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Now Three Candidates on Cariboo Trail---to Ottawa. Police Commission's Recommendations. Archbishop Coming Next Week.

Recommendations of Police Commission Discussed

Question of Raising Licence for Boxing Contests within the City. Local Application of Curfew Act to be Further Considered

Two recommendations, one advocating the raising of the license fee for holding boxing matches in the city limits, the other advocating civic control of children on the streets at night by the "ringing of the curfew bell," at a certain hour, both submitted by City Police Commissioners were not adopted by the City Council in session on Monday. The latter recommendation will come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

The recommendation regarding the boxing contests was as follows:--

In view of boxing contests having been held here against the wishes of the Police Commission who knew at the time they could not legally stop them we recommend you as a City Council to consider a resolution asking you to raise the license fee of boxing contests to \$20.00 and that contests be permitted to take place under certain reasonable conditions approved of by the police commission and chief of police.

During the discussion a point around which centred a lengthy argument was that the license of \$20 quarterly paid by the proprietor of the Rex Theatre, where the last contest was held, covered boxing contests without requiring any additional license fee.

Replying to a query by Mayor Walters, Solicitor Grinnett said the Council had no power to stop by law the staging of boxing contests as long as such contests were legitimate sport.

The Mayor said none could find anything wrong with the manner in which the last contest was held. If a match developed into a prize fight the police could step in.

Ald. McFarlane said the police commissioners looked to the Council to support them in their attitude. "If one man says he is going to defy the city authorities, and treats them with contempt, let him pay for it."

Ald. McLean felt that if, as was obvious, boxing contests would in future be held at the Rex they should act with the power they had and raise the theatre license. They would not penalize the theatre proprietor as he would see the fee was collected from the promoters of the fights.

Ald. McFarlane felt strongly on the matter, believing that at present, especially, boxing contests were not desirable in the City and to its best interests.

Ald. Ransom who strongly opposed carrying out the recommendation, and Ald. McGoran moved that the recommendation be received and filed.

The second recommendation of the police commissioners was that the Council put the curfew act into effect locally so that children under a certain age, unaccompanied by their parents or a guardian, should not be allowed about the city streets after a certain hour at night, the hour to be regulated by the sounding of a bell or similar warning. In its enforcement the police would assist by taking children home if found on the streets after the hour decided upon, the parents being liable to a fine.

Mayor Walters quoted from the act in reference and said possibly the Council would want to act in the matter. He thought the matter not serious enough yet for such severe action.

Ald. McFarlane a police commissioner, said reports had been received of costly damage done to property by children late at night and the curfew idea would be beneficial here as it had proved to be in other places. Commissioner Tutill strongly favored action by the Council.

The chairman, Mayor Walters, intimated that all the Commissioners were agreed on the point. Ald. McGoran supported the idea while Ald. McLean felt that perhaps police warnings to children found on the streets at night, such as was noticed on the main thoroughfare, would have the necessary results.

Eventually it was decided that the matter be left over until the next meeting, the aldermen to "think the matter over" in the interim.

Further Honor for Our Member

Alex Lucas, M.L.A. has been accorded a further high honor by the leading agriculturists of California, whom he addressed by special invitation a few weeks ago.

The member for Yale has received from Elwood Mead, Professor of Rural Instruction for the State, and a member of the Land Settlement and Rural Credit Commission of California, a request for a copy of the brilliant address he delivered before the Irrigation Congress at Sacramento; and authority to have the speech printed and circulated throughout California as an educational document.

To Organize for Winter Session

Annual Meeting of St. John Ambulance next Sunday morning at City Hall

The election of officers and the consideration of plans for the winter work also the fixing of a date for the presentation of certificates and medals to successful members, will comprise the principal business at the annual meeting of Merritt centre, St. John Ambulance Association, to be held in the City Hall on Sunday next at 10 a.m.

In view of the approaching opening of the winter session the members of the Association would be glad to hear of any citizens who are desirous of enrolling to take up instruction in first aid work, home nursing, hygiene etc. Persons wishing to join can hand in their names to any of the following committeemen: W. Welfare, W. C. Stone, A. McKendrick, Robt. Strachan and Geo. Maxwell.

The needless suffering so frequently caused by the ignorance of unskilled persons is as undoubted as it is deplorable.

By rough handling, or even the mere want of the slightest knowledge of how to support an injured limb, a simple fracture has been made compound, or even complicated. The methods of arresting bleeding from an artery is quite easy, yet thousands of lives have been lost, the very life blood ebbing away in the presence of sorrowing spectators perfectly helpless because none among them had been taught one of the first rudiments of instruction of an ambulance pupil--the application of an extemporized tourniquet. Again, how frequent is the loss of life by drowning, yet how few persons, comparatively, understood the way to treat properly the apparently drowned.

Scarcely anyone can be found unacquainted with a sick room, and nothing is sadder than the feeling of helplessness experienced by the untaught, when desirous of easing the patient's pain, adding to his comfort, or carrying out the doctor's instructions.

Sundry Business at Council Session

Tax Sale Bylaw. Lights for Granite Avenue East. Mayor's Report

Tax Sale bylaw number fifty postponing the sale of property for 1912 and 1913 taxes to 1916 passed its third reading at the regular meeting of the City Council held on Monday night. Ald. McFarlane took no part in the voting.

A petition signed by David Crawford and several owners of property and residents on Granite Avenue east for street lights was supported by Ald. McFarlane who intimated that such facilities were promised several months ago. The petition was granted unanimously on a motion moved by Alds. McFarlane and Ransom. A similar request from Mr. Scowart who wished a street light at the junction of Coldwater bridge and Voght Street was also granted, this on the motion of Alds. McGoran and Jackson.

