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Noted Authoress Was in Merritt

Ruth Kedrie Wood—Writer and Traveller—is Preparing a New Book

An American authoress of world-wide fame and who writes under the familiar nom de plume Ruth Kedrie Wood spent a couple of hours in Merritt on Friday night.

Known in private life as Mrs. Thompson, her home being New York, she was accompanied by her husband, arriving on the Penticton train and shortly afterwards proceeding to the Coast. During their brief sojourn here they dined at the Adelphi, and before leaving collected some data and information respecting the City and its environs.

Mrs. Thompson is now engaged on the preparation of a fifth book for tourists to be called "The Tourists' Northwest and Alaska." With her husband she has travelled round the world several times. She is a recognised authority on life in Russia.

It is regretted that the distinguished writer and publicist arrived unknown to but a few people, and was not persuaded to stay a little longer in this district. At Revelstoke she delivered a brilliant address to the members of the Women's Canadian Club.

Amongst her works are "The Tourists' Russia," "The Tourists' Spain and Portugal," "The Tourists' California," and "The Tourists' Maritime Provinces."

Painful Accident to Coalhill Miner

While rope riding at Coalhill mine shortly before midnight on Monday, William McCright had a mishap as he tried to unhook a car which had just come up the slope with the result that he fell and broke a leg.

His colleagues immediately rendered assistance and the unfortunate man was taken to the General Hospital where he will be a patient for some weeks.

Anniversary of Britain's Entry Into War to be Commemorated

Mass Meeting of People of the Valley Called for Monday Night at the Armory.—August 4th Celebration

The earnest attention of patriotic citizens of Merritt and outlying communities in the Nicola Valley is directed to the announcements calling for a mass meeting of citizens to be held in the Armory on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting it is probable steps will be taken with a view to inaugurating a fund for Valley to provide machine guns to protect Nicola Valley soldiers from fighting Germans under serious disadvantages, and to devise the best means of observing August 4, the anniversary of the opening of the war.

The suggestion respecting the Valley joining in with other places in providing machine guns, was brought up at a meeting of citizens held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday afternoon on the call of Mayor Walters. Following the receipt of the letter from the Lieutenant-Governor reproduced below the Mayor telephoned a number of representative citizens to consider the proposals contained in the communication.

Lieut-Governor's Letter
The Central Committee for National Patriotic Organizations, which arranged the recent Imperial Patriotic Meeting at the Guildhall, London, and of which the Prime Minister, Mr. A. Balfour and the Earl of Rosebery are President and vice-presidents, and Mr. Henry Cust is the Chairman, are organizing meetings to be held in every city, town and village of Great Britain and the Empire on Wednesday, August 4th, the anniversary of the declaration of the present war.

As it is most desirable that the meetings shall only give expression to the spontaneous outburst of the voice of the people, I would ask you to be so good as to lay the proposal before the leading citizens of your town in the hope that they will give as much publicity as possible to the campaign and undertake the arrangements of such demonstrations as may appear to them to be expedient.

Mayor Walters, at the outset, said he had called the meeting of citizens to

More Merritt Men Leave for Vernon to Serve as Guards

In addition to the ten Merritt men who for some weeks now have been serving as guards at Vernon alien concentration camp a further batch of twenty members of the Home Guard left here on Wednesday morning by the K.V.R. train for the same destination.

The soldiers in charge of R. S. M. Tom Smith, were given a rousing farewell by the large concourse of citizens present on the depot when the train pulled out. Those who left follow:—

They are,—Thomas McKeating, Anthony Jacques, Geo. Mitchell, Dave Coupland, Thomas Ward, Ralph Hebron, Leslie and Andrew Dickie, Robert Stackhouse, J. Webster, John Battersby, James Lester, Ed. Staton, E. Lee, W. C. Drybrough, Frances J. Hogg of Merritt; Michael Willis, John Thomson, Thomas Watt, Alex J. Hogg of Colletville.

The men have signed for home service for the duration of the war or six months after its close. They were relieved.

The following four persons signed on to go with the other twenty were medically examined, declared fit and accepted but later were relieved as the number of guards required from Merritt was limited to twenty. Otto Bust, John Cooke, John Sneden and John Wilson.

The wire from Adjutant Williams informing of the limitation read "Limit of recruits 20. The following four men having last enrolled are hereby relieved." The men were enumerated.

Now is "Golden Opportunity" To Get Rich Minerals Opened

Old Prospector Urges Immediate Action of Citizens. Station Exhibit Needed. Collection of Ores for Vancouver Fair

What They Want--

According to the London "Times" Great Britain has been largely dependent on Germany for molybdenum which is almost indispensable at the present time. The "Times" points out that the ores of molybdenum occur in Australia, Norway and Peru, and that the whole of the Norwegian supply passes into the hands of Messrs. Cammell Laird & Co., Birkenhead, Eng. The metal, so valuable because it imparts hardness and toughness to steel, has risen to the almost prohibitive price of \$3,700 per ton.—Vancouver News-Advertiser, May 4th, 1915.

