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WM. R. HEARST: "I have seen the most beautiful lakes in Italy and Switzerland, and all those lovely spots, but I have never seen anything finer than the Kootenay lake and the Arrow lakes. We had a delightful time there. This was my first trip through there."

THE ECONOMIST.

APPLE MILLS has never seen anything finer than the fruit of Nelson district. He added: "I didn't see the cherries or raspberries or gooseberries, but if they compare with the apples, pears and plums, you have here a fruit country unsurpassed by anything in the Dominion."

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FANCY SKATING IS IN VOGUE

Difficult Feats Done by Women on the Ice.

WALTZING ON THE ICE

Instructors in Great Demand---Plain, Ordinary Skating Nowhere.

Two consecutive old fashioned winters have given skating a vogue in New York such as it had not known in years. There has also grown an increased liking for fancy skating.

Many of the enthusiasts are women. Most of these women skate at least two hours every day and several who are practising fancy skating take two lessons a day.

Up at the rink much patronized by Manhattanites who want elbow room to take a turn on the ice eleven instructors are now employed where last year there were only four; and every one of the eleven is kept busy, not so much with beginners as with men and women, young and middle aged, who are fired with a determination to do something really worth while on skates.

"Never before in New York has there been such a demand for lessons in fancy skating," said an instructor to a representative of the Sun. "Some of my most enthusiastic pupils are included in the coterie of fashionable women and men who have hired the exclusive use of this floor—this ice I mean—one morning every week.

"On that particular morning none but themselves and their invited friends can get in here. With few exceptions every one of these persons is trying to learn fancy skating and a few are tackling some of the most difficult stunts ever invented for the skate. With them plain, ordinary skating is nowhere this season.

"Many of my patrons have been to Canada—several took a trip there lately—and in consequence they got a good many valuable tips, some of which they are now trying to carry out. Occasionally one succeeds very well, but others are not so lucky.

"To become a fancy skater one needs a lot of pluck, perseverence, exceptional agility and grace of movement. For instance, take the Flying Mercury movement which is combined with a waltz and is skated to waltz time. Why, it takes months and months of constant practice and innumerable lessons—one every day—to catch on to it perfectly.

"Oh, yes, it is a double movement. Nearly all the popular steps are skated in twos.

"As we teach it here the Flying Mercury is done to waltz time, one full glide taken to the beat of three and the turn made on the first beat of a measure. When going at full speed and holding hands, the skater who is skimming along on the outer edge of his skate lifts the other about two feet from the ground, sometimes higher, without stopping—without either of them stopping or losing step.

"It isn't a question of size or weight. I have seen a slight young girl lift a good sized man and a small man lift a big woman.

"It can't be done at all unless the skaters are going at a certain speed and are equally proficient in skating on the four edges of their skates—the outer and inner edges of both right and left skate.

"Up to last year I never had seen more than one or two couples do that movement here. Now there are about twenty-five couples who are quite proficient in it.

"Other popular double figures are called Basket, Double Circle, Bishop and Choctaw, the last being a series of break-necks and cut-offs which are very popular with men. It is not so difficult, either, as the Flying Mercury.

"In the breakneck figure the skaters start in on the outer edge of one skate, either the right or left, then take a jump in the air, after that a half turn, and finish up on the outer edge of the other foot, skating backward.

"The Bishop figure really describes the figure 3, and part of the time only one skate is used. The start is on the outside of the skate and the finish is on the inside.

"Of the single movements the toe spins and the corkscrew spins show up a skater's grit and perseverance as much as any, and almost as many women try them as men. The corkscrew is very pretty when done gracefully; but unfortunately all my pupils are not graceful.

"It requires a nice balance, most of the movement being with one foot, meanwhile keeping the other extended in front of the skater raised a couple of inches from the ground.

"A popular single movement with the ladies is the waltz. Whenever the orchestra plays a waltz, the middle of the ice is always reserved for those who want to practice it, the other skaters keeping to the sides. Many of my pupils after they get some idea of the step prefer practising it alone, under my instruction of course, before trying it with a partner.

"As a rule when starting out men learn to skate more easily than women. They seem to have more courage. After they are really at home on skates, though, I don't know but I would rather teach women, for the reason that they are more ready to follow instructions and do the same movement patiently over and over again. No one who lacks plenty of both patience and perseverance need ever expect to make a record at fancy skating."

LARGE INCREASES.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. During 1904 Has Shown Remarkable Progress.