Various accounts were passed for payment when funds are available; an account of the Nicola Valley Publishing Company for work done in connection with the advertising of the tax sale called off at the eleventh hour was laid over the clerk being requested to endeavor to get a reduction.

Mayor Walters reported on his visit as city delegate to the convention of B. C. Municipalities held at Chilliwack. He told how the delegates were in favor of municipal councils having more power over school boards. He told also how the school trustees also in convention at Chilliwack the same week were equally in favor of being provided with more power over municipal councils.

Regarding sections 195 and 134, dealing with the financial powers of municipalities, and of peculiar interests to the City of Merritt just now, he said the Union solicitor would give a ruling on his interpretation of the sections.

It was resolved by the convention, he said, that all municipalities should be empowered to borrow against the full amount of delinquent taxes. A scheme that appealed particularly to the Coast cities was to the effect that any person might purchase a certificate on paying tax arrears on property.

Hope Cut-off Done by December 1st

Only Five Miles of Track to Lay. Good Progress of Important Work

Kettle Valley track layers have just 5.2 miles of track to lay on the Hope Mountain cut-off line from Brodie to Hope, according to information received by the "News."

This five mile stretch must wait however until the completion of certain bridges, which Chief Engineer McCulloch thinks will be about the middle of November.

The new cut-off line, it is believed, will be ready for operation by the first of December at the latest. It is not generally expected, however, until the spring.

Brodie is the point where the Hope line leaves the K. V. R. line to Merritt. From Brodie, formerly called Coldwater Junction, to the junction with the main line near Hope, it is approximately 63 miles.

The track laying to Coquihalla Summit, 13.3 miles west of Brodie, was finished some time ago. At the summit known as Mile 0, the miles are numbered westward on the new cut-off line.

Steel has been laid from Mile 0, the summit, to Mile 14.8, at which place there is a bridge over a snowslide yet to be built. At Mile 9 there is another bridge over Slide Creek not yet completed, although it is in use.

From Mile 14.8 to Mile 20 at Ladner Creek there are three timber trestles not yet finished. These will take about two weeks each. The big bridge at Ladner Creek will also take six weeks.

As soon as these bridges are finished steel can then be laid on the remaining portion of the grade between Mile 14.8 and Mile 20.

Work is being rushed on these bridges as fast as possible, but of course by reason of the fact that material cannot be supplied to more than one at a time, one has to be completed before the builders can go on with the next.

Archbishop Here Next Week End

Prelate of the Roman Catholic Church Will Conduct Masses in Merritt

An event which is being looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation in Roman Catholic circles in the Nicola Valley is the impending visit of His Grace Timothy Casey, Bishop of Vancouver, who will arrive in Merritt on the evening of Friday next, October 15. Accompanied by the Rev. Father Le Jeune, he will spend the week end in the city in company with the Rev. Father Wagner.

During the three days of his visit His Grace will celebrate Mass in the Sacred Heart Church at 8 a.m.

On Sunday, the 17th inst, after celebrating Mass at 10 o'clock a.m. the Archbishop will administer the sacrament of confirmation to the candidates presenting themselves and will deliver an allocution on scriptural truth and the importance and significance of the sacrament.

At the Sunday evening service, at 7.30, after receiving an address of welcome from the congregation the Archbishop will preach on one of the leading questions of the day.

On Monday, October 18th, the distinguished visitor will visit Quilchena, and next day will travel by automobile to Kamloops.

After three years the owner could redeem his property on reimbursing the buyer with the amount of taxes paid by him plus ten per cent interest per annum. It was felt that in large cities where property had a greater potential value than in smaller places the ten per cent inducement would be attractive to investors and that certificates could be sold with comparative ease.

Under the scheme cities would always have funds sufficient for running expenses.

Present at the session were, Mayor Walters, Aldermen McGoran, Jackson, McFarlane, Ransom, McLean; Solicitor M. L. Grinnett and City Clerk Harry Priest.

Crushing Denunciation of Joseph Martin by Leading Interior Liberal Newspaper

Choice of Negligent member for St. Pancras Hotly Condemned in most Influential Liberal paper in Riding---"Is equivalent to dashing the Liberal hopes of Victory in the Cariboo Division---"Joe" like U-99 Submarine let loose---States he should not be in the list at all---Cariboo Liberals have Hewed a path for 'Professional Politician.'---States the Kamloops Sentinel editorially under date of Monday, Oct. 4, and reproduced in part.

"It would be idle to affect satisfaction over the result of the nomination at Ashcroft on Saturday, and as far as can be judged

it is equivalent to dashing the Liberal hopes of victory in the Cariboo division. Even if the Convention had been conducted on open genuine lines, and swayed by men of the best type, and had then in an honest and spontaneous manner selected Mr. Joseph Martin as candidate, the fact would still remain that the decision would be out of harmony with a large volume of public feeling.

It was not so, however, for the methods followed, of which there was a foretaste at the previous abortive gathering, savoured too much of what would have been acceptable a few years ago.

There was a well engineered movement to have Mr. Martin nominated, and the costly and laborious effort has succeeded. We do not express any opinion as to Mr. Martin's knowledge of the procedure, but

one side of it he was bound to be familiar with, and so presumably he is not averse to the real old-fashioned tactics of his most active supporters. The plain fact is that there is no reason why Mr. Joseph Martin should have been in the lists here at all. It is simply a case of finding an opening for a professional politician, and the scheme being fathered by lesser men of the same genus, owing to their outstanding affiliations and interests elsewhere.

