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Prorogation Of Parliament

Much Legislation Put Through In The Last Session Ending March 3rd

Victoria, March 3rd.--The first session of the thirtenth parliament of British Columbia which has just closed with an entire absence of picturesque ceremony. while it was expected to be marked by no specially important legislative features proved on the contrary to be the busiest in the past decade as witnessed by the exceptional number of enactments and the great importance of more than a dozen of these. It was notable, too, that the private members co-operated with the government to an extraordinary degree in the suggestion and initiation through the caucus of public legislation, for some of which at least the government instead of the actual authors will always recieve the credit, The session extended a little over six weeks and in this short period there were crystallized into statute law, approximately one hundred measures, a considerable number of which possess more than common importance and are regarded as certain to materially stimulate provincial expansion and prosperity. As outstanding features of this legislation there may be mentioned the bill which embodies the revised "free lands for settlers" policy of the provincial government, the bill for the creation of mount Robson Park and its companion measure for the extension of the areas of Strathcona Park, the important amendments to the liquor license, motor traffic and game protection acts, the measure reducing taxation and abrogating the poll tax, the enactment for assurance of a clean and healthful milk supply, the new water act of the Province, the legislation governing consorship of moving pictures, the enactment under which parliament hereafter obtains anadditional year in its term of life, while the sessional indemnity of members is also increased, the creative acts in reference to the Auditor-general's department of the Provincial Museum, the furthur extonsions of provincial aid toward colonization railway construction, the measures for the regulation of crematoria and the registration of vital statistics, together with various other minor bills the necessity for and advantage of which will be recognized by opponents as well as supporters of the party in control.

Seventy-seven new statutes received the royal assent at prorogation, making the total number of the Provincial Acts of this session and year ninety-eight, twenty-one having been assented by His Honor on the 21st ultimo. Five measures remained upon the order paper at the session's close and therefore fall to the ground, these including the ministerial bill respecting public irrigation co-operation (lost at the committees stage by the prorogation of the house). Mr Fraser's bill for the amendment of the Yale-Cariboo Road Regulation Act, Mr. Place's measure respecting the payment of wages and Mr. W. J. Manson's bill regarding street lighting in the rural districts. The bill respecting municipalities is also literally among the measures lost by the House's closing, but this was quite in accord with ministerial policy, which in this particular case is to have the measure thoroughly considered by the people during the parliamentary recess so that valuable suggestions from any quarters may be incorporated upon the enactment of the measure during the session of 1914.

In dismissing the members from further attendance until Parliament be again convened for the despatch of business. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor said:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It affords me pleasure, in relieving you from your legislative duties, to give expression to my appreciation of the zeal and care you have displayed in dealing with the various matters that have engaged your attention during the present Session.

Among the other important measures with which you have dealt, the amendment to the act relating to taxation is intended as a step towards eventually securing the revenue necessary for carrying on the Government of the Province from the natural resources with which it has been so liberally endowed.

I trust that the further provision with respect to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway will inure to the general benefit of the country.

The measures for reserving land in the Mount Robson district and for the continuance of development works in the Strathcona Park will, I believe, prove in the best interests of the Province.

By the amendment to the "Land Act" it is to be hoped that the settlement of the public lands will be facilitated.

The liberal appropriations for public works, made necessary by the development of the province, are calculated to meet the demands due to the rapid growth of the population.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the necessary expenditures in assisting the general needs of the province.

I thank you from your duties, I sincerely trust that the efforts you have put forth during the Session now closed will result in the further prosperity and progress of all parts of British Columbia.

Nicola Notes

The community was shocked by the news of the death of Ned Orouke in Alberta. He was formerly a resident of Quilchena.

The death of Mrs. Mickle's sister occured in Ontario on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are newcomers to Nicola. Mr. Rogers takes Mr. Thompson's place as fireman on the Nicola Branch.

Inspector D. G. Sutherland has been here, looking over the new school building.

The carliness of the season is evidenced by the fact that pansies are blooming in the gardens, Mrs. Miekle having a fine show.

Fire Destroys Barn and Cows

Barn Behind Merritt Hotel Burned to the Ground in Destructive Fire

Shortly after four o'clock on Wednesday morning a fire broke out in the barn behind the Merritt Hotel. The alarm was turned in by the night watchman and the brigade and numerous others were on the spot. The fire however had such a hold when the alarm was given, that by the time the brigade were half way there the flames were breaking through the roof. Seven hundred feet of hose were quickly run out, when it was discovered that no water had been pumped up to the tank on the hill.

The barn itself was long past saving but every effort was made to save the Hotel and surrounding buildings, which proved successful. Two cows and some roosters perished in the flames, and a large quantity of hay and feed was also destroyed. The barn was, we are informed, insured but not the contents.

Heavy Pressure In Fire Hydrants

Sufficient Pressure to Reach to Top of any Building.

Last Sunday morning the Fire Brigade tested their new hose pipe and at the same time the hydrants. The test proved most successful. With fifty feet of piping it was possible to send a stream of water, capable of checking any fire, to the back of a City lot. The pressure from the hydrants is sufficient to reach to the top of the highest building in the City.

$50 And Costs Or Six Months

Teamster Sentenced for Being Drunk and Disorderly and Using Profanity.