What We've Got--

On ten claims staked at Quilchena Creek, twenty-five miles from Merritt, easily accessible and close to the railroad, are immense quantities of the finest molybdenum, that could be worked cheaply. Quilchena Fall with a perpendicular drop of sixty feet possesses an abundance of power which could be harnessed for purposes of mine development. I have written offer to open up negotiations, with Nammell, Laird & Co., with a view to business in molybdenum in which I am interested.—Wm. McNeill, prospector, to the "News" July 14, 1915.

That there is urgent need of the board of trade and leading merchants and business men taking immediate steps with a view to placing before capitalists and the representatives of mineral buyers now passing through Canada the information that there is in the Nicola Valley, and within view of Merritt, a fabulous amount of mineral wealth in copper, gold, silver, molybdenum and other minerals proven by reports to be "good" and "craving for development," was emphasized by William McNeill, prospector, who called on the "News" on Wednesday.

He came not to hand us any gold nuggets but to bestow "bouquets" for the work we have undertaken in trying to rouse the citizens to "Boost our Minerals."

Mr. McNeill, who is a native son, born in Victoria, is well known and has been prospecting in this section for ten years. He knows every corner where minerals are to be obtained for miles around.

Some of his fine specimens of copper glance adorn the mantelshelf of the lounge at the Coldwater Hotel. This is from the Copper Star claim and weighs 40 lbs, while he has another specimen, weighing 61 lbs, from the same property, in Johnson's barber shop. In addition to these he has an abundance of copper glance, gold, silver, mica and other ores from adjacent properties at his home.

It is not with any selfish spirit that this prospector wishes to see the resources of the district given publicity among capitalists and investors in mining, but he believes a "golden opportunity" has arrived for such campaigning. As a start in the direction of publicity he advocates the establishment of a neat glass exhibition showcase being erected on the Station platform.

Remember Mass Meeting

At the Armory on Monday Night

MAYOR WALTERS WILL PRESIDE AT 8 P.M.

Merritt to Montreal by Auto

From Merritt to Montreal in a 1914 Winton Six, accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wilkinson, along a route through the States and Eastern Canada that will aggregate some three thousand miles, is the trip that Mr. A. B. Kennedy, electrician of this city, is now arranging.

The party will leave Merritt about the first of next month equipped with sleeping tents and cooking equipment and a camping outfit and will "live in the car" all the time. The novel and fascinating trip will take, it is expected anything between four and six weeks, according to the weather and road conditions and attractions of the scenery.

Mr. Kennedy is waiting to hear from the American Automobile Association before marking out his route. Starting from here he hopes however to go through Princeton and the Okanagan to Spokane. He will join and follow the Great National Highway which runs from Seattle to Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Detroit and other leading centres will likely be in the itinerary as will Toronto and the other far Eastern Canadian cities. Montreal being the destination. Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilkinson are going to England, and will make the first portion of their trip in this novel way.

Mr. Kennedy has been busy getting his car overhauled in readiness for the long journey.

American Opinion Is Pro-British

Mr. A. E. Howse, interviewed on his return from a brief business trip to Vancouver said he found conflicting opinions among influential business men regarding the immediate trade prospects in B. C. and the Dominion. The banks at the Coast had almost shut down credit even for apparently sound propositions with good security and backing.

Amongst the American hotel visitors he noticed a general pro-British sentiment existing. It was now, he noticed, the general custom for Americans to raise their hats during the singing of the National Anthem while many wore British flags.

In the Eastern States it is generally believed there is a complete understanding between the British and United States governments as to America's ultimate action and that the trend of time will divulge much interesting diplomacy.

As only President A. W. Strickland and Directors Bond, Armstrong and Grimmer of the directors of Nicola Valley General Hospital were present at the institution on Monday evening for the regular monthly meeting, no meeting was held. After waiting for nearly an hour the four directors present, with the press representatives dispersed, there being not enough directors present to make a quorum.

Cases of Leprosy Traced To a Chinese Laundry

The Canadian Laundry Journal reports a very sad story from Denver, Col. A young lady stenographer of that city whilst out skating with a young man, slipped and fell upon the ice cutting a deep gash in her lip. Hereupon immediately attempted to stop the bleeding by using his own handkerchief.

Some weeks afterwards the young lady discovered that her lip was infected, and upon consulting a doctor learned to her horror that it was a malignant case of Leprosy.

The young lady was immediately sent to the leper colony in the Hawaiian Islands. An investigation was started by the families of both the young lady and young man, to determine where the infection originated, with the result that the disease was traced to a Chinese Laundry where the young man had been in a habit of sending his clothes. In this hotel were found two Chinamen suffering acutely from the dreaded disease. They too were sent to the leper colony. Great secrecy was exercised by the authorities in their investigations, in order to prevent a public panic, and the inhabitants of Denver owe much to Mrs. A. B. de La Vergue, bacteriologist, who prosecuted the investigation.

There are a great number of Chinese laundries in Canada today and few people stop to think of the possibility of contracting disease by sending their clothes to be laundered in these off time filthy hovels.

After telling about the almost perfect finds of molybdenum and the remarkable mineral potentialities of Quilchena Creek area, he marvels that the people who are supposedly representing the interests of the City of Merritt to not awake to a realization of the fact that at Aspen Grove there are forty miles of copper claims waiting for development. "Why the stuff is all around us," he ejaculated, "there limitless wealth in view of our homes."