Mr. Martin, whose force of character and capacity are recognised generally, was soon acting as if he was the latest fast type of U-99 let loose with-

out any steering gear. His uncertain dives were relieved by frequent attempts to torpedo various units of the B. C. Liberal fleet. Our leaders and their policy were aimed at seriatum, and the "Evening Journal"--which was execrably managed and naturally short-lived--expended its energies in encouraging the enemy.

Even Dr. McKay, an invaluable asset to any political party with right ambitions, was irresponsibly attacked.

Our view is that if any politician comes into the field and demonstrates in a variety of ways that he cares little what he does except fight for his own hand, then he has outlived his usefulness in any sphere where unity is desired. And when his own procedure and policy only create cause for mirth, and are far from being a laudable example, why should he expect the followers of those he attacks and vainly attempts to discredit to accept him with open arms?

The conditions and needs are outside his range of knowledge. His concerns are all elsewhere. That could be remedied no doubt. But meanwhile the fact is that he is just a politician after a seat, and a little section here for months have worked the machine tactics to ensure it being Kamloops, or rather the new Cariboo division.

It is difficult to believe that any good cause need crooked weapons, and the renaissance of Liberalism will never be furthered by them. Their sponsors are of an obsolete school, a few years out of date, but no more susceptible to change than the spots of a leopard.

Was Honored by His Many Friends

Wm. Bradley Leaves to Join the Colors

In honor of William Bradley, storekeeper and purchasing agent for the Middlesboro Collieries, a faithful and valuable employee for over five years, a young man enjoying considerable popularity throughout the city, and who left to enlist for service in the trenches, a delightful dance was held in the K. P. hall last night, the eve of his departure for Kamloops where he will be designated to an overseas contingent.

Mr. Bradley was given a rousing send off by a large number of friends assembled at the depot today and was the recipient of a handsome wrist watch as a token of regard and remembrance. Three cheers and a 'tiger' burst forth as the train pulled out for Kamloops.

With informality in feature, the

dance, attended by some forty persons drawn from all spheres of business and social life, was very entertaining. To the tune of a few strains of music rendered by Mrs. (Dr.) Tutill and Mrs. Langstaff and with the able floor management of H. R. Plommer, a varied and attractive program was carried through with a fine swing, all present obviously enjoying themselves. At about midnight refreshments were served, when the guest of the evening feelingly thanked the company for their generous hospitality and expressed the hope that when peace again reigned he would be again among his many friends here.

Accidentally Killed at Snowsheds

Following the death on Tuesday of Donald McPherson who fell from a K.V.R. bridge comes the report that yesterday John Lawton, carpenter, employed by the A. Guthrie Co., on snowshed construction near the camp was struck by a heavy timber and killed. Coroner (Dr.) G. H. Tutill and Provincial Constable Bell left for the scene of the accident this morning.

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THE MAIL SERVICE

Representations have once again been made to this paper to urge upon the residents and business men of the Nicola Valley the need of taking strong and definite steps to obtain an improved mail delivery from the West. As is well known to many people inside and outside the Valley the present delivery of inward mails is a slight on the standing and importance of the community and a hindrance to business. Merritt today is conceded to be one of the busiest places of its size in the Province yet its mail service—one of the most vital appendages of business—is such that the place might be a distant depopulated village on the very fringes of civilization.

As the people are doubtless aware, the City Council here has taken the matter up, by letter, with the authorities who allege that the great obstacle to bringing about an improved condition is the inflexible local railway arrangements which are directly affected by the main line schedule. Nevertheless, as the first schedule of the Kettle Valley Railway, which connects with the branch line service on the C.P.R. to Spences Bridge was but an experiment, surely it is not beyond hope that some mail improvement can be accomplished. This will not be done, however, until the citizens as a body weightily back up the City Council in whatever steps they take. As the winter schedule of the railways will be compiled shortly the time appears opportune for renewed action.

THE MEMBER FOR ST. PANCRAS

John T. Robinson, of Kamloops, Conservative candidate elect for Cariboo riding is now known to have two liberal political aspirants for the seat he seeks. One is Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, and M. P. of the British House of Commons; the other, John P. McConnell, late Liberal Candidate of the Provincial riding of Yale, also late editor of the Vancouver "Sun." The latter is only too well known as a political adventurer, with a past such that even Cariboo Liberals respectfully are doing without his services as official candidate. Mr. Joseph Martin is a personage widely acknowledged as an extremely able man, a clever lawyer, powerful speaker and ready debater, but a complete failure in politics.

Distrusted and disowned by many of his own party, and unrecognized by the Liberal leaders of the Province, Mr. Martin is a professional politician whose notorious characteristic is egoism. He has yet to explain to the loyal minded and patriotic people of the Cariboo why he is not occupying his seat in the Imperial House of Commons at Westminster helping in the vital deliberations of the representatives of the Empire when its very existence is at stake!

Those suffering from insomnia should read the Yale Liberal Candidates' political editorials. If taken a few minutes before retiring, they will prove invaluable as sleeping tablets.

To Provide More Markets for B.C. Agriculturists

"The only proper way for a farmer to successfully market his produce was for the Government to establish a Commercial Department to look after this end of the Agricultural business. This the government were going to do and then the farmers would be in a better position to reap the benefits of their labor by a wider range of markets," said Mr. Alex LUCAS M.P., in the course of an able speech delivered last week at Armstrong when Yale's popular representative once more demonstrated his invaluable knowledge of agricultural questions affecting the rural life of his constituents.

Speaking interestingly of his recent trip to California, Mr. Lucas said he had the privilege of being at the meeting of International Dry Farming Congress held at San Francisco. It was the unanimous opinion of all those present, that mixed farming was the one and only way to make a success of agriculture. Though in some sections they raised nothing but fruit, yet they would find mixed farming was the best.