There appears in another column of this issue a report of the transactions of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. during 1904. This company is certainly to be congratulated on the remarkable progress it has made. Special congratulations are in order on the smallness of its death claims, the decrease in its expense ratios, and the increase in its surplus to policy-holders. This report is the tenth presented by the present management, and on that account the Manufacturers Life gives a comparison of the report of 1894 and that of 1904. It certainly speaks volumes for the enterprise and success of the management of the company when they are able to state an increase in assets during ten years of over five million dollars, and an increase in income of $1,360,000. Insurance in force, we notice, has also increased twenty-eight millions during that time. The increases during the year 1904 are themselves very large. We notice that the assets during this one year have increased almost a million dollar, while the increase for the year is $223,000 more than in the year previous. The company deserves great credit also for once more holding its enviable reputation in the matter of maintaining a high standard in accepting applicants for insurance. As the report says, the Manufacturers is a good company for good risks.

Harold Nelson comes to the Nelson Opero House on the evening of March 7 with "Paul Kauvar."

The operatic concert to be given next Tuesday evening by Milton C. Smith will be an interesting musical event.

EVENTS AND GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

Mr. Justice Duff held his first court in Nelson this week, and it is not saying too much that His Lordship made a highly favorable impression on those who were in attendance at the court. Mr. Justice Duff was a distinguished member of the British Columbia Bar, and he brought to the Bench a well trained legal mind. While strictly observing all the duties devolving upon his exalted office, he insists upon a thorough investigation of the circumstances bearing upon the case under consideration, and he further insists that the facts are made plain to the minds of the jury. He is patient with the barristers and witnesses, but at the same preserves the dignity of the court. Indeed, he fulfills Bacon's definition of a capable judge—his office is to interpret law, not to make law. In Mr. Justice Duff the Bench has made a decided gain. The public will have absolute faith in him, which in itself is a great advantage in the administration of justice.

William Cranston, manager of the Nelson Opera House, left on Thursday morning for Chicago, on a mission that will have more than ordinary interest to lovers of music in this Province. Manager Cranston has about reached the conclusion that it will be impossible under present arrangements to accomplish all that the British Columbia and Alberta Theatrical Circuit desires in the way of securing good attractions. He realizes that the class of shows travelling this way is not the kind of attractions suited to the tastes of our theatre-goers. A higher grade of entertainment is demanded, and this it is impossible to secure under existing conditions. It is the intention of Manager Cranston to solve this problem in his own way, and his visit to Chicago is the first step. He will if possible arrange with a first-class opera company to spend the summer season in British Columbia, filling in short engagements under the circuit's management, and also visiting the larger cities. From the tone of the correspondence he has had, with a company there, he feels that there will be little difficulty in accomplishing the object he has in view. It is a musical organization of high repute and has a repertoire covering a wide range of operas. It is not Mr. Cranston's intention to bring this company here at once, but he will take short jumps from Chicago west, reaching Nelson about the latter part of April. If arrangements can also be made with a high-class dramatic company to travel continuously around the circuit, Mr. Cranston will be independent to a certain extent of the tramp shows that have infested the interior of British Columbia for the past six months. It is earnestly hoped that he will be successful in his undertaking.

This time the axe has dropped on the neck of the chief of the fire department, notwithstanding the promise given by John Houston when he was a candidate for mayor. Of course, no one took Mr. Houston's promises seriously. The most inexplicable thing in connection with Chief Steele's decapitation is the fact that it was brought about by a Spokane "expert" paid for the purpose. This "expert" has hitherto been known as a baseball player, and it is not on record that "expert" Stopher was even a very clever ball player. His manner of testing the fire brigade was certainly not such as to lead to the belief that he knew anything about what he was paid to report upon. But his work was evidently satisfactory, and it is probable that anyone who would be willing to make an adverse report would have done just as well. The fire chief had to go, and any kind of a report from an "expert" was sufficient pretext to accomplish the object. "Expert" Stopher has returned to Spokane, and will probably get a place on some baseball team for the coming season. There is nothing to show that he is qualified for a position as fireman on any kind of a brigade. One thing, however, must be said, even if it is to the credit of the council, and that is, if the expressed idea of securing an outsider for chief is carried out, it will meet with the endorsation of the citizens generally, and it might ensure the permanency and efficiency of the brigade.

George A. Hunter, the well known insurance representative, has just returned from a visit to Toronto, where he attended the banqnet given on Feb. 2nd to the agents of the Manufacturers Life Assurance Company. After the banquet a meeting of the agents was held; and Mr. Hunter as the manager of Eastern British Columbia was called upon to give much information about the Province, and no doubt we will be the gainers by the knowledge he imparted as to our resources and development. Mr. Hunter is one of the most capable insurance agents in the Province, and an indefatigable worker in the interests of his company.

