wheat grower for the third consecutive time at the recent Chicago Livestock Show, who is now on his way to the Old Country on a demonstration tour. Interviewed at the Canadian Pacific head office enroute, he said that prize wheat is growing bigger and better each year. Exhibits which rank 15th and 20th now would have won first prize twelve years ago. The secret of bigger grain, he said, is in selection of seed. Only by picking out the biggest and best is the grower able to produce something better than other growers. This selection takes time but is eminently worth while. The selected wheat is not to be put through a machine, Mr. Mitchell said, but is flailed by hand or tramped out by horses. Although champion wheat grower, Mr. Mitchell, is an advocate of mixed farming.

LITTLE HELPS FOR THIS WEEK

In Him, we live, and move, and have our being.—Acts xvii., 28.

Thou knowest me altogether; I know not
Thy likeness till Thou mad'st it manifest.
There is no world but is Thy heaven; no spot
Remote; Creation leans upon Thy breast;
Thou art beyond all stars, yet in my heart
Wonderful whisperings hold Thy creatures dumb;
I need not search afar; to me Thou art
Father, Redeemer, and Renewer—come!
—Jean Ingelow.

He is very near every one of us; is the inspiration of every thought that seeks Him; is approachable by every soul that would be lifted higher, with the symbols if they aid, without them if one choose. He is the great fountain of influence, filling human life and thought with power of development.
—Henry Ward Beecher.

Another Instinct Of Birds

Drop Clams From Great Height To Break Shells

It is a well-known habit of gulls and some other birds that feed in part on shellfish to carry clams to a considerable height and then drop them on some hard surface to break the shell. A man on the Board Walk at Atlantic City was struck on the head with such force by a clam that a gull had dropped that he was knocked down and for a little while was unconscious. It is an interesting question whether instinct or intelligence impelled the gull to drop the clam just at that moment.

Rabbit Is Brave

"Arthur" Belgian hare in a park zoo at Paris, amuses the crowds that flock through the resort by showing defiance to "Henri," the lion. The rabbit actually seems to intimidate the "king of beasts." The elephant seems to regard the rabbit in much the same way an elephant looks upon a mouse.

Peru has such a diversity of elevations and climatic peculiarities as to be able to grow almost any product that is known to man.

The opium poppy first became known among the Greeks and Romans.

Russian Girl Trains On Soviet Sailship

Is Practical Navigator and Will Eventually Command Merchantman

A weather-beaten ship, a Bolshevik sailing vessel, was in harbor at London, and a Daily News reporter, investigating certain rumors of propaganda, found nothing abnormal; but something rather interesting. The ship carried 61 people, 35 of them cadets, who were learning navigation on the instructions of the Soviet Government. Classes are held in the chart room every day. One of the most interesting persons is a pretty Russian girl of about 23. She is fourth officer and wears workaday clothes to suit her nautical position. She is a practical navigator and is to travel all round the world in this small sailing vessel. Eventually she will command a Soviet merchantman.

WOULD NOT BE WITHOUT BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Once a mother has used Baby's Own Tablets for her little ones she would not be without them. They are the ideal home remedy for the baby; being guaranteed to be absolutely free from opiates or other harmful drugs. They are a gentle but thorough laxative and have been proved of the greatest aid in cases of constipation, indigestion, colic, colds and simple fevers. Concerning them Mrs. Ernest Gagne, Beausejour, Que., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for constipation and colic and have found them so successful that I would not be without them. I would strongly recommend every mother to keep a box in the house." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Miniature Animals At Show

Dogs So Small Amplifier Needed To Hear Them Bark

The sensation of the Birmingham Dog Show was the entry of dogs so small that an amplifier was necessary in order to hear them bark.

Notable among these miniature animals were the tiny Yorkshire terriers with hair so long that they tripped over it at every step, and the papillons, or butterfly dogs, which are recent importations from France. The average weight of the papillons was three pounds.

Japanese Demand For Wheat

Japan expects to import 20,000,000 bushels of the world's 1924-25 wheat crop. North America and Australia are counted upon for 8,300,000 bushels each. Manchuria is expected to provide the other 3,400,000 bushels, according to the acting commercial attache at Tokio.

Five official British decorations or medals are awarded exclusively to women.