At the Congress the Delegates advocated a Central Selling agency so as to cut out the middleman's profits. At the present time it took two men to sell the farmers produce which meant that the farmer was supporting two men besides himself on the proceeds of his labor.

This should not be and the Commercial Department which the Government at Victoria will establish will obliterate one man anyway. It would take considerable money to run this Department but in the end it will pay well.

Guild Members Busy Preparing Winter Comforts

The Patriotic Guild will hold a whist drive and dance on Monday October 18th, in the K. P. hall, commencing at 8 p.m. To be followed by a dance, refreshments will be served while admission is 50 cents. Citizens are asked to bear this engagement in mind. A good time will be given those attending and the proceeds will go to providing comforts for Canadian soldiers.

The regular meeting was held on Monday. In future the roll will be called at each meeting. The membership fee is, it should be stated, 10 cents per month. At the session four new members were enrolled and Mrs. Welfare served tea. The members are now busy knitting socks and wristlets. With the winter fast approaching all the ladies in the city who can spare a little time from their household duties, should consider how they could render some assistance to the boys in the trenches during the long cold winter months.

Ald. A. McGoran was a passenger on the C. P. R. train last night for Vancouver, being on a business trip.

Fell to his Death From K. V. R. Bridge.—Inquest

"That Donald McPherson came to his death on October 5th, by accidentally falling from bridge number 13, two miles east of camp eight on the Kettle Valley Railway" was the verdict of Dr. G. H. Tutill M. D. coroner, and a jury (foreman W. Graham) which on Wednesday investigated the circumstances surrounding the death of the late timekeeper of Volberg and Carlson, contractors, who was found on the rocks beneath a ravine bridge forty feet high. McPherson, who was about 28 years of age, is not known outside his colleagues here.

Any persons who can give information as to the whereabouts of the relatives of the deceased are requested to communicate with the Provincial Police at Merritt.

Deceased was unmarried. His fiancé, it is believed, resides in Vancouver, and the couple contemplated marriage shortly.

W. Vernon in evidence told how he picked up McPherson on his caboose shortly after 7.30 on Tuesday morning. He was cheerful quite sober and apparently in good health. There was snow and sleet about at the time.

H. Percival gave similar evidence remarking that deceased carried a parcel. He was popular with the men.

A. T. Pierce told how he went to photograph the bridge. He was in company with W. Hirdt and happening to look down saw the man, apparently asleep. On examination he was found dead having fallen face downwards. With his companion he thought he had slipped over an iron truss of the bridge.

Wm Bennet also gave evidence. The jury came to the opinion that the death rose through a pure accident and brought in the verdict as stated. On the jury were W. Graham (foreman), R. P. Gallart, N. J. Barwick, R. H. Dougan, Fred Nicholl, A. E. Barge. The body now lies at the parlors of N. J. Barwick, undertaker of this city, awaiting burial instructions from the relatives who are now being traced.

Provincial Constable Bell had charge of the case for the police.

Slick Indian Lasooes a Coyote—Claims Bounty

Lasooing a coyote with a rope, a slick handed Indian named Sicamen brought his prize, on the tether, along the road from Coutlee on Sunday and claimed the Government \$3.00 bounty from Dr. G. H. Tutill, J.P. By strange irony of fate the coyote died in the home of the doctor.

Police Report For Month of September

The report of Chief of Police A. Grundy for September as accepted by the City Council follows:—

Cases fined and paid 9, cases dismissed 2; police court fines and costs \$184.75; work done by prisoners 50 days at \$1.50, \$75.00 meals supplied to prisoners 186 at 25 cents, \$46.50; meals paid for by prisoners \$.75

Succumbed to Wounds

Despite the close and assiduous attention of the medical and nursing staff of the General Hospital, during the ten days he was in the hospital, Louis McLeod, an Indian boy, aged about twelve, from Quilchena, who suffered from serious head and bodily wounds sustained in a collision with an automobile, died on Wednesday morning. Indians from Quilchena district arrived during the day and took the body away for burial.

Joseph Martin Gets Nomination of the Liberals

With 79 votes against 25 secured by H. Gowen, of North Bend, and 18 by George Tunstall of Vancouver and Savona, Joseph Martin—K.C. of Vancouver, M.P. of England—secured the nomination as Liberal candidate elect for Cariboo riding at the nominating convention held in Ashcroft on Saturday. Capt. Worsnop, of Kamloops, withdrew his name and refused to stand for election.

At the convention, attended by Joseph Walters, M. L. Grimmett, and John Collett from Merritt, were over 100 delegates. Mr. D. B. Johnstone presided.

After the candidates had spoken and the result of the ballot announced the nomination was made unanimous, Mr. Martin promising to give due support to the provincial Liberal leaders.

The conduct of the proceedings swayed by the vigorous elbowing of Joseph and friends, was such as to astound even a strong liberal paper.

States the Liberal "Sentinel" of Kamloops:

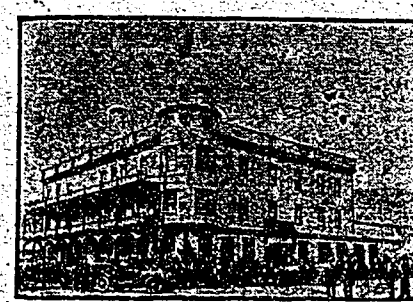
Credentials and Proxies
Capt. Worsnop, as Secretary-Treasurer, claimed that he should be on this committee, ex-officio, having been so advised by the Central Association, and being obviously one of the most competent persons to verify delegates' credentials and proxies. Mr. D. B. Johnstone, the chairman, however did not appear to appreciate the value of the Secretary-Treasurer's familiar services in this work, and emphatically opposed his giving his assistance. "Not on your tin-tacks, you won't go on," said the chairman in an oratorical flight, and it was said there would have to be "proof" of the ruling given at Vancouver. Many of the delegates were opposed to this peculiar action, and it was suggested the point be settled by vote, but the chairman then made it a question of privilege that the ruling of the un-elected chairman ought to be upheld, and not refer to the will of the delegates. Hypnotised by this novel democratic notion, the majority subsided into agreement. The vote was taken with the aforementioned result.

