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## Nicola Soldier Back from France.---New Matron for Hospital.--- Result of Field Crops Competition.---Snipers Rifles Donated.

### New Matron Appointed by the Directors of the General Hospital

Several Applications for the Post, Miss Jessie Leitch appointed.---  
Discussion of Arrangements Between Hospital and the  
Mines.---Full Board Present

Miss Jessie Leitch, of Vancouver, is the new matron of Nicola Valley General Hospital, succeeding Miss Cecilia Gibson who was unable to fill the post, which she occupied for only one week owing to illness.

The appointment was made at a fully attended meeting of directors of the institution held on Monday night. There were two dozen applicants for the position which carries a salary of \$70 per month.

The only applicant from the Valley was Miss D. A. Quinville, acting matron who was highly recommended by three local doctors. Her application was favorably considered. All of the directors emphasized her proved ability, competence and general fitness for holding the position but the consensus of the opinion was that in this case youthfulness was a detriment.

The application and accompanying testimonials of every applicant were thoroughly examined and discussed. Before a decision was arrived at the list had been gradually reduced to three names, these being the successful applicant, Miss Leitch, Miss Ella DesBrisay and Miss Nellie Milligan.

Miss Jessie Leitch R. N., who is at present residing at Kilsnoo, graduated in 1909 at Neepawa General Hospital. In 1911 she had charge of the surgical floor at Gault Hospital, Ontario, and next year became supervisor of the West End Hospital at Vancouver B. C. After an engagement at a Manitoba institution, extending to May 1913, Miss Leitch went to the States, spending a year on the surgical staff of the Rochester, (Minnesota) hospital.

It was reported that the miners' contributions from Coalhill, which had been deducted from payrolls, had not been received for the months of August, September and October.

President Strickland expressed the opinion that as the money is really part of the payroll the remittances should be made to the hospital at the same time as the men are paid. The accountants of the mine in Vancouver should have their attention drawn to the desirability of greater punctuality in remitting.

Director Slater said he felt strongly on the matter. The C. P. R. in a similar instance always send the aggregate sum of hospital dues on pay day.

President Strickland said the Middles-

boro Collieries paid promptly and had sent their cheques to date. He thought after a little reminder, the other mine would do the same. They should see the miners rather than the mineowners who should get payments made more punctually.

Following a suggestion made by Director Rankine, who pointed out that the hospital has no detailed contract with the mines as to the arrangements under which employees receive treatment in return for their contributions, it was generally agreed that an agreement should be drawn up before the end of the present year.

Director Slater asked if the hospital were kept posted on the number of men employed at the mines and paying the fifty cents per month dues.

President Strickland, Mr. Flommer, accountant at Middlesboro mine, said their payroll was open to inspection at any time and he was sure the same privilege was available at Coalhill. Director Rankine gave instances where it was of the dual benefit of the miners and the board that there should be a properly drawn up agreement detailing the hospital arrangements with the mine employees.

President A. W. Strickland presided over a full representation of directors, which comprised Directors M. L. Grimmett, P. McLean, A. F. Rankine, F. S. Gay, G. H. Tutill, J. Patton, G. Slater and D. Crawford.

### "At Home" to Popular Bride

A marriage has been arranged and will take place at Vancouver on November 19th, of Miss Isabella Seaton, daughter of Mrs. G. A. Kerr, of Merritt, and Dr. C. S. Williams, of Rossland, and recently of this city. Miss Seaton, Mrs. Kerr and Miss M. Seaton are now staying at the Coast.

The wedding will take place from the home of Dr. Paterson, of Vancouver.

In honor of the prospective bride, Mrs. A. N. B. Rogers entertained a small party of friends to an "At Home" at her residence on Monday afternoon.

### Suggest Reserve Canford Land For Soldiers

A scheme which has the objective of urging upon the Dominion Government the desirability of setting aside some three or four thousand acres of unsurveyed Dominion lands immediately west of Spius Creek, near Canford for free grants to returned soldiers, the necessary clearing and road construction work to be done by alien prisoners from a camp which it is advocated should be established in the district, has been causing considerable interest in certain quarters locally.

Capt. Tyner, of the 31st B. C. Horse, interviewed regarding the proposal, states that the scheme is feasible and that the Commissioner of Dominion Lands for the section has assured him that in the event of the people of the Nicola Valley generally pursuing their advocacy of such a scheme, the Commissioner would arrange for the land to be thoroughly reported on as to its suitability for settlement in small tracts. The land is largely bench land in lots 23 and 24, and the question to be determined is whether it would be suitable for other than a few large farms.

Discussing the project with the committee of the Commemoration Day fund on Wednesday, the Captain said Mr. J. T. Robinson, of Kamloops, was quietly but firmly working on the scheme he outlined. A "white" population was necessary to the better development of the Valley and if wounded soldiers could be established.

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### Result of Crop Competitions Are Known

Through the courtesy of Mr. Robert Dodding, of Lower Nicola, secretary of Nicola Farmers' Institute, we are enabled to give the results of the recent judging, on August 11th and 12th, of standing potato and oats crops on ranches in the Nicola Valley, by R. H. Miller, of the Department of Agriculture.