MRS. B. H. HART SICK FOR YEARS

Wants Women to Know How She Was Made Well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Cornwall, Ontario.—"I am now giving your medicine a fair trial and it surely is doing me good and I am going to keep on taking it. I used to feel so tired in the morning that I didn't want to get up, but that feeling is leaving me now. I also sleep better and feel more like working. For seven or eight years I have had headaches, tired feelings, pains in my back and across my body. I read letters in the newspapers saying what good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done others. My husband says I quit too soon, but I am not going to stop taking the Vegetable Compound and Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Medicine until I am better and haven't an ache or a pain. Isn't that the right way? I have great faith in your medicines. They must be good when those who take them speak so highly of them. I am recommending them to my friends and I will gladly answer letters from women asking about them."—Mrs. Burt H. Hart, Box 1081, Cornwall, Ontario.

Mrs. Hart wants to help other women and is willing to answer letters from sick women asking about the Vegetable Compound. C

RESTORATION OF CROW'S N. RATES FOR AN INTERVAL

Winnipeg.—While prominent Winnipeg men expressed some satisfaction with the decision of the Federal Government to restore westbound Crow's Nest rates, pending a ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada on the appeal by the western provinces, surprise was expressed that the matter had been referred to the Supreme Court at all. Reasons given for this surprise were that the question was one of policy, and that the Supreme Court should not be asked to pass on an agreement which, it was said, was considered effective by both parties to it, and also by the railway commission itself, for 18 or 20 years.

Premier Bracken said there appears to be "strings attached," but stated the west had evidently gained at least a temporary, though considerably belated, victory.

With restoration of the rates, the question of discrimination will again come to the front, and representatives of the Winnipeg Board of Trade gave it as their opinion that the board would again enter the fight for its removal.

Germany Wants Exceptional Position In the League

Wants Heavy Reduction of Her Neighbors' Armaments

Geneva.—Germany's note to the League of Nations, touching on the question of that country's joining the League, was sent to all the members for their comments or suggestions, and is being discussed here with the keenest interest.

The note, which shows that Germany desires an exceptional position as a member of the League because of her lack of armed strength, is regarded in some quarters as an appeal to the League as a whole over the head of the council, which failed to give Germany satisfaction in previous direct negotiations.

The opinion is expressed by some that Germany is determined to obtain a heavy reduction of her neighbors' armaments, especially of France and the "Little Entente," before subscribing to the Geneva peace protocol, which all admit must be revised. Others believe that Germany probably fears the possible transportation of troops over her territory for use against Russia, with whom she is especially desirous of remaining on good terms.

Ottawa Post Office Speeds Up Business

Had Scheme This Year For Handling Christmas Rush

Ottawa.—The Ottawa post office took over the licking of Christmas stamps. Under the scheme, one handed the parcels to a clerk, who weighed weighed them, called out the amount of postage for each package to a second clerk, who skilfully manipulated a cash register. A slip bearing the amount of postage was given out. One paid the postage in cash and went his way. Inside, a staff of employees affixed the proper stamps. The idea was to speed up the Christmas queue.

Left Tickets That Won Lottery Prizes

Impoverished Widow of Spaniard Will Have About $140,000

Madrid.—A dead man won a goodly portion of the annual Christmastide lottery prizes. He was Senor Quintana, and he left behind in his effects two lottery tickets which captured prizes totalling about $140,000.

Just before he died, Quintana's house was robbed, and, without funds, his widow and children were facing a cold and hungry Christmas.

Unemployment Acute In Toronto

Toronto.—With 6,000 names on the list at the head office of the unemployment bureau here, and with several more thousand reported by the various trade unions as out of work, the unemployment situation in Toronto has become acute. According to present arrangements, relief work will be only for married men with families. Already 2,000 men have registered for snow cleaning.

Author Wins Prize

New York.—Rafael Sabatini, for his novel, "Scaramouche," has been awarded the $10,000 prize offered by Adolph Zukor to the writer whose story or play made the best motion picture in the year which ended last September 1, the Authors' League of America, through which the award was made, has announced.

Says Anglo-German Commercial Treaty Signed

Paris.—The suggestion that the commercial negotiations between France and Germany are dragging because the German and English manufacturers have already concluded an alliance, is put forward by Lucien Chassagne, chief editor of Le Journal. He points out that the Anglo-German commercial agreement was signed in three days practically without discussion, while the French-German negotiations have made little headway after weeks, and now the German delegates announce they are going back to Berlin, not to return until January 8.

