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Remarkable Yields at Experimental Farm---Local Changes in Railway Operation---Merritt's Payroll Maintained. Ore Mining Notes

Archbishop Here This Week End

Prelate of the Roman Catholic Church Will Conduct Masses in Merritt

An event which has been 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 C.P.R. train at 6.15 tonight. Accompanied by the Rev. Father LeJeune, 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. The sacrament of confirmation is expected to be beautifully impressive; Mrs. Gemmill will be godmother and Dr. J. J. Gillis godfather to the candidates presented.

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.

Payroll Over $18.000

The payroll of the Merritt mines tomorrow will total well over $18.000, which is a ove that of Se tember. The biggest portion is to be paid by the Middlesboro Colleries Ltd., their payroll having increased by $2.000 over that paid out by them last month. The coal laden cars leaving Merritt are keeping the rails to Vancouver and the Interior humming daily.

Mr. William Clarke, representing English investors in the Betterton-Fraser enterprise at Hastings Ranch, Brookmere, arrived in Merritt early this week coming direct from London, England. Met here by Mr. C. R. Betterton, he proceeded to the big ran h to inspect the extensive operations on the ranges there, also the new sawmill, and to discuss various matters affecting the large business done at the ranch.

Funeral of Late Mrs. G. Mitchell

Wife of a Merritt Trooper Laid to Rest. Many Expressions of Sympathy

The funeral of the late Robina M. Mitchell, wife of Trooper George Mitchell, on Home Defence with the 30th B.C. Horse. stationed at Sycamous internment camp but resident of the City, and who died on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Nicola Valley General Hospital, following a brief illness, took place at the City Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon last, in the presence of many friends of the deceased lady who had been a resident in the district for some years.

The cortege of mourners and pallbearers assembled at the undertaking p rors of N. J. Barwick, and at about 2.30 p.m., the procession proceeded to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church where the Rev. J. Hyde delivered a short but impressive address, and appropriate hymns were sung. At the cemetery the husband, Trooper G. Mitchell and Mrs. William Capp, of Seattle, sister of deceased, were the principal mourners. Some beautiful floral tributes rested on the casket and there was a large sprinkling of citizens in attendance both at the church and graveside.

Busy Ladies at Old Bank Building

Some twenty members were present at the Red Cross sewing meeting held yesterday afternoon.

It was decided that owing to the branch being newly formed and the present work taxing the capacities of the members to the full limit no steps would be taken officially with regard to the Oct. 21st (Trafalgar Day) special effort to aid the society's funds.

Special meetings to transact business will not be called it has been decided, any routine matters will be brought up as necessary, at the Thursday sewing meetings.

By a clerical error the name of Mrs. I. Eastwood was omitted from the list of new members furnished to us and published last week. We have pleasure in recording the correction.

Excellent Success of Dry Farming at Quilchena Experimental Dry Farm

That facts and figures are more convincing than finely polished words is an old truth that might with justice apply to the higgly creditable report furnished by the director of the Provincial Government Experimental Dry-Farm at Quilchena, relating in concise form the eesults of this seasons work in farming at this typical dry belt point.

Incidentally it might be stated that the work of the farm is directly under the supervision of the Department of the Agriculture,—with its many able officials—and has had the close attention and assistance of Mr. Alex. Lucas, M.L.A., Yale's untiring representative.

That Dry Farming can be carried out with undoubted success is clearly and potently shown by the accomplishments at Quilchena by Mr. Blookland at the Quilchena Experimental Farm where the agricultural potentialities of a Dry Belt have been tested by fair experiments along correct lines with conclusively successful results.

In studying the yields noted below it should be remembered that the attainments are not due to the increased rainfall this year over previous years. As a matter of fact the increased precipitation only amounted to two inches. The following figures and yields speak for themselves and should be carefully digested by those persons anxious to take up dry farming in the Dry Belt.

Twenty acres under cultivation:

Two load Chevalier Barley yielded 76 bushels to the acre.

White hulless Barley yielded 70 bushels to the acre.

Mensuary Barley yielded 84 bushels to the acre.

Red Fyfe Wheat yielded 49 bushels to the acre.

Oats yielded 91 bushels to the acre.

Total yield 27 tons 4 cwt. 42 lbs.

K. V. R. to Operate C. P. R. Branch to Spences Bridge

Announcement by Official at Penticton. K. V. R. Trains Will Run Between Penticton and Bridge. No Stop-Over at Merritt

Announcement has been made that on October 31st, the Kettle Valley Railway company will take over from the C. P. R. the forty mile branch of the C. P. R. from Spences Bridge to Merritt, and also the seven mile s ur from Merritt to Nicola. After the end of this month these two lines will be operated by the K.V.R. as part of the system from Midway to Spences Bridge.