In arriving at a decision as to the respective merits of the crops entered in the competition, the following factors are taken into consideration:

Potatoes: method of planting, stand of crop, vigor of growth, freedom from blight and insects, cultivation, purity of variety, number and weight of marketable tubers per hill, quality and colour, shape and smoothness, state and uniformity of maturity, freedom from sunburn and general field conditions.

Oats: stand of crop, type, vigor and uniformity, absence of lodging, freedom from weeds, rust, blight, insects, freedom of varieties of grain, proportion of well filled heads of good quality, uniformity of maturity and general field conditions.

(In noting the figures given here it should be observed that while 100 points is the maximum obtainable the Dodding ranch earned more than full points for their potato crop--obviously a highly creditable achievement.)

Potatoes	
D. Dodding, Farmer	100 1-4
J. Smith, Main Crop	94 3-4
R. M. Woodward, Beaverton	92 3-4
J. C. Thatcher, Farmer	90 1-2
J. H. Collett, Nettle Creek	90 1-2
J. Manning, Burbank	90 1-2
J. L. G. Abbott, Beaverton	89
H. S. Cleasby, Beaverton	87 1-2
Jos. Collett, Beaverton	84 1-4
Oats	
D. Dodding, Victor	98 1-4
J. H. Collett, Ligon	97 3-4
W. Hunter, Ligon	92 1-2
J. Lullies, Banner	89 1-4
H. S. Cleasby, Ligon	85 1-2
J. L. G. Abbott, Ligon	84 1-4

### Snipers Rifles Donated to Soldiers by the Nicola Valley People. Donation for Red Cross Funds

At a meeting of the August 4 Commemoration Day Fund Committee held on Wednesday afternoon, it was decided in effect:

That a notice shall be published in the local press requesting that all persons who promised but have not yet remitted donations to the fund shall do so before November 25th, as in the issues of the local papers of November 26, the committee propose to announce the closing of the fund by publishing a list of names of all subscribers whose promised amounts have, or have not been paid to the treasurer.

A. W. Strickland, chairman of the finance committee, announced that \$1349.50 had been promised to date, of which \$209.50 had yet come in from seventeen donors.

Of the balance, \$1140, monies received, \$500.00 has been donated to the Red Cross Society at London England, and officially acknowledged.

In the course of the letter of acknowledgement signed by R. A. Hubson chairman of the finance committee of the British Red Cross Society, it was stated that the cost of carrying on the noble work now has reached the sum of \$20,000 per day.

Regarding the disposition of the unallocated balance of the fund an interesting discussion took place.

Mr. Strickland was in favor of sending the money to the front quickly as the war news conclusively proved that the money was needed there, now.

Dr. Tutill felt that the allocation of the balance of the fund should be decided at a larger and more representative meeting of the committee when the views of absent members could be considered.

Mr. Strickland and Mr. Rogers each felt that the money should not be tied up any longer, as the date of the meeting had been given wide publicity thru the press. Mr. Strickland said that as only 8 out of thirty six members were present they had, in addition, found that large committees were not successful.

On the motion of Messrs Strickland and Rogers it was decided to arrange for the disposition of the fund at the meeting.

### Snipers Guns Presented

An extract from a letter received from Acting Lieut. Col. H. H. Matthews D.S.O. of the 8th Battalion (Winnipeg Rifles) was read, and on the motion of Dr. Tutill and Mr. L. Grimmett it was decided to grant the Nicola officer's request.

The letter in part read:

"If you still have any money in your fund and wish to have it used in the way of armament, I should like to suggest that you present the 8th Battalion (Winnipeg Rifles) with four or six rifles for snipers use. They should be fitted with telescopic sights and the Ross sporting pattern. 303 would be very suitable; provided they would take the ordinary .303 service ammunition. We should really like ammunition would be objected to by headquarters. We have great difficulty in getting telescopic sights and they are most useful for trench warfare. I fancy the sights alone cost some \$80 to \$100 alone. This is only a suggestion of mine, but I feel sure that any money spent in this way would be well laid out."

Chris Croly explained that the 303 Ross rifles could be obtained without delay, and that the cost would be about \$35 for the rifle and \$75 for the telescopic sight. The rifles had a deadly range on a small target at five hundred yards.

After some discussion in which Dr. Tutill expressed the opinion that they all knew Lieut. Colonel Matthews would not make a recommendation of the kind unless it was beneficial, Mr. Rogers and others also supporting compliance with the request it was decided to use funds for purchasing four rifles needed in accordance with the request.

As to the balance of the fund in hand and collectible it was resolved that this shall be remitted to the Red Cross Society. This will mean an additional \$400 being sent to the worthy society, making \$900 altogether from the fund.

Present at the meeting, out of full committee of thirty-six members, were Mayor Walters (chairman) M. L. Grimmett, A. N. B. Rogers, H. S. Cleasby, A. W. Strickland, C. Croly, Secretary F. A. Reid, Mr. Howse, of Nicola, started in his automobile to attend the meeting but was held up by heavy snow on the road.

### Trooper Capps Saw Nicola Pal Shot in the Trenches by a Hun

First Soldier of the Ranks Reaches Merritt. Relates Terrible Experiences.---Trooper Cecil Scrim Returns Home to Vancouver.  
---Trooper Frechette Staying at Banff.

