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Further Batch of Nicola Valley Boys Will Join Their Pals in the Trenches---Ten left for Vernon Training Camp on Wednesday

Civic Fire Alarm System Advocated

Cost Would Soon be Returned in Lower Insurance Rates. Council in Session

Urging that by the installation of a fire alarm system in the City there was a reasonable chance of fire insurance rates being reduced Mayor Walters at the City Council meeting on Monday evening recommended that the fire committee make enquiries as to the cost of having such apparatus provided. The suggestion was adopted.

The Mayor reported that he recently interviewed an insurance underwriter and after he had inspected the existing facilities for firefighting he said he would put in a report to the insurance anthorities at Vancouver and that in due course the City would see a copy of that report.

It was intimated that since the Central Hall fire insurance rates on certain property in the business section had been raised.

Accounts

A further batch of accounts were passed for payment, as soon as funds are available.

Bylaws

Bylaws 48 and 49 which respectively authorize certain rates and regulations to govern the supply of city electricity and water to customers were read in open Council, and considered in committee, and each given third readings.

School Finances

A communication was read from Supt. Robiuson, of the Department of Education, respecting the powers conferred by section 76 of the school act, but as the Supt. apparently misunderstood what information was really sought by the council a further letter will be sent to him.

Mayor J. Walters presided. Also present were Aldermen P. McLean, A. McGoran, J. McFarlane, and R. Jackson, City Clerk Harry Priest and Solicitor M. L. Grimmett.

What Will Happen When I Fight For Country ?

In view of the recruiting which has been given a stimulant in the Nicola Valley this week, and of the fact that several persons here are considering the ecomical side of enlistment, we reproduce answers to a few questions which are considered by those who comtemplate entering the service and, incidentally, adding their names to the Valley Roll of Honor.

1. How long am I to serve?

Until the end of the war and six months after if required.

2. What pay shall I receive?

Your pay as a private will be $1.00 per day and 10c. field allowance. Besides this you will be clothed, equipped and snbsisted by the Government.

3.—What will my wife receive during my absence?

Every month there will be paid her a seperation allowance of $20 (also a part of your pay), and if this be not enough to comfortably maintain your family, the Canadian Patriotic Fund will further assist them.

4. What will happen if I am wounded or sick?

You will be cared for by the Government and your pay continued until you are discharged. If you are permanently disabled an allowance will be paid you, varying according to the extent of your injury or disability.

5. What will be done for my wife and children if I die while in active service?

The Government will provide an adequate pension, that will enable the family to live comfortably until the children are old enough to look after themselves. The widowed mother of a single man, if the son be her sole support, is treated in the same way as a wife.

Dun's Mercantile Record officially reports that all their 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.

Lieut. Got Men With Capital "M"

Ten More Men from Nicola Valley For the Firing Line Left for Vernon

Following are the young men of the Nicola Valley who enlisted in the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles for Overseas service after successfully passing the medical examination by Dr. Tutill, and and reported at Vernon on Thursday: Sam Pool, Ernest Harold, Alec Lonie, Tom Drybrough, of Merritt; John Ovington, of Collettville; Duncan McDougal, Percy Grimshire, Jack Grimshire, of Nicola; D. F. Hudson, of Quenelle; Frank Woolgar, of Lynn Creek.

A soul stirring and fervent appeal for Nicola Valley men to enlist was made by Lieut K. G. Halley, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, at a recruiting meeting and concert held in the Armory on Monday evening.

There was a large attendance of both sexes to hear the Lieutenant, who wore kharki, and whose candid comments on the higher duties of citizenship in war time, elicited repeated applause from the gathering.

A soldier of powerful build, Lieut. Halley's manly talk was in fitness with his fine bearing. "You know what I'm here for", he said, "I want men, men with a capital M, men to defend their country on the battlefields of France or in the Dardanelles. I ask you to join me in my regiment, and I don't want you to say 'Its all right you getting us to go while you stay at home recruiting."

Pointing with evident pride to his overseas badge on his tunic the soldier said "Boys, that is the only badge to us today and when you go I will go with you" (applause).

I am a married man with a family—and I am ready to take a chance. And it is a channel when you consider from the casualty lists that the officers have a much larger per centage of killed and wounded than the ranks.

He urged Merritt young men to add their names to the honor roll of the Nicola Valley.

Other points from his speech were:

"And you, ladies, would you feel content for other men to go and fight for you. You married for a man to protect you, he vowed that.

"To sweethearts: I would say to the boys if a girl is worth having she is worth fighting for.

"As long as the British Empire lasts those memorable battles of the Canadians at Neuve Chappele and Langemarck will never be forgotten.

"You men before me in this hall. I wish I could see you with me going over the German trenches with a bayonet, and I want you now,

After touching upon conscription Lieut Halley said—"Men, if you want to come with me I want you with the voluntary spirit, the British spirit—British soldiers are the finest in the world and they are fighting brave German soldiers.—I want those who are willing to go with me to 'take the chance' for our King and Country..... some of you wont came back..... it is not a picnic, but the Empire needs men, it needs you."