Magistrate Morgan yesterday handed down $50 and costs or six months at Kamloops to Pat Pierot, a teamster, for being drunk and disorderly, using profane language and assaulting P. C. Willgoose on Voght street Wednesday night. Pierot pleaded guilty to the charge.

Chief Eggleshaw stated that he wished the depositions taken down as the accused has been up before the court as recently as last Friday.

P. C. Willgoose, having been duly sworn, stated that he was on duty as night policeman on the night of the 5th and first saw the accused at about 9.30 on Quelchena ave. He was fairly drunk but quiet, and as he was disturbing no one, was allowed to go home. Hearing a noise on Voght street a little later, he went along and found the accused lying on the pavement, near the Sunshine theatre. He was quite satisfied that the accused was making the noise, so arrested him. He could not get the man up, so called the night watchman to give him assistance. They carried him between them to the corner by the butcher shop when the accused started to walk. When opposite Simpson & Cranna's the prisoner struck at the constable and he again had to call the night watchman for help. The prisoner was very ugly all the way to the station.

Tom Slater, the night watchman, corroborated the evidence given by the previous witness.

Magistrate Morgan in a short address sentenced the accused as stated above.

Five Million Gallons a Day

One Pump Running Continuously Will Supply the Above Amount of Water

Now that the electric light plant has been running satisfactorily for some time a description of the machinery at the power house may prove interesting.

The plant consists of two 150 h. p. return tubular boilers in one battery with the necessary feed pumps. One 125 kilo watt, Canadian General Electric Co.'s alternator coupled direct to a Goldie & McCulloch high speed vertical compound engine. The alternator has a direct coupled exciter. One 400 gallons per minute, single stage, centrifugal pump, driven direct by a Terry steam turbine, supplied by the Canadian General Electric Co. One 400 gallons per minute, two stage, centrifugal pump driven direct by a Canadian General Electric Company's wound rotor induction motor.

The switch board consists of a combined generator and exciter panel and three feeder panels, one of which is used to control the power and house lighting. The others are for future lines, but in the meantime are used to control the series of street lights and the motor pumps. The future panels were inserted, together with the conduits and other fixtures, so that the switchboard would be intact and not require expensive alterations, and to allow for future additions with the minimum expense.

The lighting set, running at 450 revolutions per miniute, generates 2,300 volts and distributes in the city at that pressure. The unit is capable of 25 per cent. overload, or a total load of over 150 kilo watts for two hours. This is sufficient to simultaneously light over 3,500 ordinary house lights.

The steam driven pump runs at 2,200 revolutions per minute and pumps against the head of over 250 feet to the resovoir on the hill, thus giving over one hundred pounds pressure anywhere in the city.

The motor driven pump is of special construction and adapted for other uses. It operates in parallel with foregoing unit, and runs at 1,720 revolutions. These pumps are placed directly over the suction well, which is connected with the main well, some thirty feet away. Ample water percolates through the gravelly soil from the river one hundred yards away. This will ensure ample water, thoroughly filtered.

The switchboard is of Vermont marble, complete as far as meters, instruments and fixtures are concerned. The board and all the work connected with the installation reflects great credit on the Canadian General Electric Co., through Engineer Darnbrough under whose directions the electrical work was done. Mr. Darnbrough also erected the engine and pumps for the company.

The building is of re-inforced concrete construction and was built by Fowler and Larson, local contractors. The building has a massive appearance, and the sixty foot steel stack completes the picture. Being close to the Kettle Valley line of the C. P. R. the station is well situated for coaling purposes.

The waterworks consist of a network of 8 inch, 6 inch and 4 inch steel hub and spigot pipe, with the necessary valves to enable any portion to be isolated in the event of leaks. Seventeen modern fire hydrants are distributed through the city and afford ample protection from fire. A modern type of wooden stave tank with a capacity of 50,000 gallons is located on the hill north of the town and affords an adequate reservoir in case of fire, or to allow the pumps to be worked at full capacity and efficiently for a few hours and then rest for the remainder of the day.

The lighting system consists of one 2,200 volt three phase lighting and power line, and from this are tapped the 110 volt lines through Canadian General Electric Co.'s pole type transformers, and distributed for domestic lighting. A single phase 2,200 volt line, with 40 series tungsten 200 watt suspended lamps, is used for street lighting.

The Canada Foundry Company supplied the boilers, stack, and feed pumps; the C. C. Moore Co. the feed water heater, and all the remainder of the apparatus was supplied by the Canadian General Electric Company.

The overhead wiring was installed by A. B. Kennedy, the local electrician, while the waterworks system was put in by day labour.

The entire design and installation was carried on by DuCane Dutcher & Co., Mr. L. C. F. Balz, C. E. being resident engineer.

One pump running continuously will supply 5,750,000 gallons of water per day or sufficient for years to come.

The lighting unit and boilers should serve the city for at least five years at the present rate of growth, and there has been ample provision made for future extension when required.

The distributing system of the waterworks, comprises the following mains: an eight inch main from the power house up Torrence St. to Quilchena Ave. and along Quilchena Ave. from Torrence St. to Voght St. A six inch main along Torrence St. from Quilchena Ave. to Nicola Ave. and along Nicola Ave. from Torrence St. to the foot of the hill approaching the reservoir. A six inch main along Charters St. from Quilchena to Nicola Ave. A six inch main along Priest Av. from Torrence St. to Voght St. and along Voght St. from Priest to Nicola Ave. A four inch main along Granite Ave., and an eight inch main from the foot of the hill on the Nicola road west of the city to the reservoir. Making a total of 22,119 lineal feet of pipe.