When the new autumn timetable of the C.P.R. goes into effect on October 31st it is likely that the K. V. R. time table will be changed to some slight degree to conform to the operation of trains on the main line. K.V.R. trains in future instead of losing their identity at Merritt where the K.V.R. line ends, will continue under the control of this company until touching the main line at Spences Bridge.

To a Penticton Herald representative Traffic Manager O. E. Fisher did not care to announce any particulars regarding the winter time table on K.V.R. as details are not yet fixed.

It is understood that the two Soo trains will be taken off the C. P. R. main line for the winter. The eastbound Soo out of Vancouver is the train which at present gives connection at Spences Bridge and Merritt with the eastbound K.V.R.

In view of the fact that the Hope cutoff line will probably be ballasted before heavy winter sets in this year, most people look for the operation of trains on this line early next Spring—in fact just as soon as operation is at all practicable. At that time, if conditions warrant it, daily trains will probably be operated through from Vancouver to Nelson via Hope without change of cars, a connecting service being afforded at Brodie by means of a branch line train running from Spences Bridge through Merritt to Brodie, which is where the Hope line leaves the present road from here to Merritt.

Resident Engineer of C.P.R. Spent Week-end Here

Mr. H. B. Walkem, resident engineer for the C. P. R. with headquarters at Nelson, for several years and who has spent the best part of his life as an honored official of the company, arrived in Merritt in a special car attached to Saturday's K. V. R. train and spent the week end here before proceeding to Vancouver where he has taken up a position as resident engineer for the company and where he and his family will reside in future.

Mr. Walkem is a brother of the late Judge Walkem and a member of the family so honorably associated with the early pioneering and development of Canada. Accompanying Mr. Walkem were his wife and daughter.

Mr. Walkem commented very favorably on his trip over the Kettle Valley route, spoke highly of the magnificent engineering feats accomplished in securing a good grade also being greatly impressed with the scenic attractions of the line from Penticton to Merritt and convinced of its attractions for tourist traffic. He also looked forward he said, to the day when the K. V. R. would follow the route as o iginally surveyed which would incidentally, be a boom to the Aspen Grove section. On Sunday Mr. Walkem and daughter were taken on a automobile trip to Quilchena and other points in the Valley, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B Armstrong,

Startling Railway Changes are Foreshadowed

"On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays connections will be made at Spences Bridge with the Kettle Valley Railway which will give access to the Okanagan, Kootenay and Boundary districts. Trains will arrive on the return journey on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Spences Bridge."—States the preliminary official announcement respecting the winter schedules of the C. P. R. which will become effective on October 3 st.

Published today, the times of the trains on the K. V. R. are not given. "Sufficient is known," states a prominent business man, "for the people of the Valley to rise up in indignation and urge by strong action a less isolating and damaging service to the Nicola Valley. I look to our City Council to call a meeting of business men to take the matter up without a moment's delay."

Mr. W. H. Armstrong well known here owing to his connection with the Middlesboro Collieries came over from his ranch at Keremeos this week and while here paid a visit to the mine. He left today for Vancouver.

Secretary F. A. Reid, of the Commemoration Day Fund, has received from the Treasurer of the British Red Cross Society in London an official acknowledgement of the $500.00 donated by the people of the Nicola Valley.

Tragic Death of Late Mrs. J. Clark

Pathetic Evidence Given to Coroner's Jury. Funeral was Largely Attended

In the City Hall, on Saturday, Coroner (Dr.) G. H. Tutill M.D., and a jury conducted an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of the late Mrs. Alice Clarke age 32, who was found dead in a chicken house in the vicinity of her home at Diamond Vale Flat early that morning. Alongside the body was her six months old baby, which was unharmed, despite exposure and in attendion for, presumably, eighteen hours.

The jury (R. C. Croly, foreman) brought in the verdict that deceased came to her death from haemorrage and sufforcation by her throat being cut, in the opinion of the jury, self inflicted while suffering from temporary depression.

William Halloran feelingly told how on Saturday morning he was on his way to work at the mine and had reached the chicken coop near the Diamond Vale boarding house. "I heard something crying" he said, "and I halted and listened. I lighted my pipe and was about to walk away again when I heard the cry once more." Witness then told how, knowing of the search the previous night for the missing lady, he had a presentiment of something untoward within the shed. The door was open, and he went in." Describing how deceased was lying face downwards he then stated how he found the baby three feet away. "I lifted the child and carried her to my wife in bed." He explained how the husband and brother were sent for. Peter Smith and I went in again. We passed an humble opinion and asked God to have mercy on her. Replying to the coroner, witness stated deceased had her right hand over her brow.