Lieut. Halley wishes through the medium of the "News" to thank Capt. C. Tyner, Capt. G. H. Tutill. Q.M.S. Osmond for their assistance to him, and to Messrs. Stephenson & Ewart who kindly allowed the use of their premises for recruiting purposes. Special thanks are tendered to Mrs. (Dr.) Tutill for her able arrangements in providing such a first-class concert at such short notice.

Bishop de Pencier For the Front

Merritt citizens, especially Anglican churchpeople, will be interested in the announcement that his Lordship Bishop A. U. De Pencier, of Vancouver, has offered his services to Lieut.-Col. Hulme as chaplain of the 62'nd Battalion, now being raised for active service. The offer which was forwarded to Ottawa has been accepted.

FARMING UNDER FIRE

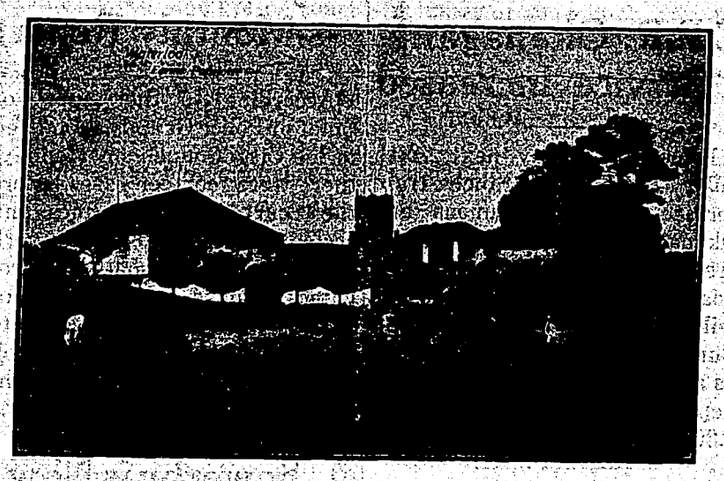
French Farmers Work near Trenches. Country Scenes Described by Seaforth Highlander. Farm Dogs. Quaint Churches and Shrines

"Religious Atmosphere Contradictory to the Real State of Affairs."

"Farming under fire may sound rather startling but to the farmers whose worldly wealth is wrapped up in their farms near the trenches and cannot afford to leave them until literally" shelied out "it is taken as a matter of course."

This wrote Pte. W. F. Chaffey, of 72nd Seaforth Higlanders, of Vancouver, who was one of the heroic sixteenth battalion which offered such gallant resistance to an overwhelming force of Germans on their left flank at the first big battle of Ypres.

As he was billeted in a farm and being interested in agriculture he wrote what he saw and learned for others in B. C., and we have been privileged to reproduce the article in the News for the benefit of the people of the Nicola Valley. Farmers and others here peacefully enjoying life in a fair land not ravaged by shot and shell are told just what it is like for farmers right in the battle line. The farm referred to in this article is (or was) but half a mile from the German trenches and there were British emergency trenches cut through the fields. Notices could be seen in English requesting soldiers to "please keep of the growing crops."



Farmhouse on Battlefield of Waterloo

The farm house, barn woodshed, stable—and, in fact, all the farm buildings—are under one roof, and are built in the form of a square, enclosing a courtyard about seventy-five feet each way. The buildings—or perhaps we should say the building—is substantially constructed with brick walls and tiled roof.

The farmer and his family occupy practically all of two sides of the square, and the rest is devoted to the horses, cattle, chickens etc. We pay many visits to the kitchen, which is at once kitchen, living-room and dinning-room. The most noticeable feature about this, as well as all the rooms I have seen on these farms, is the very low ceilings—barely seven feet high in some instances.

Strange as it may seem, the courtyard is used in the winter to accommodate a manure pile. The utter lack of sanitation would astonish most Canucks. The family well is in the same courtyard; and also a sort of bricked-in hole in which all the washing water, etc. from the house is thrown. In spite of all this, the people living in these surroundings seem very healthy.

Farm Dogs Work

It is very interesting to watch the dogs, which are used to turn the feed cutters. They run around inside a big wheel about twelve feet in diameter, and can turn a root-cutting machine.

They are kept chained up all day long, so are only too eager to have a little run in the wheel. They are very knowing about it, too, and seem to quite enter inter the spirit of the game. When the chopper is filled up with turnips or mangels, they puff and pant and go quite slowly; then if the machine is allowed to get empty, their legs have to go like mad to keep them on their feet!

The Orchards

The orchard contains trees varying in age, apparently from about two years to fifty years. One of the largest I measured with my arms roughly, and judged to be about eight feet six inches in circumference. The usual custom seems to be to take a wild apple tree about two inches through, and let it get a good start after transplanting; then plant it about eight feet above the ground, using mud as a grafting wax. This makes a very high headed tree, and serves the double purpose of keeping the branches and fruit out of reach of cattle and letting the sun get at the grass which grows between the trees.

As I Write

German shells are dropping intermittently during the day and night—sometimes unpleasantly close. One of our batteries is "annoying" the Germans from a well-concealed position a few hundred yards away, and they keep trying to locate it. A couple of days ago some pieces of shrapnel broke some tiles on the roof and put a few holes in the greenhouse! This morning a big piece of steel casing of a shrapnel shell, which was fired at an aeroplane, fell with a whiz and thud just behind the buildings.