Police Capture Men For Nanaimo Theft

Detectives Trapped Six of the Eight Men Accused

Seattle.—With a single cast of the net over Western Washington, Canadian and American officials and detectives trapped six of the eight men accused of the spectacular holdup and $40,000 robbery December 12 of the Royal Bank of Canada branch at Nanaimo, B.C. The two most noted of the prisoners are Ross C. Watson, until recently a Seattle police detective, dismissed from the department a few weeks ago and charged with complicity in the $22,000 Bon Marche robbery here, August 8, and Clarence H. (Dick) Shively, former Seattle policeman, convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for dry law violation, and awaiting trial in connection with last year's Bank of California bond robbery here.

Sending Note To Germany

Communication to Berlin Will Give Allies' Views On Disarmament

London.—It is possible that the Council of Ambassadors, after considering ad interim reports from the Allied Ministry authorities on armament conditions in Germany, will send a communication to Berlin on the subject giving the allied views, it was learned in British official circles.

The two aspects of the German internal situation that are giving the greatest concern are said, in official quarters, to be the alleged organization of the German police along lines that make it, in reality, a sort of army, and the allegations that the clandestine manufacture of machine guns is going on.

Organization Growing

Saskatchewan Grain Growers Report Greatly Increased Membership

Regina.—Sixty-six locals have been organized or re-organized during the membership drive staged by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, according to information received at the central office to date.

It is not anticipated that complete results will be known before the annual convention meets, but officials state satisfactory progress is indicated in the increasing volume of fees pouring into the central office.

Existing locals report large increases in membership and committees have been appointed to conduct local membership campaigns. Several new locals are lined up for 1925.

Conan Doyle Starts Campaign

Aims to Convert London and the World to Spiritualism

London.—Grounding their appeal on the assertion that Christ was the greatest psychic ever known and that his apostles were chosen for their psychic powers, London spiritualists led by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, have begun a campaign to convert London and the world to spiritualism.

Co-operating with Sir Arthur is Dr. G. Vale Owen, the famous spiritualist pastor. Between them they hope to waken the fashionable west end of London to the worth of spiritualism as a cure for the ills of the world.

Criticizes Equipment Of U.S. Air Force

Rear-Admiral Moffatt Says Bulk Of Planes Are Obsolete

Washington.—Only 224 of the 840 planes of all kinds in possession of the United States navy could be used effectively in case of war, Rear-Admiral Moffatt, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, testified before the special aircraft investigating committee of the House. About 500 airplanes are obsolete, he said, and even the 224 which could be used effectively are becoming out of date.

Cattle Disease Spreads

Brussels.—The foot and mouth disease among cattle is still spreading in Belgium. There are cases in 3,531 farmyards scattered in 983 villages.

South African Visit Valuable To Empire

Sir George Foster Declares Trip Productive Of Good

Ottawa.—Back from their trip to South Africa, with the other members of the Empire parliamentary group, Sir George and Lady Foster expressed themselves delighted with their many and varied experiences. They have covered over 30,000 miles within the last five months, including 8,500 miles by train in South Africa and 3,000 by automobile.

"On the whole the visit has undoubtedly had a very excellent effect in stimulating a feeling of kinship and common interest between South Africa and the other parts of the overseas dominions and the Empire, giving to both the visitors and the South Africans themselves a better understanding of the problems of the Empire as a whole," declared Sir George.

IRELAND SENDS STRONG PROTEST TO THE LEAGUE

Geneva.—The delicate problem of relations between the component parts of the British Empire has been raised again by Ireland throwing down the gauntlet of diplomatic revolt against the Mother Country. Ireland has added to the strenuous schedule of Christmas events already before the League, through the Albanian and German problems, by notifying the Geneva peace organization that she entirely dissents from the views of Great Britain denying Ireland's right to register the famous Anglo-Irish treaty.

Ireland, in diplomatic phraseology, told the League that she does not desire to pursue the controversy with Great Britain, yet makes it perfectly clear that she cannot be restricted as to League prerogatives by any limitation imposed by Downing Street.

Ireland's note has created an extraordinary interest in League circles, because it is believed here that it may be the start of similar movements by other parts of the Empire, especially Canada and South Africa.

The question involved is held to be far deeper than a ruling as to whether the Irish treaty is an international instrument capable of registration with the League. Ireland's move involves the entire relations of the various units of the British Empire with the League, and, in the judgment of officials in Geneva, may settle how much independence of action can be expected from the colonies and permitted by the League itself.