Mrs. W. Dryborough said deceased came to her house at about ten o'clock and she asked Mrs. Clark where she was going. She said she was going for a little walk and when I asked her where to. She replied "I don't know" When I pressed her to say what she meant she said; "I feel like committing suicide, and today at that." She complained of her feet, of not being able to eat, and of being unable to move about as she used to do.

Answering the coroner, witness said deceased had previously threatened to her that she would commit suicide. She complained often of headaches, sore feet and pains in her sides. Her neighbors tried to cheer her up.

John Clark, husband, said his wife had not been well for six months. She had her feet frozen three years ago, which bothered her. When she came back from Mrs. Dryboroughs she took the baby from him and said she was going for a walk up the back lane. He told how she was missed and of a search being made until late at night but he did not see her again. In reply to the coroner, he said she had never mentioned anything about suicide to him. He knew no reason why she should have committed the act. They had never quarrelled in their married life. She had not been drinking at all during the week.

Alec Lownie, brother, spoke of his sister being in bad health and how she was missed when he came home to dinner. At 5.30 in the morning she made his breakfast; that was the last time he saw her alive. When she did not turn up they searched the river banks and when looking around the house for any note or meosage they noticed a razor was missing. Some months ago she stayed at the hospital one or two nights, during the sickness of the baby.

The coroner submitted the medical report.

The jury then brought in the verdict as stated. Comprising the jury were. R. C. Croly (foreman), J. B. Plumb, F. M. Warner, H. Campbell, F. Thompson, E. B. Mayon.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon from N. J. Barwick's undertaking parlors. The Rev. J. Hyde (Presbyterian) officiated at the graveside, and the pallbearers were Messrs A. S. Howes. W. Dryborough, T. Matherson, Alex Ewart, J. Limb, and Mr. McPhee. The floral tributes received were from the neighbors and Mrs. Dryborough and family. There was a representative attendance of citizens present at the cemetery, the principal mourners being Mr. J. Clark, busband, and A. Lownie, brother of deceased.

Miners to Return To Great Britain

Only Half a Dozen From Local Mines Anxious to Leave for Old Country

That Merritt miners are well content with conditions here which are good considering the general economic situation and the state of affairs in other coal mining camps in the Province, and that they feel Merritt mined coal is still in strong demand even in these unsettled days, has been strongly evidenced during the past week.

Mr. Robt. Foster, of Nanaimo, one of the national organizers of the United Mine Workers of America, is assisting Mr. Robert Baird, secretary of the Coal Owners' Association of Great Britain, and Mr. Tom Richardson M.P. for Whitehaven. Eng., who constitute an official commission and are on the mission of interviewing B.C. miners who desire to return to the Old Country to take advantage of the steady work available there under good conditions.

Mr. Foster told the "News" that so few miners here want to return to Great Britain it would not be necessary for the two Commissioners, who are in Vancouver, to visit Merritt. So far as is known not more than six may avail themselves of the scheme.

In an interview, Mr. Foster said he wished to emphatically point out that the Commissioners did not wish to, and would not under any circumstances, influence working miners to leave for Britain. Their object was to provide any unemployed workmen with the opportunity of going across the seas to fill the places of those who had joined the military forces. He stated that some 150 men had been secured from Vancouver Island camps. These with any other enrolled would entrain on October 28th and sail from Montreal on November 3rd.

"How are the existing conditions in the coal mining industry in Great Britain at present, and what could miners going there expect?" our representative asked. "Well," replied Mr. Foster, "in the first place the advance in wages paid takes care of the increase in the cost of living. In some parts the minimum wage paid is 8s.6d. per day; in others 7s.3d. Men working on contract are making 9s. up per day.

Under the scheme the Commissioners arrange to advance the transportation expenses of idle miners to the Old Country, on landing they can locate in any part they choose, the expenses advanced being returned after the men are working at the rate at 10s. ($2.50) per week.

In urging, emphatically, that only unemployed and reliable miners are wanted Mr. Foster intimated that any further particulars could be obtained from Mr. Tom Richardson, M.P., 2735 Second Ave. West, Vancouver.

Murdoch McIntyre and G. F. Ransom made a flying trip in Mr McIntyre's automobile to Lillooet last week end, leaving Friday morning and arriving back on Saturday afternoon.

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A REFLECTION

Last week was a sad one for many people in Merritt and its environs In five days five persons, all in the spring of their days, were struck down by the scythe in the Hand of Death. Four of those who passed into the Great Beyond met their end with tragic suddenness. One was a poor Indian boy, but twelve years of age, the others of ages ranging between the narrow margins of 28 to 35 years. Providence proved once again that amid the peaceful occupations of daily life at home Death sometimes claims its sons and daughters in a manner as sad and terrible as any tragedy on the great battlefields. And when home circles are suddenly bereft of loved ones our emotions are stirred to a depth which compels us better to comprehend the true meaning of the phrase "Think of the Tommies in the Trenches" where tragedies are common place and none knows whom the next will claim.