Quaint Churches

One of the things which first attracts the attention of a stranger in this country is the number of churches along the road. They seem hardly worthy of the name of church, as they are only about six feet by ten feet on the ground. The front is open except for a light iron gate. They usually have a small altar with crucifixes and artificial flowers on it, and various statues of different saints. A great deal of trouble seems to have been taken with the decoration of them and the building is substantially constructed of stone or brick, with a good tile roof.

Almost every house has a crucifix placed above tne door or under the eaves of the roof. This religious atmosphere seems rather contradictory to the real state of affairs when the sound of artillery, or the sight of an ambulance filled with wounded, makes one realize what a terrible war is in progress a short distance away.

Billy Bowser Won't Scab

Some amusement was occasioned in the City Council Chamber on Monday evening when City Clerk Priest read the reply of Attorney General W. J. Bowser to a request that he give his interpretation of the meaning of section 195 of the municipal act, which deals with borrowing by municipalities.

Mr. Bowser wrote, in part,

At the very best my opinion would only be a personal one and there are very many men in the legal profession much more competent than I am to interpret the various sections of the Municipal Act,

He then went on to say his department made it a strict rule never to advise on matters of the kind.

Mayor Walters: If the Attorney-General wont give a ruling who will?

City Solicitor; It seems to me it can only be obtained through the courts.

Ald. McGoran: Mr. Bowser declines, the Municipal Inspector declines, to whom shall we look? Mr. Bowser must feel he cannot advise on the section better than does our own solicitor.

After further discussion, on the resolution of Aldermen McGoran and McLean the communication was received and filed.

Rev. Cooke Tells About Pamphlet

Sparse Attendance at Lecture on Cotsworth's Charges. Rev. J. Hyde Presided

Although every local circumstances was favorable to a largely attended meeting only some thirty-seven people of Merritt and district turned out on Friday at Menzies Hall to hear the Rev. E. A. Cooke lecture on Moses Cotsworth's pamphlet "The Crisis in B. C." an attack on the Provincial Government.

The meeting was called for eight o'clock, when there were a round half dozen people present; at 8.25 there were 17; at 8.40 when the spokesman of the Ministerial Union rose to speak he was introduced by the Rev. Hyde to a few more than thirty people.

Throughout, the speaker held the close attention of the audience.

After devoting fully twenty minutes in affirming that he was touring the country in the interests of morality and not politics the speaker dwelt with the land question. Regarding land available for pre-emption he charged that despite statements by Hon. Mr. Ross that there were quite some 91,000 to 93,000 acres of land reserved for pre-emptors in B. C., yet the provincial assessors in their answers to enquiries made for the Agricultural Commission's report almost wholly stated there was no land suitable for the purpose within twenty miles of a railway, project railway, road or wagon road. He claimed 20 out 29 assessors reported to this effect. The land had been exploited for the benefit of speculators, he said, and fraudulent maps which deceived old country prospective emigrants had been willfully prepared, especially as regards Fort George. It was astonishing, he said as he quoted statements from Mr. Cotsworths pamphlet, that speculative syndicates would be able to hold in there name thousands of acres for which they had to pay or would nave to pay fifty cents an acre and then retail to individuals at huge profits. The 1907 land act changes were, he was sure, enacted solely to help the speculators. Referring to the coming libel suit brought by Alec Lucas M.P.P. he said at the opening action for discovery Mr. Lucas had endeavored to get them to divulge the nature of their defence. This they were determined not to do until the time was ripe. The case could not now come off until September. "Some think it will never come off, but we are certain it will and are determined on that."

As to our coal resources, these were in the grip of American and German speculators and other interests he charged. Two men Kobes and Beaton, controlled no less than 92,000. (These and other figures quoted were taken from Mr. Cotsworth's pamphlet.)

The reverend gentlemen also dealt with the timber lands. These he said had been shamefully exploited for the few friends of the government, and at least 80 per cent had been alienated. He claimed too that in 1908 when the Government boasted that

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Seek Assistance of Hon. Burrell

City Council to Write Federal Member and P. M. G. re Mail Service

Communications from Superintendent Paters, of the C. P. R. and the Vancouver Postoffice Inspector respecing the City Council's efforts to get a better mail delivery into Merritt from the Main line were read at the regular Council meeting held in the City Hall on Monday evening.

The letters were not cheering. It was pointed out that the traffic over the line was not large enough to warrant a train being put on daily to improve the present mail service.

As is well known in the Valley, since the C. P. R. schedule was revised and the K. V. began to operate, the citizens have been receiving 2 mails on three days weekly from the main line and none on the three alternating days; no mail is obtainable between Friday night and Monday morning. The week end isolation is felt to be the greatest hardship.

Solicitor Grimmett reported meeting Mr. Peters who agreed the City had a genuine grievance over their mail delivery but he could not see that an improved train service could be granted at present.

Mayor Walters said the Penticton people had solicited the Hon. Martin Burrell's efforts in getting a mail car attached to the K. V. R. trains and perhaps he could do something for Merritt.

Solicitor Grimmett was sure that all southern B. C. freight would shortly come through the K.V.R. route. There should thus be at least one daily train soon.

It was eventually resolved on the motion of Ald. McGoran and Jackson, that the Postmaster-General and the Hon. Martin Burrell be communicated with for their assistance in improving the situation.