I have only mentioned a few of the properties. "Why he asked," cannot the people realise what it means to every person in Merritt if say Robert Henderson's claims were worked. No more than two miles from Quilchena Avenue is all kinds of gold and copper whose high value has been pronounced by experts. If the City Council or the board of trade will take some steps they can count on my ready assistance and the co-operation of others with mineral interests in the Valley.

"Glorious Twelfth" Loyal Celebrated by Orangemen

Regalia Parade and Service. Animated Social Gathering. Remarkable Growth of Orangeism in Canada

"The Twelfth of July," "Orangemen's Day," or the "Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne" was celebrated by L. O. L. number 1701 (Merritt) last week end.

A church parade and special service at the Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday night, and on Monday evening an animated social evening was spent by the brethren and sisters of the Orange Lodge and True Blues in the K. P. hall.

At the Church
Assembling at the lodge room shortly after seven o'clock, a representative gathering of brethren, wearing regalia and emblems of offices, proceeded to the Presbyterian Church where Bro. Rev. J. Hyde preached an appropriate sermon taking his text from 1 Chron. 12c. 28v.—"The Christian Warrior." He enunciated the principles of Orangeism and its opportunities for doing valuable work for Protestantism, and along fraternal lines. He referred also to the True Blue Association, the female branch of the Order. During the devotions Mrs. Grimes sang feelingly the sacred solo "Face to Face." Mrs. M. L. Grimmer presided at the organ.

In the gathering were, among others, the following officers of the lodge—W. M. A. Patton, Dep. W. M. T. H. Nichol, Treasurer J. Fairclough, Chaplain J. S. Morgan, Director of Ceremonies Robert Baxter. Among the True Blues were Worshipful Mistress Mrs. George Osmond, Financial Secretary Mrs. Wheat, Treasurer Mrs. Fred Hyland.

Celebration Social
Some fifty fraternal friends present at the social held on Monday evening in the K. P. hall in continuation of the celebrations of the "Twelfth." Speeches were delivered by Rev. J. Hyde, Bro. P. McLean, Bro. Sam Nichol, besides Worshipful Master A. Patton. Bro. Rev. Hyde dealt largely with patriotism and the war, and the part Orangemen were taking in support of the cause.

Bro. Sam Nichol, spoke forcibly on Orangeism, while Bro. Philip McLean ably addressed the gathering on the wider operations of the L. O. L. in Canada and throughout the world. He

King Hands D.S.O. To "Our" Major

Major H. H. Matthews, D.S.O. of Nicola, Honored by King George

Major Harold H. Matthews, of Nicola, enjoyed the high distinction of receiving his D.S.O. (distinguished service order) directly from the hands of His Majesty the King, at Buckingham Palace London, on Monday last.

Amid warlike scenes, a brilliant array of uniforms conducting by King George was the largest for many years.

More than three hundred officers and men received awards for valor on the battlefield. Maj. Matthews, D.S.O. was one of the three gallant officers from B. C. to receive a much coveted decoration. The awards included Victoria crosses, military crosses and distinguished service decorations.

A report is current that the Major has returned to the firing line.

Cariboo Prospector Is Still Boosting

Col. Robert Stevenson, veteran prospector, trail blazer, and rancher, who has a fine place at Chilliwack, and who mined in the Cariboo in '58 and Granite Creek in 1885-6, and owns considerable mining properties around Princeton and Tulameen, was in Merritt on Saturday. Hale and hearty, despite his seventy-five years, the Colonel still feels a young man. He says he expects to see many capitalists, who are looking for good investments, in this section this summer.

spoke of the gallant services of thousands of Orangemen in the European battlefields and told how the Triennial Council which should have been attended by representatives from all corners of the world on July 11th had to be dropped this year.

Interesting and closely reasoned was the address of Worshipful Master A. Patton, who presided. He said Orangeism stands firstly for the best interests of protestantism and fraternalism. The institution in Canada had been established over a hundred years and originated when that small band of settlers arrived from across the ocean, and sailed on the tiny vessel John Hamilton to Quebec and eventually settled in a place in Carleton County which they christened eventually and which is now known as Brockville. It was there the old No. 1. L. O. L. Brockville was started and which is the landmark of the birth of Orangeism in Canada. From there the thriving fraternity founded on solid principals had branched out in all directions. He outlined instances of progressive work the L.O.L. had done for education and wise legislation and Protestantism. He traced the history of the Loyal True Blues from their inception 66 years ago and the work they have done for orphans. After quoting figures to show the healthy condition of the True Blues and how little orphans are being cared for and educated, he paid a tribute to the branch known as the Ladies Orange Benevolent.

In support of the strength of Orangeism, the W. M. declared there were 871 members in the Victoria lodge No. 1610, and there were eight lodges in B. C. with a membership of over 100. Their own lodge, 1701 was credited with being one of the most liberal in the Province. Taking the whole of Canada, statistics showed there were 2,994 lodges in existence with an aggregate membership of 197,000. Of these there are 18,000 brothers fighting for Britain today fighting for a right cause (loud applause). As a result of this sacrifice for freedom the Orange Mutual Benefit Insurance is regularly paying handsome sums to dependents.