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VISIT OF DISTINGUISHED PRELATES

Merritt is being well favored these days with visits from high prelates of the churches. His Grace Archbishop Casey of Vancouver will hold masses and special devotions at the Catnolic Church this week end, while the Anglican Bishop of Vancouver, the Right Rev. A. U. De Pencier, is expected to visit St. Michaels Church very shortly. Both ecclesiastics are personages of high theological attainments, gifted with rare eloquence and great personalities. It is confidently expected that the people will take full advantage of the visits. Perhaps if visits by such powerful divines were more frequent there would be a stimulating effect produced in the churches and, besides, less reason for the complaints of local church leaders of the decadence of church life in Merritt and the apathy shown by church going people.

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When the war is over and the moratorium is raised it may possibly be opportune for heraldic editorial writers in our steaming contemporary if the publisher of the organ is still clinging to the threads held by indulgent tradespeople---to discuss with this journal, which pays for what it gets, which of the two "Needs the Money." In the meantime we are looking after our own business. Hysterical convulsions are bad symptoms.

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Editor Lowery, the well known and experienced B. C. newspaperman wisely acts on the principle of publishing one page packed with real, live news, instead of doing as some do, publishing more pages mostly composed of padded stuff printed merely for bluff and to deceive those outside the office as to the actual business they are doing.

More Recruits Wanted

Recruiting Sergeant J. Leitch has just received word from military headquarters at Kamloops that further recruits are needed for both Overseas and Home Defence. Full particulars can be obtained from him any evening at the Armory, Merritt, between 7 and 8 p.m.

An Invitation

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Nicola Valley General Hospital request your presence at an

At Home and Linen Shower

in the Red Cross Room (Old Bank of Toronto Building), Merritt, on Saturday, October 30th, 1915, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The following is a list of the most needed articles:

SHEETS—Width 2yds., length 2 3-4yds., which allows for hems 1 1-4in. top, 1-4in. at bottom.

CROSS SHEETS—45in. unbleached cotton, 2yds. long 1in. hem at both ends.

PILLOW COVERS—40. white cotton folded 1yd. long, allows 1 1-4in. hem.

TOWELS—Small, Large and Rollers. Any material given can be made up by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be glad to receive any outgrown or partially worn articles of Infants' Wearing Apparel. Blankets or anything which can be used as an outside wrap are especially acceptable for the Infant's Ward.

Should you not be able to favor us with your presence all parcels addressed to Mrs. Geo. F. Ransom, President of the Guild, Merritt, B. C., will be duly acknowledged.

Obituary

Late Donald McPherson

The funeral of the late Donald McPherson, who was killed last week by falling through a Kettle Valley Railway bridge, took place on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. J. Hyde officiated and the pallbearers were Superintendent A. T. Stokes and colleagues of deceased employed by Volsberg and Carlson, contractors.

Late John F. Lawton

The funeral took place at the cemetery here on Tuesday afternoon of the late John F. Lawton, who was accidentally killed at the snowshed construction, the Rev. J. Hyde officiating at the committal service. The pallbearers were Thomas Garaston (from the A. Guthrie Co, camp) L. Lepoint, M. McIntyre, Lu Price, D. L. Munro and N. J. Barwick. N. J. Barwick, of Merritt undertaking parlors had charge of the arrangements.

Patriotic Dance to Be Held on Monday

Three new members, Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. and Miss Pope were present at the meeting of the Patriotic Guild held in the Council Chamber on Monday afternoon. Routine business was discussed and arrangements advanced for the whist drive and dance to be given in the K. P. hall on Monday evening next. The admission charge if fifty cents. Messrs Reg. Morrison and John Fairley will provide the music. Refreshments will be served. The proceeds of the event will go for providing comforts for soldiers in the firing line.

Engineers Examined

Certificates of competency under the B. C. Boiler Inspection Act were obtained by the following candidates as a result of the examination of engineers held at the Provincial Court House last week end:—

Third Class papers—David Forsythe, John Nichol and S. Nichol.

Fourth Class papers—Robert McMillan and M. McFarlane

Provincial Boiler Inspector G. C. McGowan was examiner.

K. V. R.

According to information received by the Star at Princeton, the Hope cut-off on the Kettle Valley Railway will be finished in December, and that it is not likely there will be much change in the train service until next June. By that time, it is stated, the C.P.R. and Great Northern will be running from two to four passenger trains daily through Princeton, one of which will be the "flyer" between St. Paul and Vancouver.