Modern Sawmill Plant for New Townsite Bought

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Armstrong, Miss Standish and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Betterton, spent an enjoyable automobile trip last week end visiting Okanagan centres. Travelling in Mr. Armstrong's Overland the party left on Sunday and arrived back on Tuesday covering 400 miles and taking in Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, and other beautiful places.

While at Vernon Mr. Betterton completed the purchase of a fully equipped modern sawmill plant that cost $10.000. This will be shipped during the next few days to the new townsite of Brookmere, at Mr. Betterton's "Hastings Ranch" and will be used in the construction of the many homes and buildings to be erected in that thriving community. The plant which it is stated was bought for some $3,000 comprised modern planers, saws, edging machines, and a large top edge cutting machine that will take care of logs of any dimensions.

The Vernon internment and military camps were inspected by the party who aiso noticed the crops and fruit to be in splendid condition. Vernon is "good" Penticton likewise, reported Mr. Armstrong to the "News." He says the people of Penticton and other Okanagan centres are keenly anxious to see and help towards bringing about, an increase in the local consumption of Merritt coal, and speak in appreciative terms of the rapidly inreasing trade in the Okanagan fruit with Nicola Valley communities.

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STATEMENTS AND FACTS

The Rev. E. A. Cooke has been and gone and he must have felt dissappointed. Although people invariably rush to hear sensations such as "crises" produce only thirty seven Merritt citizens were present on Friday to help fill the sea of empty seats which faced the speaker. Only after waiting forty-five minutes after the scheduled time for the opening of the meeting was there considered sufficient present to hear the address. The Rev. E. A. Cooke must certainly have been convinced that the ninety and nine, despite the widely scattered reports of his speeches, are yet to feel there is a "crisis." Of those who did attend, many declare they never heard a more purely partison political speech. It was studded with grave charges based on an individuals statement.

When it is recollected that some of the clergymen who signed the foreword of the piquant pamphlet that the Rev. Cooke speaks upon had to admit to Alex Lucas M.L.A., in open court in an action for discovery, that they had no personal knowledge of the charges made in the pamphlet although their signatures appeared in the foreword as having personally investigated them and being prepared to stand sponsor for their truth, public concern in the pamphlet began to crumble. Now, last Friday the reverened gentleman admit further that

> it is within the bounds of possibility that some of the statements in this pamphlet are not absolutely correct.

Further the Methodist Recorder recently stated editorially:

> Whether the charges are substantially true or false we are not in a position to say. If they are true the guilty parties should not escape the penalty of public humiliation, and we hope now the *facts* will be disclosed. On the face of it however the attack looks too bitter to be sincere and suggests that the ministers have been used to accomplish the personal designs of Moses Cotsworth, the author of the pamphlet.

The Recorder also comments "We ministers are supposed to be rather susceptable in such matters." This opinion the Rev, Hyde corroborated when, in moving a vote of thanks, he thanked the speaker "for giving us *facts*" which are only statements yet to be answered in a libel action in a court of law.

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May Take Trenches But Lose Land

After 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, Merritt City Council in session on Monday decided unanimously that they could not as requested by North Vancouver Council give endorsation to a resolution urging upon the Government to enact legislation to give protection to property of such soldiers by extending the date on which they could pay up arrears of taxes and save their land from being sold for taxes while the men were serving their country.

Ald. McGoran, by request of the chair, gave his views. He declared that many soldiers could afford to pay their taxes, others had friends who could look after them for them, and at any rate they had a year in which to redeem their property.

Neither the Mayor nor the other Aldermen expressed themselves as being either for or against supporting N. Vancouver's resolution for the benefit of the soldiers but the resolution "that the letter be filed" moved by Ald. McGoran was unanimously carried.

Interesting Concert Held in Armory

There was a large attendance of citizens at the recruiting concert and dance held in the Armory on Monday evening when an enjoyable program was presented under the supervision of Mrs. (Dr.) Tutill. Those present included Lieut. K. G. Halley, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who delivered a patriotic address, Capt. C. Tyner, commanding the local squadron B. C. Horse, Capt. Dr. Tutill, and Corporal C. A. Thomas (C.M.R.) The program comprised the following items, Master Tutill and children "O Canada"; R. S. M. Tom Smith "Tipperary"; Mrs. Grimes "Your King and Country Need You"; duet "Good-bye Little Girl, Good-bye" Miss Pope and Dr. Tutill, Patriotic songs, Miss Patchett; Song, "The Best Old Flag on Earth" Dr. Tutill; Violin selections, "Martial Airs" Mrs. Langstaff; Song, "Soldiers of the King." Percy Boyd; "Veteran Song" Lieut. Halley. The numbers were all enjoyed and encores were frequent. Mrs. Tutill and Corporal Thomas accompanied the songs. The concert was followed by a dance.

Fifty cent suits are novelties. Stephenson & Ewarts next draw—July 19.

Fragment of Shell From the Nurnberg

Magistrate J. S. Morgan has received from his friend H. Gravenor, of Victoria, who has family connections here, a small fragment of the steel casing of a ten-inch German shell fired by the Nurnberg at H.M.S. Kent in the battle off the Falkland Islands on December 8th, when the British navy added another glorious achievement to its records. A photograph of the damaged plate of the Kent pierced by the German shells accompanies the memento. The warship was only slightly damaged and was repaired some time ago at the Esquimalt dockyard and has returned to active service on the high seas.