Based on an average consumption of 100 gallons per capita per day, the present pumping plant would be sufficient for a city of about 6,000 people, by using one pump continuously.

The Tillicum Whist Club met at Mrs. Boyd's last night. The ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. Gay and the gentlemen's by Mr. Neville. Mrs. Wilson won the ladies' booby and Mr. Gay the gentlemen's

Regular Meeting of City Council

Park By-law Passes Third Reading. Engine and Dynamo Taken Over by City.

The regular meeting of the Council was held last Monday night. The principal business done being the passing of the park by-law up to the third reading, and the enforcement of the health by-law. Notice of motion was given for a loan by-law.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the clerk produced a letter from Mr. J. W. Johnston, written in French and which he could not read, but stated that it was apparently offering the services of the writer as an engineer.

Alderman Tuthill moved that the letter be received and acknowledged. Carried.

A letter was next read from Mr. Armitage with reference to the amount of land he held within the city limits, stating that, as he had made no mistake, he did not see why he should have to pay for the survey. He had sold about 80 acres to Mr. Garcia, and was quite willing to abide by the amount Mr. Garcia said he received. He was not particular to 10 acres.

Alderman Boyd moved that the letter be received and the matter left in the hands of the public works committee to investigate and find the approximate amount. Carried.

A letter from A. Davis applying for a steady position with the city was received and filed.

The clerk read quotations from McClellan, McFeely, & Co. for garbage cans as follows: No. 2 $2.50 each and No. 1 $2.95. Lids for same $7 a dozen extra. For metal cans, which would have to be made specially: No. 1 grade in lots of 100 at $2.50 and lots of 250 at $2.40; No. 2 grade in lots of 100 at $2 25 and lots of 250 at $2.15. Alderman Tuthill moved that the quotations be referred to the sanitation committee to report at next meeting. Carried.

The following accounts were passed:

Lindsay & Wilson $4.40, Capt. Stevenson $147, Mrs. Welfare $36.75, O. K. Transfer $30, Joe Collett $4.75, Nicola Valley Laundry $1.40, C. C. Snowdon $26.62, C. P. R. $32.42, Merritt Herald $31.71, Salaries $882. School accounts Inland Coal & Coke $8.30, Cordwood $8, C. P. R. $8, Daily Province $1.05, Clark-Stewart & Co. $9.30, G. B. Armstrong $6.40, C. C. Snowdon $36, C. P. R. $1.31, Salaries $375.

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of February stated that there had been 28 cases and that the fines received amounted to $245.65. Alderman Tuthill moved that the report be adopted.

The finance committee recommended that the Union of B. C. Municipalities' fee be paid. It was resolved that the recommendation be received and the amount paid.

Alderman Menzies reported that the water and light committee had appointed A. B. Kennedy to be City Electrician for three months at a salary of $75 per month. Alderman Boyd

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 9.

Nicola—11 a.m.
Merritt—7.30 p.m.
Confirmation Class 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday—
Merritt—8.p.m.
Friday—
Nicola—8p.m.

J. Thompson,
Vicar.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 9th, 1913.

Nicola, 11 a.m.
Merritt—Sunday School, 2.30
Evening Service, 7.30

Subject for Sunday evening—"The Object of the Christian Ministry."

All welcome.

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Pastor.

LODGES

A.F.& A M.

Nicola Lodge No. 53 meets in Reid's Hall the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. Sojourning brothers cordially invited.

A. R. CARRINGTON, W. M. — F. A. REID, Secretary.

A. O. F.

Court Nicola No. 8931 meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month in the Board of Trade Room, Barwick Block Nicola, B. C. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.

THOS HESLOP C. R.
H. H. MATTHEWS, Sec.

K. OF P.

Nicola Valley Lodge No. 46 meets in K. P. Hall in Simpson & Cranna building every Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. All visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Knight T. E. Clarke, C. C — Knight W. Cranna, K. R. S

I. O. O. F.

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LAND ACT

Yale Land District. — District of Yale.

Take notice that Gahr Pederson Myren of Otter Valley, B. C., occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted 20 chains North of the South East corner of Lot 288, thence South 20 chains, thence East 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence West 20 chains to point of commencement and containing 40 acres more or less.

GAHR PEDERSON MYREN.

Date, November 4th, 1912.

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THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

The public service rendered by the Forestry department is difficult of realisation as the work done is usually out of sight and usually equally out of mind. The public is unable to visualise a service it does not see and the vast forests which are part of the publice state are too far afield for the mayority of those who are to a certain extent dependant on them, to go and see the foresters actually at work. However, there are certain facts which it is necessary to keep well before the public mind. The real business of the department is conservation and the report of the department deals chiefly with the measures which are taken to prevent the destruction of the public's property. The growth of British Columbia today is more than five times the annual cut, so that nature without the aid of the people is constantly engaged in replenishing the store of her treasure.

