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The Public is hereby notified that the books of the above Company are closed for thirty days dating from January 9, 1915.

Resolution of Directors, per Ola Lofstad.

ANNUAL MEETING

The regular Annual meeting of the Boundary Women's Institute will be held in the Guild Hall, Friday, Jan. 22nd, at 3 o'clock. All members are respectfully requested to attend.

M. A. FRAWLEY, Secretary.

Jack Morrison returned to the city on Monday.

Halphey Bros., of Curlew, are starting a creamery and ice cream plant in Grand Forks. They are in the market for all the milk and cream that the ranchers around Grand Forks can supply them.

Around Home

Robert Gaw is again mayor of Grand Forks.

Alex McKenzie left for Princeton last Friday.

Time to get your skates sharpened. See Kinney.

The curling boom is still on in Greenwood and Phoenix.

The Strathmore has a carload of ore ready for shipment.

There were no trial cases at the County Court this week.

Ald. W. G. Kennedy returned from Princeton on Saturday.

Joe Bromley died at Fairview last week from heart failure.

Dan McGillis is in the hospital with a severe attack of gall stones.

All the liquor licenses in Greenwood were renewed last Friday.

Last Sunday F. F. Ketchum returned to Beaverdel via the Inghram express.

Last year Grand Forks had an excess of assets over liabilities, amounting to \$7,807.29.

Bill Donnelly passed through town on Monday, on a load of sawdust, drawn by a set of fours.

Bob Cameron, of Rock Creek, trapped this winter, four cougars and a timber wolf, on the main Kettle river.

A marriage license was issued on Monday to Miko Krulich of Anaconda, and Kriolina Canaski of Mother-Lode.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, are the guests of Mr. Krueger's parents of the Norden hotel.

The smelter in Greenwood will resume operations when copper reaches a certain price, and sufficient ore can be obtained.

Mr. Archibald of the Trail smelter was in town last week and inspected the Argo mine at five o'clock in the morning.

It takes liberal aggressive and broad-minded business men to make a live town. Fishing for nickles does not make a dollar town.

Miss Mollie Cummins left on Tuesday for Vancouver where she will enter the General Hospital and train for three years as nurse.

In Eholt last week two patriachs celebrated their birthdays, by pooling the entertainment, and drinking out of the same bottle.

At a very fast and exciting game of hockey, at the rink last Thursday evening, the juniors defeated the intermediates by a score of 5-2.

This season B. Bainbridge trapped four mink and 30 beaver on the North Fork of the Kettle river. He sold the Beaver pelts for \$6.50 each.

It is reported that the Granby will resume paying dividends next month. Their mines at Phoenix in a short time will be working full capacity.

Farmers and prospectors in indigent circumstances may obtain permits to shoot deer out of season by writing to the Provincial Government Agent, Greenwood.

Many mines are being worked around Greenwood at present. The E. P. U. has eight men and shipping ore. The Strathmore has five men and will put on a large gang next week. The Togo has three men working, while the Argo is working two shifts.

Mrs. J. D. MacLean gave a very enjoyable skating party at the rink on Friday evening, at which over twenty were present. After skating until ten the party left for her residence, where refreshments were served after which music and singing were kept up until an early hour.

Some time ago Joseph Husmann and his five partners bought Nenzel's ranch at Boundary Falls. Last Thursday afternoon the house caught fire from a defective flue and burned down causing a loss of \$1,500. Nearly all the goods in the lower story were saved. This is hard luck for men starting in the ranching business. Four of them are from Switzerland.

Jim Faulds brought a big roll to Greenwood the other day and deposited it on the floor of the Hotel Windsor office. He neglected to chain it and during the night it vanished. The roll was as big as a Saratoga trunk and contained a mattress, blankets and the gatherings of 29 years. The chap who took Jim's roll will never prosper, unless he brings it back.

WAR NOTES

Mrs. Drucker, of Sekforde-street, Clerkenwell, London, tells a remarkable story of the success of a daring ruse she adopted in the hope of restoring speech to her soldier son, Corporal Charles Drucker, of the Welsh Regiment, who had returned from the front dumb as the result of shock.

"Last Tuesday night he went to a picture palace, and when he came home he sat in the kitchen looking very gloomy. I went upstairs and spoke to a neighbor on the landing: 'You scream out,' I said to her, 'when you hear me fall.' Then I took down an empty tin lamp which was hanging on the landing, sat on the top stair, and slid off. I came down thud—bump—thud, and the tin lamp in my hand made a fearful clatter. The woman on the landing screamed loudly enough.

"I heard a shout of 'mother' and the next instant Charlie came dashing out of the kitchen. He fell at the foot of the stairs and lay there like a log. 'It was Charlie's voice,' shouted the neighbour from the landing excitedly, while my son and daughter pulled me up, but I was terribly frightened.