What makes the relic possessed by Magistrate Morgan more valuable is that the naval engagement off the Falklands brought to a close the raiding of merchantmen by German war vessels in the open seas.

Auto Party to Douglas Lake

Several local friends of Mr. and and Mrs. F. B. Ward motored out to Douglas Lake on Saturday to spend a convivial evening with music and dancing with their hospitable host and hostess. The party, which returned home Sunday morning, comprised Dr. and Mrs. Tutill, Mr. and Mrs. Grimmett, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. B. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. P. Boyd, Mrs. Langstaff, Misses Seaton, J. and the Misses Guichon (Quilchena), Messrs. J. Graham, H. Round and J. Daniels. The trip was made in the automobiles of Dr. Tutill, Mr. Grimmett and Mr. Boyd.

C.P.R. Okanagan Service Increased

Effective Sunday next, 11th July, Okanagan branch train service between Sicamous and Okanagan Landing will be increased to a daily service and the boat service on Okanagan Lake will also be made daily including Sunday. The schedule will be as at present except the hour of departure from Penticton will be 5.30 a.m.

Park Privileges for Methodist Picnic

Saturday, July 17th, is the date and Voght Park the venue of the Methodist Sunday School picnic, the City Council having on Monday night granted permission for the use of the park that day.

The formal application was submitted by Alderman Jackson, on behalf of the Sunday School officials.

At the Pan-Pacific Exposition, in competition with the grain-growing districts of the world, Canadian grain exhibits carried off the principal prizes. The building and contents were awarded the gold medal.

Attention! Ladies; Socks for Soldiers!

The Ladies of the Patriotic Guild figure on arranging a "Sock Day" in the early future on somewhat similar lines to the linen day scheme, and all ladies who can possibly do so are to be asked to make or provide for a pair of socks to be sent to our soldiers at the front. Further particulars will be announced in due course. In the meantime patriotic ladies are asked to give the projected scheme publicity amongst their friends so that Merritt and the Nicola Valley can once more rise to the occasion in continuing the good work for the benefit of those who are fighting our battles. Soldier's socks have a short life and immense quantities constantly require replenshing. This can best be done by such an united effort as is in contemplation locally.

Local Orangemen To Attend Service

On Sunday evening next, the eve of the "Twelfth," the local Loyal Orange Lodge brethren and sisters of the kindred True Blue lodge will attend divine service at the Presbyterian church, when a special Orange sermon will be preached by Rev. Bro. J. Hyde. Wearing regalia, the procession will leave the lodge room at 7.10. All brethren are requested to assemble not later than 7 o'clock. The service will commence at 7.30 p.m.

The local Orangemen will celebrate the "Twelfth," Monday next, with a social to be held in the K. P. Hall, commencing at 7 p.m.

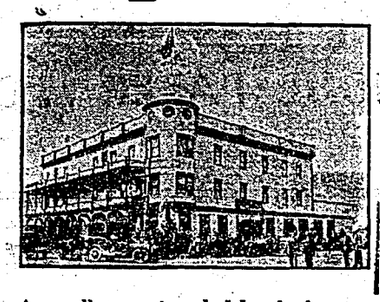
City Police Work ---Monthly Report

According to the report of Chief of Police Grundy submitted to the City Council on Monday, there were fourteen cases before the court in June; fines and costs imposed totalled $100; work done by eight prisoners aggregated 156 days, to the value of $234. A girl was committed to the Burnaby Industrial school. The majority of the convictions were for Indian liquor offences.

A. Sowerby is Now Manager of Co-op

Two vacancies on the staff of the Merritt Co-operative Society were filled at a meeting of the committee held on Tuesday evening. A. Sowerby was promoted to the position of manager out of four applicants, while Peter Moyes was engaged as teamster, there being twelve applications for this post.

J. Simpson has received an interesting letter from his partner W. Cranna, who is in Scotland, telling of war conditions in the Old Land. He tells much news that has either been censored by the press censor or omitted thru the discretion of the newspapers in England.



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Visiting Brethren cordially invited.

J. HUTTON, C. R. RALPH HEBRON, Secretary

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Regular meetings in Masonic Hall, Granite ave. second Tuesday in each month at 8 p.m.

Sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend.

F. S. GAY, W.M. W. A. HESLOP, Secretary

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Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

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Apply Dr. G. H. TUTILL,
P. O. Box 10.

A New Pay Plan

The Grocers' Association of Spokane propose to try the experiment of a 'pay-your-account' week when all debtors will be urged to get out of debt at least temporarily.

Collections, says the Spokane Chronicle, are the barometer of business. When bills are paid promptly, merchants smile, even though trade may be relatively light. They can buy to suit their needs, they can settle with their wholesalers, and can give better value to their customers by buying for cash. One bill paid pays another and that another. "Ultimate consumers" may be sure that their own tardy payment is giving a bad name to retailers, jobbers and manufacturers. What is owing to the grocer puts the butcher, the baker, the blacksmith, the contractor, the wholesaler and the manufacturer in debt. Then there is self satisfaction or contentment that adds to the joys of life.