Bishop de Pencier Is Coming Soon

No word has been received as to the date of the visit of the Right Rev. A. U. de Pencier, Bishop of Vancouver, to Merritt. He is expected here shortly to hold a confirmation service at St. Michaels Church. It is probable this will be held on a week night.

A harvest thanksgiving service was held at the Methodist Church here on Sunday when special music was rendered and a large congregation was present. The pastor, the Rev. G. H. Kinney, delivered a powerful sermon on the law of getting and giving, sowing and reaping and "Measure for measure."

Pay Day for the miners is Bargain Day for the housewives at the Cash Store.

Jury Bring in a Recommendation

That deceased came to his death by falling on the cribbing at No. 3 snowshed on the K.V.R. and was accidentally killed, and that there was no blame attached to anybody, was the verdict of the jury which last week end inquired into the circumctances of the death of John F. Lawton who was killed on Thursday at Camp 20, (A. Guthrie Co.) Coquihalla.

The jury added a rider recommending that in face of the dangers of the work being performed "there should be a fully qualified practitioner within a reasonable distance."

Deceased, who was aged 35, belonged to the "Eagles" fraternity at Portland, Ore.

Coroner G. H. Tutill, M.D., conducted the inquest and the following comprised the jury: Frank Taylor, N. J. Barwick, C. H. Bothamley, F. Flight, K. Beaton, T. Kennedy.

Tom Murray, a colleague, told how about 1 o'clock on Thursday when he was waiting to resume work after the dinner hour he heard a noise like falling rock and found deceased at the snowshed lying doubled on his back. He was unconscious, and breathing heavily. He thought he was climbing the timbers when he fell.

W. Bennett deposed how every possible attention and care was shown to the injured man who did not regain consciousness.

C. F. Briggs, foreman, said the doctor was notified of the accident. Deceased was a good workman.

S. Sutherland said a ladder provided at the cribbing might help to prevent similar accidents in future.

J. Betts gave as his opinion that no person was to blame for the occurrence which was a regretable and unfortunate accident.

W. Vernon, conductor of the work train, said the injured man was hurried to the camp hospital with all possible speed.

Provincial Constable W. Bell was present at the inquiry.

To Worthily Honor Trafalgar Day

Mr. V. Harbord Harbord, of Nicola, has received from the Provincial Secretary, the Hon. H. E. Young a copy of a letter he has received from Lord Landsdown, president of the British Red Cross Society.

It has been decided, the letter states, that October 21, Trafalgar Day, shall be made the occasion for an Empire wide appeal for funds to be devoted entirely to aiding wounded soldiers and sailors from home and overseas at the various seats of war.

It is hoped that the people of the Nicola Valley will worthily respond to any efforts made on October 21th by members of the local branches of the Red Cross or St. John Ambulance societies as the great increase of British and Overseas Forces at the front has necessitated a corresponding increase in funds to take care of the larger expenditures.

Nicola Methodists celebrated a bountiful harvest by a beautiful thanksgiving service on Sunday when the church was prettily decorated and appropriate music was rendered and hymns heartily sung. The Rev. G. H. Kinney preached an impressive sermon in a well filled church.

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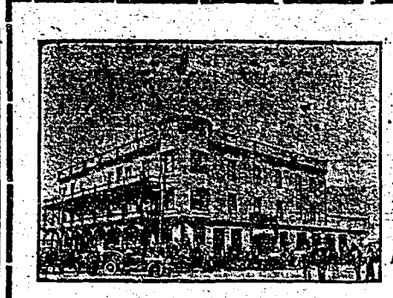

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Kicked by a horse and sustaining a dislocated jaw, a boy named Tom Nelson of Diamond Vale Flat was taken to the hospital at the beginning of the week. He is getting better.

The many friends of Mrs. N. Boyden, will be pleased to hear of a slight improvement in her health since being in the hospital.

Thanksgiving Day was quietly observed in Merritt. The majority of the stores were closed. Several parties were out with rod and gun.

H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the C. P. R. for the B.C. Division, passed through Merritt last week end en route to Penticton, where he conferred with K.V.R. officials before proceeding on the up-the-lake boat.

Next Monday evening is the date of the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Hospital. Time EIGHT o'clock sharp. The meeting should have been held on Monday last but being a public holiday several of the directors were out of town.

Workingmen

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To Start Lectures on "First Aid" Work Sunday

The first lecture to be given under the auspices of the Merritt Centre, St. John Ambulance Association, for the session now commencing will be given in the City Hall on Sunday morning next at 10 a.m., by Dr. G. H. Tutill M D. who has kindly consented to give a course each week on first aid and similar topics. The lectures will also be featured by demonstrations of a very instructive and interesting kind. A cordial welcome is extended to any persons desirious of taking up the course.