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PUBLICITY AND PROSPERITY

We read in the Similkameen Star, published at Princeton, a letter from a correspondent urging that some steps be taken to place the rich natural resources of mineral deposits in the district before capitalists and authorities who are badly needing them. His sentiments, coming like the "still small voice" out of the wilderness of public opinion are in complete accord with the views of the majority of the people of the Nicola Valley, so often expressed in this paper.

What does he say?

We all know that there are large deposits of copper, zinc, lead, iron and coal practically lying idle throughout this rich district which are now needed by the manufacturers for the Allies. But I see no steps being taken in this district by the government or the people in trying to place these natural rich resources before capital, or the authorities who require the same.

As in Princeton and the Tulameen Districts we in Merritt know there are large deposits of rich and valuable minerals right "on our doorstep." We also know that the Allies require almost limitless supplies of some of the very minerals lying idle and uncommercialised within the immediate neighborhood of our City.

Must the business men and the accredited public bodies whose members were elected to promote and enhance the interests of their fellow citizens wait until the "still small voice" develops into a roar before they act. If there are matters being left undone that should be done must we sign public petitions before our representative public men take action!

If the people of Merritt wish to see the City and Valley remain only partially developed or to keep the Valley just on the map, so well and good. If on the other hand, the people wish to see smelters established and payrolls created and the developed section taking up a bigger space on the map should they not devise some means of giving publicity to our latent resources in the eyes of authorities who are looking for what we have got? Should there be any persons who do not appreciate the need and advantages of healthy boosting and organized publicity and concentrated effort along right lines, let them ask any of the leading Okanagan fruit growers what returns they received from the "B. C. or California" fruit campaign. "Sweet are the uses of advertisement, and luscious the fruits."

Assault Charge in City Police Court

Pleading guilty to an assault on W. Welfare, a city employee, who was in charge of three prisoners cutting weeds in enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Act, H. Grieg was on Thursday fined \$10.00 and costs by Police Magistrate Morgan at the City Police Court.

In evidence defendant said ninety per cent of the weeds on the property in reference, rented by Mr. Timmins, were pigweeds and pigweeds were not stipulated in the Noxious Weeds Act. He claimed the informant had not used courtesy, and discriminated against him, and despite several warnings to leave the property would not do so until he was "moved" off. By cutting down some lilac trees he had, he claimed, damaged his property as well as illegally trespassed. Chief of Police A. Grundy,

prosecuting, said the informant had acted in accordance with instructions received from the City Hall. The Act would be enforced and had been properly advertised, and there was a wide difference between entering land and entering a house or domicile.

The informant said he had exercised due care in the matter and had enquired from Mr. Timmins as to any trees or shrubs that he did not want cutting down. If the trees complained of had been noticed among the weeds they would not have been touched.

Asked by Chief Grundy if he was aware of the details of the Noxious Weeds Act at the time of the assault, defendant said it was not until either the day before the hearing or that morning he had learned what he now knew.

The Magistrate said defendant should be glad the case had been brought up under the summary convictions act as informant was a special constable. As stated the defendant was fined \$10 and costs, which were paid.

STORY OF THE HIDDEN VALLEY

A Few Gleams of Sunshine for the Children
(By Rev. GEORGE H. KINNEY, B.A.)

I have travelled in many strange places and seen many strange and wonderful things. This morning I am going to tell you about the "Hidden Valley." Do you know what a Valley is? It is the land that has the hills growing up all about it. This is called the Nicola Valley. But there are lots of other valleys, such as the Mississippi Valley, the Valley of the Nile, the Fraser Valley and others. Some valleys are hard to find, others are easy. I am going to tell you about one that was hard to find.

I have spent many months travelling among many wonderful valleys among the unexplored mountains. One day I left our party and went off alone to see what I could find. After discovering a beautiful lake at the foot of a great mountain, and finding what we called "The Valley of a Thousand Falls," because of its many wonderful falls that fell off the cliffs all about the valley. I saw a great water fall that seemed to come right out of the sky at the top of the mountains on one side of the valley. I wanted to get up there to see where the water of those falls came from, but though I tried very hard, I did not get up there then, and our party went away without seeing the wonderful "Hidden Valley" that was up above the falls at the sky-line.

Another year I went back there and succeeded in finding the "Hidden Valley." It is now a noted place and has another name. It was the most wonderful valley I ever saw. It has in it one of the best "Great Divides" in all the world. At the foot of a river of ice or glacier that is a mile wide, the waters divide and some go into the Fraser River to the Pacific Ocean, and some into the rivers that flow into the Arctic Ocean. There are two pretty lakes there, which are surrounded by green forests of trees. One of the lakes has great ice-bergs floating on its surface all the time, because a strange river of ice a quarter of a mile wide is all the time throwing great pieces of ice into the lake. One of the most wonderful mountains of the world rises right out of the waters of this lake, and it has great piles of snow on its sides all the time. Flocks of Mountain sheep and goat pass through the valley now and then and so do Cariboo and once in a while a big Grizlie bear. In one place where a lot of rock fell off one of the mountains there, I found a lot of copper ore, and in another place there were a lot of pretty crystals while high up one of the sides of this strange valley I found a great cave that let a stream full of water falls into the valley.

But I found a more wonderful "Hidden Valley" than any of those I just told you about. The Bible says in Psalm 126, 2, "Our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with singing." Well only the folks whose mouth is filled with laughter and whose tongue is filled with singing can

ever possibly find the real "Hidden Valley."