It was decided to allow the chairman of the committee to receive all the proxies used, and for him to have them destroyed. The Secretary, Capt. Worsnop, expressed surprise at this course, and wished them to remain in his care, accompanying the report of the Credentials Committee, and be retained for reference pending the consummation of the election arrangements. The Secretary-Treasurer tendered his resignation, but this was not accepted. All things considered, the proceedings were conducive to making the convention a memorable one, and the outcome was viewed with mixed feelings by a number of the delegates.

Independent to Oppose "Joseph"

Vancouver, Oct. 4.—On receipt of the news that Mr. Joseph Martin, K. C., was the candidate selected by the Cariboo nominating convention on Saturday, Mr. J. P. McConnell, former editor of the "Sun," announced that he will enter the lists in that constituency as an "Independent Liberal in support of Sir Wilfred Laurier" and in opposition to Mr. Martin. As both gentlemen have a large command of picturesque diction, an interesting campaign is promised for the Cariboo voters.

Mr. McConnell said he had been approached some time ago by a large number of electors of that riding and asked to be a candidate in the event of Mr. Martin receiving the party nomination. He agreed and intends to make good his promise.



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The marriage took place quietly at Nicola Anglican Church on Wednesday last, October 6th, of Miss Peacock, formerly of England, and Mr. A. Dobbie Harvey, rancher, of Nicola. The Rev. A. H. Plummer, vicar, officiated at the interesting ceremony. Mrs. McPhail and Mr. H. G. Hooper attending as witnesses. The happy couple will take up residence at the ranch of the bridegroom at Nicola.

Mile And a Half Of Snowsheds

Guthrie McDougall & Co., who are building the Kettle Valley Railway snowsheds in the vicinity of Mile 6 and Mile 11 are taking in about 15 carloads of timber, etc., per day.

In one day they handled 250,000 feet board measure of timber. These snowsheds, numbering 15, and measuring in length if placed end to end about a mile and a half, will be finished about the first of December.

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News

In

Advance

Local Jottings

At Next Monday's Epworth League meeting, Miss McKibbin will give a paper, subject: "Career." An interesting discussion will follow.

On the suggestion of Ald. McFarlane the City Clerk was instructed at Monday's Council meeting to remind T. J. Smith to have Gilmore street re-opened now that the crops have been harvested.

While out hunting in the Hastings ranch district last week end Hector Ransom and Leonard Kle-mola shot a couple of bear, besides duck and geese. If they'd missed the bruins we guess they'd have ran some.

The City School Board met in the City Hall on Friday, Chairman of Trustees H. S. Cleasby presiding. Routine matters were discussed but little business of importance was transacted.

Coldwater Hotel arrivals this week included A. C. Lochead, of Vancouver, J. A. Fundy, of North Bend, N. Walden of Canford, E. A. Richardson, representing "Mack and Mack" and J. F. Bowman (Kelly Douglas) both of Vancouver.

Palace Bakery

Bread, Cakes, Pastry, etc
Hot Pies every Saturday.

W. FAIRLEY, Proprietor

The telegraph wiring being carried on by J. S. Dunn at the Kettle Valley cut off is nearing completion. Contractor Hatch is working on the section houses and water tanks.

Grand Chancellor Steele, of the K. P. Order will be in Merritt on Saturday evening on his way from Nelson to Vancouver. During his short stay here he will meet the officers and members of the local K. P. branch.

Wm. Heslop, proprietor of the Merritt Meat Market, has been appointed as manager of the Merritt Co-operative Society's store, in place of A. Sowerby resigned. Mr. Heslop will continue in the butchery business.

A certificate of registration has been granted by the Provincial Government to a syndicate known as the Highland Valley Mining and Development Co., with head office at Ashcroft, B.C., and which is to develop copper and other mines at Highland Valley.

Attention! I have just received a nice selection of Velvet Hats for Fall and Winter, also a good assortment of the latest novelties in Gold and Silver trimmings and hand-made Flowers, Girls' Hats, Infants Bonnets and Caps. See our showing of Sweater Coat Sets. Sole Agent for Merritt & District of the famous DEKANEK—ten collars in one—Sweater. Knit to fit. Come and see them at the Rose Marche.

The Forward Adult Bible Class of the Methodist Church meets every Sunday afternoon at 2.30. The service is made brief, bright and breezy. Mr. F. Thompson is the leader and extends a hearty invitation to any adults to attend. Next Sunday afternoon Miss Dorothy Devonshire will give a paper, subject: "Moses Choice."

With ticket number 66 out of eighty tickets sold, L. Thompson of Middlesboro, won the chest of carpenter's tools owned by the late Pte. J. E. Birch, killed in action, in the draw made last Saturday night. About forty dollars has been netted from the draw. The money will be sent to the mother of the soldier at Manchester, England. Every ticket was sold. The draw was arranged by Mrs. A. S. Howes.

Religious Mania Cause of Death

Pitiable in the extreme was the death of the late Rev. Gillam of Princeton Presbyterian Church who, as stated in these columns, was found ill near Hope with self-inflicted throat wounds. Since the occurrence at Ladner Creek he had been a patient at Chilliwack hospital. It now appears that the unfortunate man made a second attempt to end his life by drowning in a bathtub, but was discovered in time by an attendant. A few minutes later however, he seized a bottle containing spirits of ammonia drank the contents, and expired in agony. Religious mania had affected his mind.