"Charlie lay unconscious, and I thought the fright might have killed him. We carried him into the kitchen and tried for a long time to revive him. We were all crying round him. I felt his throat, and noticed that his 'Adam's apple,' which previously I had been unable to feel, had reappeared. At the end of about an hour he seemed to revive, and with a great effort managed to call out 'water!' We gave him some and later offered him a little paragon in a glass, but he pushed that away with the word 'poison.'

"These were the first words I had heard him speak since he came from the war, because when he shouted 'mother' I had thought it was my other son. He was shaking from head to foot, and it was with the greatest difficulty that he got the words out. He wanted to talk a lot, but we told him to keep quiet. 'Making-up-for-lost-time,' he said slowly. The next day he could talk much better and was able to tell us a long story of his experiences at the war, though he did not speak with the ease of an ordinary person."

Mrs. Drucker, who showed such magnificent devotion to her son, bruised herself severely in the fall, and being a heavy woman, was also severely shaken. She is still feeling the effects.

Corporal Drucker, who has returned to Cardiff, stated in an interview bearing out his mother's story that his nerves were not yet right, but that he hoped to go back to the front to do his duty.

The war has created a boom in Birmingham, England, and caused a labor famine. Old trades are being revived. Birmingham sword-making, once an important affair, almost disappeared under the stress of cheap German competition. Many of the workers were disbanded, some of them went to the work-house, some to the grave, and one or two went mad, victims of industrial strain. Today the employers, with renewed demand, are seeking out the old hands wherever they are to be found and bringing them back again. "In past years," said a large manufacturer and well-known public worker, "I have had to sit on relief committees voting sums to help skilled workers, unable to obtain employment, to go to Canada. Today, if it were not that it did not seem a fair thing to do, we would advertise in the Canadian papers for our workers to come back. We need them all."

Wages have gone up, and have gone up much higher than the recognized rates seem to show. The wage of the laborer, for example, has risen from 23s. to 26s. a week. The rate of pay for certain classes of fitters was formerly raised a few days ago from 38s to 40s. But the employer who tried to obtain men at 40s. would today go away empty handed.

Not only is local employer bidding against employer for skilled men but other towns have come in. Newcastle and Greenock, Wolverhampton and Coventry are all holding out tempting offers to Birmingham mechanics. One need only look down the list of advertisements in the local papers. The offer of a bonus on output is common. Here is a firm of tinmiths offering £3-4 a week. A Wolverhampton house offers mechanics 1s. an hour and "quarter time and bonus paid to all first-class skilled workmen; night and day shifts; quarter time paid extra for night work; twelve months' work guaranteed to all good men." Still

another house takes a big space to advertise its demand for three hundred men.

Few cities have felt German competition more than here. Trade after trade, once considered by Birmingham its own, was taken from it. Take, for example, the manufacture of buttons. Forty years ago Birmingham made 80 per cent. of the buttons of the world. Before the war she made not more than 15 per cent., the remainder coming from Germany and Austria. Today Birmingham sees many industries lost in recent years coming back again.

The Premier's Tribute

Sir Richard McBride, Premier, desires that the following public statement of his be made as public as possible:

"There appears to be a persistent rumour which has gained considerable currency in the province, that my late secretary was associated with the stealing and manipulation of plans of home defence and that the discovery of his complicity therein was the cause of his death. Since returning from my recent visit east I learned that some such rumour had been published in a Seattle paper, but I paid no attention to it other than as a phase of newspaper sensationalism. It never occurred to me that in British Columbia, where Mr. Macrae was well known, any heed would be paid to it. It is a painful subject for me to discuss, but in justice to the memory of one who never betrayed a trust or was disloyal to his country in thought, word or deed, I must state most emphatically that the rumor is without the slightest possible foundation. The circulation of such stories, wilfully or otherwise, is a cruel reflection upon my late secretary and painful in the extreme to relatives and friends. Mr. Macrae had been suffering for many months with a nervous ailment and his untimely death cannot in the slightest degree be regarded as a reflection in any way upon his honour as a man or a citizen."

CITY COUNCIL

The new Council took the oath on Monday evening. The Council is as follows: Mayor Dr. J. D. MacLean, and Aldermen Wood, McKee, Kennedy, Gully, Rendell and Arthurs.

The usual committees for the year were appointed. A letter from the Inspector of Municipalities re investment of sinking fund was read and laid over until next meeting.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: R. W. Harrow, \$1,95; Provincial Gov't, \$24; Electric Light Co., \$5; H. C. Cummins, \$25.