G. A. Clements Dies

Vancouver.—Sergeant-Major G. A. Clements, R.C.E., one of the best known instructors in military engineering in Canada, is dead here. He enlisted in the Royal Engineers in Chatham, England, in 1892.

The Hanover Vulture

FRITZ HAARMANN

vampire mass-murderer, who, together with his accomplice, Hans Grans, was sentenced to death by a German judge for the murder of 26 persons.

Sees Vancouver As Greatest Pacific Port

Has Left Behind All Cities Excepting San Francisco

St. John, N.B.—Within the lifetime of many present, the world would see Vancouver attain to the commercial supremacy of the Pacific coast and become the greatest ocean port on that seaboard, declared Hon. H. A. McKeown, chairman of the Canadian Board of Railway Commissioners in addressing the New Brunswick branch of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association here. Hon. Mr. McKeown, who has just returned from the west, said Vancouver had already left behind all cities, including Seattle, with the exception of San Francisco, and was "hot on the latter's trail."

Institute Proceedings Against Paris Papers

Government Takes Exception To Articles About Alleged Communist Plot

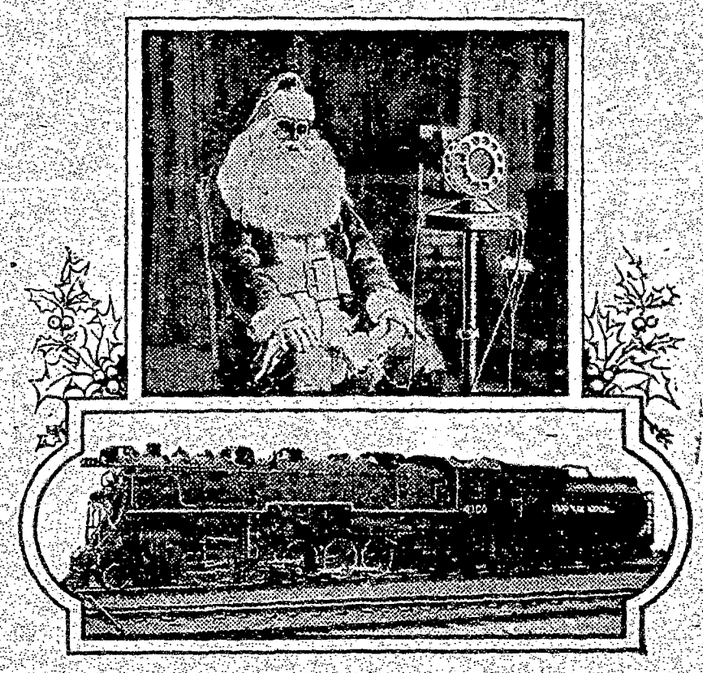
Paris.—Minister of Justice Renoult has instructed the Paris courts to institute proceedings against the afternoon newspaper La Liberte for the publication of false news.

The articles which the Government takes exception to were concerned with the exposure of an alleged Communist plot to capture the city of Amiens and an editorial statement that the Government had mobilized tanks and machine guns, placing them in various suburbs, with a view of repelling an expected Communist reprisal.

New Air Record

Paris.—The Aero Club of France has officially ratified the new world's speed aeroplane record of 448.171 kilometres an hour made by Adjutant Florentin Bonnet at Istrees, Dec. 11.

SANTA CLAUS USES THE RADIO



Until this year little boys and girls could only write to Santa Claus; post their letters and trust to the postman to deliver them. But this year the radio department of the Canadian National Railways made an arrangement with Santa Claus and letters from boys and girls all over Canada have been broadcast from the C.N.R. radio stations to Santa in his workshop in the far north. Santa has acknowledged each evening by radio that he is hearing what his little friends have to tell him.

Although he is a very busy man, Santa Claus visited every broadcasting station of the Canadian National Railways, in Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton, telling his little friends to write him, care of the C.N.R. Radio, and thousands of letters from boys and girls have been received and broadcast to Santa.

The picture you see here was taken in one of those stations as Santa was speaking to his boys and girls through the microphone, which is the instrument used to send the sound of the voice dancing out over the world on the radio waves.