The first Nicola Valley soldier of the rank and file to return home from the battlefields of France arrived in Merritt on Monday morning.

The warrior who enjoys this distinction is Trooper J. Capps, of Nicola, who left with the 31st B. C. Horse and crossed to England with the 1st Canadian Expeditionary force, and served in some stirring engagements.

Trooper Capps, who is invalided home returned from England in company with Trooper Cecil Scrim, who is well known in Merritt, also Trooper Fred Frechette, brother of Mrs. Lepete, but who made a stopover at Banff to visit his sister.

Interviewed by the "News" five minutes after he stepped off the K.V.R. train on Monday morning, Trooper Capps had an exciting story to tell. Limping from the effects of a shrapnel wound in the hip, and a damaged ankle resulting from being run over by an ambulance wagon after being "gassed" in the Ypres region in April, Trooper Capps, who was employed at Mr. Bob Clarke's ranch at Nicola, bore physical indications of the war worn soldier. His face firmly set and bronzed by long spells in the sun, wind, and rain, his eyes assumed a "far away look" as he mentally endured again the physical hardships and agonies which he related to his interviewer.

The soldier was fighting in France from February 1 to April 24 before he was severely wounded, for a considerable time being engaged in the Armentieres zone. The scenes of the critical fighting at Ypres and the vicinity of the Yser Canal presented a "living hell" he said. "I hope never to see anything approaching it again. A man could not give anything for his chance of pulling through. When he was a victim of the diabolical gases used by the Germans for the first time he retained consciousness although enduring intense pain. The yellow clouds he said came as a surprise to all, as is well known. It was only one day after being gassed when he received the shrapnel wound in the hip, and to add to his misery an ambulance wagon ran over his ankle as he was being taken away for medical attention.

His hardened feelings, acquired by strenuous trench life of Trooper Capps were softened and spoke under emotion of his sad experience of witnessing the death of a chum. They worked together on Clarke ranch and stood side by side in the trenches. "It was on the 24th of May at Festubert when I saw poor Sd Carlisle who worked with me at Bob Clarke's shot dead by a rifle bullet in the trenches. It was a very sad moment for me I can tell you, and one I can never forget" he continued.

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### Lieut. C. Croly to Leave Soon for Ottawa

Today, Mr. Chris. Croly, accountant of the Merritt Mercantile Co., received instructions to proceed at an early date to Ottawa.

He will be attached as Lieutenant to the Signalling section of the Canadian Engineers, for Overseas service.

Lieut. Croly has had wide experience in army signalling. The appointment will be received with satisfaction throughout the Nicola Valley.

### Nicola's Patriotic Record Is Worthy of Note

Nicola has sent to the front in cash, tobacco, and hospital supplies, over \$1000, which the residents claim is a record for British Columbia. \$17.45 has just been sent to the "World" Christmas Pudding Fund.

### Merritt Old Timer Dies at Princeton

An old timer of Merritt and for the past six years a resident of Princeton, David Forsyth Snr., passed away at Princeton last week at the age of 71.

A wife and ten children survive him, seven of the children residing at Princeton, two in Scotland while a daughter lives at Clayburn, B. C.

Born at Milton of Balgonie, Fifeshire, Scotland, he followed mining all his life and worked in the Merritt coal mines until illness overcame his strength. He had been ill for five months and succumbed to the effects of dropsy and Brights disease.

Deceased was highly respected both in the Nicola Valley and at Princeton where he had many friends. The funeral which took place at Princeton last Thursday was largely attended.

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### CIVIC PATRIOTISM AND CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

With the approach of Christmas there will arrive in the Nicola Valley prolific supplies of catalogues from outside and distant Eastern departmental stores. Houses in this City and surrounding ranches will be drawn into the flood of attractively produced, well illustrated catalogues, catalogues which price and portray attractive-looking articles at "knock down" bargain rates. Such competition with local stores and business houses may be legitimate, many consider it fair.

But is it right, is it just, is it economically in the best interests of the community for individuals, as units of the community, for the sake of a few cents in the dollar, to send out of the district money earned in industries established and employment provided here to help to make more prosperous wealthy men and firms that have not one single cent invested in the city.

Think it over! Let us realize that by sending outside orders that can be filled inside our borders people are not only helping to hurt their town but are also conducting to bring about a correspondingly reduced state of prosperity in their home town.

In Merritt are stores of a class which a city larger than Merritt might well be proud. Owing to good healthy competition storekeepers are bound to satisfy the needs of the buying public by giving fair value at fair prices. If there are instances where goods in particular lines are offered at prices which are considered by the residents to be above fair selling values then it is up to the storekeepers to protect themselves by methods they, themselves, know best.

In these days of unsettled conditions Merritt, like the British Empire at large, must conserve its resources. If the citizens are to successfully combat the changed times the money earned in the Nicola Valley should as far as possible be spent in the Valley. The local circulation of our wealth is the rich red blood of our city life and if we allow it to be freely tapped by arteries in Vancouver, Winnipeg or Toronto then every individual in the community must, as a penalty, pay the price. In allowing the life force of our city to be shed—outside, we can only expect an emaciated frame as a result.