Ald. Annable is a busy man these days. A few weeks ago, he inserted a small advertisement in an eastern newspaper directing attention to the fact that he had vast tracts of desirable fruit land in the Kootenays for sale. Every mail since the advertisement appeared has brought him inquiries from intending immigrants as to the climate and conditions prevailing here, and as a result his time is pretty well occupied answering these letters. Mr. Annable is convinced that the coming season will witness the arrival here of many settlers who are anxious to escape the rigors of an eastern winter.

There will be many important questions discussed at the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade next week. It is quite within the sphere of the Associated Boards to discuss all matters pertaining to the industrial affairs of the Province, but the feeling seems to prevail in some quarters that the primary object of a Board of Trade is to take up only those questions affecting business. But every industrial matter has its effect on trade conditions, and it therefore properly comes within the sphere of a Board of Trade to deal with all questions which have any relation to business, be it freight rates or industrial development. Politics, however, should not enter into these debates, as is too often the case.

At a meeting of the Agricultural and Industrial Society held Wednesday, it was decided to hold the Fair three days this year—Sept. 20, 21 and 22. It is the intention of the directors to make the event even more attractive than formerly.

At a meeting of St. Patrick's Society held last evening it was decided to celebrate the anniversary of Ireland's National Saint with a smoking concert, and a committee was appointed to make all the preparations. This will be no ordinary everyday smoker, but an entertainment with all the advantages of a smoking concert, combined with a musical entertainment and refreshments. An orchestra will be engaged for the evening, and only Irish airs will be played.

Hon. J. H. Turner is rendering valuable services to the Province of British Columbia in his capacity as Agent-General, at London. He has been giving lectures at various places, illustrating these lectures with views of the Province. The London Morning Post of a recent date gives an account of one of these lectures delivered recently under the auspices of the League of the Empire. The chair was taken by Sir John Cockburn. After tracing the early history of the Province and its rapid progress, due, to a considerable extent, to the transcontinental railway, the Canadian Pacific, Mr. Turner stated that the new Grand Trunk Pacific would open up the Province to the North, where the land was supposed to be even better than in the South. The climate of the country, its mineral, forest and Agricultural wealth, its attractions for sportsmen were all dealt with, while the descriptions of the scenery by Mr. E. F. Knight, the special correspondent of the Morning Post, were read. In conclusion the lecturer touched on the trade of the Province, remarking that the tarriff had undoubtedly helped it. A long series of lantern views followed the lecture, and the proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks.

The collision on the tramline last evening was certainly serious enough to demand a most searching investigation as to the cause. It is fortunate that no lives were lost; indeed it was only a miracle that there were no fatalities. Opinions differ as to where the responsibility should rest, but that it could have been prevented all are agreed. That there was criminal negligence on the part of some one, can scarcely be denied, and it is the duty of the authorities to hold such an inquiry as will determine the cause. Passengers on a street car are entitled to protection, and now is the time for those in authority to show that they are not going to shirk their duties in guaranteeing reasonable safeguards to to the patrons of the tramway. THE ECONOMIST is not pointing out to any one in particular as being wholly responsible, but it asks on behalf of the public a searching inquiry into the collision, so that greater care may be taken in future against a repetition of the disaster of Friday evening.

It is a regrettable circumstance that after what has been written in these columns on the subject, the game of "live pool" still flourishes in certain haunts in this city. It is even asserted that the Sabbath breakers take great pleasure in playing the game on the Lord's Day. This persistent desecration of the Sabbath should not be permitted. All who read the columns of the Tribune must be convinced by this time that Sabbath-breaking is a great sin, and if the offenders could only be induced to listen to one of Mr. Blakemore's sermons on "Sabbath Observance," it is reasonably probable that they would be convinced of the error of their ways, and in future abstain from playing the game on Sunday. This paper has no personal object in making this fight; it does not hope to win Mr. Blakemore's favor; that gentleman is not a subscriber to the paper; indeed there are the strongest reasons for believing that he does not know that there is such a publication as THE ECONOMIST in existence. But these things do not lessen our obligation to endorse the position he has taken on the burning question of "Sabbath Observance."

The Choral Society is making gratifying progress in the practices now being held. It may be inferred from what has already been done, that this organization will not fall far behind the Operatic Society in the appreciation of the public.

From all points along the eastern seaboard of this continent come indications that in general severity, the winter of 1904-5 will be a record-breaker.

The correspondents at the Coast of the Opposition papers are still predicting dire disaster to the McBride Government. In the meantime, the Government does not seem to be worrying as much about the situation as the correspondents would lead the public to believe.

A Coast letter conveys the lamentable intelligence that "it is learned on good authority that keen mortification and disappointment were expressed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the marked absence of Mayor John Houston, M. P. P., of Nelson, from the banquet given at Carey Castle to the Provincial legislators on Thursday night."