I will tell you how the little boy who was called "The Sad Little Boy" found the "Hidden Valley."

The sad little boy got his name because he was always sad. He lost his way out of the "Hidden Valley" and he could not find his way back. You see in the Hidden Valley the sun always shines, and it is always spring there, and the flowers are everywhere in bloom and the birds are always singing.

The sad little boy had a nice Mamma, and a beautiful home. He had a little pony, he had dogs and doves, rabbits and other pets, and a lovely pond where he could sail his boat. There were lots of nice little girls and boys with whom he could play, but he did not play with anything and that was because he was sad. And he was getting sick just because he was sad.

One day a lady asked him if he would take a little gift to a lame boy that lived over the hill, and that was the day the sad little boy found the "Hidden Valley." He went slowly and sadly along the road by the mill where a little boy said 'hello' to him, but he did not answer because he was asked to go on the errand to the lame little boy's place.

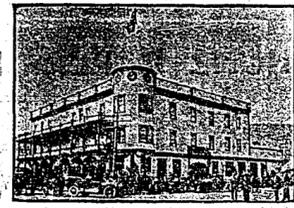
A little squirrel running along the fence by the big tree began to talk gently to him, but he was feeling so bad that he thought the squirrel was making fun of him and he threw a stone at her. The sunbeams were glad to see him and the breezes tossed up a little whirl-a-gig, to amuse him but he thought the sun was hot and the breeze simply threw dust into his eyes and that was all because he was sad.

At last he went through the orchard and saw the lame little boy, and it was there that the sad little boy found again the "Hidden Valley," for the lame little boy said so many pleasant things and showed him so many strange and nice things that soon the sad little boy forgot about himself. He forgot how sad he was, and the first thing he knew he was laughing. Then he wished he could help the little lame boy.

That was really how he found the "Hidden Valley" you see he wanted to help someone else and forget all about himself, and the first thing he knew he was right into the very midst of the "Hidden Valley" laughing and singing.

On his way home he thought there was never such nice sunshine or sweet little breezes. He never saw such pretty flowers and trees, and the little squirrel that was on the fence by the big tree was so cute that he just had to stop and have a talk with her.

His Mamma did not know him when he came home because he was laughing and singing. The next day he took his pony out to give the lame little boy a ride, and from that time on the sad Little Boy lost that name and was known as the "Glad Little Boy," all because by thinking for and helping others he forgot himself and found the "Hidden Valley."



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Notice to Scouts

All local Boy Scouts are requested to attend at the Armory in uniform on Sunday next at 10.30 a.m. sharp, to take part in the procession of the Merritt Home Guard and the special service which will be held at the Anglican Church at 11 a.m.

An invitation to the Scouts to join in the parade and service was extended by Capt. Charles Tyner to Scoutmaster Howard McLean. The invitation was accepted. All Scouts are therefore requested to turn up.

W. A. Presentation

The presentation to Mrs. Geo. Shuttleworth of a gold brooch and letter of appreciation of her services to the Anglican Church during the past six years took place at the Wednesday afternoon meeting of the W. A. held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Tutill. Mrs. Plummer in handing the token of remembrance expressed the regret of the W. A. at the pending departure of Mrs. Shuttleworth and her husband for Bowden, Alberta, and eulogized the services of Mrs. Shuttleworth to the church and its work during several years.

Home Guard at Church on Sunday

The officers and troopers of Merritt Home Guard, attached to the 'D' Squadron 31st B. C. Horse (Capt. Chas. Tyner, commanding) will hold a church parade on Sunday morning, July 18, at the Anglican Church. The men will assemble at the Armory at 10.30 a.m. sharp and will march to the Church where divine service will be held at 11 a.m. Rev. A. H. Plummer will conduct the service.

A full attendance of troopers is requested. Special music has been arranged by the choir. The anthem "Praise the Lord" will be sung too. Many martial hymns, including "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "Fight the Good Fight," will be included in the service.

The Boy Scouts have been invited to take part.

Potent Points on B. C. Mining

Up to the present date, or rather to the end of 1913, the last year for which accurate figures are available, British Columbia has produced in minerals a total of \$486,622,940.

The production for 1913 was \$30,296,398, which was something over \$4,000,000 above the production for 1914, a year of great financial stress, when many smelters and mines were forced to close down.

The enormous total which represents British Columbia's mining wealth to date is made up of various metals, such as placer gold, lode gold, copper, silver, lead, zinc and other metals, coal and coke, building stone and other materials.

By far the largest figure of the items which make up the total is taken from gold, of course, placer gold representing \$73,228,603 of the total, and lode gold \$81,590,638.

Copper comes third with a total production of \$86,663,961, while coal and coke presents the enormous total of \$149,870,779.

The annual mineral production runs about \$80 per each man, woman and child in the province.

This is three times the per capita production of Ontario, nearly twice that of California and greater than that of the mining states of Colorado and Idaho.

When the province is properly developed, its output will place it in the lead of the mineral producing states of the world.

W. A. Ladies to Hold Tea and Sale

A sale of Home Cookery and aprons, needlework, etc., will be held under the auspices of the Womens Auxiliary of St. Michaels Church tomorrow, Saturday in the store next to J. B. Radcliffe's office, in the Walters' Block.