But what nature does alone and unaided can be publicly recognized and encouraged by taking an interest in the work of the forestry department. If the department makes certain regulations regarding fires, these regulations must be strictly adhered to. They are not made with a view to obstructing the public enjoyment of its estate, but for protecting it from unnecessary damage. The damage by forest fires in British Columbia last year amounted to $300,000. Last season was a wet one and undoubtedly the work of the department was made easier thereby. But the coming season may be a dry one and yet if every person in British Columbia exercises vigilance and ordinary care, combined with a little common sense, the damage done to their pockets may be kept down to a very small amount. Among the improvements needed at the present time, the telephone plays an important role, and no one will grudge the expenditure of all the money the department needs for better communication between the fire fighting force.

The government revenue from the forests last year amounted to over $3,250,000 and its expenditure on the forests to only $278,000 which is very little more than 10 per cent of the annual income. This particular business appears to allow for depreciation and cost of administration only about ten per cent of its net profit. The income amounts to one quarter of the total income of the province and the cost is only about two and one-half per cent. of the total expenditure.

The protection of the watersheds is another important object of the Forestry Department's activities and as this means the conservation of another great source of provincial wealth, the immensely valuable work of the department can be appreciated. There is nothing like appreciation and encouragement to stimulate ambition and provide a motive power for work. British Columbia has the opportunity of having a model forestry department, the work of which will bring students from all quarters of the civilized globe. No finer practical field for such work exists. The experience of other countries can be built on, so that there is no need to commence right at the beginning of the experimental stage. It is a department which of itself attracts and interests. It should have at its service the very best scientific resources and should be able to rely on the very best men, and thus the forestry branches of the University of British Columbia should become one of the finest in the world. It will repay the province a thousand times and the measure of interest shown to the work of the all departments by the citizens of British Columbia will prove whether its real value is fully realized.

A FARMER'S VIEW POINT

Referring to the high cost of living from the farmer's point of view a writer in the Vernon News says:—"

We hear and read a great deal these days about the high cost of living and a great many suggestions as to how to overcome the abuse. But what does it largely amount to? Simply this, that the customer of the farm produce co-operate with the farmer, thereby avoiding the profits the middlemen take. That is a splendid idea for the customer: but will the farmer get much more for his produce than he does at present? I am afraid not. Then, if the middlemen are cut off from this source of profit, they will simply add it on to other goods, which the farmer has to buy as much of as the the city man. So the farmer is still at the tail of the hunt where he always has been. Now, if the farmer is to sell directly to the customer then he as a customer himself must buy direct from the producer. And now is the time while this matter is being thrashed out, to be on hand and get the assistance of the Commission the Government has appointed for this purpose. Has ever such an opportunity been offered us before? Never! The Government of B. C. have appointed a commission of seven most competent men to find out from the farmer what is required to assist agriculture. Then while this commission is going around, let us rally and get matters adjusted. The high cost of living is affecting us as much as, and perhaps more, than any class.

The speech of the Hon. Martin Burrell on the state of agriculture was most timely. Unless agriculture is fostered in Canada, in five years she will look like a skim milk calf. Let us rally now when everything is needing it so much and the coast is clear.

Correspondence

The Editor,
Nicola Valley News,
Merritt, B. C.

Your article in your last issue headed "Greig vs City and inserted as an editorial is not only misleading but false in every essential particular. It is a plain but clumsy attempt to influence the City Council on behalf of the plaintiff to settle this case out of court.

Your "conservative estimate" of court costs is anything but conservative. It is in fact ultra liberal. The costs of the adjournment cannot at most amount to more than $20.00 and probably not more than $15.00. The costs against the City, if the city should be unsuccessful, instead of amounting to $200.00, as stated by you would not amount probably to more than $50.00. The plaintiff's counsel would be entitled only to a fee of $20.00 which is the maximum allowed by the tariff in an action of this nature, and the plaintiff must himself pay his counsel anything further as well as travelling expenses.

The plaintiff's counsel willingly consented to the adjournment as did his Honor Judge Swanson who very kindly fixed a special date for the trial of this and several other actions.

The plaintiff issued one summons to witnesses containing five names and costing him 30c per name. As all of these witnesses reside at Merritt, except one who lives at Coutlee and has telephone connection, it was not necessary for any of them to attend the court and none were "brought to the city to no purpose" as stated by you.

There is something more involved in this case than the mere saving of fifteen or twenty dollars to the City of Merritt. There is a principle at stake in which every ratepayer is interested, but as the case is now before the court, it is not permissible to discuss it in the public press. The News should know that it has committed a serious offence in thus attempting to influence public opinion and the city council in the manner suggested, and the article in question will certainly be brought to the attention of the court at the trial.

As the writer, on behalf of the City Solicitor who had been taken suddenly ill, arranged personally for the postponement of this case, he knows the actual facts perhaps even as fully as The News does, having received his information from a more trustworthy source.

Yours etc.
J. A. Maughan.

Mar. 3rd, 1913

We fail to see where the serious offence comes in, in the article referred to in the above letter. We were careful to state that we expressed no opinion as to the merits of the case, and, as far as we are concerned, it makes no difference who wins. We made no attempt to influence the public as regards the trial, but meely expressed our opinion as to what we considered to be the cheaper method for the city to take. We always endeavour to give both sides of the question at all times and are therefore pleased to publish the above letter. (ED.)

W. E. Johnson
Tonsorial Artist

RAZORS HONED

VOGHT STREET - MERRITT

There's a Photographer in Your Town

Father ought to have his picture taken—he hasn't had a photograph since that funny looking one in the cutaway coat that he was married in. ('Twas a noon wedding, you know.)