From all accounts the Rossland carnival is a gratifying success. Many Nelson people have been present throughout the carnival, and a special train left this afternoon with a large number to witness the Nelson-Fernie hockey match to-night.

Everything points to unusual activity in the mining industry the coming summer. Late information from the Boundary indicates a particularly good season fot that district.

The Watson company will begin a week's engagement at Victoria next night.

The Manufacturers Life

Insurance Company.

Eighteenth Annual Report

The Manufacturers Life held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 2nd, 1905. A detailed statement of the Report made will be mailed to all Policy-holders, or can be had on application at the Head Office.

The year ending December 31st, 1904, was very successful in every particular. Some of the most notable and satisfactory features were the continued decrease in the ratio of expense, when compared with either premium income or total income, the large increase in surplus, and the extremely favorable mortality experienced.

The following table shows the growth during 1904:

YEAR	TOTAL INCOME.	ASSETS.	RESERVES.	SURPLUS ON POLICYHOLDERS ACCOUNT.	INSURANCE IN FORCE.
1903	$1,435,288.58	$5,136,668.52	$4,461,800.00	$621,265.47	$34,392,303
1904	1,659,107.70	6,112,344.57	5,255,077.00	771,869.12	37,668,468
Increase	$ 223,819.12	$ 975,676.05	$ 793,277.00	$150,603.65	$ 3,276,165

This being the tenth report presented under the present Management, the following figures are interesting as showing the remarkable progress made by the company during that period.

	1894.	1904.	INCREASE.
Net Premium Income	$ 267,410.74	$ 1,421,347.82	$ 1,153,937.08
Total Income	296,468.31	1,659,107.70	1,362,639.39
Payment to Policyholders	50,069.46	339,691.26	289,621.80
Assets	821,320.88	6,112,344.57	5,291,023.69
Policy Reserves	628,429.00	5,255,077.00	4,626,648.00
Net Surplus	50,309.82	471,689.12	421,559.30
New Assurances	2,710,755.00	7,107,148.00	4,396,393.00
Assurances in Force	9,555,300.00	37,668,468.00	28,113,168.00

In calculating the expected Death Losses for the year, the healthy males Mortality Table of the Institute of Actuaries was taken as the standard for the whole business of the Company; but allowance was made for the light mortality which is expected in the first few years following the medical selection of the lives. Even on this stringent basis the Total Actual Losses were only 61.5 per cent. of the expected.

This is in accordance with the experience of previous years and bears out the reputation which the Company has for maintaining a high standard in accepting applicants for insurance.

The Manufacturers is a good Company for good risks.

The following directors were elected:—Hon. G. W. Ross, President; Lt.-Col. H. M. Pellatt, and Lloyd Harris, Vice-Presidents; J. F. Junkin, Managing Director; Robert Junkin, Assistant Manager; Robert Archer, A. P. Barnhill, S. G. Beatty, C. C. Dalton, D. B. Hanna, Hon. V. W. LaRue, E. J. Lennox, Wm. Mackenzie, D. D. Mann, Lt.-Col. Jas. Mason, R. J. McLaughlin, K. C., R. B. McLennan, James Mills, LL.D., Hon. J. Ald. Ouimet, R. L. Patterson, Hon. J. D. Rolland, William Strachan, A. J. Wilkes, K. C.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The criticism of the Government's policy by Leader Macdonald was weak in the extreme, and it is little wonder that it was punctuated with laughter, instead of applause. The report in the Daily News, though intended to be favorable to the Liberal leader, may have the opposite result. There never was a weaker opposition to any Government than the one led by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland, and there was never a more puerile criticism of a Government policy than that of Mr. Macdonald, leader of the Opposition.

The general expression of opinion is that the present would be a a very inopportune time to introduce legislation such as outlined in Mr. Hawthornthwaite's bill. The smelters have not made much money so far, and the reduction in the hours of labor would probably have the effect of closing many of them down for good, which would would be a great calamity. The mining industry has now recovered from the freak legislation of former Governments, and it would be well in future to let capital and labor adjust their own differences.

The fact that the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, closed with a surplus, instead of the customary deficit, has caused some disappointment among the papers opposed to the McBride Government. In accomplishing this desirable financial state of affairs, the Government appears to have given offense to the Opposition press, yet it is just exactly what Mr. McBride promised he would do, when soliciting the confidence of the British Columbia electorate. Of course the Opposition would have desired a deficit, inasmuch as it would give them the opportunity they longed for to pick holes in the Government's policy. Reform in anything, especially in finance, is the very thing the Opposition does not want at the present time.