The first lecture, is given in synopsis below,—

Preliminary remarks, objects of instruction, a brief description of the human skeleton, bones joints, and the muscular system. Signs symptoms, and treatment of fractures, dislocations, sprains and strains, the triangular bandage and its application.

At the annual meeting held on Sunday Mr. W. Welfare was elected president and Geo. Maxwell secretary-treasurer of the branch. Other officers will be elected later. Reports of the past years work were submitted and it was announced that Dr. Tutill had consented to give a course of five lectures.

During the meeting Thomas Archibald and George Maxwell were awarded third year medalions; James Dunnigan, certificate. As a token of appreciation of his services as lecturer Dr. Gillis has been presented with a satchel of surgical instruments. A suitable gift was also handed to Dr. Williams, prior to his departure for Rossland. Any members who won certificates and have not had them will be awarded them at the lecture next Sunday.

Progress Made with Electrical Wiring on K.V.

Mr. J. J. Dunn, who is in charge of the K. V. R. electrical line construction work, started a gang last week on a new metallic circuit for telephone dispatching.

The extra wire is being strung from Penticton to Merritt. Later a metallic circuit will be established throughout the whole K. V. R. system.

The newly built telephone line on the Hope cut-off which Mr. Dunn erected under contract, will also be changed over from a ground circuit to a metallic circut. As it is well understood by those familiar with telephony a metallic circuit which involves two wires is much superior to the single wire ground system in the matter of acoustics. Telephone dispatching has been in vogue on the K. V. R. ever since service was inaugurated; it is believed that the metallic circuit improvement will add greatly to the ease with which train dispatching on the line may be carried on.

Several outside mining men have been inspecting copper claims in the Aspen Grove district and the trips of some of them are becoming frequent. They however judiciously guard their conversation as to the real object of their mission. "Is he from Tacoma or Trail?" is a question frequently whispered among prospectors, but judging by the sphinx-like attitude of some of these men one would believe they came from the Land of the Pyramids.

The announcement of the Mercantile company on our front page shows to our readers what advantages there are in paying cash for goods. First class goods first class service, bottom prices can be had at this store.

Coroner Enquired Into Tragic Death at Quilchena

Coroner G. H. Tutill M.D. visited Quilchena on Wednesday and conducted an investigation into the circumstances attending the death of the Indian boy, Louis McLeod, who passed away at Nicola Valley Hospital last week from the effects of a fall from a horse on the road at Quilchena some two weeks ago. Accompanied by Constable Farr, of Nicola, the Coroner inquired at length into the details of the occurrence and interviewed various people in regard to circumstances of the death.

The coronor will report to the Attorney General's department on his findings.

From evidence gleaned from witnesses it appeared that the boy was riding the horse which was not well broken at a good pace and when on a curve in the road the horse was scared at the approach of the automobile driven by J. Guichon the rider being precipitated to the rocky ground. The boy was hurried to the hospital in Mr. Guichon's car but despite the closest attention of the medical and nursing staff he succumbed to his injuries.

New Vicar May Take Up Duties Early Next Month

The Rev. A. H. Plummer, vicar of St. Michaels Anglican Church who is to take up the Indian work at Chulus which was temporary in charge of C. W. Silk, who has returned to St. Marks College, Vancouver, will leave the Merritt parish at the end of the month.

The Bishop De Pencier it is understood, has in hand the matter of appointing a successor to the retiring vicar to St. Michaels but to date nothing has been definitely arranged. It is known however that the Rev. Franklyn Watson who has a charge on Vancouver Island and has ministered in mining camps has been under consideration.

When a decision is made as to the new vicar it will doubtless be arranged that he will take up his new duties here on the first Sunday in November.

Among Monday's visitors in the City were H. J. Peck and F. Downes of Vancouver.

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.

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ANDREW EWART

CITY TAILOR

P.O. BOX 91 MERRITT, B. C.

Aspen Grove Claims Attract Mining People

Returning from a prospecting trip to his claims at Aspen Grove William McNeill this week informed the News that considerable progress was being made along development lines at the Copper Star properties. He reports that with every shot they are turning up native copper in quartzite and that they are expecting to be in calcacite soon. Mr. McNeill has been showing some excellent samples during his sojourn at the Coldwater Hotel during the past few days and says that what has always interested prospectors here is beginning to interest mining men from outside points more and more. Asked as to the reported development on a large scale of Copper Mountain properties he says that the Aspen Grove claims show an average of 13 per cent copper against the 1.1-4 per cent shown at the claims to be developed. He is gratified, however, at the evidences of increased interest being taken by mining capitalists in minerals in this section ef the province. He was informed, he said, that at Highland Valley two tons of copper ore is being shipped away daily to the smelters at a net profit of $119 per ton.