Afternoon tea will be served at nominal prices.

The Raffle for Lot 3, Merritt Gardens will take place at the sale.

Mr. Barber has kindly consented to bring his new Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph with the most popular and up-to-date records.

Few Hints on Marketing Eggs

During the hot weather, collect the eggs at least twice daily, store them in a cool, sweet place (an egg-shell is very porous, and eggs will quickly take up any foul smells or odors.) When marketing be sure the cardboard fillers are sweet, dry and clean, and lastly, market clean, good sized eggs as often as possible—states J. P. Terry, Secretary B. C. Poultry Association in a bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture.

Increased Activity in B. C. Mining

The Dominion Assay office in Vancouver is reflecting the increased activity in mining throughout this province.

From the first of April to the first of July there were 116 more deposits made at the office than during the corresponding period of last year.

Dun's Mercantile Record officially reports that all the Canadian Phoenix Insurance Company's insurance policies in force in B. C. have been transferred and re-insured in the London Mutual of Canada, whose headquarters are London, Ontario. The company was established as long ago as 1859.

Shipping Ore From Ashcroft

Unique in the annals of copper mining in the Province is the Snowstorm mine in the Highland Valley, near Ashcroft. This mine has paid for its development from the grass roots and is still being worked. The owner is Stuart Henderson, ex-member of the Provincial house.

Two carloads of ore have recently been sent out from the Snowstorm to the Tacoma smelter. The ore is netting \$102 per ton. The carloads which have been sent out consisted of forty tons of ore each. The ore is a bornite copper, carrying 30.73 per cent. in copper, 6.44 ounces in silver and \$1.40 in gold per ton.

Special Interest to Housewives

Of special interest to housewives is the attractive and compact booklet issued under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, entitled "British Columbia Fruit," and which contains an abundance of information of high domestic value. The booklet can be obtained free on application to the Department at Victoria. There are some 225 tried and tested recipes for preserving apples, peaches, plums, strawberries, raspberries, and other fruits; information as to varieties of apples and when to use them, how to store apples, how to preserve fruits without sugar, etc., and other data of special interest to the housewife.

CORRESPONDENCE

We welcome correspondence on public matters from our readers. By publishing correspondence it does not mean that we agree or disagree with the contents. In all cases the persons signature must accompany correspondence—not necessarily for publication. Ed.

To the Editor,
Nicola Valley News,

Rev. Cooke's Speech

I have been informed that Rev. A. E. Cooke at a public meeting which was held recently in Merritt referred to the fact that he was a member of the Orange Association; and lest your readers might draw the inference that he had the backing of the Orange Association in the campaign which he is conducting regarding the alleged "Crisis in B. C." I beg to inform you that Mr. Cooke has no authority whatever to speak on behalf of the Orange Association on this or any other matter. When the Orangemen of British Columbia wish to lay their views on any particular question before the public, they will do so through the proper officers of the Association.

Yours etc,
J. W. Whiteley,
Secretary of the Legislative Committee Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of B. C.

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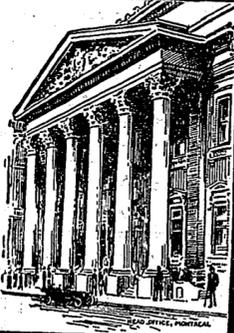
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Capital Paid up - \$16,000,000.
Reserve - 16,000,000.
Undivided Profits - 1,252,864.
Total Assets (April, 1915) 289,562,678.

Savings Department

Deposits of \$1.00 and upward received and Interest allowed at highest current rates. Savings Department accounts given special attention.



A. W. Strickland, Manager, Merritt Branch.

Corporation of the CITY OF MERRITT TAX SALE, 1915

THE COUNCIL HAVE DECIDED TO Postpone the Sale of Land for 1912 and 1913 Taxes until August 26th, 1915.

This decision was arrived at to give Owners an additional opportunity to pay their Tax Arrears without incurring the costs of advertising for sale.

The last day for accepting 1912 and 1913 Taxes without adding the Sale costs is JULY 22nd, 1915, the cash must be at the City Hall on that date, otherwise it will be too late.

A full list of arrears can be seen at the City Hall, and any help in locating owners who have moved away or who have sold their property without notifying this office, will be greatly appreciated.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 1915.
Harry Priest,
Collector.

RANCHERS MUST USE

PRINTED Butter Wrappers!

According to the Dairy Industry Act, 1914, "No person shall cut or pack Dairy Butter into blocks, squares or prints and wrap such blocks, squares or prints in parchment paper unless the said parchment paper is printed or branded with the words "Dairy Butter." The word "Choice" may be used in addition.

Choice Dairy Butter

From "Newsy" Ranch

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We Print Butter Papers in large or small Quantities—Prices Right

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ALL KINDS OF
**ELECTRICAL
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SALE AT COST.

See A. B. KENNEDY

**\$100
Reward**

A Reward of \$100.00 will be paid for information leading to conviction of any person for Killing or Stealing Cattle or Horses belonging to any Member of the Interior Stock Raisers' Association of B. C.