Gifts to Hospital Acknowledged

The following gifts, donated to the Nicola Valley General Hospital during the months of August and September are herewith gratefully acknowledged.

Anglican Church—Eggs, bread, flowers, vegetables.
Ladies Aid—26 tea towels, 6 pair socks, 2 pair slippers, 6 roller towels, 12 sheets, 1 draw steel, 21 pillow slips.

Rev. Geo. Kinney—Fish and flowers.

Mr. Garcia—Fruit.

Mrs. Skimmings—Fruit and jelly
Presbyterian Church—Flowers, vegetables, fruit, magazines.

D. A. QUINNILL,
Acting-Matron

Police Commissioners Met in Long Session

The City Police Commissioners met in the City Hall on Monday afternoon when, after a lengthy sitting, recommendations respecting the raising of the license fee for boxing contests and the institution of the Curfew act were decided upon for submission to the Council. These are referred to in our City Council reports.

The Commission comprises: Mayor Walters (chairman); Commissioners J. McFarlane and G. H. Tutill.

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Corporation of the City of Merritt

MUNICIPAL VOTERS LIST, 1916

Any male or female being a British subject of the full age of 21 years, who has paid all the rates, taxes and assessments which are not chargeable on land, and are due by them to the Municipality for the current year to an amount of not less than two dollars—exclusive of Water and Electric Light rates or taxes and license fees for dogs, and has continuously resided within the Municipality since the first day January, 1915 and who is a householder or licence holder within the Municipality, may register as a voter for the year 1916 if the necessary declaration is deposited in this office on or before October 31st next.

Persons qualifying as Licence Holders, who are not property owners, must attend to registration of their names on the list.

Persons who have become property owners within the Municipality since December 31st, 1914, are requested to inform the undersigned.

HARRY PRIEST, C.M.C.
City Clerk's Office,
Merritt, B.C.
Dated this 6th day of Oct. 1915.

Semi-ready Tailoring

To buy or not to buy—that's not the question.

Have you seen our new Semi-ready Suit and Overcoat patterns? Much more to the point.

Welcome you are to just come and post yourself on "what's new."

Clothes never were so smart and beautiful—so plentiful in desirability.

After you see them, go and compare the values with any other first-class make as to style, fit, fabric and price—the four essentials.

You'll come back here.

ANDREW EWART

CITY TAILOR

P.O. BOX 91

MERRITT, B. C.

Lucas' Fine Work For the Farmers

Loud and continued applause was a fitting culmination to an excellent speech made by Alex Lucas, M.L.A. for Yale in opening on behalf of the Provincial Government, the fourteenth annual fall fair of the Spallumcheen Agricultural Society at Armstrong on Tuesday of last week, according to a local newspaper description of the event.

Addressing the farmers and agriculturalists assembled, Mr. Lucas referred to the Agricultural Credit Bill, introduced by the McBride Government, (largely owing to his personal energy and ability), and now on the statutes, although not operative owing to the exceptional conditions occasioned by the war, with money both scarce and dear.

Farmers' Loans

What they proposed to do, he said, was to borrow money at a cheap rate of interest and lend it to the farmer at one per cent. more than it cost them. This one per cent. would pay the operation of the department. With due deference to modesty, Mr. Lucas could say that in connection with this Bill he had been warmly congratulated.

Tribute to Lucas

At the Congress he had attended in California, Governor Johnson of that State was so interested in the act that he had appointed a commission to investigate its working with a view to having the same placed on the statute book in his State.

To put the meaning of the Bill in a concise form, he would liken the Government to a large loaning company, run on similar lines, only that the terms will be very much better and the money be had very much cheaper than in ordinary channels. The loans would be in three classes—long, intermediate and seasonal loans.

Boon to Farmers

If a man wanted to borrow on his land he would simply fill in the necessary form, send it into the Government and when the loan was granted the farmer would give his note for the required amount, the money would then be at once available on any immediate part of the loan that the farmer required. If he did not want it all at once he could leave the balance on deposit to draw upon from time to time.

It is hoped by the means of this Act, that more land will be brought under cultivation, industry increased, labor-saving machinery purchased and not the least, to provide modern conveniences in the farmers' homes.



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RECRUITS WANTED

For Canada's Overseas
Regiments, Cavalry
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Recruits will be inspected and medically examined at

**The Armory,
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On any evening between
7 and 8 p.m.

C. TYNER,

o.c. 'D' Squad, 31st B. C. Horse

GOD SAVE THE KING

No Shooting

Take Notice any person or persons found Shooting or Trespassing on the

Beaver Ranch

Or any of my Property will be Prosecuted.

JOSEPH GUICHON

The Singer Sewing Machine sings from shore to shore. N. J. BARWICK is sole Agent in Merritt and the Nicola Valley for these world famous Sewing Machines. See the new models at my store, Granite Avenue.

Out of every wage some portion should be banked regularly, either as security against the proverbial rainy day or as a foundation to future prosperity. \$1.00 will open an account in the Bank of Toronto, and interest is added half-yearly to the balances on deposit.

ATTENTION! Horse Owners of the Nicola Valley

BLACKSMITHING

In its various branches neatly and promptly done. Best workmanship and fair prices.

HORSESHOEING MY SPECIALTY

Have your horses shod at strictly regular intervals. It pays you and is a duty you owe to your horses.

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J. L. DUNLOP

Nicola Ave. Near City Hall

What We Hear

That owing to the prospective bride being not older than 17 and the bridegroom but 19 years of age J. S. Morgan, registrar of marriages, this week refused a couple a marriage licence, the law requiring parental consent to a marriage when the contracting parties are under 21 years.