Again, let us remember that there is "nothing so base as man's ingratitude." When misfortune, unemployment, or ill health strikes a home who is the man's best friend? Is he not the patient and indulgent local storekeeper who extends credit, often voluntarily and at considerable risk? He is the man who carries men through the winter and the hard times. The Storekeeper is the man who after extending fair and generous dealing for eleven months should be treated fairly at Christmas time—in the twelfth month.

We hope to hear that the ladies of the Patriotic Guild and the Red Cross Branch in Merritt will not allow their zeal in providing comforts for Tommy in the trenches to overshadow their attention to boys returning in a lame condition to the town and district, unfit medically for further service, and also unfit for the time being to take up arduous labors. There are already some returned in whom the Nicola Valley people should be interested.

Mr. Philips, of Mamette Lake, was in Merritt on Wednesday. This rancher who is enthusiastic at the development taking place in the district, says considerable improvements have been done to the ranches there during the summer and that the new school is a valuable acquisition to the growing settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. Gulliford and son, of Aspen Grove, where they have been located for some twenty five years, will spend the winter in Merritt having taken up their residence in a house owned by them on Nicola Avenue. Their ranch at Aspen Grove has been rented by them to two ranchers whose places are nearby.

Remember the "Soldiers' Shower" at the K.P. Hall on Saturday.

## Premier Replies To Prohibitionists

Owing to the large number of representations made to the Government by people respecting a wide variety of opinions, Premier Sir Richard McBride has informed prohibitionists, that the delay in deciding what form the proposed referendum should take was unavoidable. The Premier thought it was unwise to have a referendum in the exact terms of a bill, which restricts the choice of the people, while he is opposed to direct legislation which he believes is contrary to British representative legislation and responsible Government.

The Premier states that after the wishes of the people as a whole were known, the Government would carry them out to the letter. He was against holding a referendum vote at a time other than at the general elections on the grounds of the additional expense and the view that a larger vote would be recorded if taken at the same time as the elections.

As soon as the form of reference has been prepared it will be made public, states Sir Richard.

## Ambulance Members To hold Entertainment

The St. John Ambulance Association met in the City Hall on Sunday morning when it was decided to hold an entertainment on a date to be decided later, in aid of local patriotic funds.

A committee consisting of Messrs J. Paton, J. Dunnigan, Alf. Limb, Wm. Welfare, G. Maxwell will make the preliminary arrangements.

Next Sunday Dr. Tutill will continue his lectures on first aid when he will deal with haemorrhage, arteries, the arresting and treatment of bleeding and other useful first aid instruction.

Six lectures in all are to be given by Dr. Tutill, and any member desirous of sitting for examination must put in an attendance at four out of the six lectures.

## A More Central Recruiting Office

For the greater convenience of the recruiting sergeant and prospective recruits and to save the expense of lighting and heating the large hall of the Armory each evening, Recruiting Sergeant J. Leitch has been authorized by the military authorities to take up a more central location.

Commencing, Monday, November 15, Sergt Leitch can be seen every evening (excepting Sunday) at the office of the "Nicola Valley News," on Granite Avenue, between the hours of 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

## L. O. L. Smoker

A very entertaining smoker was held under the auspices of the L. O. L. No 1701 in the lodge room on Friday evening. Worshipful Master A. Paton being chairman of a gathering of some twenty members. An interesting program of instrumental and vocal music was carried through successfully while recitative items were given by some of the fraternity.

"When I went where they were they were some place else" said a well known local gentleman in the course of a few remarks passed at the meeting of the Commemoration Day fund committee on Wednesday. The "bull" is reproduced by the gracious permission of the censor—round the corner.

Don't fail to read carefully the Cash Store ad. on page four. Their "combination special" of tea and sugar merits Merritt housewives' attention.

## Three Million are Starving

In response to the Lord Mayor of London's appeal to honor the fete day of King Albert by an empire-wide subscription of \$360,000 to enable the destitute Belgians to subsist for one day, the provincial government has appointed J. A. Lindsay, 304 Times building, Victoria, to receive subscriptions. The appeal which was telegraphed to Sir Richard from Sir Robert Borden, reads as follows:

"The fete day of the heroic king of the Belgians falls on Monday, November 15, and as chairman of the national committee for the relief of Belgium, I appeal to the people of the British Empire to celebrate the event in a manner that will afford King Albert the greatest satisfaction, namely, by subscribing money enough for food for the whole of 3,000,000 destitute Belgians in Belgium on their beloved monarch's fete day. Sixpence will keep one Belgian alive for one day. Therefore I appeal for three million sixpences to enable us to keep alive on the king's fete day every one of his subjects who are without food. Canada has responded nobly to the cry of the starving Belgians, and I feel certain this special appeal for sixpence per head will meet with a ready response."

## Ice Plant Completed. Waiting for King Frost

The erection of the Great Northern Railway Company's new ice plant at Otter Lake, Tulameen has just been completed under the supervision of J. H. Piper, of North Dakota, an expert at the business.

Some sixty men and sixteen horses will be kept employed during the winter, when 50,000 tons of ice will be cut, loaded and shipped from the plant to various points on the G. N. R. in the Western States and Canada.