The Daily News and the Tribune are now engaged in printing campaign literature. Of course, no fault can be found with either paper on this score. They are opposed to the Government, and hope for its defeat, and are printing columns of stuff with the object of throwing discredit on the Government. But there is serious fault to be found at the reckless manner in which both papers are circulating unfounded rumors as to troubles within the ranks of the Government supporters. There are no dissensions in the Government ranks, and the attempt to create the impression that the Government stands daily in fear of being wrecked by its own supporters is without foundation. Readers of the News and Tribune will not be misled by these rumors.

Some days ago, the member of the Local Legislature of British Columbia for Nelson wired the Tribune that the name of John Houston appeared on three commiteees of the Assembly for this session thereof. The inference conveyed, and doubtless intended to be conveyed, was that this showed the great importance, indeed an unusual degree of importance, attached to the personality and the value of the services which would be rendered by the said member for Nelson. Nothing, however, was said regarding the member for Ymir, Harry Wright, whose name appears on three of the most important committees of the Legislature for this session—those of public accounts, railways and mining, on which, as otherwise, he will be able to render valuable service to his constituents and to the Province generally.

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Nelson, B. C., January 7th, 1905.

ALEX. ALLAN.

Notice.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, for the purchase of the following lands. Commencing at the South-East corner of lot 6300, Group (1) one, West Kootenay, at a post marked J. E. A. South-West corner and running North along East line of lot 6300 40 chains, thence East 60 chains, thence South 40 chains, thence West along Columbia & Kootenay Railway to place of commencement and containing 200 acres more or less.

Nelson, Dec. 5th, 1904.

J. E. ANNABLE.

NOTICE.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a Certificate of Title to Lots 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 15, Lots 3 and 4, Block 23 and Lot 12, Block 50, Nelson City, (Map 266).

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned Lots in the name of Henry Jacoby, which Certificate is dated the 26th day of April, 1892, and numbered 13873 A.

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 26th day of May, A. D 1904.

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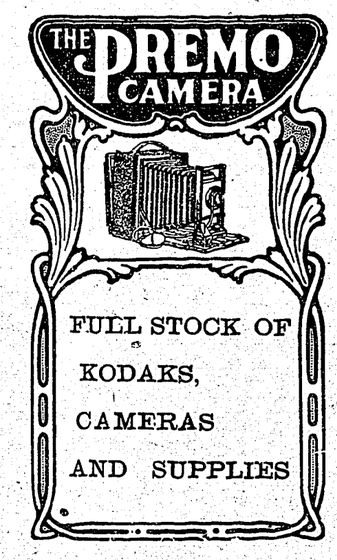

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Dated February 14th, 1905.

WILLIAM E. KOCH.

NOTICE.

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 480 acres of land situate in West Kootenay District, about 4½ miles West of Slocan River, on Robertson Creek:—Commencing at a post planted 40 chains North of William E. Koch's N. W. Corner Post, marked "M. E. K. N. E. Corner Post," thence West 80 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence East 40 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence East 40 chains; thence North 80 chains to the point of commencement.

Dated February 11th, 1905.

M. E. KOCH.

NOTICE.

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 situate in West Kootenay District, about 4½ miles West of Slocan River, on Robertson Creek:—Commencing at a post planted at the centre of William E. Koch's East Boundary line marked "A. M. J.'s N.-W. Corner Post," thence South 40 chains; thence East 80 chains; thence North 40 chains; thence West 80 chains to the point of commencement.

Dated February 14th, 1905.

A. M. JOHNSON.

Notice To Delinquent Co-Owner.

To Archie M. Johnson, or (any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the "Ophir" mineral claim, situate on the west side of Bird creek, about one and a half miles up from the old Government trail in the Nelson Mining Division, West Kootenay:

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents in labour and improvements on the above mentioned claim in order to hold said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, the said labour being done for the year ending April 12, 1901, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure together with all costs of advertising your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4, of an Act entitled "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

Dated this 17th day of February, 1905.

J. B. BAXTER.

The curlers and skaters are taking advantage of the present cold snap to participate in their favorite pastimes. Both rinks are crowded every afternoon and the skaters are also enjoying the beautiful sheet of ice along the river.

There has been a marked improvement in the Grand Forks News since Martin Burrill took hold of the editorial end of that paper. Mr. Burrill as one of the ablest speakers in British Columbia and the News' editorial columns would seem to indicate he is equally as forcible as a writer.

Through an oversight there was no reference made in these columns of the special edition recently issued by the Phoenix Pioneer. It was a creditable production and should have beneficial results as regards the mining industry. The Pioneer has done much for the mines in the Boundary in the past, and it is to be hoped that its work is fully appreciated.