Yes, mother says 'twas a good one of him as he looked *then*, but really, for the sake of the family, there should be one of him as he looks *now*.

Chas. F. Hooper
Opp. Schools — Merritt

Notice

I beg to imform the public that I have sold my barber furniture to Frank Norman, proprietor of the Pioneer Barber Shop and also imform all my patrons that they will find me at the Pioneer Barber Shop in future.

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LAND ACT

Yale Land District. District of Yale

Take notice that Mary Ellen Campbell of Vancouver, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at Northwest corner North of Brown Creek, about three and one-fourth miles from Chilliwack Lake, British Columbia; thence South 40 chains along line of John Love's claim to British Columbia and United States Boundary line Southwest corner; thence East 80 hains along boundury line Southeast corner; thence North 40 chains; thence West 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 320 acree, more or less.

MARY ELLEN CAMPBELL

John Kenneth Campbell, Agent

Date1 November 30, 1912. 44-9

LOCAL AND OTHER SPORTING ITEMS

Amateur Champions

Winners of All Canadian Hockey Leagues to Meet for Series at Toronto.

Toronto, March 1.—If present plans materialize, Toronto will in two weeks time have a hockey competition that will settle the oft disputed question as to which team is to be classed as the champions of Canada.

The Allan cup competition has been more or less of a farcial nature. The cup is now held in Winnipeg and none of the Eastern champion clubs are likely to go West to play for it.

However, a project is on foot that will pave the way for a great annual competition that will be really and truly a championship tournament.

The plan includes the formation of a Canadian amateur hockey association on much the same lines as the Canadian Rugby Football Union, with an automatic system of movable annual games for the championship.

At present, however, it is the intention to hold the competition in Toronto this year and invitations have been extended to the following teams to compete:

Champions of the Manitoba Hockey Union, the Winnipeg Hockey Club, present holders of the Allan cup; champions of the Inter-Provincial Union, either New Edinburghs of Ottawa or Grandmore, Quebec.

Champions of the Intercollegiate Union, University of Toronto; champions of the Ontario Hockey Association, either Toronto R. and A. A. or St. Michaels of Toronto.

It is preposed to play the first game on Saturday, March 15.

B. C. Teams Passed Up

Victoria Champions want to know why They Were not Invited to Toronto

Victoria, March 3.—Local amateur hockey officials want to know why British Columbia was left out when the invitations were extended to various amateur hockey clubs to compete in a series of games for the world's title in Toronto, starting from March 15.

Mr. John Mowat, president of the Victoria Amateur League, said today that he had wired for information as to why the B. C. champions had not been invited to the tournament, and also to arrange for the entry of the B. C. champions so that it would be possible for them to leave for Toronto immediately after the game here next Saturday. Of course it is possible that the B. C. champions could not arrange to go to Toronto on such short notice, even if their entry is accepted, but Mr. Mowat said that if Victoria won the championship he thought there was a chance of them making the trip.

When President Taft becomes professor of law at Yale he will receive $5,000 a year. Howard Jones, who has been out of school only five years, will receive $4,000 a year for coaching the Yale football team.

Cup Holders Or all Stars

Art Ross will Pilot Picked Team West If Quebec Decline to Come

"We will have Quebec's Stanley Cup holders or an All Star team out from the East this month", stated Frank Patrick, managing director of the Vancouver Arena, last night. "According to Eastern papers the Quebec Club is prepared to accept our proposition for a series of matches against the coast champions in Victoria or Vancouver," continued Frank, "but so far we have no official word for the N. H. A. champions. We hope, however, to have them out this way, but if they decline to come and will not give our league champions games in Toronto we will have Art Ross bring out an All Star N. H. A. team for a series of matches against the pick of the Pacific Coast League."

No arrangements for matches with Eastern teams will be made, however, until the coast championship is settled.

Quebec Sets New Record

Montreal, March 1.—Quebec established a new record for professional hockey tonight, when they won their tenth straight game by defeating the Wanderers here by a score of 6-4. The game was a fast exhibition. Ross for the Wanderers and Moran for Quebec were the stars, in fact, Moran won the game for his team by his phenominal work in goal. In the third period, with score 5-4 in favor of Quebec, Ross was body-checked into the fence and had to go off suffering intense pain. After that the game was all Quebec.

SKI CHAMPION RETAINS TITLE

The Canadian ski-jumping championships were held recently at Cote des Neiges Hill, Montreal, in a mild snowstorm. A. Olsen, of Berlin Mills, Ont., retained his title with a jump of 76 feet. O. Hanson, from the same place, was second, clearing 75 feet. Third place fell to A. Olsen of Montreal, who jumped 67 feet.

Captain Benjamin Schlomberg is training at Palm Beach, Florida, for an attempt to swim the English channel this summer. Capt. Schlomberg is a member of the United States volunteer life saving corps.

Ottawa, March 3.—The Ottawa Hockey Club will drop about $3500 on this season. This is what the executive will have to pay for having a losing and expensive team.

Vancouver, March 5.—At a meeting of the Wholesale Baseball League held last night it was decided to have six clubs in the running again this season, two new clubs, J. Leckie's and Wood, Vallance & Leggatt, being elected by ballot. The other teams are Malkin's, Kelly-Douglas, McLennan & McFeely and Robertson Godson. The league will get under way about the middle of April. The schedule will be drafted at the next meeting, which will be held on March 12th.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES

"Coal Mines Regulation Act"

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Notice is hereby given that the following constitute the Board of Examiners for the Nicola Collieries during the year 1913:—

Appointed by the Owners—Robert Fairfoull.