War Fashions

Mr. Reville, the world famous court dressmaker, in discussing the fashions to be worn during the war, says: "There will be no elaborate trimmings on the gowns, nor costly feathers in the hats. Every new hat in Paris is a wide, straight-brimmed sailor. One model was a large sailor shape in a beetroot straw, with simple cottage garden flowers wreathed round the crown; it was a hat that would look well with a plain blue serge walking suit, or with a silk afternoon gown.

In Hope!

The West Yale Review says:

"That the conservative member and the liberal candidate were in Hope on the same day.

That both Mr. Lucas, M.L.A. and Mr. Walters are confident.

That the candidate and his party expect to get a surprise regarding the date of the election.

That the biggest surprise they will receive will be after the election."

"Hope's for the best!"

Nicola Valley News In the Trenches

In another column we reproduce a letter which the editor has received from two Nicola Valley "Tommies" who are in the trenches in France. The letter which is duly signed, but published by request under a nom de plume, is a vigorous reply to a letter which appeared in our correspondence columns in our issue of May 21, favoring the internment of local alien enemies.

As our kharki clad correspondents apparently enjoy reading the "News" which they say "unfortunately we receive only too seldom," we would make known the fact that the "News" will gladly mail papers free of cost to any soldiers at the front from the Nicola Valley, who are not receiving them. Relatives are invited to furnish us with full names and correct addresses of soldiers they would like to get the home news each week.

For some time past a batch of "News" has been sent regularly through Agent-General Turner in London, Eng., for the pleasure of wounded Nicola Valley soldiers in military hospitals.

K. V. R. Places Lumber Order

The announcement that the Kettle Valley Railway would place orders for a large quantity of lumber for snow sheds, is borne out by the fact that during the past three days orders aggregating thirteen million feet have been placed with mills in New Westminster and district and in Vancouver.

The orders will involve the disbursement of between $120,000 and $150,000, and are of considerable moment in the present state of the lumber industry, when the home market is quiet and the foreign market practically closed by lack of bottoms.

The contract to build the sheds has been let to Messrs. Guthrie & McDougal, of Vancouver and Portland.

It is stated that altogether some five hundred men will be employed in building the snow-sheds which if placed end to end would cover fourteen miles.

REV. A. E. COOKE TELLS ABOUT PAMPHLET

(Continued from Page One.)

they were putting a reserve on the timber in the Province for the benefit of the people the only beneficial result was to put the price up on timber already handed over to American syndicates. After refering to the Ocean Falls Lumber failure and its disastrous effects on many English shareholders he went on to speak about trust companies. In that large and well populated province of Ontario charters were only given to six companies, in B. C. there were hundreds. He next charged that important figures had been suppressed in the officially published public accounts and that there was no mention of an item of 13 millions to come in on land sales and which was a treasury asset.

The speaker, during his speech which was delivered with fine eloquence although he was suffering from a cold which made it difficult for him to speak at all, had at hand an abundance of government bulletins and other papers from which he quoted at length.

At the close the Rev. Mr. J. Hyde thanked his brother Irishman for giving them the "facts" after which a petition which prayed for a Royal Commission investigation into the charges against the Government as made in the pamphlet, was taken round the room for signature.

Was Eye-witness Of Aerial Raid

How near the war has been brought to the peeple of Newcastle is told in a letter received by A. Sowerby, manager of the Merritt Co-operative Society, from his wife who is in the north eastern English city. She is living within a short distance of the famous Armstrong, Whitworth factory which is working at full pressure day and night producing munitions of war.

Mrs. Sowerby graphically tells of an interesting though unpleasant visit of a German Zeppelin to the city, the details of which have been rigidly censored in the British press.

"It was towards midnight" she says "when I was awakened by the sound of the loud warning buzzer, and rushing to the street saw immediately overhead what looked just like a floating street of houses. It seemed to pass quickly, then commenced to drop bombs a few hundred yards away.

Some damage was done but information has been witheld from the newspapers. Mrs. Sowerby says perfect arrangements exist in preparation for air raids and that when aerial craft appear a loud buzzer is blown three times to warn the people to put out all lights. After stating that "these raids are becoming quite frequent happenings," she tells how she would give much to be back in peaceful Merritt once more.

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,
of the "News."

The Internment Question

Sir,—In looking through the columns of your much appreciated paper, which we receive unfortunately only too seldom, a letter from one of your subscribers published therein, attracted considerable comment. The author of this letter was Mr. Harold Greig, who is again apparently seeking notoriety.

No doubt Mr. Greig's suggestion has some points in its favor, but considering that men of a of a far greater "National reputation" have already had to contend with a similar question, in a country where far more aliens were at large, and of a more dangerous character than any to be found working in the mines of the Nicola Valley, they contended that such stringent methods as Mr. Greig would hint at are contiguous with mob rule, and not countenanced beneath the British flag.

Possibly Mr. Greig forgets that these same men whom he would intern, imprison or treat in a cowardly Germanic manner, have their "families" who are dependent on them in the country, and buy their requisites in the town they reside in, and show thrift by having a bank account in the city that depends on the pay roll of the mines for its very existence.