The New Westminster Columbian has the following item respecting a change amongst officials at the Provincial Insane Asylum: "Dr. Doherty, the newly appointed superintendent of the Provincial Hospital for the Insane in this city, arrived yesterday from Everett. This morning Dr. Doherty went down to Victoria. He expects to return in a few days, when he will take over the management of the institution of which he has been appointed head."

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Ready-to-Wear Hats, from 50c to $1.50. Bonnets, 25c to 75c.

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The lands described in this list are for sale, and in many cases on liberal terms. I might just say that this district has never been advertised as a fruit-growing and farming country, but during the last few years many who came here to engage in mining and lumbering have thrown aside everything and settled on the banks of the lakes and rivers, and are growing fruit. The climate is excellent, the lakes and streams never freeze in winter and the summer is lovely. All kinds of fruit grow in abundance—apples, pears, cherries, plums, peaches, grapes and small fruits. We are close to good markets, and 10 acres in fruit culture here will yield $2,500 per year. We are on the direct line to the North-West Territories, being much nearer than any other fruit district, and will always have that market.

We have in Nelson an Agricultural Society, a Farmers' Institute and a Fruit Growers' Association, and you will find on the opposite page a view of the fruit table at the Nelson Fair of 1904. These are all individual plates from the different fruit-growers around Nelson, and were pronounced by the judges to be the best exhibit in the Province of British Columbia for last year. Any other information in reference to these lands will be cheerfully given.

IMPROVED FARMS.

115 acres on Kootenay River, 1 mile from station, which is 12 miles west of Nelson; 40 acres plowed, 30 acres more partly cleared, 300 apple trees, 20 acres in hay land. House and out-buildings of all kinds. Fine land and all perfectly level. Sandy loam with clay subsoil. Price, $7,000 Cash.

50 acres adjoining the above place, lying between the railway and the river. Good fences, 15 acres under cultivation, set out in fruit trees of good varieties, 20 acres more can be plowed first season. No better place in the Kootenay. Price, $100 per acre.

20 acres, 5 of which are cleared and ready to plow, 5 acres more all cleared except the stumps, in good locality on the river. Price $50 per acre.

15 acres adjoining the above. This land is worth double the price asked, $35 per acre.

180 acres, 13 miles east of Nelson, on Kootenay Lake. Railway runs through the property, also boat landing for the lake steamer; 9 acres cleared, 50 more almost cleared; good sized creek running through the property, 2-story frame house 20 x 24, 10 x 20; 60 acres can be set out in fruit trees first season; excellent location. Price $4,200, or will sell in 40 acre lots at $25 per acre.

51 acres on Slocan River, lying between the railway and the river. Level land, good soil. Price $550.

300 acres extra quality, fronting on Slocan River. C. P. R. runs through the property, good house and out-buildings, 10 acres under cultivation, 60 acres nearly cleared, good springs and plenty of water. Price, $3,750.

143 acres (known as Roberts' ranch), situated on the lake shore 3 miles east of Nelson. Good drive along the lake shore, 35 acres under cultivation, 5 acres of strawberries, 10,000 raspberry bushes, 200 gooseberry bushes, 150 currant bushes, 30 grape vines, 500 apple trees, 200 peach trees, 100 pear trees, 120 cherry trees, 150 plum trees, 30 rose bushes, and lilacs in front yard. Large frame house with hot and cold water in rooms, bath room, and barn 24 x 20, wagon and woodshed, 38 x 40, chicken house, pig pens, ice house; running stream through the place. Will produce $2,500 this year. Price, $8,500. Half cash, balance on time.

14½ acre block fronting on Kootenay Lake, two miles from Nelson. All good land, never failing spring, creek running through the property. No improvements done on the place, and can be purchased for $750. This is only half a mile from the celebrated wine ranch. The product of two trees on the wine ranch netted the owner $40 last summer.

30 acres near Slocan Junction, fronting on Slocan River and Canadian Pacific Railway. Level land, easily cleared. Price, $25 per acre.

25 acres excellent land fronting on the railway at Thrums siding. Good bearing orchards both sides. Price, $35 per acre.

30 acres near Nelson; 7 acres under cultivation in large and small fruits, balance easily cleared; 5-roomed cottage, woodshed and hen house. Will produce $1,000 at present time. Product of two cherry trees sold for $40 in 1904. Running water through the place all the year round, 40 feet lake frontage; 10 minutes from street car terminus. Price, $4000.

12-roomed house and verandah, chicken house and woodshed, running water, 7 acres fronting on lake opposite Nelson, soil excellent, creek running down through property. Price, $2,500.

147 acres, 5 miles from Nelson, ¼ of a mile from railway; 3 acres cleared, 2 acres in fruit trees, good water running through the place the year round; 30 acres can be cleared and plowed at a cost of $15 per acre. Price, $900. This is a snap.