Below you see one of the big engines that the Canadian National Railways are lending Santa Claus to carry his bags of toys if there is not enough snow for his reindeer. These are the biggest and most powerful freight engines in the whole of the British Empire. They can easily pull a train of 150 loaded freight cars; so you see, Santa Claus will have no trouble bringing all his toys, no matter if there isn't any snow on Christmas Eve.

Ibanez Is Ready To Fight A Duel

Mentone, France.—"Alfonzo and Primo De Rivera, whom I have attacked in my writings, are the only two men I will fight in a duel." Vicente Blasco Ibanez, the Spanish author, made this declaration when informed of the numerous challenges emanating from Spain from various personages mentioned in his book who are desirous of seeking satisfaction at arms. "I need not fight all these people to prove my courage," Ibanez continued. "I have already fought nine duels, either with pistols or swords, and two of my opponents were seriously wounded, one of them being at the point of death for several days."

Air Mail Pilot Killed

Leaped From Plane But Parachute Failed to Work

Chicago.—Trusting his life to a few yards of silk composing his parachute after his airplane failed to function in a blinding snowstorm, Clarence Gilbert, air mail pilot, leaped into space high in the clouds over the little town of Kaneville, Ills., and lost his gamble with death.

His body, with strands of the parachute which failed to operate still attached to his belt, was found near Kaneville shortly after farmers had found his wrecked plane with its burden of mail, after a 15-hour hunt, along the air mail route.

His death marked the first fatal accident to that little band of transcontinental birdmen who, since July, have been winging their way across a continent in good weather and bad, with their cargoes of mail.

TO TAKE STEPS TO STIMULATE EMPIRE TRADE

Ottawa.—While no definite official advice has yet been received, it is assumed, in official circles here, the Baldwin Government will take steps shortly after Christmas to call together the proposed Imperial Economic Committee. The committee will consider methods of stimulating Empire trade, apart from preferential tariffs. So far as the marketing of foodstuffs and agricultural raw materials originating in the British Empire is concerned, three principal methods of assistance have been suggested:

(1) Import licenses.

(2) Subsidies.

(3) Stabilization of prices.

Reports from London that the Baldwin Government had decided on a system of import licenses are not confirmed by official advices. The assumption here is rather that the whole question will be referred to the Imperial Economic Committee for consideration. It is pointed out, however, that the system of import licenses was considered by the food and material committee of the Imperial Economic Conference last year which met under the chairmanship of Sir Phillip Lloyd Greame, President of the Board of Trade, and the committee did not recommend a system of prohibition and licences.

Trotzky Is Reviled By Soviet Leaders

War Chief Blamed For All Failures Of Bolshevik Regime

Moscow.—Although Trotzky now is out of the political arena and far removed from the bitter party strife of in and without the Communist party Moscow, attacks upon him from within continue unceasingly. No man in public life, even during the heat of bitter election campaigns, has had to face such a merciless fire of censure and condemnation as has been directed against the Soviet war chief for the last six weeks. All the sins and shortcomings and failures of the Bolshevikl regime have been visited upon his head.

Although he is in admittedly poor physical shape, no note of sympathy is heard for the man who hitherto has ranked as next only in fame and power to Lenine.

Effort For Peace

London.—In an effort to promote world-wide peace, "The Day," a weekly newspaper, has offered to issue copies of the paper free of charge on the streets whenever it is possible to go to press without printing any war news. So far all copies of the paper have been sold at a price, however.

MacDonald Leaves For Jamaica

London.—Ramsay MacDonald has left for Jamaica on his first real vacation since his resignation as premier. He will return to England in time for the resumption of Parliament, early in February.

BIG GATHERING OF SCIENTISTS AT WASHINGTON

Washington.—Delegates from nearly all Canadian universities will attend the 79th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held here December 29 to January 3, when 3,000 university professors, research workers, astronomers, educationalists, medical men, engineers, agriculturists and economists assemble for what is virtually an annual North American congress of science. The savants will spend their time in listening to scientific papers, discussing them and in visiting Washington's numerous museums and the laboratories of the United States Government bureaus. The session will be similar to the recent meetings in Toronto of the sister organization, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, although the programme indicates that they will be more strictly confined to technical subjects than was the case with the English society.

Motion pictures taken during the tour of Western Canada made by the British scientists after the Toronto convention in August will be shown during the week.