Built and owned by the Great Northern, the plant includes an ice loading conveyer 400 feet in length with a daily capacity of 3000 tons. It runs between two railway tracks, and each of the sidings holds eight box cars thus making it possible to load 16 cars at a time. In connection there is also a large bunkhouse, dining room, kitchen, engine room, and a barn with room for 16 horses.

## Simpson & Granna's Seasonable Show

Simpson & Granna, the well known and old established firm of jewelers are now in their new business premises adjoining the Bank of Toronto.

The interior is splendidly arranged and the handsome showcases are replete with a fine selection of Christmas gifts. Useful gifts for the boys at the front, a wide assortment being suitable for mailing overseas and to the trenches, are very attractive, and the stock merits the attention of all purchasers of seasonable gifts for friends across the seas.

## Service of Song at the Methodist Church

"The River Singers," is the title of the service of song to be given in the Methodist Church under the auspices of the choir on Monday evening next. The musical service will start at 8 o'clock sharp.

As "The River Singers" has an attractive setting and has been well rehearsed by the members of the choir and a large attendance of the public is expected.

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# News

In Advance

## Fire Brigade Boys to Hold Dance

Members of the City Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold a big dance on New Years Eve.

The event will mark the third annual dance held by the brigade and preliminary arrangements were made at the regular meeting held at the fire hall on Monday night.

Prices of admission will be per couple \$1.00, for extra lady 25 cents, spectators 25 cents.

To be held in the Armory, no effort will be spared by the committee in charge to ensure the dance being quite as successful as last year when the hall was filled, and a splendid time enjoyed by all. On that occasion \$40.00 was netted for the brigade funds.

## Stimulating the Local Ranch-Butter Industry

With a view of stimulating the local ranch butter industry and acting as middlemen between the ranchers and consumers and with the aim of avoiding the sale of an inferior grade of butter and having a means of identifying ranch made butter so that the firm and customers alike will be enabled to determine popular makes, a scheme has been adopted by the Merritt Mercantile Company. Under the arrangements the special butter wrappers used are such that the butter contained in them can be readily identified by the customers who may take a fancy to a certain brand.

## Merritt-Coalmont Mail Stage

Owing to the roads becoming too bad for automobile travelling now winter has arrived, the contractor will forthwith resort to the stage to convey the mails between Merritt, Aspen Grove, Tulameen and Coalmont. This will necessitate a change in the days of departure which should be noted.

Commencing Monday, the stage will leave Merritt every Monday and Thursday at 7.30 a.m. returning from Coalmont the following days, to arrive here in the evenings of Wednesday and Saturday.

There will be eight instead of sixteen aldermen in Vancouver City Council in 1916, for the measure fixing the number of representatives to one for each ward became law by a vote of nine to seven in council Monday night.

## Suggest Reserve Canford Lands for Soldiers

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lished as settlers on farms in the Valley it would be a step in the right direction.

The scheme was one in the public interests of the Valley and should be considered. Soldiers would be located on farms all over the Dominion and the City Council and Board of Trade should give the suggestion full consideration, and if thought desirable weighty support should be given towards bringing the scheme to a successful consummation.

Incidentally, Capt. Tyner mentioned that road work could be done successfully in the winter. The prisoners had to be found work and in some cases were being used under very similar conditions.

J. T. Robinson—besides others—has placed before the Dominion Government the desirability of establishing in Merritt a camp at which locally recruited soldiers can be trained and billeted in the City, in accordance with the scheme formulated some time ago by the Minister of Militia. The advantage of the scheme is that soldiers recruited in the city are trained in the immediate vicinity of their own homes.

## Hospital Notes

The new Hospital Board are getting to business on time.

Local donors have presented sufficient potatoes and vegetables to the hospital to supply the needs for the winter. A detailed official acknowledgement will be made in due course.

The will of the late Mr. J. B. Greaves, life governor of the hospital, is expected to be probated shortly. At Monday's meeting the suggestion was advanced and favorably received that the hospital should be renamed so as to include in the designation the name "Greaves" as a public recognition of the deceased donor's benefactions.

Director M. L. Grimmert reports that October was a very quiet month at the hospital, few new patients being received. The revenue and expenses were accordingly reduced. At each regular monthly meeting in future a statement showing the finances of the hospital to date will be presented for the perusal and consideration of the directors.

Directors McLean, Rankine and Crawford, who constitute the house committee, have been given power to act in arranging for certain repairs and renovations at the institution, as recommended by them after close inspection. Certain electrical bell work will be done; the storm doors painted; wicker chairs provided for wards; sanitary arrangements affecting the septic tank attended to.

Places north, south, east and west were represented in the list of two dozen or so applications received from nurses for the position of matron of the Nicola Valley Hospital which was won by Miss Jessie Leitch, of Vancouver. Letters of application came addressed from ten aspirants at Vancouver, and one each from Tacoma and Seattle, Wash.; Edmonton, Alta.; Cumberland, Ashcroft, Lillooet, Edmonds, Victoria, Port Haney, New Westminster, Chase, Revelstoke and Merritt.