40 acres, 6 miles east of Nelson along Kootenay Lake; 3 acres cleared, good log house, level, and plenty of water; considered one of the best 40-acre lots in the neighborhood, schoolhouse half mile distant, desirable neighbors. Price, $1500. Terms to suit. This is a good buy, and the adjoining 40 acres are also for sale at $1000. This land will sell at $100 per acre within two years.

LANDS ON EAST SIDE OF KOOTENAY LAKE.

The following lands are located at or near the town of Creston, B. C., which is situated on the east side of Kootenay Lake, and along the C. P. R.:

Lot 4. 27 acres, 17 acres cleared, 5 acres of which is leased to a sawmill for $50 per annum, 10 acres set out with good nursery stock, consisting of apples, plums, pears, cherries, prunes and peaches, 700 trees in all; well fenced, only 200 feet from railway station and joining the townsite of Creston. Price, $100 per acre.

Lot 8. 40 acres, nice and level, lying along railway, clay loam, 2 acres partly cleared. Price, $20 per acre.

Lot 9. 25 acres close to C. P. R., ½ mile from town, covered with small timber. Price, $20 per acre.

Lot 13. 14 acres along railway track. Black loam and clay bottom, gently sloping to the south. Will sell for $200.

Lot 114. 31 acres on railway, rolling bench and level land. Price, $250.

Lot 25. 40 acres level land, clay loam covered with small timber. An excellent place; 1 mile from depot. Price, $700.

Lot 19 and 32. 71 acres bench land, clay loam, nice soil to work; good spring. Price, $400.

Lot 22. 40 acres, rolling ground, two streams of good water and some swamp land on this place. Will sell at a bargain Price $10 per acre.

Lot 2. 40 acres level land, clay loam covered with small timber, ½ mile from Creston station, water on the rear of the place. This is an excellent place for a good fruit farm, close to schools, post-office, stores, etc. Price only $700. Will be worth double that amount in one year, if some improvements are done on it.

160 acres. N. W. ¼ section 8, block 812. This quarter section is covered with timber, has running water all the year round, good clay soil, level, and is free from stones, two miles from Kootenay Lake and six miles from Creston, three miles from Port Hill, a town on the American side. Good neighbors, and a farm on the next section has grown two crops of timothy each year. This and the adjoining quarter section, containing 320 acres in all, can be purchased at $8.50 per acre.

S. W. ¼ section 9, 160 acres. Price, $8.50 per acre.

S. E. ¼ section 9. 160 acres. Price, $8.50 per acre. This is heavily timbered land, but good soil, heavy clay loam and free from stones.

S. E. ¼ section 17. 160 acres is covered with heavy timber, two acres partly cleared good land and well watered. Price, $8.50 per acre.

Lot 662. 240 acres, 30 acres under cultivation, 60 acres cleared, good house and outbuilding, 3 miles from the village of Port Hill, 7 miles from Creston. Price, $5,000.

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

The following letter was written by Mr. James Johnstone, to the District Land Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Nelson, B. C.:

"NELSON, Jan. 15th, 1904.

"Dear Sir,—With reference to your request that I should state my experience and give my opinion of the advantages of fruit-growing in the Kootenay Lake district, I may say that I consider the conditions here the most perfect for fruit culture on the continent.

"I have been interested in fruit-growing in various parts of Canada and the United States during the past twenty years, and until coming to Nelson in 1901. I had found the climate of the Allegheny mountains of West Virginia, the most suitable for the production of small fruits. The shores of Lake Erie and Ontario and the valley of the St. Lawrence from Lake Ontario to Montreal, I considered the best for the production of apples, and the shore of Lake Ontario from Niagara to Toronto I believed to be the finest peach section in America.

"Fruit-growing in the Kootenays is in its infancy, as mining was the first attraction. Within the past two years, however, we have shown that we can produce as fine apples here as in any part of Ontario or in the Northern States. Peaches are also grown here to perfection, and I feel quite confident in asserting that the quality of the small fruit produced, such as raspberries, currants, gooseberries, strawberries and black currants, are superior to any produced elsewhere on this continent; in fact, the Southern States, such as Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia, will not compare with this section in the production of these fruits. The quality and size here is far superior and the yield per acre is at least double that of anything I ever saw or succeeded in producing during a ten years' residence in these States. One average gooseberry bush in my Nelson garden bears finer fruit and as much of it as six of my best bushes did in West Virginia, and my West Virginia garden excelled in the production of gooseberries for that country. I find that I can grow such vegetables as sweet corn and tomatoes just as well as I could in Virginia. We can grow potatoes to perfection, and the 'Champion of England' and 'Ne plus Ultra' peas reach a height of eight feet in my garden. I have not found irrigation necessary, and this adds much to the superior quality of all our fruit.