Dr. Edwin E. Slossen, director of science and service, and well-known writer on scientific subjects, who made the excursion, is arranging a special lecture to accompany the reels. The film, which was photographed and directed by the Ontario Government motion picture bureau, portrays scientists from Great Britain and Canada, educational institutions of Ontario and the west and pictures of the scenery, resources and industries of the Dominion. The production is expected to attract wide attention here.

Saskatchewan Schools

Increased Attendance Is Shown In Rural and Urban Districts

Regina.—Rural, village, town and city schools in Saskatchewan showed increases in enrolment and the average daily attendance during 1923, according to the departmental annual report just issued.

Elementary schools in the province had an enrolment of 187,968 pupils with an average daily attendance of 125,873. This compares with an enrolment of 178,314 and an average daily attendance of 115,253 the preceding year.

Province school grants during the year aggregated $1,928,812, of which $1,787,029 was for elementary schools and $191,782 for secondary and vocational education.

Series Of New Bills

Issue Has Just Been Put Out By Imperial Bank

Regina.—As a Christmas issue the Imperial Bank of Canada put out a series of new bank bills. The idea of the head office was that a new issue would come appropriately a couple of days before Christmas to accommodate those who wished to give a crisp, new bank note as a present.

The $5 bills of the new issue are green with the cut of the president and general manager of the bank on the face of the notes. The $10 bills are of a bluish shade with the same cuts. The $20 bills are brownish with a cut of the president only.

Coal Gas Penetrated Walls

Eleven Montrealers Almost Killed By Fumes From Next Door Furnace

Montreal.—Coal gas seeping through the walls nearly brought death to eleven persons asleep in beds in dwellings in Rosemont. The victims are members of two families, eight of them children, the oldest of whom is seven years.

Police investigation shows the gas came from a building under construction next to the dwellings. A furnace in the partly constructed building had been lighted and the vents closed. The gas having no other outlet, penetrated the walls.

Toll Of Disease

Washington.—Death rates from both typhoid fever and diabetes in the United States death registration area decreased during 1923, according to figures made public by the Census Bureau. Deaths from typhoid in 1923 totalled 6,635 against 6,981. Deaths from diabetes in 1923 totalled 17,357 against 17,182 in 1922.

Christmas Mail Record

Winnipeg.—All previous records for volume of Christmas mail passing through the Winnipeg post office were shattered this season. The local staff was augmented considerably but, despite the unusually heavy rush, there was no serious congestion, according to Postmaster T. T. Bowser.

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The blue cross means that your subscription is due, and that the editor would be pleased to have more money.

Midway Warbles

(By the Warbler)

The local merchants report business good during the Christmas week.

Mrs. J. L. Bush and Farmer are up from Spokane for the Christmas vacation.

Tommy Roberts was down from Beaverdell to spend Christmas with his family.

Who stole our Community mule? His name is Red and he is gifted with the intelligence of a college bred.

Charlie Snyder has started ice cutting operations on the river. The ice is in splendid condition and about 18 inches thick.

No, we are not going to have beer by the glass, but it is not our fault. We will still have it by the bottle, fresh off the ice.

The G. N. have a tie train working out of Midway picking up ties between Midway and Bridesville, that famous cordwood town.

Mrs. Fred Kingsley arrived from Grand Forks on the Wednesday evening train on a visit to Mrs. A. Tippie. She returned on Saturday morning.

Miss Ethel Ferguson arrived home last week from Enderby to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ferguson.

E. Hawkes is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. We are glad to see Mr. Hawkes looking so well. His health has greatly improved.

Christmas passed off quietly in the old Burg. Some of the bachelors gave "pink teas" and "showers. The liquid refreshments consisted of "siwash cocktails."

Pete Dion and two friends arrived on Wednesday morning's train from Bonnington. They spent Christmas in town and left on Thursday night's train for Nelson.

S. E. Jones, mining engineer, is in town, and is making an inspection of the Midway coal mine. Operations have started to have the water pumped out and several men are now employed.

The weather for the past few days has been very mild. There is from 12 to 18 inches of snow on the flat. The children are having the time of their lives with ski-ing and sleighing, and their favorite song is: "Oh it ain't gon-a-rain no more."

With the depth of snow now on the highways very few auto's are travelling. A few of the bigger cars are still ploughing their way through, but the majority of the small cars are tied-up, and will remain so unless the roads are opened up.

We are told that "moonshine" used in auto raditors as an anti-freeze solution has been a failure. It is claimed that it eats up the lead pipes in the radiator in a very short time and that copper is the only thing that will withstand it. Some men must have their stomach's lined with copper.