S. C. BURTON,
Secretary

Cook Wanted

For the Nicola Valley General Hospital

WAGES \$40.00 A MONTH

Applications to be addressed to, and in the hands of A. W. Strickland, president, by 7 p. m., on Tuesday next, July 20, 1915.

Wanted a respectable person to occupy the two rooms behind Anglican parish hall, and to act as caretaker of church in return. Apply A. H. Plummer or W. R. Langstaff.

FOR SALE

CABINET GRAND PIANO
No Reasonable Cash Offer Refused
Instrument little used, and in sound condition. As good as new.
Can be seen at the home of Mrs. Grimes Nicola Avenue.
THOS. HARTLEY, P. O. Box 93



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 the 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 must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions 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 quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should 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.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—58782.

Local Jottings

The Union Jack floated over the Loyal Orange lodge-room on the "Twelfth."

Ernie Rhodes is now behind the mahogany in the wet grocery department of the Coldwater.

Merritt is apparently becoming quite a railroad centre. Sixteen train-men registered at the Coldwater alone last Saturday.

The Methodist Sunday School picnic which was arranged for July 17th, has been postponed until Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6th.

Ten cars of cattle consigned from Nicola to the Coast, for P. Burns and Co., passed through the City on the C.P.R. on Monday night.

Several Merritt friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Betterton and family motored out to Hastings Ranch last week end and spent an enjoyable time as their guests.

The return of Ernie Rhodes to the city from Canford will be welcomed by his many friends here. His tuneful voice has been missed from local concert platforms.

What is the matter with that watch of yours? You do not know? Well take it to DORER'S THE EXPERT WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRER.

Only inside finishing has to be done to complete the reconstruction work at the Adelphi Hotel. The building will be used for two sample rooms and a lounge.

The Similkameen Star, states in its comments on recent holiday sports that Mrs. J. O. Smith was one of the lucky winners when old Buck nosed in by half a head. Some nose!

The Rev. George Kinney has initiated a "junior congregation" in connection with his Sunday services. At certain intervals each month short and attractive juvenile sermons are preached. The idea will be developed along interesting lines.

LADIES!
Keystone of Fashion in Millinery during the war is Simplicity and Economy. I have absolutely the very Newest in large Black Sailor shapes, suitable for the present and Fall wear. Come in and see them at the ROSE MARCHE.

Chief of Police Grundy wishes us to draw our readers' attention to the fact that proceedings will be taken against any person or persons who have not paid the current year's Dog Tax by Tuesday evening next, July 20th.

We would like to draw the attention of those responsible for the maintenance of the rink that the place is wide open to any passing hobos or others looking for quiet "dossing" places. The doors and windows are wide open and the building is being damaged in consequence by the weather.

**Women's Auxiliary of
St. Michael's Anglican Church**

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1915 AT 4 P.M.

**Sale of Home Cookery
and Aprons, etc.**

Afternoon Tea will be Served, Price of Tea, 15c.

IN THE
Store in Walters' Block,
(Next to J. B. Radcliffe's Office).

Lot 3, Merritt Gardens will be Ruffled during the Sale

**Asbestos and Silver
Were Brought In**

Two splendid and valuable specimens of almost pure asbestos and fine native silver were brought in from the Coquahalla on Wednesday by William Voght who was away prospecting for ten days.

In the opinion of some of the old prospectors these are as fine looking specimens as have been taken in the section. William McNeill, for whom Mr. Voght was prospecting, is sending the finds to the Provincial Mineralogist for a report. The asbestos was taken from a twenty foot seam and is considered significant of the immense mineral resources of the district.

Glorious Twelfth Loyal Celebrated
(Continued from Page One.)

Vocal and recitative items, all of which were much enjoyed were contributed by the artists including Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Hyland, Dr. Tutill, J. Wilcocks, Hugh Campbell, who rendered songs, and J. Patton (recitation). Dainty refreshments and ice cream was served.

The Worshipful Mistress of the True Blue Lodge (Mrs. Geo. Osmond) and officials desire to publicly thank the citizens who contributed to the July 12th Tag Day collection when some \$35 was received for the True Blue Orphanage (of B. C.) fund.

Recording Secretary George Slater attended the "Twelfth" celebrations at the Terminal city, at which nearly every Orange lodge in B.C. was represented.

Palace Bakery

Bread, Cakes, Pastry, etc
Hot Pies every Saturday.
W. FAIRLEY, Proprietor.

PAY-DAY

At the Merritt Cash Store

FLOUR, Royal Household	49-lb. sack	2.15
SUGAR,	20-lb. bags, each	1.80
LARD,	5-lb. .85, 10-lb.	\$1.65
EGGS, Guaranteed Strictly Fresh,	per doz.	.35
MAGIC BAKING POWDER,	per tin	.20
RICE, Fine Clean Grade	per lb.	.05
SAGO,	4-lbs. for	.25
TAPIOCA	4-lbs. for	.25
TOMATOES,	per tin	.13
GOLDEN SYRUP, 2-lb. tins	.18, 5-lb. tins	.42 per tin
FRY'S COCOA,	per tin	.25
RAISINS,	2-lbs. for	.25
CURRENTS,	2-lbs. for	.25
GINGER SNAPS, Fine and Crispy	per lb.	.10
TEA BISCUITS, Mixed Variety	per lb.	.15
LEMON EXTRACT,	per bot.	.15
CHEESE, Fine Ontario Quality	per lb.	.25
BRAN	per 100 lbs.	\$1.65
SHORTS	per 100 lbs.	\$1.80

SEE OUR WINDOWS FOR SPECIAL
**"Cut Price" Sale of Children's and
Women's Shoes**
Reg. \$2.50 value, Special at \$1.50
Specials in Women's Cotton Hose and
Muslin Waists

**THE MERRITT
CASH STORE**

Drawing for Stephenson and Ewart's suits on Monday evening next, July 19, at 6 o'clock.