Regarding the stir in mining at the Caine Valley camp he said a big lead of silver had been found and was showing the brightest possible indications both as to grade and quantity.

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: "Tha Founder of the Christian Religion," will be given by a scholar.

CAPT. STEPHENSON

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Coming shortly—The world famous film "John Barleycorn."

Coming shortly—A realistic film of the Lusitania Disaster.

G. Hinkley, late of Edmonton, who has had extensive experiene as a sign writer, automobile and carriage painter, has opened a shop opposite the Sunshine Theatre and purposes locating permanently in the City. His charges are reasonable. He solicits a trial and guarantees careful attention to all orders entrusted to him.

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Prepare for Winter's chilly blast.

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STOVES AND HEATERS
put into first class shape--now

POPE AND SMALL
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Repair Work of All Kinds

"William Case: Father of Indian Mission," is the subject of a paper to be given by Miss Dorothy Devonshire at next week's Epworth League meeting.

Octobe. 16 next is Children's Sunday as St Michaels Church.

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What We Hear

That there will be no boxing here on Saturday. Andy Sterling being "Out" at the "Inn."

That a most remarkable film depicting the Lusitania disaster will be shown at the Rex Theatre shortly and that this is one of the most wonderful pictures ever produced.

That Peck McSwain is in Vernon, working on a book entitled "Prohibition," according to the "Victorian" of October 11.

That the Victoria "Victorian" is wondering whether Sir Wilfred Laurier will support "Joe" Martin and thinks that "if he does he will swallow a mighty bitter pill."

That last January 42,000 tons of copper ore were shipped from the Granby mine to Grand Forks smelter, and that last month, September, no less than 93,245 tons were shipped. In the nine months 761,694 tons were delivered.

That the new winter schedule of trains running between Penticton and Spences Bridge on and after October 31st may be run as determined for one month as an experiment and then may be revised in some details.

With the Colors

Trooper R. McBeth, of the 30th B. C. Horse, is in the City visiting friends.

Pte. H. Walters left on Monday for Vancouver to rejoin the Pioneers after being on leave of absence here.

According to coast papers the Pioneer Corps will leave Vancouver this week end. They are due to arrive at Shorncliffe during next month.

Privates J. Moyes and J. Mayne of the Pioneer regiment, who have been in the city on leave, left on Monday's train for the Coast.

Tpr. Ralph Hebron is on leave visiting his wife and son. Tpr. Hebron is stationed at Sicamous and is orderly to the Camp Commandant.

Lance Corporal John Mayne and Trooper James Bond, who are stationed with the Home Defence at Sycamous, are in the City this week on leave of absence.

Tpr. Thomas Watt, who has seen service in other places in the years of long ago, and who is now wearing the kharki again as one of the Home Defence stationed at Vernon, returned to Merritt, accompanied by Mrs. Watt on Saturday.

NICOLA VALLEY GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Annual General Meeting

of the above will be held in the

CITY HALL

On Friday, Oct. 22,

At 8 p.m. sharp

BUSINESS;

Election of Officers,

Receiving Annual Statement,

And to consider any other matters in connection with the Institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Cranna Return From Trip

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cranna and their two children arrived back in Merritt on Monday after spending five months on a trip to Scotland.

On their way across the Atlantic in the steamer Scandinavian the party, although passing thru the war zone, saw no indications of a world war being in progress nor experienced any untoward incidents. Mr. Cranna states that Britishers at home are now roused to the gravity of the war and are manifesting in many ways their absolute will and determination to carry it through to a successful and complete termination. Two cousins of Mr. Cranna have laid down their lives on the battlefield.

Mr. and Mrs Cranna and family spent a few days at Montreal and Winnipeg on their way across the continent.

Wm. Bradley left Kamloops on Thursday afternoon for Vancouver. He has joined the 72nd Highlanders. Good luck, Bill!

H. S. Cleasby is on a visit to Kamloops. He is expected back on Saturday afternoon.

Local Jottings

The sympathy of many people in the Valley will go out to Mrs. Wm. Riley, of Nicola, who is under medical treatment for a broken rib sustained by a fall on Wednesday. Mrs. Riley is one of the pioneer residents in the Valley.

Captain Stephenson announces that he will open a store in the Sunshine Theatre Block tomorrow, Saturday, October 16, and solicits a share of the patronage of the residents of the City and Valley for tailoring, repairing pressing and cleaning. All orders done to time.

D. McRae proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, Tulameen, was in the city yesterday on business iater proceeding by the evening train to the Coast.

Ladies! I have still a very nice selection of velvet Hats, Children's Bonnets and Caps. Agent for the famous Dekanek Sweater Coats, Caps, Scarfs, etc. Knit to fit and to measure. Rose Marche.