Little tit-bits of humor for the directors crept into the monotony of wading through a long list of letters and testimonials. One aspirant stated "I am sending you a photo which I hope will be returned; several frankly gave, others refrained, from touching on their age; one announced her weight as 150 pounds; another mentioned her active participation as an officer of a Bible society. Incidentally, it might be stated, that the handwriting of the applicants partly influenced the directors in making a choice.

The report of Acting-matron D. A. Quinville, of Nicola Valley General Hospital, for the month of October states:

Total hospital days	341
Average patients per day	11
Patients admitted	19
Males	12
Females	7
Patients discharged	26
Births	3
Deaths	2

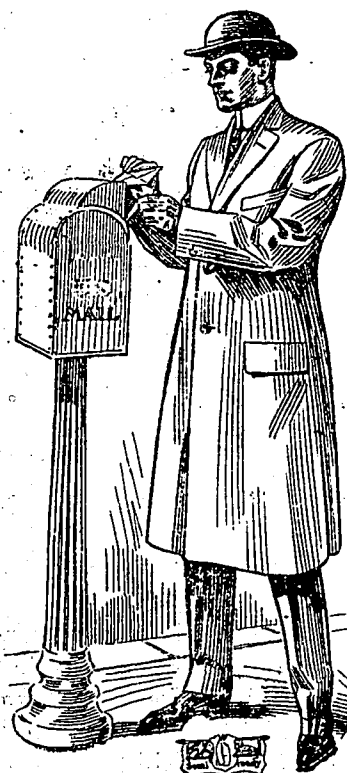
October was one of the quietest months recorded in the annals of the Institution.

## Young Folk Hold Social

Under the auspices of the Boys and Girls Club at St Andrews Presbyterian Sunday School, a very enjoyable social evening was spent on Friday evening last. Well attended, appetising refreshments were served during an interval in the program of music and songs provided by the young folk.

Pete Marquart was in town on business on Thursday.

## Semi-ready Tailoring



## Canadian Ulsters

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We show fine Ulsters, with the Semi-ready label in the pocket, at \$18, \$20 and \$25

Special orders tailored to measure in four days at the shops.

ANDREW EWART

CITY TAILOR

P.O. BOX 91

MERRITT, B.C.



NOTICE.

## COUNTY COURT OF YALE

Notice is hereby given that a sitting of the County Court of Yale will be held at MERRITT, on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1915  
at 10.00 in the forenoon.

By Order,

J. S. MORGAN,  
Deputy Registrar of the County Court of Yale holden at Merritt.

Dated this 12th day of Nov. 1915.

## WATER NOTICE

### Diversions and Use

TAKE NOTICE that WILLIAM W. H. COOPER, whose address is Canford, B.C., will apply for a licence to take and use sufficient water to irrigate 50 acres out of overflow water, also known as Drainage of Sunshine Valley, which flows westward and drains into Spocus Creek in a westerly direction from Indian Reservation No. 8. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about 200 yards west from Captain Tyner's dwelling house situated in Sunshine Valley, and will be used for irrigation purposes upon the land described as L.S. 3-4-5 and 6 of Sec. 1-14-28-6 and L.S. 13 and 14 of Sec. 36-12-23-6.

Commencing with Headgate situated about 200 yards west from Captain Tyner's dwelling house, then by flume and ditch through Tyner's land to boundary of J. Cummings land, thence through Cummings' land by flume and ditch to above described property.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 22nd day of October, 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.

The date of the first publication of this notice is October 29, 1915.

WM. W. H. COOPER,  
Applicant.

"Old Country" People will soon appreciate the convenience of a Savings Account in The Bank of Toronto. You can start with as low as a dollar, and add whenever you are able. Interest is paid twice a year, and Assets of \$60,000,000 assure the absolute safety of your money.

## FOR CASH ONLY

Geo. McDonald, Shoemaker & Repairer wishes to announce that after the appearance of this notice his business will be conducted only on cash terms. Good workmanship on all orders. Satisfaction guaranteed.

George Hambly has a lease on a part of the Sally mine near Beaverdell. He recently shipped 17 tons of ore to the Trail smelter that gave returns of \$195 to the ton. He will ship another carload of high grade ore in a few days. This rich ore is causing a sensation on the West Fork.



## YOUR KING AND COUNTRY NEED YOU

## RECRUITS WANTED

For Canada's Overseas Regiments, Cavalry or Infantry

Recruits will be inspected and medically examined at.

The Nicola Valley News Office, MERRITT,

On any evening between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m.

C. TYNER,

O.C. 'D' Squad, 31st B.C. Horse

## GOD SAVE THE KING

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 a paper, subject: "What is your life?" will be given. Discussion by the class.

## Get Your

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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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Nicola Ave. Near City Hall

## Dr. C. S. Dent, DENTIST

Will open Offices in the Jackson Block.

Over the Post Office,  
Tuesday next, November 16.

The Patronage of the Public will be esteemed

## Palace Bakery

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

W. FAIRLEY, Proprietor

## IMPORTANT TO HOUSEWIVES

As the Sewing Season is approaching let N. J. Barwick, the Singer's Sewing Machine Agent put your Sewing Machine in good order for the Fall Work. A card or telephone call to 26-A, will bring him to your door. Old machines taken in part payment for new ones. See the new models at my store, Granite Avenue.