Ledge Ads. Bring Results

Christmas Day In the Hospital

The Hospital is functioning well, it was taxed to its utmost capacity before and during Christmas week, there being still four in-patients and several out-patients. This proves that the Hospital was a necessity and it must be gratifying to the initiators of the project, that through their efforts humanity is benefitting and that the sick and injured are receiving competent and good professional attendance.

Dr. A. Francis, resident physician, and Miss Bawtinheimer, matron, deserve great credit for their efforts made on Christmas Day, to somewhat lighten the weary hours of sickness, by holding a Christmas Tree. Presents were provided for all the patients as well as generous Christmas fare. The Women's Auxiliary sent a hamper of fruit, nuts, &c., and many other thoughtful and kind people of the District assisted with various contributions. Among the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Walters, Miss Elsa Olson, Mrs. Bain, Mr. Nelson, P. H. McCurrach, A. N. Mowat, G. Stilwell, E. Andreas, and Charles King. Short speeches, songs and recitations were given, A. Haile, the one who was so seriously injured on the railway, rendered some very pleasing solos on the harmonica. And so the Christmas spirit was shown in the Greenwood and District Hospital the first year of its inauguration, and proves that there is love and sympathy in all hearts during the Christmas festival. It is to be hoped that in future years, this good spirit will continue to be shown.

Here and There

At the close of Montreal's 1924 season of ocean traffic on December 3, the Harbor Master announced that 1,222 ocean and coasting ships arrived in the port during the year as against 1,114 in 1923 and 1,194 in 1922, the best previous season. It is believed that a new record has also been established in the number of lake vessels visiting the port.

The service operated by the Laurentide Air Service to the goldfields of Rouyn, Que., which was successfully inaugurated this summer, will be continued during the coming winter. Travellers will make the journey in luxury, closed machines with plush seats and a carrying capacity of six passengers being employed.

Advertise in The Ledge

Sunday School Xmas Tree

The Xmas Tree and Concert held under the auspices of the Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening passed off very successfully. The children sang the choruses well and those who recited performed their pieces in bright fashion. The programme reflected great credit on Mrs. McCurrach who trained the children.

The Tree was nicely decorated and showed that the Ladies Aid had given of their best.

Santa Claus was up to his business and the children enjoyed the usual thrill on his appearing.

The following programme was given:

Chorus "Welcome to Christmas"
"I am so glad tis Christmas time"
Primary classes
Recitation ..... Olive Mowat
Chorus "Ring, Ring, Christmas Bells"
Recitation ..... Ralph Spence
Song Cleo Toney & Margaret McCurrach
Primary Chorus "Jack and Jill"
Chorus "Crowning Day"
Recitation ..... Senior girls
Song ..... "Cock Robin" ..... Boys
Chorus "The Christ Child"

ELECTION NOTICE.

Corporation of the City of Greenwood

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Greenwood, that I require the presence of the said electors in the City Hall in the City of Greenwood on the 12th day of January, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen, and for the purpose of electing two persons as School Trustees and one person as Police Commissioner for the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Greenwood.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates 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 15th day of January, A.D. 1925, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the said City Office, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

QUALIFICATIONS.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Mayor of the City shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one 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 real property in the city of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of One Thousand Dollars or more; over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen, School Trustees and Police Commissioners of said City, shall be such persons as are British subjects of the full age of twenty one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for 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 over and above any registered judgement or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Greenwood this 31st day of December, A. D. 1924.

G. S. WALTERS,
Returning Officer.

Pioneer Resident of Greenwood Dies

Edwin Hallett, father of Percy Hallett, of Trail, passed away on Monday after an illness of one week. He contracted a severe cold about a week ago, which terminated in pneumonia with fatal results. Mr. Hallett was born in Hampton, New Brunswick and was 75 years of age, he had previous to his last illness been in fine health and seemed destined to live many years.

He had been a resident of British Columbia for many years and previously lived at Enderby.

Mr. Hallett leaves to mourn his loss, a widow, son, Percy Hallett, Trail, and daughter, Mrs. E B. Dill, of Enderby, also a brother I. H. Hallett, of Greenwood.—Trail News.

Edwin Hallett, was a former residence of Greenwood and in the early days was in prominent figure in this town.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

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" ninth " " "	200.00
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