Alternates—David Brown, Alexander Ewart.

Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council—George Hudson.

Elected by the Miners—Frank Bond.

Alternates—James McFarlane, John McDonald.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. George Hudson, Merritt, B. C.

Note—Alternates act as Members of the Board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

Dated the 23rd day of December, 1912.

RICHARD McBRIDE,
Minister of Mines.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of he Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land mus be described by sections, or legal sub divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quality of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns must be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

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The City in Brief

The annual general meeting of the Yale Central Conservative Association will be held at Ashcroft on the evening of Tuesday March 18th. It is hoped that all conservatives will endeavour to attend. J. McGillivray President, H. H. Matthews Secretary Treasurer.

Mr. S. L. Smith, who has been taking Mr. Strickland's place during his absence, left town for Vancouver on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Smith expressed himself as being sorry he was leaving Merritt and was not looking forward to having to put on the webbed feet.

The St John's Ambulance class willl hold their first examination next Sunday in the school room. There are nine entries.

Mr. Richmond left town on Monday for a week at the coast.

Captain Leader was in town from Nicola on Tuesday.

F. Bodin has gone into partnership with Mr. Norman in the Walter's Block, having bought out Mr. Dickie.

Harold Greig is putting up sign posts on all the streets, very similar to those used in North Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland returned to town on Sunday's train. Mr. Strickland states that he had a very good trip and is feeling much better for the change.

Barnes & Mearon have just the best of everything. Step in.

Your hens don't lay? Well see R. A. Smith for that scratch food.

Mr. T. J. Smith returned to Vancouver last Saturday for a short time.

H. Greig, the up-to-date real estate agent, has still a few lots left on Voght Reserve. This favored sub-division, which is near the proposed city park, is nearly all taken up and the list of owners as shown in his window is a sufficient guarantee that buying in Voght Reserve is a good investment and worth your careful consideration. The price will be advanced. Today you have an investment. Get the impulse. You will never regret it.

E. M. Jones arrived on Sunday's train from Kamloops. Mr. Jones left Merritt seven months ago, and was greatly surprised at the phenomenal growth of the city.

Simpson & Cranna, the well-known jewellers, have a fine showing over their south window.

F. J. Hogg, the ever genial driver for the Merritt Steam Laundry, has left their employ. Mr. Hogg is undecided as to his future movements but expects to remain in the city.

Do not forget the plants and flowers in A. F. Rankine's drug store. Fresh from Vancouver on Fridays.

The Grand Dance given by the Merritt Orchestra, on Wednesday night, proved very enjoyable. The hall was very tastefully decorated and a long programme of dances provided. A large number of enthusiasts were present and according to general expressions of opinion the evening was all that could be desired. Shortly after midnight supper was served in two sittings. Dancing went on till about 3.30 a.m. when the company broke up tired but happy.

The weekly dance given by the Merritt Dancing Academy will be held on Wednesday next. This will be the last under the present management, but we are informed there is a possibility of them being continued under management of a new orchestra.

Better Market For B. C. Fruit

Speaker at Nelson Favours Scheme of Provincial Inspector.

Nelson, Feb. 28.—If the proposal of Thomas Cunningham, chief fruit inspector for the province, to shut out all fruit from foreign states and countries which are infected with such blights as San Jose scale and the Codlin moth, is made effective by the government, it would do very much to solve the fruit marketing problem for ranchers of British Columbia by reducing imports, in addition to protecting Canadian orchards against infection with orchard pests, stated James Johnson to the West Kootenay Farmers' Institute at a meeting yesterday.

British Columbia had a home market for fruit which was more than sufficient to absorb the present out-put, said Johnson who declared that only five per cent. used in Vancouver last year was grown in this province, 65 per cent. coming from the United States. In California the regulation prohibiting importation of fruit from infected states and countries was already in effect and had worked out well, he said.

Banner Summer Is Predicted

S. J. Solomon Thinks This Summer Will be Record for Fishing Parties

Mr. S. J. Solomon proprietor of Ye Olde Posting House, Coutlee was a visitor to town, and in an interview with THE NEWS expressed the opinion that the Summer will be a banner one for the district. Last summer his popular hotel was often crowded out and would-be guests had to walk to Merritt. Coutlee is the starting place for Mammette Lake, the far-famed resort for fishermen, and Mr. Solomon is ever ready to drive disciples of Isaac Walton to that favored fishing ground. This year many pleasure seekers have intimated their desire to make Coutlee their headquarters whilst taking in the many attractions of our far famed valley. We confidently expect, as in the past, many of them will become financially interested in the mining and agricultural possibilities of this favored section.

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"The Trials of a Tramp"

By Tab

It was in the middle of November last, when I hit Vernon after tramping down from the Tum-Tum lake above the higher Shuswap, a spot primeval to man, and it was little Cockney Bill that I fell in with. He was using wild expletives, mad reasoning and incalculable digression on Canada, England, Vernon, America and all the countries his geographical vision could conceive of. I thought he was a misanthropist. He swelled up with such eloquence as "They aint no blooming good," then suddenly burst into an ecstacy of grandiloquence at the sight of a prospective big glass of beer. He was a curious speck of animation; short, freckled, veneered with booze stains, and I should imagine, a student of "Deadwood Dick's" blood stories. Trivial things appealed to his imagination as adventure, "thrills and heroism," as he said, and smacking me on the back he shouted with a kind of Napoleonic gesture "We'll hit the grit;" "Right," said I "we depart."