Mr. Greig's patriotic outburst came as a great surprise. We think that instead of being a fireside critic of the coal companies and attempting to dictate to them on the form of labour they should employ, he could show his zeal to a greater advantage by donning a suit of kharki and joining the next contingent going to do their duty at the front. The possibilities of a good shot are excellent in France—Germans are always in season.

Thanking you for your valuable space, believe us to be,

Yours etc,
(Men in Kharki)

The Trenches,
France, June 15, 1915

C. J. Loewen, of Lazy "L" Ranch, was a visitor in the City on Tuesday.

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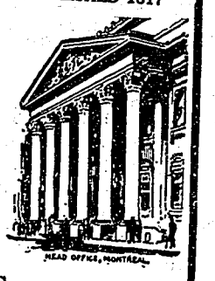

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Corporation of the CITY OF MERRITT TAX SALE, 1915

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.

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WATER NOTICE

Diversion and Use

TAKE NOTICE that AUGUST HAGEN whose address is Canford Post-office B. C., will apply for a Licence to take and use one hundred and fifty (150) acre feet per annum of water out of an unnamed creek or stream which flows East and South and drains into Spious Creek on section (10) Township Thirteen (13), Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Meridian.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about 130 rods west of the centre of section Nine (9) in said Township and Range and about (30) Rods South of the North Boundary of said Section Nine (9), and will be used for irrigation purposes upon the land described as the N.E. quarter of Section Nine (9) in said Township Thirteen (13) and Range Twenty-three (23).

This Notice was posted on the ground on the 15th day of June, 1915.

A copy of this Notice and an Application pursuant thereto and to "The Water Act 1914" will be filed in the Office of the Water Recorder at Nicola, B. C.

Objections to the Application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

AUGUST HAGEN
Applicant
by J. A. MAUGHAN,
His Solicitor

The date of first publicaiion of this notice is June 18th, 1915.

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.

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$10.00, or will exchange for Shot Gun
Box B, Nicola Valley News

Personal Column

F. F. Bowes of Hedley, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller left at the week end for the OldCountry.

Chris Croly last week end went on his motor cycle to Princeton to pay a visit to his brother.

A. W. Strickland, manager of the Bank of Montreal is a visitor to the Coast this week.

R. J. Carmon, of Spences Bridge was a guest at the Adelphi this week.

J. J. Warren, President of the K.V.R., was in the city on Saturday evening.

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

F. Walsh, of Portland, Ore., who is engaged on the K. V. R. construction work is registered at the Adelphi.

D. Wilson, rancher, of Stump Lake, was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

Road Superintendent D. G. Sutherland was in the city this week, registered at the Adelphi.

Mr. and Mrs. George Slater will go to the coast tomorrow to take in the Orange celebrations.

Mrs. Strachan and family left on Wednesday for a vacation they will spend at the Coast.

Mrs. Lodwick, of Nicola, was present at the concert and dance held in the Armory on Monday night.

A. Grundy, Chief of Police returned from Vancouver on Wednesday where he spent a week's vacation.

F. A. Richardson snd J. F. Burnam were Vancouver visitors in the city at the beginning of the week, registering at the Coldwater Hotel.

R. S. M. Tom Smith arrived back from Vernon concentration camp on Monday to get a further batch of local recruits to go over there as guards.

G. Sproule, Provincial Chief of Police, Hedley, who spent the weekend in the city, was taken round by Constable Bell and shown a real live town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Shuttleworth of this City will leave next week for Bowden, near Calgary, Alberta, where they will reside at a ranch owned by a brother of W. B. Jacksan of Lower Nicola.

LADIES!
Keynote 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.**

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and their daughter Mrs. Bass left by Saturday's westbound train for their new home at Amity, Oregan. Mrs. Alec Coutlee is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton who have resided here for the past year.

Mr. Fulton, C.P.R. baggage agent, who was a patient at the hospital, left the first of the week for three week's vacation at the coast to regain his strength before resuming his duties at the depot here.

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50 Men Wanted For Home Defence

Below we give the names of sixteen young men of Merritt and district who this week were accepted for service as guards at Vernon alien concentration camp, S. S. M. Tom Smith came back on Monday from Vernon whither he went in charge of ten members of Merritt Home Guard who went on duty at the camp, and has been recruiting here this week.

The latest recruits, who were medically passed by Capt. Tutill, will leave for Vernon early next week.

They are,—Thomas McKeating Anthony Jacques, Geo. Mitchell, Dave Coupland, Thomas Ward, Ralph Hebron, Leslie and Andrew Dickie, Robert Stackhouse, Jos. Webster, John Battersby, James Lester, of Meritt; 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.

W. A. Will Hold Sale of Work

A sale of Home Cookery and aprons, needlework etc., will be held under the auspices of the Womens Auxiliary of St. Michaels Church on Saturday July 17 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, for which tickets have been on sale for some months past will take place at this sale. There are still a few tickets left for sale, price 50 cents.

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.