That the Greenwood Ledge states that J. B. Daniel, of the Prince George Herald, brother of Mr. Daniels recently of this City, and who joined the naval aviation corps, may soon be an angel with real wings.

SAVE MONEY!

Don't Burn Your Stoves Out!

The shades of night are falling fast. Prepare for Winter's chilly blast.

By Having Your
STOVES AND HEATERS
put into first class shape—now

POPE AND SMALL PLUMBERS & TINSMITHS

Repair Work of All Kinds

Engineers Examination

Provincial Boiler Inspector G. C. McGowan opened at the Provincial Court House yesterday an examination of engineers for certificates of competency under the 'B.C. Boiler Inspection Act.' Some half dozen candidates presented themselves at the opening of the examination; others will write today and tomorrow.

On Saturday, October 30, a Linen shower will be held under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hospital. The decision was made at Tuesday's meeting when there was a good attendance of Members. Mrs. Welfare and Mrs. Ray served tea.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cranna are expected to arrive from Scotland tonight.

FOR SALE.

Two Span of Working Horses

Six to eleven years of age

1,300 to 1,500 lbs.
Used to Logging

J. G. THYNNE,
Otter Flat B. C.

Military Notes of Local Interest

Pri. Sam Pool, of the C.M.R.'s is in the City this week.

Pri. Scotty Bain is now in the Canadian Engineers, mining section.

Pri. Robt. Stackhouse has been awarded his first stripe. He is at the Sicamous internment camp.

Trooper Andrew Dickie of the 30th B. C. Horse is home from camp on ten days leave of absence.

Trooper Geo. Mitchell of the Internment Camp guard at Sicamous, is in the city visiting his wife who is ill.

Trooper Leslie Dickie, who was a Guard at the alien internment camp at Vernon, has now enlisted with the 72nd Highlanders for overseas service.

Pri. W. R. Mayne and Pri. J. Moyes, who are in the City on leave of absence, are now attached to the Pioneer Corps for overseas service.

In addition to those whose names have already appeared in this paper, Ernest Haynes, Tom Charters and Edward Smith left for Kamloops on Saturday to join for overseas service.

Harold Walters and Otto Buse, recent recruits for overseas, have signed up respectively with the Pioneer Corps and the 54th Battalion. The Pioneers expect to leave any day now for the East, en route to England and France.

Sergt-Major H. Nichol, writing from Belgium on September 16, tells of witnessing a thrilling fight in the air between British and German aviators. Mr. Hun's machine was brought to the ground, one of the occupants being killed the other badly wounded.

Magistrate J. S. Morgan has received a letter dated September 12 and mailed from France by Corporal Charlie Howse in which he states that "as it is pay day we are busy. All the Merritt boys are O. K., and some of us are hoping to leave very soon for a holiday and rest in England."

Sergt. Alec McKay, who has been visiting relatives in Coupar Angus, Perthshire, writes to J. S. Morgan acknowledging letters and gifts. He has heard, he says, from "Jim and Andy Paton P. McLean and Ted Bullock" and asks to be remembered to "Tim" Laws. Sergt. McKay, who was 'gassed,' returned to the trenches, this time to be wounded by shrapnel. He only remembers a flash of wind and fire when the shrapnel burst over him.

New Members for The Red Cross

Six new members enrolled with the Red Cross Branch at the regular meeting yesterday afternoon. They were Mrs. Moyes, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. Rogers, Misses Doris McGoran, Z. Hawe, V. Lawson.

Various committees were formed to take care of the preparation of material to be made into hospital and surgical bandages, dressings and other articles. A considerable quantity of linen and similar material has been purchased and is being transformed for use at Red Cross hospitals.

As surgical dressings must conform strictly to the requirements of the authorities these will be made only at the Red Cross rooms, at the old building of the Bank of Toronto.

A meeting will be held each and every Thursday at 3 o'clock.

Training Soldiers in Home Towns

The citizens of Merritt will doubtless be interested in an article which appeared in the Toronto Globe of recent date outlining the proposals of the Militia Department in regard to the mobilization of the next draft of soldiers for overseas. Instructors are now being trained, the Globe informs, to qualify them for training men who enlist in rural communities in their own towns or villages. The scheme has been formulated on past experiences. The first 150,000 men were largely signed up in and about the large cities, to which places many recruits had travelled at considerable personal expense, some to be declared unfit.

In future, if a community with a population of 1000 produces fifty recruits the men will be trained in their own town by a specially trained instructor. In places with over 1,000 but less than 4000 population, 100 recruits are necessary to qualify for home training facilities; over 400, 200 men.

It is felt locally that with the closing down of the railroad construction camps in this neighborhood there will be a rapid increase in recruiting, so that our public representatives would seem to now have an opportunity of stemming the migration of men leaving the Valley to be trained in other parts.

Leaving on the coast train today were L. E. Morrissey and Andy Hoggan, who are on week end trips.

There will be no morning service at 11 o'clock next Sunday in St. Michaels Church. There will be evening service at 7.30. The Vicar will hold service at Nicola in the morning.

Following an adjournment of a hearing before Magistrate Morgan last night, F. L. Dubois, timber cruiser of Fernie, today withdrew the charge against Martin Kerrigan, of stealing \$70 or \$75 here yesterday morning.

Word has been received that the late Donald McPherson was a native of Dunoon, Scotland.