Cockney led the way for his vehemence was alarming, "Slim" quoth he, "Vernon's too aristercrateric."

I have before mentioned that his eloquence was forcible but if you had heard some of his words you would have thought another Webster had sprung up and invented another language.

On we went, two blanketed tramps bound for discovery, Cockney was brave just then, as he strutted with arms swinging and occasionally clenched fists which banged together with imaginative anger at someone unknown; occasionally he turned around at me and glared as if his enemy was behind: "If I 'ad the bloomers 'ere, oh if I 'ad 'em 'ere. "Had whom" I once ventured; "Why them yaller-legged knockneed, unsophistercaterced English." I laughed silently lest he heard, and we trudged on.

As we walked alongside the lake, Shorty, for that was how I addressed him, suddenly spied a nearby ranch, and before I could reason it out, he darted up the pathway whilst I walked on. A few yards away from the gate I sat down to await his return, and after a few minutes of waiting, he returned. In his hands he held a package clumsily wrapped, and ashe approached he muttered with nonchalance: "Only a lump, Slim, the blighters, I wanted a 'sit down.'" He opened the package and with voracity, with open hand passing to his mouth, devoured what appeared to him to be his portion, then handed to me the modicum of meat and bread for me to duplicate. I took the portion but did not eat, but pressed it in my pocket, arose and once again we were on the road.

As we walked and walked I had a suspicion that Shorty's agility was simmering down, his enthusiasm waned, his eloquence failed him at times, and his general concept of things seemed to veer, but still we walked until those nebulous waves came upon us which betoken darkness, and it was just then that Shorty began to lose heart, and wanted to now where the next hotel was. "Hotel," said I, "why underneath yonder pines, that grace the scene of Nature, that open out their beautiful foliage in a sublime and superb panoply, that enrich the perspective of God's handicraft." Shorty looked at me with venomed destruction, and feebly muttered: "Good Gawd."

I walked towards a large Bull Pine and commenced to "unroll", and once I glanced up and noticed Shorty cast a dull look towards the direction we had come from and then I heard a soliloquy: "What the H— brought me here."

At last I cajoled him to lay down and sleep, and there we two tramps side by side breathed in the fragrant air beneath a canopy so still and splendid, away from all the taints of life—far from the madding crowd.

Shorty awoke first with a foul excretion caked around his lips; we rolled up and took one first course in hygienics—water; then I bade him partake of a vegetarian course, expatiating on its nutritive value—beans; then we marched.

Shorty was a cigarette fiend but unfortunately did not have the "makings"; to be explicit, he did not have any tobacco. How he turned his pockets out, and scraped and fingered and fumbled and pinched until he had mustered a mixture of crumbs, dirt, cigar ends, pipe dust, and a variable quantity of foreign indescribables.

We walked and walked and walked; the grassy slopes that trailed with redolence towards the lake did not appeal to Shorty. He was not aesthetic in the least, in short, he was looking for another back door. He started in a reminiscent manner telling me of such high times he had had in Vernon; of the number of beers he had "speared;" of the "flops" he had had donated him, and then almost in a conciliatory tone whispered, "How far, Slim, to Penticton?" "Fort-two," said I almost snappishly. He turned on me like a tiger pouncing on its prey, then simmered down to an expression which sounded to me something like "Go'd blime."

For some miles we walked without seeing a house, but I had suspicions that the first one we came to Shorty would apply his knuckles with side drum rhythm that would demand an answer, and true enough I was right.

We came suddenly upon a nicely painted house and up Shorty strutted, knocked at the door, and waited. A pretty little lady appeared, and I listened. Shorty had not eaten for three days, he had been in hospital, he had been prostrated with "appotacitis" (it is his own term), and he had a hungry friend outside. The next moment he was bawling: "Hi, Slim, come 'ere!" So up I went threw off my pack, took off my hat, and Shorty chaperoned me with a smile to the lady's kitchen as if he had bought up the earth.

He was happy, complacent and perfectly at peace. He recounted his hardships, sickness, sadness and the world's "ingratertitude," as he called it, with courage and fortitude, whilst the lady listened in commiserative silence. At times I had to duck my head and laugh at the inventive make-up. Once and only once did I essay to look at him straight in the face, and there in one eye was the first globular formation of a tear, whilst with the other he turned to me and winked. Our meal being over I nervously thanked the lady, wished her good morning and left Shorty to it. I walked at quite a pace until I was a mile away, when I heard the toot of an automobile and looking back stepped aside to let it pass, but was dumbstruck to see it slow up and stop, and there, ye gods and fishes, sitting back smoking a cigar (that was donated him—by request) in grandiose manner was Mr. Shorty Cockney Bill, Esq. Not in the least disturbed, he said with serene simplicity, "Jump in Slim." He had stopped a chauffeur and merely ask-for a ride for himself and friend. The dirty, old, musty blankets stood out in strange contrast to the ornate leather work, but Shorty was oblivious.

On we sped flitting by the beauties of the Okanagan lake like a mad demon let loose in Fairyland then Shorty placed his nose near my ear and shouted proudly as if having achieved a great victory "We've made her Slim, now for some Penticton booze."