The clerk was instructed to notify J. Williamson that unless his bonds are submitted to the Council at the next meeting, Feb. 1, that the motion of Dec. 14, accepting his tender for renting city farm and scavenging would be cancelled. Council adjourned until Feb. 1.

Announcement

I have vacated the Store Building I formerly occupied at Ferry and I am now located on the Curlew road about a quarter of a mile below the Riverview Creamery with a full and complete line of dry goods, boots and shoes and general merchandise. I beg to thank my patrons for their business in the past and hope to be favored with as liberal patronage in the future and can assure one and all of first class merchandise, prices reasonable, and a square deal.

ROBERT A. BROWN,
FERRY, WASHINGTON.

The annual meeting of St. Jude's Guild was held on Jan. 12th for the election of officers and arrangement of business for the ensuing year. The retiring President, Mrs. McArthur was unanimously re-elected and Mrs. Colin Cummins for secretary-treasurer in place of Mrs. T. Jenkin.

At a small informal evening gathering of members of St. Jude's Guild, held in the Rectory on Monday night, by the kindness of Rev. R. D. and Mrs. Porter, a presentation was made by the President, Mrs. McArthur, to Mrs. Taylor in recognition of her faithful and valuable services as organist in St. Jude's church. The presentation took the form of a silver cream jug and sugar bowl, which Mrs. Taylor acknowledged with thanks.

Western Float

Kribs is Mayor of Blairmore. Gold Fish are on sale in Penitence.

Clinton again has a movie and electric lights.

Creston is full of fresh eggs at 50 cents a dozen.

Pat Murray is at the Old Man's Home in Kamloops.

Many cougars have been killed near Creston this winter.

There are 25 men working for the Standard at Silverton.

Tom Montgomery has returned from the north to the Slocan.

In Cranbrook last year there were 70 deaths and 154 births.

Bob Canning is shipping ore from the Mercury mine at Sandon.

Last month there were 12 cases in the police court at Chilliwack.

There are 55,000 people in London, Ontario, and only 20 liquor licenses.

Mark Hill died in Vancouver last week. He was a pioneer of Armstrong.

The new buildings erected in Prince Rupert last year cost a little over \$600,000.

In Penitence last year the police attended to 420 complaints as against 963 in 1913.

Last year more than \$571,000 were expended on improvements to the Trail smelter.

When the Canadian Northern railway is finished it will have 803 miles of track in B.C.

By railroad it is 275 miles from Merritt to Midway. The aeroplane route is much shorter.

The hard times is pinching the newspapers, and many will suspend before next summer.

A Port Essington youth was sent one year to jail, for forging a cheque to the extent of \$12.

Otto Wilson hung himself in Vernon recently. Beside him was found an empty whiskey flask.

Anthony McWhirter, died at Enderby recently aged 65 years. He lived at New Denver years ago.

In the spring drilling for oil will begin at several points in B.C., from Graham Island to the Flathead valley.

Captain Estabrook after running C.P.R. boats for 23 years has been put on the pension list. He will continue to live at Penitence.

The army prison at Vernon contains 57 Germans and Austrians. Most of them were taken from the Boundary and Kootenay districts.

The Blairmore Enterprise says that some of the hockey players in the Crows Nest Pass are suffering from the foot and mouth disease.

A trapper behind Naramata recently killed three cougars on Camp Creek, receiving the government bounty of \$15 on each skin.

James Grier, of MacLeod, Alta., is the oldest Orangeman in Canada. He is 94 and his wife 88. The couple have been married over 65 years.

The oldest man in the Provincial Home at Kamloops is Peter Keeler. He is 94 years old, and, although blind, is as lively as some men half his age.

Ira Beam, of Erickson, has a rifle with which he has killed 603 deer, in the past 29 years, most of them in Montana. The gun is a .45.70 Marlin.

Jack Malone is again Mayor of Nelson. His election by acclamation this month proves that the Johnny-come-latties are not yet in control of Nelson.

Bachelor: A body of habits bounded on the north by suspicion, on the south by egotism, on the east by indigestion and on the west by a dotting mother.

The recent deaths in the Old Man's Home at Kamloops were Alfred Mitchell, formerly of Cranbrook aged 56 years, and Robert Young, formerly of Grand Forks, aged 54 years.

When the Kettle Valley railway goes into operation next summer, it will open up a great future for Greenwood and Princeton, provided the business men of those towns are alive to their opportunities.

It is estimated that there are 2,103,000,000 feet of timber tributary to the Kettle Valley railway. From the logging, sawing and sale of this timber about thirty millions of dollars will be left in the district.

Near Third Cabin, 76 miles north of Hazelton, E. Elphinstone, telegraph operator was found dead on the trail from exposure. He had thrown away his pack and snowshoes, and went to sleep in the deep snow a short distance from his cabin.