GROCERIES

READ THE PRICES CAREFULLY

COCOANUT	per lb. .24
SAGO	4 lbs. .30
TAPIOCA	4 lbs. .30
QUICK PUDDINGS	2 pkts. for .25
BIRD'S CUSTARD POWDERS	per pkt. .17
PINEAPPLE	2 large tin for .35
LOBSTER,	per tin .30
SALMON	2 tins for .23
Blue Label KETCHUP	per bot. .32
SWEET PICKLES	per bot. .30
"Eagle Brand" MILK	per tin .17
"Butter Cup" MILK	per tall tin .10
JAM, Gooseberry and Damson	4 lb. tins each .65
BUTTER, best value in town	3-lbs. for 1.10
FLOUR, Royal Household	98-lb. sack 3.50
LIFEBUOY SOAP	per cake .05
"BLUE RIBBON" TEA	per pkt. .40

Enquire our prices on all Groceries,

The careful Housewife buys at
**THE MERRITT
CASH STORE**

Fire Dangers from Domestic Stoves

As the season is fast approaching when cool evenings will demand the starting of fires in our homes, and as the month of October is known to firemen as a month when chimneys and flues cause the most trouble, the following practical suggestions taken from a bulletin of the Commission of Conservation will, if properly followed, help to prevent damage to property and loss of life.

STOVES—Place a metal stove board on the wood floor under the stove, and extending at least twelve inches in front of the ash pit door. Protect all walls and partitions within two feet of any stove with a metal shield and the wall. Leave no kindling or other wood in the oven over night. Do not hang clothes too near the stove or stovepipes.

PIPES—See that the lengths of stovepipe are well fitted together, free from rust holes and parted seams, wired firmly and fitted perfectly into the chimney. Stovepipes passing through partitions, walls, floors, attics and roofs are dangerous at best. Where these must pass through partitions, walls or floors always use a double thimble. You should examine the stovepipes in the attic. They may come apart or rust. Fluff and spider webs are likely to gather on and around them, to be set on fire when you least expect it.

The loggers of Alrick & Hayes camp have donated \$32.50 to the Commemoration Day Fund.

"Who needs the money." We do, but still can pay cash, even when people don't do the same to us. Any more bets in sight. Let's have \$20.00 on the ledgers! Talk is cheap.

Personal Column

Mrs. C. M. Winny was in town on Monday on business.

Birth—To Mr. Harry and Mrs. Rogers, October 7, a son.

Birth—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Common, at Nicola Valley Hospital, Sunday, October 3, a son.

Birth—To Mr. and Mrs. Ronoldi, at Canford, October 6th, a daughter.

Miss B. Munro, of Nicola, spent a few days in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, of "S X" ranch were in town on Tuesday.

R. Whittaker, of Lower Nicola was a business visitor in town on Tuesday.

J. W. Langley, of Willow Grange Farm, Canford was a business visitor in the City on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ford and children, of Coalmont, registered at the Coldwater Hotel last night.

G. B. Armstrong was a visitor to the ranch of Mr. J. G. Thynne, Otter Valley, at the beginning of the week.

R. Boyden and Gus Brolin, of Seattle, returned to Merritt this week on a visit to the home of their parents.

Leslie Cook, miner, who was injured a few days ago by a fall of coal left the General Hospital on Wednesday.

Mr. J. Graham, of the Inland Coal & Coke Company, returned to the city on Tuesday after spending several weeks at the coast.

Sergt. Butcher Tom Heaslop, 30th B. C. Horse, arrived in the City on Monday night from Vernon alien internment camp, being on leave of absence.

Miss Dashwood-Jones, of New Westminster, sister of Mrs. M. Shore left here on Wednesday morning after spending a vacation with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith and daughter, who have lived in the city for several years, left on Monday's C.P.R. train en route to Detroit, Michigan, where they will reside in future.

Mr. W. Cartwright, one of the local miners who some time ago tried pastures new in New Mexico found that Merritt is not such a bad place after all and returned here this week.

Chief Constable Colin Cameron, Provincial Police, with headquarters at Ashcroft, arrived in the City on Monday night, being over on a trip of inspection of hotels in the district, visiting Coutlee, Nicola, and other points.

William Bradley, of the office staff of Middlesboro Collieries has enlisted for overseas service and he left today for Kamloops where he will be designated to a regiment chosen by him. Mr. Bradley will leave with the best wishes of his many friends.

Alex Lucas M. L. A. is in the Nicola Valley attending to various matters affecting the welfare of his constituents. He has just completed a trip of the Interior, during which he opened Armstrong fall fair. He arrived in Merritt last night.

Mr. Youngman, of Lauder's ranch, who was seriously injured several weeks ago in an accident when riding his horse which ran away dragging him with it, left the hospital here on Wednesday, being taken home in Mr. Lauder's car practically returned to normal health.



Notice of Cancellation of Reserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Reserve existing on certain lands in the vicinity of Canford, B.C., and formerly covered by Timber License No. 37581, by reason of a notice published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 27th of December, 1907, is cancelled. The said lands will be opened to entry by pre-emption at 9 a.m., on Monday the 6th day of December, 1915, at the office of the Government Agent, at Nicola.

R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands
Department of Lands,
Victoria, B.C.
Sept. 24, 1915

NOTICE

S. Dorer, Jeweler, having left Merritt, begs to inform those customers who failed to call for their Watch Repairs that same can be had from A. SORENSON Jeweler, PRINCETON.



MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 29th October, 1915, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week on the route between the MERRITT POST OFFICE and KETTLE VALLEY STATION from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Merritt, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

JOHN R. GREENFIELD,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office, Vancouver, B.C., 17th Sept. 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 2,500 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.

Ex-Mayor Archie Jackson left at the beginning of the week on the Kettle Valley Railway for Penticton and Midway. With his brother he is spending a few days at various points in the Boundary country. He is expected home on Tuesday.