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

(Continued from page one)

moved that the action of the committee be confirmed. Carried.

Alderman Tuthill reporting on behalf of the sanitation committee, recommended that the plans for the subdivision of lot 3, block 54, be passed with the recommendation that when lot 2 is divided it be surveyed at right angles, so as to allow the scavenger to get out. The plans were passed.

Speaking further on behalf of the committee, Alderman Tuthill said that the scavenger had lodged several complaints as to irregularities, and he suggested that the scavenger be empowered to notify the delinquents that the corrections must be made within a reasonable time, or the scavenger would make them and charge for the work.

Alderman Irvine thought it was a matter for the Health Officer, who should visit the places and declare them a nuisance and proceed under the health by-law.

Alderman Tuthill contended that the committee's proposal was a more practical way of dealing with the matter.

Mayor Reid thought the committee was on the right track if it followed its action up to a conclusion.

Alderman Tuthill moved that the scavenger be given power to act as the committee suggested. Alderman Boyd moved, in amendment, that the sanitary committee deal with the matter according to the health by-law. As the original motion received no seconder the amendment carried.

A letter was read from Mr. Greig drawing attention to the fact that Canford avenue was not opened up or fit for traffic and was a detriment to property on the Voght reserve, and asking for it to be cleared. Alderman Tuthill moved that the matter be referred to the board of works committee, which was carred.

Alderman Tuthill drew the attention of the board of works to a culvert at the east end of Quilchena avenue which was in such a bad state that it was impossible for a team to get over it with a load.

Mr. Greig then presented various plans to the council for approval. Alderman Tuthill moved that the plans be referred to the board of works to report at next meeting. Further plans submitted by Mr. Greig were also referred to the board of works to report.

Alderman Boyd moved that a requisition made by Alderman Munro, on behalf of the fire and police committee for six hydrant keys, six spanners, two hose pulleys and one wrench, be received and the tools ordered. Carried.

Alderman Munro, reporting for the fire and police committee as to the testing of the new fire alarm, stated that as the whistle had not arrived, they had been unable to test it.

Alderman Munro drew the attention of the Council to the fact that a number of people were burning refuse in their back yard and thereby running the risk of starting a fire.

Alderman Boyd moved that the Chief of Police be instructed to stop anyone from burning refuse in the congested part of the city. Carried.

The city clerk read the Park by-law, authorizing the purchase of a piece of land from the Voght estate for the sum of $3000, the first payment to be made by March 15, and the balance on or before the 31st of December, 1913, plus interest at 6 per cent.

Alderman Menzies moved and Alderman Boyd seconded that the by-law be read for the first time. Carried.

Alderman Boyd moved and Alderman Menzies seconded that the Park by-law pass the second reading. Carried.

It was then moved by Alderman Menzies that the council go into a committee of the whole to discuss the Park by-law, which was carried. Alderman Boyd then took the chair.

The clerk having again read the by-law, Alderman Menzies moved that the committee rise and report the by-law to be complete, which was carried.

The mayor having again taken the chair, Alderman Boyd reported that the committee of the whole council had found the by-law to be complete.

Alderman Tuthill moved that the committee's report be received and the by-law pass the third reading, which was carried.

The mayor stated that Mr. Radcliffe had informed him that now there was an adequate supply of water for fire protection, the underwriters should be communicated with and asked to rate the city. Mr. Radcliffe, along with other insurance agents in the city, had written, but Mr. Radcliffe thought their case would be strengthened if the city passed a resolution to be sent to the underwriters.

Alderman Tuthill moved that the clerk be asked to comply with the request.

Alderman Gordon gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would bring in a by-law for the borrowing of $10,000 from time to time to anticipate current expenditure.

Alderman Menzies moved that the notice be received and permission given to introduce the by-law. Carried.

Mayor Reid stated that Engineer Hall has reported that the machinery at the Power House was in good order, and that he was quite satisfied for the city to take over the engine and dynamo from the General Electric Company. On Sunday the engine was put to a 25 per cent. overload test and worked perfectly. The city has therefore taken over the engine and dynamo from Monday last.

The meeting then adjourned.

A Dance

will be given under the auspices of the **Women's Auxillary of the Nicola Valley General Hospital,** in

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Easter Monday, Mch. 24.

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CITY CLERK MUCH SURPRISED

Party Armed With Refreshments, Chairs and Tables pay Surprise Visit.

Last Friday was City Clerk Priest's birthday, and he decided that it would be spent in a quiet manner. However his friends thought differently. Chief Eggleshaw was sent on ahead to keep Mr. Priest from going out, and in a short while a number of friends loaded up with provisions, refreshments, tables, chairs, lamps, etc., arrived, much to the surprise of the said City Clerk.

A very pleasant evening was spent playing bridge, the ladies' first prize being won by Mrs. Eastwood and the gentlemen's by Mr. Eastwood. Mrs. Blair Reid was successful in winning the ladies' booby and Mr. Langstaff the gentlemen's.

Those who took part in the surprise party were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood, Mr. and Mrs. Langstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Reid, Miss Limmer, Miss Spalding, Mrs. McIntyre, Miss Mackenzie, A. B. Kennedy, Dan Shearer and Chief Eggleshaw. The party claim they have taught Mr. Priest not to try and keep birthdays quiet.

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