As We Sell For Cash

We don't have to add anything to our Prices to make up for losses occasioned by poor credits. Do you get that? Just think it over

FLOUR, Royal Household	49-lb. sack	**2.15**
BUTTER, Very Finest Creamery,	per lb	**.35**
LARD,	3-lb. **.55**, 10-lb.	**$1.65**
BACK BACON, Our Usual Fine Quality,	per lb.	**.23**
CANADIAN WHEAT FLAKES,	per packet,	**.43**
CORN MEAL,	10-lb. bags, each	**.45**
PEACHES,	reg. .35 value, per tin	**.25**
RASPBERRIES,	reg. .30 value, per tin	**.24**
STRAWBERRIES,	reg. .30 value, per tin	**.24**
CHUTNEY,	per bottle	**.19**
TOMATO CATSUP,	per bottle	**.25**
LOBSTER,	per tin	**.30**
SALMON,	Our price, per tin	**.23**
WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE,	2 bottles for	**.25**
FRENCH PEAS,	per tin	**.15**
FRENCH MUSHROOMS,	per tin	**.23**
MOLASSES,	2-lb. tins, 2 for	**.25**
PALM OLIVE SOAP,	2 cakes for	**.25**
BRAN	per 100 lbs.	**$1.65**
SHORTS	per 100 lbs.	**$1.80**

THE MERRITT
CASH STORE

Some dozens of applications have been received for the three vacancies on the teaching staff at the public schools by Secretary H. Priest.

The Stockbreeders Association probably will not meet again until after haying is over. If any special business arises a meeting will be called by Sec. Cleasby.

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 Raffled during the Sale

Local Jottings

A special meeting of the St. John Ambulance will be held in the City Hall on Sunday next the 11th, at 10 a.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend. M, Willis, Secretary.

Mr. Eagles has received an interesting letter from his son Willie who is on active service, and who was wounded in the thigh some time ago and was a patient at Dublin Castle Hospital Ireland.

Pte. H. N, Davis, of Canford who was attached to the 30th Regt. B. C. Horse and who has been in camp at Vernon, has transferred to the 47th Battalion. He is at Canford on ten days leave of absence.

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.

Mrs. W. Thomson and Mrs. R. Dryborough and children left on Wednesday's C. P. R. train for Montreal where they will embark on the Allan steamer Pretorian for Glasgow, having decided to take up their residence in Scotland.

The many friends of Alf. Sowerby will congratulate him on his appointment to the position of manager of the Co-operative Society. He has been connected with the society for sometime now and holds the duel confidence of the committee and the members.

Ladies, think it over! When you buy berries for preserving be sure of enquiring, before buying, whether the berries are B.C. grown. In these war times particularly Merritt, B. C., the Dominion and the British Empire generally must conserve their resources.

George E. Wardle and James Gellatly, of Princeton, were in the city on Saturday en route to the coast. J. Gellatly is Princeton manager for Pat Burns and looks after shipments of cattle from that district. Geo. Wardle is a proprietor of Princeton's leading hotel, "The Similkameen."

An exceptionally fine lot of Okanagan cherries has arrived at the Nicola Valley Meat Market. They are indicative of the fact that as fine cherries as can be procured anywhere can now be shipped direct by Okanagan prodncers over the K.V.R. to Merritt consumers. The fruit is both large and of excellent quality.

The Rev. George Kinney will speak specially to boys and girls at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning when he will tell them about "The Hidden Valley" he found among the Canadian Rockies. The service will commence at 11 o'clock and as the subject will be very interesting, both children and adults are cordially invited to be present.

In honor of "Tommy" Drybrough who has joined the Nicola Valley Overseas contingent of the 11th C.M.R.'s, and left for Vernon on Wenesday, a farewell party was held at his home on Tuesday evening. "Tommy" will be missed in sporting circles next fall. Last football season he was recognised as the cleverest half back on the coast. He played for Port Coquitlam team, the champions of B.C.

Several well known Spokane mining men are now in the Tulameen district negotiating for claims that have the earmark of dividend payers and there is considerable activity in both placer and quartz mining there according to D. McRae, of the Dominion Hotel, Coalmont, who was in Merritt at the beginning of this week.

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Lower Nicola - B. C.

What We Hear

That the amount of delinquent taxes for the City of Trail is but $263.06. Merritt's is a few cents more than that.

That the steel for the Coquihalla branch of the K. V. R. is now laid to within three miles of Ladner creek, eleven miles from Hope.

That about 300 German and Austrian prisoners recently interned at Vernon, are now building a wagon road from the Monashee mine to Edgewood, a distance of 89 miles.

That a live booster of K. V. R. traffic is Murdoch McIntyre of the Coldwater Hotel who is shipdaily from his ranch a varied assortment of fine and fresh produce over the K. V. to Summit and Princeton.

That despite the much heralded sensation to be provided by the Rev. Cooke's lecture on "the" pamphlet, the cobwebbed booklets in a window of the Walter's block still fail to draw their first crowd.

That today there will leave for the Hastings Ranch the thoroughbred French Coach stallion recently purchased by Mr. C. R. Betterton at Victoria, and which horse fanciers claim is the best animal ever brought into this section.

MERRITT
Co-op. Society

The Commitee of the above Society desire to thank all applicants for the positions of Manager and Teamster and beg to say that Mr. A. Sowerby (Manager), and Mr. Peter Moyes (Teamster), have been appointed.

By Order of the Committee.
T. Hartley,
Secretary

July 7, 1915