F. B. Ward, of Douglas Lake, motored into Merritt yesterday.

PAY-DAY GROCERIES

Flour, Royal Household		49-lb sack 1.75
Sugar,	20-lb. sack 1.70;	100-lbs. 8.10
Rolled Oats		8-lbs. .45
Milk, "Butter Cup," or "St. Charles"		per tin .10
Butter, Finest Creamery,	Our Special,	3-lbs. 1.10
Coffee Beans, Finest Roasted		per lb. .35
Jam, Black Currant, Raspberry, Greengage, Plum, Apricot and Damson,		per tin .65
Currants, Choice Cleaned		per pkt. .10
Raisins, Large Seeded		2-lbs. .25
Not-a-Seed Raisins,		2 pkts. .27
Blue Ribbon Tea		per pkt. .40
Braid's "Ideal" Tea		per pkt. 40
Rice,		5-lbs. .25
Corn Flakes		3 pkts. .25
Wheat Flakes,		per pkt. .40
Sardines,		2 tins for .25
Best Pack Herring in Tomato Sauce		per tin .20
Finest Chocolates, assorted		per lb. .40
Pure Sugar Candies		2-lbs. .35

Onions 10-lbs. .25, **Potatoes** 100-lb. sack .75

Shorts, 1.65; **Bran,** 1.55; **Wheat** 2.00

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When it was'nt for graft or because of your craft, but to ease a poor fellow's pain?

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Now here is your chance right before you, the British Red Cross is in need
Of your help for the sick and wounded, t'is your chance to do one good deed
It is sure you can't live for ever and you wont miss the money you give
And your heart will be filled full of pleasure when you feel you've help'd a man live
Who'd have died in angu'sh and misery if it had not have been for you,
And your soul won't face God quite naked.—He'll remember the good deed too.

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On the twenty first of October—good old Trafalgar Day,
You are given a chance like Nelson of doing a deed that will stay,
He faced man and did his duty and lives in our hearts to-day,
Now face God and settle your debt, while you have the chance to pay.

JUSTIN WILSON, (Nicola)

Personal Column

Joe Upston, of Aspen Grove, is in town this week.

William Birch, of Kelowna, is on a business visit to the city.

F. W. Crowder was a visitor in the City from Aspen Grove on Tuesday.

A. E. D. Timmins, left last night for Ottawa to take up a position there.

Road Foreman Rhodes, of Canford, was a visitor in the City on Wednesday.

D. Dodding, of Lower Nicola, was a visitor to Kamloops at the beginning of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hebron entertained a few friends at their home on Voght estate on Tuesday evening.

Ex-Mayor Archie Jackson returned home at the week end after spending a few days in the Midway country.

Alex. Lucas, M.L.A., returned to the Coast on Saturday night's C.P.R. westbound train, after visiting many friends at different points in the Valley.

Jack Minor, of this city, left on the C. P. R. train on Monday morning for Detroit, Michigan where he will reside in future.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. B. Rogers were visitors to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Adamson, at Aspen Grove, on Sunday.

E. Darney and City Engineer Howes left this week on a weeks hunting and camping trip in the hills of Tulameen. They're after big game.

Several friends of Captain and Mrs. Stephenson were present at a "house-warming" at their Riverside home on Thursday evening.

Coldwater Hotel arrivals during the week included M. Olson, W. E. Alrick, of Coldwater Valley, and J. H. Thompson, of Vancouver.

Confirmation Wreaths and Veils, at the Rose Marche.

Grand Jurors G. B. Armstrong of Merritt, F. W. Lauder, of Quilchena, and W. H. Sutcliffe left this week for Kamloops for the opening of the assizes.

Archdeacon Pugh will arrive here this week end and will probably spend several days at Chulus. He will take charge of the harvest service at Canford on Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Plummer resigned as president of the W. A, of the Anglican Church at a meeting held on Wednesday. The election of a successor was deferred for the present.

D. G. Sutherland, road superintendent for the district, came over from Lytton last week end in his automobile, returning later via Mamette Lake and Highland Valley.

Mrs. Thomas, mother of Roy Thomas, of the Mercantile Co's staff, returned to her home at Revelstoke this week after spending an extended vacation in the City.

Capt and Mrs. Tyner came over from Kamloops on Friday when Mrs. Tyner returned to their ranch home at Lower Nicola the Captain latter leaving again for Kamloops where he is stationed.

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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. 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

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 2,560 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.

Trooper Geo. Mitchell desires through the medium of the "News" to tender his heartfelt thanks to all friends and acquaintances who conveyed kind messages and in other ways tendered sympathy to him in his sad bereavment.

Mr. Mullett, the newly appointed manager of the Co-operative Society store is expected to arrive in the City from Vancouver tonight.

Government Agent Rolfe was a passenger on today's westbound train.