Mr. Geo. Devonshire and Miss D. Devonshire will leave Merritt tomorrow for England.

Messrs C. Isitt and Wm. Cartwright left on this morning's train for Princeton, where they expect to work at the mines.

Trooper Robt. Stackhouse, for several months in the Home Guard at the Sycamorous Internment camp, returned to the city this morning, having received his discharge.

With the arrival of snow and frost Pope and Small are kept at full pressure. In the plumbing there's nothing "too big for small," and he executes quickly work entrusted to the firm.

Coldwater hotel guests this week included Secretary A. T. Kerr, of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners; Supt. A. McDermid of the Dominion Bride Co., and Mrs. McDermid; N. S. Fraser, of the K.V. R.

With the intention of permanently settling in Merritt if business warrants it, Dr. C. S. Dent, dentist, of Revelstoke, who is a graduate of one of the best dental colleges in America, will locate in the Jackson Block (over the Post Office) on November 16.

## Mill Employee Gets Judgment

Judgement for three years wages or not exceeding \$2000 has been awarded P. Lyons, sawyer, in his action for damages for injuries received against the Canford Mills, according to information received this afternoon from Nelson.

## The Newsy Pars

J. T. Robinson, the "live wire" of Kamloops, has been visiting Prince George.

The mercury dropped to one degree above zero early on Wednesday morning in Merritt.

L. P. Guichon, of Quilchena, motored into Merritt on Tuesday being on a business trip.

Mrs. J. Smith, who has been at Vernon for several weeks, returned to the city on Tuesday's train.

The 47th 'Winsey's Winners,' left New Westminster Sunday afternoon for Overseas.

J. Lillico of Lower Nicola, was among the week end visitors in the City.

The Misses Seaton were passengers on Tuesday's K. V. R. train to Spences Bridge.

Miss Nellie Thompson, a graduated nurse at one of the Vancouver hospitals, is home on a vacation.

Frank Edams, the newly appointed chief of police of Kamloops took over the duties of his office November 1st.

Slowly wending their way south to a warmer clime several flocks of geese were seen passing over the city at the beginning of the week.

The Nelson City Council has authorized Mayor Malone to invest \$125,000 of the city's sinking fund in the Canadian war loan to be floated by Hon. W. T. White shortly.

New members of the City Volunteer Fire Brigade who arranged to be initiated last night were G. B. Armstrong, Reg. Morrison, John Fairley, A. Cunningham and James Patton.

The funeral of the two weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerard, of Collettville took place at the local cemetery on Monday, the Rev. G. H. Kinney, of the Methodist Church officiating. Considerable sympathy has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gerard in their bereavement.

The Right Rev. A. U. DePencier, Bishop of New Westminster and Caribou, will arrive in town Saturday evening, and will conduct the sermon on Sunday at St Michaels Church. During his visit here his lordship will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Strickland.

In accordance with the ruling of Mr. Justice Macdonald recently in Supreme Court chambers, trial of the action instituted by Alex. Lucas, M.L.A., for Yale, against the Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland, on alleged libel, has been set down for hearing on Tuesday, November 23.

## LADIES!

We have a nice selection of Children's Apparel also attractive and useful articles suitable for Ladies such as

**SILK BOUDOIR CAPS,  
TEA APRONS,  
HAND EMBROIDERED  
CUSHION TOPS,  
ETC., ETC.**  
all at reasonable prices.

Sole Agent for the Famous  
**Dekanek** 10 C. Hats  
in 1 Sweaters  
Aviation Caps and Scarfs  
Made by the Selkirk Garment  
Co. of Vancouver.

See these before deciding on your  
Xmas Present, at the

**Rose Marche**

## To Send Bale to Front Soon

Members and supporters of the Red Cross Society are reminded that on Thursday next linen and hospital materials will be received at the Red Cross rooms and the first complete bale will, it is expected, be despatched the following Saturday. Excellent work is being done by the Society, and a further large quantity of working material has been ordered.

Two boxes, containing jams, tobacco, soap and other useful "comforts" were shipped during the past week to Vancouver for despatch to convalescent soldiers in hospitals in Great Britain.

\$6.55 was raised from the first collection from boxes distributed at public places in the City. The money will be used for buying food for prisoners of war.

Pte. Arthur Ash, formerly of Nicola, has transferred from the 54th to the 47th battalion.

## Anglican Bishop at St. Michaels

Large congregations will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the Right Rev. A. U. DePencier, Bishop of New Westminster and Caribou, at St Michael's Anglican Church next Sunday. His lordship, whose rhetorical abilities are already well known in the district, will officiate at all the services, which are announced as follows: Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Matins and sermon at 11 a.m., Evensong and Sermon at 7.30 p.m.

Several candidates having been prepared for Confirmation, the Bishop will conduct this beautiful service during the day.

With a view to filling the incumbency of the Parish made vacant by the resignation of the Vicar, Rev. A. H. Plummer, the Bishop will confer with the church committee at the close of the evening service, when it is expected that an announcement will be made as to a successor.