Applications for the position of cook at Nicola Valley General Hospital will be considered and an appointment made at an adjourned meeting of directors of the hospital to be held on Tuesday evening next.

Thursday next, July 22, last date for big discount on 1915 taxes.

F. B. Ward, has received word that Major Conant, of Canford, has been severely wounded.

A brother of the City Solicitor, Mr. M. L. Grimmer, from Saskatchewan, is visiting in the City.

An Explanation

In a report that was necessarily condensed for space reasons, and which appeared in our columns last week, we stated that "Ald. McGoran had emphatically expressed himself as being opposed to any special privileges being granted to soldiers who are on active service for their king and country and who have property liable to sale for delinquent taxes," as was urged in a resolution passed by North Vancouver Council and sent to Merritt Council for endorsement, and advocating that the Provincial Government should pass special legislation protecting the property of soldiers from being sold for taxes while the men are at the front.

With full frankness we state the words we attributed to Ald. McGoran are incorrect. Ald. McGoran stated at the meeting he was strongly in favor of the spirit of the resolution but was against endorsing it, his expressed reasons being that it did not affect Merritt which has no soldiers liable to have their property affected; because cities have power of exempting sales in special cases, and he did not see how legislation could be passed in time to help, even if such powers were needed.

It a nutshell, the misconception in the report arose through our stating that Ald. McGoran was opposed to the resolution whereas he was in favor of the spirit of it but opposed to endorsing it, for the reasons stated.

Personal Column

Mr. and Mrs. Trail, of Canford were in town on Thursday.

Birth—to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sharpe, Diamond Vale Flat, a daughter, July 15.

Tom Heslop left today for Vernon Military camp where he will be engaged as butcher.

Mrs. A. B. Kennedy is on a visit to the home of her parents on the Coldwater.

Murdock McIntyre, proprietor of the Coldwater Hotel, left last week end for the Coast on business.

Mrs. O. B. N. Wilkie, who has been spending a short holiday as the guest of Mrs. Adamson of Aspen Grove, returned on Wednesday train to Trout Lake.

E. W. Veale, Dominion Fire Warden for this section, was a business visitor in the city on Monday, and reports conditions respecting precautionary measures against forest fires as quite satisfactory.

Miss Jamieson of the ladies department at Armstrong's Store returned to Merritt at the beginning of the week after spending a vacation at her home at the Coast.

**The Clydesdale
Stallion**



"Victor Hugo"

Imp. (9898) (15031)
Sire: Sir Hugo, 10924
1st Dam: Fair Maid 18855, by Marcellus 11110.
2nd Dam: Lady Bell 8997, by Darnley 222

Commencing May 5th, Will Stand as follows:

EVERY WEDNESDAY
AT
**D. Munro's Stables
MERRITT**

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
AND

During the rest of the Week at my Ranch at Lower Nicola

TERMS: For Season with return privilege \$12.00 payable at end of Season. To insure with Foal, \$18.00

For further particulars apply to
D. DODDING (Owner),
Lower Nicola B. C.

Hotel Arrivals

ADELPHI HOTEL

O. Bisson, of Rossland, and F. Gibbs, of Victoria were business men who registered on Sunday.

G. H. Clarke, postoffice inspector, registered Monday, and later motored to Tulameen.

Morley Shier, representative of Wood, Vallance and Leggatt, of Vancouver, was here Monday.

G. D. Ford, traveler for A. N. Cowdry and Co. importers and manufacturers agents was a guest at the hotel.

Mrs. C. Bennett, of Vancouver whose husband is in charge of the hospital at the construction camp on the K. V. R., was here Monday. She will spend a few weeks at the camp.

W. McLean, representative of a Victoria business house, registered at the hotel this week.

J. Greer came up from the Coast and will inspect bridges constructed on the K. V. R.

COLDWATER HOTEL

W. J. Croman and Thomas Malben, of the K. V. R. construction camp, registered the first of the week.

C. R. and Mrs. Betterton, Hastings Ranch, registered here at the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. N. Wilkie, were week end guests.

John Wilson, a well known representative of a Vancouver wine firm was at the hotel on Monday.

R. G. McGill, of the Otter Valley, late manager of the Betterton ranch, was a guest on Tuesday and later left for Kamloops to join his wife who is visiting her relatives.

W. R. Peacock, of Notch Hill, was a guest this week.

A. McPhaul, of Aspen Grove, rancher, was a Wednesday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Rittman and Roy Wyman of Hope, were guests on Wednesday. They were en route to the K. V. R. construction camps.

Corporation of the City of Merritt

**LAST DAY FOR BIG DISCOUNT
ON 1915 TAXES:**

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1915

HARRY PRIEST, Collector