"From a commercial standpoint, the Kootenay Lake fruit-grower has a great natural advantage. The prosperous mining towns in his midst give him a good local market, and this is the nearest fruit disirict to the Northwest territories and Manitoba, where the finest grain is produced, but where fruit cannot be grown to advantage. The transportation companies are willing to assist the fruit-growers' association at all times to place the fruit in the consumers' hands in the best possible condition. The fruit-grower will find here an ideal home. The climate, as you know, is perfect, the soil very rich and productive, and the market the best. He will be surrounded by beautiful scenery, and the shooting and fishing is the best to be found anywhere. I have no land to sell or other axe to grind, but simply state facts as I have found them. During my professional career as a railway construction engineer, and mine manager, I have had occasion to live in many sections of this continent, and have traveled many times from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Florida to the Far North. Whether I have been in Europe or America I have always had my garden, and fruit-growing has been my hobby, but nowhere in my experience have I had such splendid results as in my garden and orchard in Nelson. After leaving my Scotch University, and before I had seen British Columbia, I visited Great Britain twelve times, and was always sorry to leave her shores, and thought my native land the best place to live in when surrounded by wealth and connection. I still enjoy a pleasant visit there, but British Columbia will in the future be my home in poverty or wealth. Yours very truly,

JAS. JOHNSTONE,
President Nelson Agricultural and Industrial Ass'n.

The following letter, written by the President of the Kootenay Fruit-Growers' Association, speaks for itself:

"NELSON, January 16, 1905.

"Hon. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for British Columbia, London—Dear Sir: The undersigned have been appointed by the Nelson Board of Trade to bring to your notice the great opportunities which the Kootenays afford for fruit growing. Until within the past two years the Nelson district was considered a mining section only. An Agricultural Association was formed, however, and at our exhibition of fruit last September the local fruits, such as apples and pears, proved superior to the exhibit sent from the well known Okanagan district. Eighteen months ago Mr. Honsberger, one of the most energetic and well informed fruit ranchers in the Okanagan came here and, after inspecting local orchards, he stated that he believed the Nelson district would produce the finest quality of fruit in British Columbia. As a proof of his opinion he purchased several hundred acres of land which he has improved and planted in fruit trees. This gentleman brought a large exhibit from his Okanagan orchard to the Nelson fair and stated that he was really ashamed to place his fruit beside the local fruit.

"The British Columbia Fruit Grower's Association held its annual meeting at Nelson last year and the officers impressed upon us the great value of having a man coming among us like Mr. Honsberger, whom they considered one of the best fruit men in British Columbia.

"Professor Mills, of Guelph Agricultural College, was delighted with what he saw here last fall and stated that nowhere had he ever seen finer fruit. He believed that we produced fruit of a quality unexcelled even in the famous Niagara district of Ontario. We send under separate cover a photograph of the fruit tables of Nelson Fair, 1904, and we trust that you will in future recommend our district as a field for the British fruit growers. The district has great natural advantages, water is abundant for irrigation, our beautiful lake being fed by innumerable streams.

"After the young trees have been planted two years no irrigation is needed and this insures a superior fruit in both flavor and shipping quality.

"We are the nearest fruit-growing section to the great Northwest Territories and Manitoba where, owing to climatic conditions, fruit cannot be grown and where a large, growing market with the highest prices, will always be ours, Nelson strawberries bringing the highest price in Winnipeg.

"As to the production of small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, currants and gooseberries, it is evident that, in abundance of production our climate excels all others. All fruit-growers who have had experience in Ontario, New York, Virginia or the Southern States and also in Europe, assert that the production per plant or bush here is far in excess of any country in their experience. As an illustration of the rapid growth of this industry practically all the fruit consumed in Nelson three years ago came from the State of Washington. Last year the local growers shipped out strawberries alone to the amount of about $8000 and marketed a magnificent crop of apples, pears, cherries, plums and other fruits. Several varieties of fruits, such as the Royal Ann cherry, which do not succeed elsewhere except under specially favorable conditions of soil and climate are grown here to perfection. Tomatoes, corn and grapes are produced here equal to any in the Southern States and, as you know, the climate here is most perfect to live in at all seasons of the year. A large amount of available land can be found all along the lake shore and intending settlers can purchase partly improved land at prices varying from $15 upwards per acre, or unimproved land at much lower prices. The lake shore fruit-grower has a great advantage, the daily steamers taking his fruit direct from the orchard to the market, without having to be carried over rough and dusty roads.

"Trusting that this information may lead to your inducing desirable parties to come to our section."