## GROCERIES

Flour, Royal Household	49-lb. sack 1.75
Rolled Oats	8-lbs. for .45
Breakfast Food, Cream Wheat	6-lbs. for .38
Wheat Flakes,	per pkt. .40
Potatoes,	per 100 lbs. .75
Onions,	8 lbs. for .25
Tapioca,	2-lbs. for .15
Sago,	2-lbs. for .15
White Beans	4 lbs. for .30
Jam, Assorted Flavors	4-lb. tins each .70
Jam, Express, in glass jars	each .24
Scotch Marmalade	in jars, each .23
Butter,	Our usual good value, 3-lbs. 1.10

## VERY SPECIAL

With every purchase of 3-lbs. of 'Merco' Tea at 1.20 we will sell One 20-lb. bag of Sugar for 1.65

"Buttercup" Milk	special at 10
Buy some NOW while it is cheap	
Fancy Tea Biscuits, excellent quality	per pkt. .10
Pickled Walnuts and Gerkins	per bot. .30
Pure Honey, in glass jars	at .25
Sauce for Meats	per bot. .10
Chutney, try it for piquancy	per bot. .10

**The careful Housewife will lay in  
a good supply now at these prices  
and avoid paying more later on in the Winter when we  
will no doubt be compelled to make our purchases on  
higher markets.**

## THE MERRITT CASH STORE

\$17,000 is the amount of the mines' payroll for the month of September.

Trooper McAuley, who left Merritt with the B. C. Horse in the first Canadian contingent, lies in an English hospital suffering from a severe injury, having been shot in the roof of the mouth, the affliction necessitating him using a silver plate. He may be invalided home shortly.

Aptly expressed toasts, responded to by breezy singing of patriotic songs by members featured the program of the very enjoyable and well attended social evening spent by the Epworth League on Monday evening. Well served and appetizing refreshments occupied no mean place in the attractions of the evening. References were made to the regret of the members at the impending departure of Miss Dolly Devonshire, who is returning to England.

Overseas Christmas gifts are now being selected by thoughtful buyers with friends across the seas. Ladies who desire dainty presents cannot afford to make a choice without visiting the Rose Marche.

Andy Paton is the latest recruit for Overseas. This is Mr. Paton's second attempt to do his "bit" for his country. His many friends will wish him every success and a safe return to the Valley. Mr. Paton is W. M. of the local L. O. L. fraternity.

The election of coal mine members of the Board of Miners' Examiners for the Nicola Valley Collieries, under the "Coal Mines Regulation Act" will take place in Merritt on December 11. Mr. Geo. Hudson who is the secretary of the local Board of Examiners is now making preliminary arrangements for the holding of the ballot.

## The Newsy Pars

The coal mines at Fernie are working double shifts.

Just now in Canada 175,000 are employed in making munitions of war.

Around Enderby eleven men in 18 days threshed 1,000 tons of grain.

In Creston last week an Indian was selling wild geese for \$1.50 each.

The C. P. R. hotels at Banff, Lake Louise and Glacier have closed for the winter.

At Kaslo this year a two year old Wagner tree produced 16 pounds of apples.

It is reported that Reardon, the "Millionaire Kid," spent \$33,000 this summer at Banff.

At Creston F. H. Jackson has a brood sow that has brought forth 25 young pigs this year.

This week's cold snap has brought several ranchers into town to purchase their winter's grub-stake.

At the recent city tax sale in Vernon, seven people were present, and only four lots out of 57 were sold.

In consequence of the Service of Song there will be no meeting of the Epworth League at the Methodist Church.

F. W. Crowder, of Aspen Grove was a visitor in the city this week, accompanied by Mrs. Crowder.

Ladies: I have just received a small shipment of Felt, Velour and Moleskin Hats suitable for the coldest weather. ROSE MARCHE.

Major H. T. Wilson, officer commanding 31st B.C. Horse, has been promoted to the rank of Lieut. Col. and is receiving congratulations on his advancement.

Constable Alex. McNeill, who has been serving on the Kamloops provincial police force for the past six months has been transferred to Fernie.

Preliminary arrangements have been completed for the holding of the annual convention of the B. C. Dairymen's Association at New Westminster during the last week in January, 1916.

One of the staff of the French Ramount Commission stated that over 75 per cent of the horses rejected by them during their travels had bad feet.

Don't forget the "Soldiers Shower" in the K. P. hall tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon. Many more seasonable gifts are needed for the Tommies in the trenches. An enjoyable musical program has been arranged and refreshments will be provided. In the evening a dance will be held, admission 25 cents.

## A Service of Song

Entitled:

**THE**

## RIVER SINGERS

Will be given under the auspices of the Methodist Choir, in the

**METHODIST CHURCH**

on

**Monday, Nov. 15th,**

commencing at 8 p.m. sharp.

**Tickets: Adults 25 cents;**

**Children 15 cents**

## 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



## 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 Licence No. 37631, 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



## 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.

Corpl. Bugler J. Smith, well known here, is in the 47th battalion.

Chief of Police A. Grundy returned to Merritt last night after spending a ten days vacation at points on the Coast.

Halibut shipped to England from Prince Rupert is sold for 15 cents a pound in Grimsby. It sells for less in England than in the interior towns of B. C.

To not hang papers or clothes on the wall behind the stove pipe. See that clothing which is being dried is so placed that it cannot be ignited. Fires caused by papers, clothes, or firewood left too near stoves are frequent.